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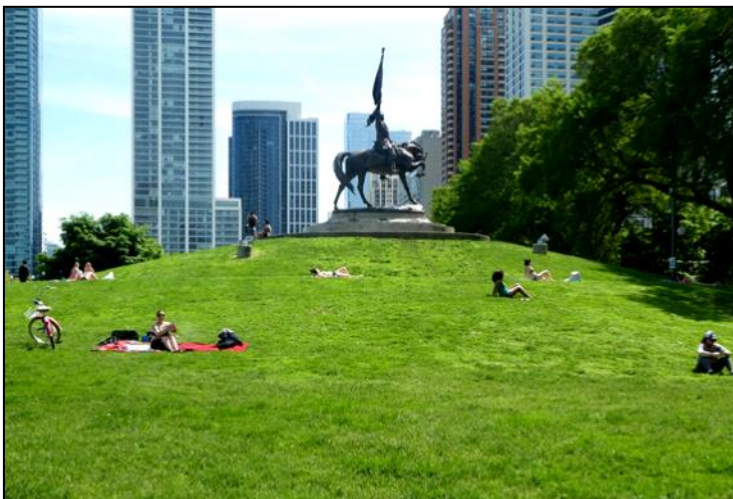


This too shall pass

One of my mother's favorite sayings. We are all looking forward to seeing this pandemic in the rear view mirror. People, usually the ones who can least afford it, are suffering the most. The poor always seem to take the brunt of catastrophes. And businesses who were prepared to tough it out for six weeks are now looking at twelve weeks with increasing apprehension. The salon where I get a haircut will do okay. Everybody needs a haircut. But not everybody needs to go out to eat.

My real concern is that this is all occurring during an election year. Coping with a pandemic does not need to be politicized. And we've only seen the tip of the iceberg.

In the meantime, stay safe, look in on neighbors, support your local businesses and use common sense.



Statue of General John Logan, the founder of Decoration Day, now Memorial Day. Sunday, May 24, 2020

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE



Dee Alexander performing at a Fund Raiser for Joe Segal, founder of the Jazz Showcase last November.

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Retired in Chicago

We're not all in this equally

By **Marianne Goss**, May 11, 2020

Not surprising for educated, informed people, my friends have opinions about reopening the economy. Mostly they, as do I, think that it's too soon to ease up. But we do need to acknowledge that we're privileged.

Seniors are the greatest beneficiaries of the lockdown, since coronavirus is deadlier for us than for younger age groups.

My retirement income hasn't changed.

None of my nonretired friends has lost a job. They are among the white-collar professionals working in the safety of home now. When April's job report came out last Friday, the unemployment rate for college graduates was relatively low, 8.4 percent, compared with the overall rate of 14.7 percent.

Contrast that with the rates for Latinos, 18.9 percent, and African Americans, 16.7 percent. African Americans and Latinos who haven't lost their jobs make up a disproportionate share of those who are performing the "essential" jobs — such as grocery and drug store cashiers, transportation workers, and deliverers of food. They do not have the luxury of earning their pay in front of a home computer.

When asked how I am, I could answer, "Tired of this," which would be honest, but the better answer would be "I'm grateful."

Other than boredom, why wouldn't retirees want to continue to be protected? I'd like to hear more from the people who aren't as fortunate as I am. What goes through their minds when they hear "We're all in this together"?

WHY CAN'T WE TEST MORE?

Some commentators have argued that lives versus jobs is a false debate. We could save both if we do enough testing. Those who test positive should isolate themselves; everyone else can return to business as usual but should be retested periodically. Only the infected instead of the whole population would be shut down, so businesses could operate.

We're not testing enough is the catchphrase from everyone but Donald Trump and his toadies. I understand why we can't have a vaccine or effective treatments at the snap of our fingers, but what's the deal with testing? The problems are mostly with supplies, it's reported. How can the world's greatest economy not produce and distribute enough test supplies? Other countries have done it.

I've read the explanations, including unpreparedness, botched starts, regulatory barriers, breakdowns in supply

lines, shortages of money and staff. But these needn't have existed if the federal government had developed a national plan and coordinated the implementation.

Prognosticators from all over the political spectrum say that testing is the buffer until we have a vaccine. Without testing, we either continue locking down and crippling the economy, or states open up and expose hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, to unnecessary sickness and death. The latter, unfortunately, is what many states are doing.

Meanwhile, Trump continues to say that massive testing isn't needed. He's covering up the shortage of tests and trying to cover up how many more people are infected — both of which would make him look bad.

MOM FINALLY GETS RELIEF FROM ISOLATION

My mother's first Mother's Day as a widow looked to be sad and lonely. Like others in long-term-care centers across the country, she has been sequestered in her apartment in an assisted living community. She isn't allowed visitors. Because she doesn't have internet access, she hasn't seen us via Zoom or FaceTime. We only communicate by phone.

The residence, American House—Cedarlake in Plainfield, has been preparing to permit residents to sit outside on warm days, with visitors allowed as long as they keep social distance. Mom was oblivious about the plans when a nurse came to her apartment last Wednesday, a sunny, mid-60-degrees day, and asked her to put on a sweater because they were going out.

Waiting outside the main entrance was my brother. Even though Rick lives only a half-mile away, it was the first time she had seen any of us for two months. We learned of his visit when he texted a photo of Mom standing outside with her walker and wearing a face mask. Rick went again late Saturday afternoon with his son. By that time chairs were out. Mom needed a warmer coat, but she was thrilled to sit and chat with Rick and Matt for more than a half-hour. She celebrated Mother's Day about eight hours early.

Since it's likely that long-term-care residences will be among the last facilities to reopen, we're happy to have warm weather arriving so that we can visit Mom outdoors. My sister Nancy is even talking about making the three-hour drive from suburban Indianapolis, visiting for an hour, and driving three hours home. "I don't have anything better to do on a weekend," she said. "Why not?"

ANTI-TRUMP COMMENTS: 113TH IN AN ONGOING SERIES

"The [federal government's] response to this global crisis has been so anemic and spotty. . . . It has been an absolute chaotic disaster."

— Barack Obama

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On dishwashing, ATMs, walking the neighborhood and shopping for food during the time of "we're all in this together...."

I haven't eaten anything that hasn't come out of a grocery store in the neighborhood since March 13. Late that day, I stopped at Whole Foods on my way home, and bought the only two things left in the produce department: a big container of cut up assorted fresh fruit, And a bag of small limes.

Everyone knew what was coming.

Although, except for the produce department, the store had a pretty good assortment of everything else. And I stocked up for the weekend. And waited in a long line to check out. And then I walked home, down Roosevelt Road with my daughter. And that was the end of life as I knew it. Although I didn't know it yet.

From then on, we shopped at Trader Joe's and Jewel when we had to, but I dreaded the ordeal of being with so many other people in those stores who could breathe on me and kill me. Until we started wearing masks. And my own breathing in of my own carbon dioxide now makes me feel like I'm killing myself.

On the bright side, the floors and counters and shelves (and at Walgreen's, too, which I go to on Senior Citizen Day) are so clean you could eat off them. (I'm hoping when the virus finally dissipates and disappears that such cleanliness continues.)

I get wobbly with anxiety. How many times can you say, "This is unbelievable, what's happening here, I've never seen anything like it," and yet it keeps happening, with different tones and tenors, from the mayor and the governor and the president and the doctors and all the experts on all the news shows. And no one could have imagined this--although, I keep getting excerpts from movies that people send me on Facebook from years ago that could have happened yesterday at the latest news conference. So someone knew something. Someone knew this could happen. In Hollywood, at least. Come to think of it, I should have imagined it myself. I have a Master's degree in Public Health, for God's sake. But when I got that degree in 1972, communicable disease had gone out of fashion. The lifestyle-caused diseases were what was happening and our course of study concentrated on those; communicable disease was studied as history. Like psychology students today study Freud.

I haven't used my dishwasher this much since long lost periods in my life requited it: like when I was a young mother and when I was into entertaining. My house hasn't been without a cleaning person for decades. But it is now for the last two months-plus.

When I suddenly ran out of dishwasher detergent (not toilet paper, though) and couldn't use that appliance for two days until I gathered the energy to go to the store, I invested in something new: the only thing Jewel had for the moment to put in the dishwasher, two boxes of pods were left on an empty shelf, and I invested in one of them. And, boy do they get the dishes clean! I love them, and I feel very modern. Is it too frivolous to say that this was something nice to come out of a pandemic?

Speaking of which, I have a new pandemic hazmat ritual regarding ATM machines. To protect my hands from the door handle and the machines themselves. And my own contaminated card when it comes out of the slot. I like the one at Michigan and Van Buren because pressing the screen there can be done with a glove.

Every day, or course, I feel certain that I have the symptoms. Mostly when I study the Illinois case count and the death toll, which I do all the time, the same way I study election polls of all kinds and from all places. It's my favorite hobby.

I am in wonder as to who these people are, thousands of them a day, who have it. And what got them to have a test? And where they are from? Do I know any of them? Do they go my grocery stores and ATMs? And what does it feel like to be hospitalized at McCormick Place? Is anyone actually hospitalized at McCormick Place? Do the ones who die know they are going to?

My comfort? That [the Hankses seemed to do fine](#). I called them canaries in the coal mine even before Tom called them canaries in the coal mine when he hosted the first [SNL at home](#) show. From his home.

[Adam Schlesinger](#), 52, wasn't so lucky. So I dwell on him, and convince myself that he must have had underlying conditions. Why else would he have fared so poorly?

I hear second and third hand about people's grandmothers ([like Michael Che's](#)), aunts and uncles and spouses who have it, who had it. And I keep worrying and fix my mask. With uncontaminated hands, I hope.

I've gotten used to all of this.

I love seeing everyone in their own home doing the news and the talk shows; I love that most of them have scraggly hair and pale makeup-free faces like I do. Their previous vanity vanished like the rest of our old lives. I love seeing that most of the stars and the news people and the politicians have fairly modest homes as they sit in front of their bookcases, their framed prints, their family photos and their lovely flower-filled vases. And I love seeing their kitchens.

The most garish thing I've seen was Nancy Pelosi's [garish spread of ice cream](#). However, wanting to see what all the fuss was about, I went out and spent \$68 on five pints, which I ate pretty fast. (And it was good.)

I have loved being entertained by music and dance performances and all on my computer. Many of which I have learned about from my step-daughter, who seems to know about all those things. And plays and movies and tributes and fundraisers streaming, too. I have to make my own libations and victuals but I'm stocked so I don't mind. And I love my great array of Hulu, Netflix, ESPN, all the Cable channels, Prime and stacks and stacks of DVDs and books. I lack for nothing.

And [Zoom](#). Will anyone ever forget zoom and how it made life so livable in a new and different way? We never heard of it. Now it's our best friend. Because that's where our friends are: Our board meeting, our book clubs, our film groups, our lectures, our dance companies, the dancers dancing around in their own homes.

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Bonnie McGrath

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College evaluates finances and budgeting, eliminates Columbia Online

In the midst of a pandemic now threatening to claim financially-induced as well as human casualties, President and CEO Kwang-Wu Kim announced the closure of Columbia College Chicago Online, which will result in the elimination of positions associated with the program.

In a Tuesday, May 26 email from the Office of the President to faculty and staff, Kim said the decision to cease the program after its current eight-week session concludes in June comes from budgeting pressures due to the coronavirus pandemic and the struggle to find its fit in a challenging market, with "modest" enrollment and revenue growth. It was not immediately clear how many positions will be eliminated.

"The college will continue developing robust, effective course offerings in remote and online formats in its undergraduate and graduate degree programs while remaining committed to the hands-on, in-person instruction that is the hallmark of a Columbia education," Kim said in the email.

The Columbia College Chicago Online program, which is a non-degree-granting online continuing education division offering certificate programs and courses geared toward working professionals, was launched in 2017, led by Vice Provost of Digital Learning Robert Green, as part of a five-year operating plan, but will now end in the middle of its third year. Kim said the program was projected to be profitable by fiscal year 2022, but the program's growth "has been more modest than we had hoped and has consistently lagged projections and operating expenditures."

It may not be the only program at Columbia to face a financial hit in the coming weeks.

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Simon and Garfunkel

April come she will
When streams are ripe and swelled with rain
May, she will stay
Resting in my arms again

June, she'll change her tune
In restless walks she'll prowls the night
July, she will fly
And give no warning to her flight

August, die she must
The autumn winds blow chilly and cold
September I'll remember
A love once new has now grown old

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In the Shadow of the Valley, by Bobi Conn (Little A, 2020)

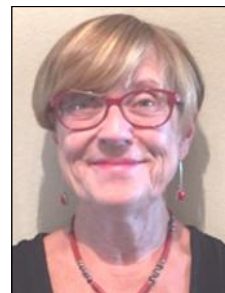
The greatest challenge in life, according to Socrates, is to "know thyself." Recently, sources as diverse as the *New York Times* and *High Times*, *Guideposts* and *Glamour* have run stories advocating soul-searching and self-discovery in the age of corona. Bobi Conn, who hails from an oxy-contin-drenched "holler" in Eastern Kentucky, shows us how it's done. Her heart-wrenching memoir, **In the Shadow of the Valley**, is an examined life *par excellence*. Conn is not the same girl who grew up and grew scared in the valley. She is a writer who learned to tell her own story but rejected the trope that "the self, of course, is the main character of each of our stories – the hero, the martyr, the one whose suffering really matters and whose goodness is remarkable, whose shortcomings are both comprehensible and forgivable." Bobi gives us all of herself: not just the pretty parts. Her people, she writes, "are probably stereotypes." There were few of her parents' or neighbors' bad habits that she escaped: "I thought of the choices people make—choices my family made, choices I made and was still making – and how ugly they look to the world. Smoking, drinking, my dad and his pills. Cutting myself. My mother's choice to marry a monster, her choice to have his children – was it a choice? Would it have been better to never have been born at all?" These are some heavy questions for self-study.

Conn's life wouldn't be good fodder for a movie: it's too bleak, too violent, too unkempt. She grew up on a dirt road, a couple miles from the nearest town, in a small, beautiful valley that was surrounded by dense forest and circled by the ancient Appalachians. Her wooded playground was a paradise, where she played for hours with her younger brother, hiding and swimming and eating wild blueberries and skinny-dipping in the creek. Inevitably, they were called back to witness their father's uncontrolled, inexplicable rage, and their mother's maddeningly meek suffering. Her house was filthy, with garbage overflowing and cigarette butts piled in the corner; guns, drugs, sheets for shades. "I wondered whether any other men were ever good, whether any of them ever loved their children or touched their wives with tenderness. I wonder whether the women were gentle, or whether the hallow expressions accurately reflect their despair, their loneliness, their sense of futility." Whew. Not in her town, where pain and poverty was a constant most of us will never understand. But it's worth it to try.

Lorraine Schmall

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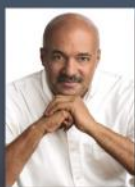
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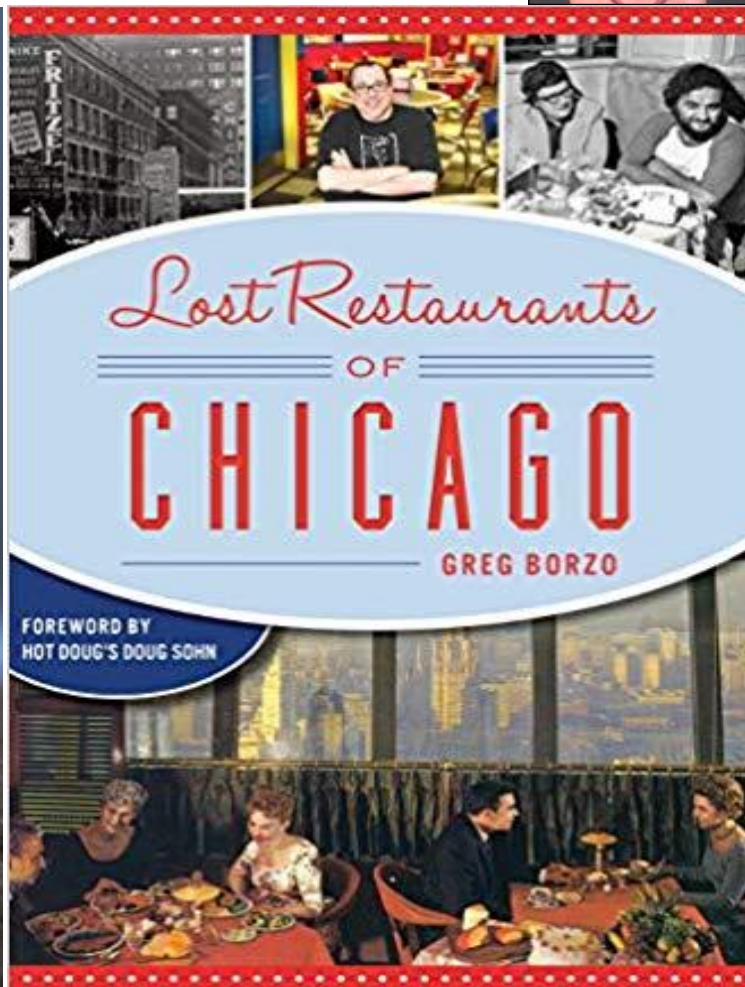
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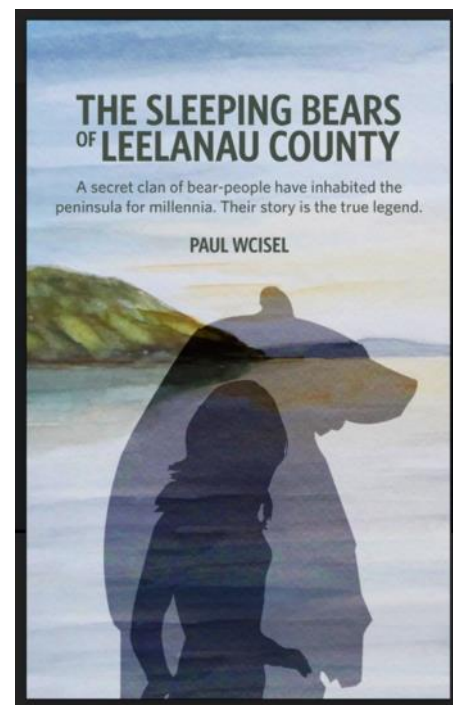
what a blind teacher learned from
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Beth Finke

A new novel by local author, Paul Wcisel (paulwcisel.com)

In a remote corner of northern Michigan, the residents of Leelanau County have a secret society that has been living on the peninsula for thousands of years. They are the bear-transforming descendants of tribes who crossed Lake Michigan millennia ago to escape the destruction of their clan.

One evening, a traveler has a chance encounter with a spirit bear and discovers he has a hidden history of his own. In the months that follow, he becomes deeply involved with the Sleeping Bear Clan and—depending on your point of view—a murder.



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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | May 18, 2020



[Just put on the dang mask.](#)

I've had the dreaded virus, and though the jury's out, it's fairly likely I have some immunity for some time. That means it's likely I'm a pretty safe bet to be around for at least awhile.

But.

I like wearing my mask.

I like signaling to people around me that I'm taking this seriously, and that I care enough about them to make this tiny little effort. It's a show of solidarity. And I appreciate seeing others doing the same thing. Besides that, [evidence shows if we wear masks, we can drastically reduce the spread of the disease.](#)

I also completely understand that how one views this virus thing has everything to do with where they are sheltering in place. At the board of directors Zoom meeting of the organization I work for, one member told us that in Maine, where he lives, covid19 is just not much of an issue up there. (Though, it is an issue at the local nursing home, which is why even in such places, we should be careful.)

Our friends in Champaign-Urbana are having a substantially different experience than we are up here. It's an issue there, to be sure. Students are taking classes online, dorms are empty. And residents are mostly taking it seriously, according to some good friends we've been in touch with since this started.

They don't have the problem back in our old stomping ground that we do up here in Chicago. And they'd like to keep it that way. But our friends there tell us that people from surrounding towns come into Urbana and Champaign to shop and do other business, and apparently, just don't bother with the masks.

Beyond that, a friend's father-in-law had to go to an emergency room for a heart-related issue in Decatur, Illinois. He's 89. People in the waiting room weren't wearing masks. He asked the security guard about it. "I asked them to," the guard replied.

The kicker is, at one point, he had to ask a nurse, a NURSE, to put on a mask.

Yeesh.



My fancy mask, courtesy of Donna Hippensteel.

I simply don't understand that. I understand concerns and reasonable arguments about when and where to suspend the lockdown orders. But I don't understand laziness and selfishness. And I call bullshit on the freedom people. Freedom doesn't mean an absence of social obligation and responsibility.

It's crazy. I feel like I'm that kind of old guy Republican from my youth telling shaggy-haired callow young guys like me that freedom didn't equate to sitting around and smoking dope and having sex all day. (Still an attractive thought, though.)

Only now I'm telling people that freedom doesn't mean being able to carry rocket launchers around in public and ignoring the health and safety of fellow citizens.

Whatever happened to that kind of Republican?

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Chase Woodruff is angry and he thinks you should be too

As an On the Media listener, you follow the news - probably more so during this pandemic. And you will have noted articles filled with compassion for the families of those who have died, perhaps cynicism in the coverage of politicians' motives and a ton of data analysis to interpret the numbers we're bombarded with. Chase Woodruff, a journalist who was recently laid off from his alt-weekly job in Denver, Colorado thinks that's all fine...but not enough. What's

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

[Illinois Legislature Sets Aside \\$50M for Near South High School](#)

Interesting to see this story pop-up about a new high-school for Chinatown (and Bridgeport and South Loop) residents (via [Sun Times](#)):

The Illinois Legislature set aside \$50 million in a new capital budget approved over the weekend for a new high school to be built on the Near South Side, boosting the hopes of Chinatown residents who have spent years pushing for a neighborhood school to serve their community.

The grant doesn't guarantee a new school will be built, but it revitalizes an effort that was set back a few years ago when a plan to transform a South Loop elementary school into a high school failed.

Given the cost of building a school in recent years, CPS would need to commit an additional \$25 million to \$60 million for the project to have any chance of becoming reality. A CPS spokeswoman didn't answer questions about the state funding Tuesday.

It's not clear where this could come but the article does allude to the fact that location could be a challenge as South Loop real estate is expensive and Chinatown/Bridgeport are already pretty built-up.

Don't hold your breath on this one, but maybe some progress is being made on a neighborhood high school (even if it wouldn't be IN the South Loop).

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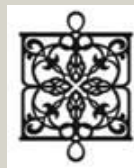
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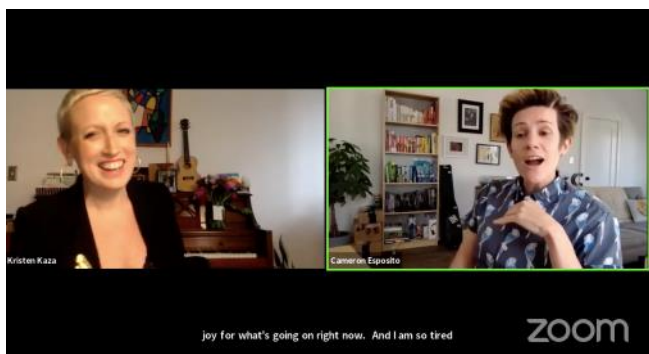
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Collective Vision: Stay Home with the Chicago Humanities Festival

May 19, 2020 by [Kaycie Surrell](#)



Things look different this year as Chicago festivals and outdoor events respond to stay-at-home orders and social distancing. Spring festivals like the [Chicago Humanities Festival \(CHF\)](#) would already have live and in-person events at venues across the city with impressive guest speakers and live audiences in an ordinary year. This year, they've had to make changes.

What began in November 1990 as a one-day affair with a keynote address delivered by Arthur Miller to an audience of 3,500 has since expanded to nearly 150 programs over two seasonal festivals attracting a combined audience of over 50,000. The Chicago Humanities Festival's Spring Fest celebrated its thirtieth anniversary last year and brought in speakers like Stacey Abrams, Jennifer Egan and Bill McKibben for programming concurrent with the theme, "Year of Power." This year's theme for year-round programming is "Vision" and invites people to ask themselves what it means to have vision for oneself, the world, or the future.

The theme was decided well before the pandemic derailed scheduled programming in local venues but it's more poignant than ever, given current circumstances. Alison Cuddy—Chicago Humanities Festival's Marilyn Thoma Artistic Director—along with the dedicated CHF team, quickly made the transition from programming public events to a digital festival platform.

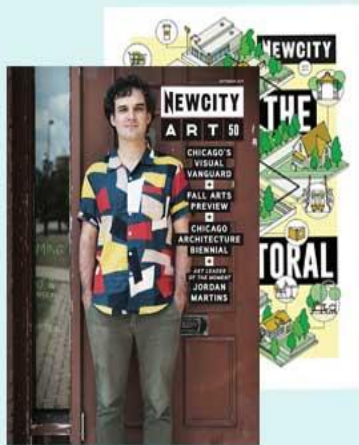
The digital events have included a livestream chat with comedian and author Cameron Esposito regarding her memoir, "Save Yourself," which is centered on the importance of queer visibility. A livestream with WBEZ Nerdette podcast host Greta Johnsen and "Divergent" series author Veronica Roth detailed her latest book, a dystopian novel set in Chicago, "Chosen Ones."

"Right at the start we asked CHF audiences if they'd be up for this—they came back with a resounding yes—and what kind of content they were thirsty for," says Cuddy. "We feel lucky to have an audience willing to go along on this experiment with us. They've shown up and really engaged with presenters during the live events."

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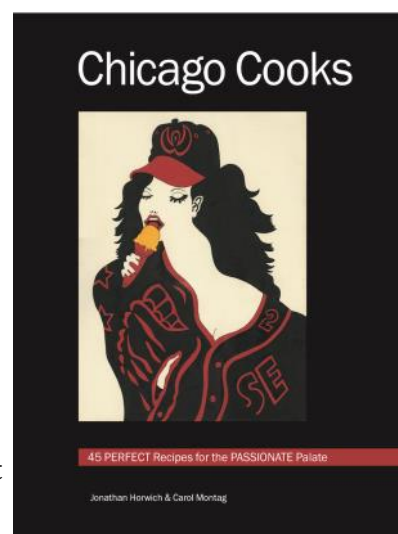
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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** grew up in St. Louis, MO and came to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago and never left. She has been an educator for 52 years as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and educational coach.

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Segment 1: I thought the pandemic would finally give Democrats and Republicans something to agree emphatically about — the desire to avoid our own demise. Not so fast. The PEW Research study discussed is [here](#).

Segment 2: Lawrence Lessig is the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School. He was the co-founder of Creative Commons, and was a candidate for president in 2016. He is the author of numerous books, most recently *They Don't Represent Us* published by Dey Street and *America: Compromised* from the University of Chicago Press. He hosts the podcast [Another Way](#). Professor Lessig joins to talk electoral reform, finance reform, our dire circumstances, and glimmers of hope.

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[Operation Backpack](#) is an annual drive hosted by [VOA Illinois](#) to collect backpacks and school supplies for children in [foster care](#) and children of the [Veterans](#) served by VOA Illinois. Our goal is to provide each child we serve with a brand new backpack and everything they need to start the school year off on a positive foot. We know without the proper materials and support a child will not succeed in the classroom.

Due to COVID-19 our drive will be completely virtual this year. All items will be purchased on this site and shipped to our offices in August. If you have any questions about this drive or the work we do at VOA Illinois, please don't hesitate to contact Bridget at bhickey@voail.org.

Monday, May 18, 2020

[Heavy Rains Flood Chicago River in the Sloop](#)

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Questions Big Kids Ask: Are Seeing Eye Dogs Taught Social Distancing? May 21, 2020

School closures this year meant our presentations to students were cancelled, too. It's been months since I shared new questions little kids ask about working with Luna, my Seeing Eye dog. I miss them!

Big kids to the rescue! Here's a sampling of questions students in my memoir-writing classes have been asking me lately, along with some answers:

- **Did Luna miss Mike when he was gone because of his Covid-19 illness?** Yes. As Mike likes to say, he and I had established "separate kingdoms" at home for the ten days he was sick here before being admitted to the hospital. I slept on a pull-out bed in my office, His kingdom was our bedroom, and as his illness continued to get worse, he spent days and nights in bed there with the door closed. I didn't want to be far from home, so I kept Luna's walks very routine. And short. Boring for her, and she expressed her ennui by lying flat on her stomach with her chin on the floor.
- **After Mike was admitted to the hospital, do you think Luna knew he was gone?** Yes. Afraid of being exposed to the virus, I kept the door to his kingdom closed the entire time he was away. Luna started looking out the window hoping to find him.
- **Does she like to play?** Yes! Dog parks in our area are closed right now, so she's left to chase her ball and Nylabones around the house. Mike throws a ball better than I do, see above about her searching out the window for him while he was away.
- **Was Luna a comfort to you while Mike was away?** Luna was a tremendous comfort to me throughout Mike's illness. She's a good listener.
- **Was it hard to take care of Luna when Mike was in the hospital and you were all alone with her?** The Seeing Eye trains all of its graduates to care for our dogs on our own, whether we live alone or with others. It's dark when she goes for her last outing of the day, and for safety's sake here in the city he usually takes her out for that final "empty." Without him here, I donned a mask for Luna's nightly walk and, assuming bad guys are staying home during the pandemic, I wasn't scared.

Did you know that the city ordinance to pick up after your dogs specifically exempts blind people and their service dogs? Yes, but I always pick up after Luna anyway. Here's why: I hate stepping in poop left

behind by other dog's. I couldn't feel so righteous barking, as it were, about the negligence of other dog owners if I didn't pick up after Luna myself. Bonus: picking up after her consistently is a good way to make sure she isn't sick and/or hasn't eaten anything rotten.

- **But how do you pick up after her if you can't see?** We've designated a couple neighborhood spots for her to, well, go, and I take her harness off when we get there. With her leash still in my hand I can sense she is walking around in countless circles, and when she finally stops circling I feel for her back. If it's rounded, it's #2, I place my foot near her tail, slip a plastic bag over my right hand, reach down to feel through the bag for warm lumps, pick them up, fold the bag over my palm, tie a knot in the bag and deposit it in the nearest trash can.
- **Does your dog get confused when you wear a mask?** Well, she doesn't balk if I'm wearing the mask and call her to come, and she follows my commands en route, which means she can hear my muffled voice through the mask. Her sense of smell is wayyyyyyyyy stronger than her sense of sight or sound, so if anything is confusing her right now, it's my aroma: I didn't used to wash my hands every 20 minutes!
- **Are you (and Luna!) enjoying the relative lack of car traffic compared with normal times?** Not really. I rely on the surge of traffic at my parallel to recognize when the signal is green, and with so little traffic now I'm not always sure.
- **How does she do with social distancing?** With Mike back home and feeling better now, I feel more comfortable going on long walks with Luna to keep her guiding skills sharp. Luna was trained at the Seeing Eye to slip us by obstacles (including people) without either of us brushing them when we do. She doesn't know to keep six feet away, though! On these longer walks through the city, footsteps and voices of people walking ahead of us in the same direction alert me we're coming close, and when that happens, I just stop, give Luna the "sit" command, and wait. When we can't hear them anymore, I pick up her harness, command "Forward!" and we're off again. It's harder to detect people standing still or walking towards us, especially if they're the silent type. I talk more to Luna during walks now, trust others will look up, see us coming, and slide six feet away to the side. As far as I can tell, they do!

Luna is so young, do you worry being home so much will make her forget everything she just learned at the Seeing eye? I wrote a [post about a phone call The Seeing Eye had with graduates](#) earlier this month, and during that call they assured us our dogs won't lose their skills. They also reminded us how important it is to correct our dogs if they start getting a little sloppy. Luna is a bouncing bundle of black Lab energy — she loves getting outside and going to work. She is **so** enthusiastic, though, that when we get to a street without any traffic she sometimes forgets to stop. I give her a correction, either verbally or with the leash, then show her where she made her mistake by bringing her back

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Saturdays with Seniors: Guest Post by Gretchen McCann.

May 23, 2020

I am pleased to introduce Gretchen McCann as our featured "Saturdays with Seniors" blogger today. New to Chicago, Gretchen joined the Thursday memoir class last summer and continues writing — and reading — essays while we meet via Zoom.

Born in New England, Gretchen was raised in California, graduated from Berkeley and met her husband, Skip, in Washington, D.C. during the heady days of LBJ's Great Society program. They raised their family in Philadelphia, where she worked as a freelance editor and publicist for the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. When it came time to downsize, Gretchen and Skip found a home in Chicago around the corner from their son and his family. She says her toddler granddaughter, Adara, "provides the joy in sheltering at home."

Life's Little Lessons

by Gretchen McCann

I couldn't seem to get a handle on Beth's "Lessons Learned" writing prompt this week. I'm sure I've had a lot, but most seem not worthy of 500 words (for example, learning to play the accordion, or not learning to speak Spanish). The remaining could consume an entire, if somewhat tedious, autobiography. So I redefined the topic to "Life's Little Lessons." Here with a few:

- I have learned that few folks appreciate the contribution of an editor, even if they're paying for it. They don't understand the changes suggested and resent the tampering of their deathless prose.
- Eyeglasses are a toddler magnet and will not survive their attention.
- It took a few years, and not a few dead plants, but I now see the secret of a successful garden is to water.
- It is impossible for a lefty to learn to crochet from a righty.
- I absolutely should not wear pastels.
- It may be true that a watched pot will not boil, but if I turn my back it will surely boil over. Especially if it's tomato sauce.
- Black marble is a terrible choice for a bathroom counter.
- I thought we couldn't have too many books, but then we decided to downsize and move 900 miles.
- The things that scared me the most turned out to provide some of the best life experiences.
- One should definitely read the book before seeing the movie.
- I'll never learn to play chess.

- A new container of cayenne is way hotter than the one I bought in 1995.
- The trouble with housework is that I'm supposed to do it all over again tomorrow.
- If you rescue a stray kitten, be prepared to never leave your food unguarded.
- When I need a laugh, I should try on hats.
- In parenting, just when you figure out what's going on with a child, they move on to the next puzzling thing.
- I won't always know why I walked into a room.
- I've accepted that my spouse is not a mind reader and I should tell him outright what I want for my birthday. Or skip that and just get it myself.
- Once they leave home, children have wayyyyyy more to share when they initiate the call.
- A duck can be a surprisingly wonderful pet.
- I can call them age spots, but they're really from too much sun.
- I now appreciate that beach vs. mountain is a real dichotomy. I might have paid better attention to this.
- It's true. Mothers-in-law, especially grandmas, really really really have to keep their mouths shut.
- An accordion is not an adequate substitute for a piano.
- Knitting is a wonderful — and useful — pastime, but some otherwise steadfast friends will find it amusing. And say so. Especially after a few drinks.
- Watching the news is not good for my mental health, and by extension, my temperament. This has not always been true.



Gretchen and her granddaughter Adara.

COVID 19 has put me back in regular touch with people I love. Is it too much to hope that this truly scary time will offer other positive life experiences?

(Beth Finke continued from previous page)

to the curb and commanding "Sit!" I tap the curb with my foot then and praise her. "Good girl, Luna! Here's where you stop. Good girl!" We take a few steps backwards then, maybe two dog lengths, and we re-work the approach to the curb. Luna almost always, always gets it right the second time. And when she does? I praise the bejeezus out of her. "Good girl, Luna! Attagirl!" I rub her up. Her tail wags. "Good girl, Luna. Good girl!" Luna eats it up, and she rarely misses that curb again. Luna is curled in a ball sleeping under my desk as I type this, but once I hit the "save" button and grab my shoes, she'll jump up ready to go. I've been trying to keep a routine going, and that includes an hourlong walk each morning. It's good for both of us.

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Photo May 26, 2020



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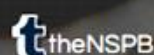
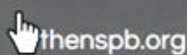
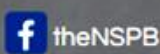
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Design From a Distance

While I shelter in place as most of my clients, we're still working... virtually! Currently I'm doing both interior and exterior projects. While most of what I do is interior, a full service approach has carried over into everything from getting roofs replaced to tuck-pointing, garage doors, pads and paint. Since this is the season for sprucing up our yards and all things outdoors...and crews are happy for the work (still using caution of course) you can continue moving forward with your wish list.

Most of you are able to send photos and measurements and with those I can do floor plans / space planning, find furnishings, see where/what lighting is needed.

Many of my suppliers are open and sending samples of fabrics, wallpapers and window treatment options.

Take a look at your surroundings, this may be the time / opportunity for you to make some updates.

Here are a few thoughts and tips from other designers around the world-

Why Interior Designers Are Essential to Society

Claire Tardy, Editor, Houzz France

By definition, the role of an interior designer is to create beauty, comfort and functionality by playing with space, light, color, materials and furniture — all while keeping clients' wishes and constraints top of mind. But as interior designers essential? As pandemic containment measures prioritize goods and services deemed essential for society, this question gains new immediacy.

Houzz's editorial teams reached out to design professionals around the world for answers, here are a few shared thoughts...

Lynne Bradley Interiors

The work of interior designers is meant to improve quality of life. "Our surroundings have an enormous impact on the way we behave and feel, and the role of the interior designer is more important than ever as we retreat to our homes during COVID-19," Australian interior designer Lynne Bradley says. "A good interior designer will resolve the functionality of a space and address scale, curate a desirable aesthetic, inject soul and tell a story for the inhabitants as well as effecting productivity. Good interior design evokes happiness and soothes the soul. It can inspire confidence, empathy, pride, creativity, security and energy.

"Creating a meaningful space that fulfills the needs of the inhabitant and optimizes their space is one of our key roles as designers and is essential to our society," Bradley says.

Bryan and Catherine Design -

Bring the outdoors in...Greenery is one of the easiest ways to bring life and energy into a space. Low-maintenance plants, like rubber plants and snake plants, are a few of our favorites. If you go faux, try placing your tree or plant in a natural setting, like in front of a window, and you might just forget it's not real.

Improvise a dedicated workspace...This can be one end of a dining room table, a desk, or another surface that you won't have to set up and clear off everyday. Having a space that's reserved for work helps keep home life + work life separate, and helps you stay organized.

Make playtime portable...Play spaces can be practically anywhere in a home, but keeping clutter at bay — especially when everyone is at home at once — can be a challenge. Place a few storage baskets or bins in the rooms your kids play in for toy storage when they're not being used (pro tip: have your kids help!). They're flexible and can be easily tucked away behind furniture so you can reclaim your home when playtime is over.

So, stay safe as you shelter in place, let me know what questions you have and lets get you moving on a comfortable path forward in your home! Jaqi

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New reflectors on Plymouth between 9th and Polk to prevent those Renault drivers from trying to squeeze through the bike lane.



Mural on the back of Roosevelt collection facing the soccer field for the British School. A space in front of the mural was approved for a Highrise building a number of years ago prior to the 2008 Recession.

COVID-19 CASES AS OF MAY 27 IN 60605 Zip Code

164 Confirmed Cases

1511 Tests completed

By age group

<20	3%
20-29	16%
30-39	41%
40-49	13%
50-59	10%
60-69	14%
70-79	6%

No data on deaths per zip code

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Face Masks Our office has a limited supply of face masks for residents. If you are in need of a mask, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Health

Reported Illinois Cases Currently, there are [102,686 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#) identified in Illinois. As this outbreak has spread globally, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is tracking it closely and is [using data to guide its response](#).

Chi COVID Coach The City has launched Chi COVID Coach, a mobile friendly, web-based application to support residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. This forward-thinking app will allow CDPH to communicate directly with Chicago residents who may be COVID-19 positive or experiencing symptoms, providing them important information and guidance. The first app of its kind, Chi COVID Coach creates an opportunity for pre-registration for vaccine dissemination once it becomes available, among many other things. To get started, visit: www.Chicago.gov/covidcoach.

Mental Health Emotional reactions to this emerging health crisis are expected. Remind yourself, your family and your friends that feeling sad, anxious, overwhelmed or having other symptoms of distress such as trouble sleeping is normal. If symptoms become worse, encourage them, and yourself, to reach out for support and help. Call 311 or [NAMI Chicago](#) Helpline 833-626-4244 for a mental health counselor. [Bright Star Community Outreach](#) also has a helpline at 833-TURN-123. For after hours, there is the Crisis Text Line which serves anyone, in any type of crisis, 24-hours a day. Instructions: Text HELLO to: 741741 to access a trained crisis counselor.

Individuals and Communities should familiarize themselves with [recommendations to protect themselves and their communities](#) from contracting and spreading respiratory illnesses like COVID-19

Older People and People with Severe Chronic Conditions should [take special precautions](#) because they are at higher risk of developing COVID-19.

Housing

- **Expansion of Testing Throughout Chicago** The City is undertaking an effort to expand our testing capacity from roughly 3,000 to 10,000 tests per day. Through this expansion, six additional sites will be opened serving Latinx and African American communities. Locations near the 4th Ward are: Senka Park (5656 S. St Louis Ave) and Kennedy-King College (6301 S. Halsted St). The City is actively working to create a website to allow for pre-registration at these locations. While pre-registration is not necessary, it is strongly recommended.

Rental Assistance The City of Chicago has an emergency rental assistance program. This program provides financial assistance to Chicago residents, to prevent homelessness, to eligible individuals and families who are in danger of eviction in order to stabilize individuals and families in their existing rental unit. For more information about this program, please [click here](#).

- **Property Taxes** The Cook County Assessor's Office has announced the temporary suspension of assessment notice mailings and appeal deadlines. This suspension will remain in place until further notice while the office remains closed to the public.

Mortgage Relief for Apartment Owners: The Federal Housing Finance Agency has announced that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will grant mortgage forbearance to owners of multifamily properties in exchange for suspending evictions. The move applies to all Fannie and Freddie-backed mortgages in situations where renters can't afford to make their monthly payments due to Coronavirus. For more information, please visit the FHFA website [here](#).

Business/Non-Profit

4th Ward Food Establishments The 4th Ward is home to many fantastic small businesses and food establishments, some of which have remained open during these times for delivery or takeout. Our office has been compiling a list of these establishments, which can be found [here](#). If we missed a business, or their hours of operation has since changed, please let us know.

Small Business Resource Navigators To provide additional individualized support to our neighborhood businesses, Chicago's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection has created [Small Business Resource Navigators](#). These navigators consist of ten business service organizations who are prepared to provide 1:1 counseling and support to help business owners navigate the financial and support resources available to them. These groups have been trained by the SBA to help business owners access federal funding dollars as they become available.

Unemployment Insurance The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the United States economy, leading to an unprecedented number of unemployment claims. Through the five weeks from March 1 to April 4, Illinois received 513,173 initial unemployment claims. That is greater than the total number of initial claims for the entirety of 2019 (489,831) and five times greater than the claims filed in the first five weeks of the 2008 great recession. The state is taking steps to increase the capacity of the system as well as expanding the pool of individuals who can be covered by unemployment insurance. For more information, [click here](#).

Community- and faith-based organizations should review existing emergency operations plans, including strategies for social distancing and modifying large gatherings. Community-based organizations should take steps to protect both the clients they serve and their employees. See CDPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Community- and Faith-based Organizations](#).

Government/Infrastructure

Where is My Stimulus Check? Many individuals have yet to receive their stimulus check from the Treasury Department. While the federal government is working diligently to distribute these checks, a good amount of eligible individuals have not yet received their checks. The IRS has created a helpful tool to check the status of your check. To check your status, [click here](#).

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Recently, Illinois began providing unemployment benefits through the CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. PUA provides benefits for individuals (1) who are out of work due to a specific COVID-19 related reason and (2) who have been determined ineligible for state unemployment benefits. For more information regarding this program, [click here](#).

2020 Census is currently underway. The Census takes place every ten years and is used to determine how federal tax dollars and resources are distributed. Therefore, it is imperative that individuals complete their Census forms to ensure that our city receives adequate funding and representation in Congress. Currently, 43.3 percent of households in the 4th Ward have completed their Census information, slightly below the total city's amount of 44.8 percent. If you need more information regarding the census, [click here](#)

Parks & Libraries Mayor Lightfoot also announced the closure of Park District facilities and Libraries. For more information, please [click here](#).

- **Ticketing Enforcement** There has been some confusion regarding the issuance of parking tickets in the city. While the number of enforcement agents has been decreased, tickets will still be issued for the following violations: bus lane, bicycle path, rush hour parking, parking in the fire lane, fire lane blockage, alley blockage, driveway blockage, double parking, standing zone violations, parking in a disabled parking spot, and expired meters.

- **Lake Front Closed** As a necessary precaution, Chicago's lakefront has been closed to the public. The closure includes all trails, parks and beaches. This order has been put in place to assure residents are practicing responsible social distancing that is imperative to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. The Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Park District will be enforcing this measure.

CARES ACT On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Federal Government authorized the CARES Act, a comprehensive federal government stimulus plan which will support citizens, businesses and industries during these times. For a brief overview of the stimulus plan [click here](#). For a small business specific overview, [click here](#). The act in its entirety can be found [here](#).

Debt Relief Programs Mayor Lightfoot announced temporary suspension of debt collection, ticketing and towing practices to provide relief in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information on this policy, please [click here](#).

Miscellaneous

Coronavirus Survey The City wants to hear from residents about their goals and needs when it comes to reopening Chicago. They have created a survey for residents to take to assist with the reopening. To take the survey, [click here](#).

DIY Face Masks The CDC has created a helpful flyer to assist with the creation of homemade facemasks. Instructions can be viewed [here](#).

4th Ward Food Pantries Our office has compiled a list of all food pantries located in the 4th Ward. To access this list, [click here](#). In addition, the Greater Chicago Food Depository is working extensively to support individuals dealing with food insecurity. If access to local food banks is an issue, please contact the depository [here](#) for information on alternative options. In addition to the facilities above, food will also be distributed at Grace Place (637 S. Dearborn) every Saturday morning at 8:30 am.

Fight Stigma and Fear by [understanding the facts about COVID-19](#) and taking the effective precautionary steps recommended by health professionals. Support people returning from COVID-19 quarantine and help reduce the spread of rumors by letting people know that viruses cannot target people from specific populations, ethnicities, or racial backgrounds.

One Summer Chicago Applications are now being accepted for the city's One Summer Chicago Program, which connects over 30,000 of our city's young residents with summer employment and internship opportunities. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Tax Filing Information** Governor Pritzker has announced he will delay the Illinois state income tax filing deadline until July 15. This aligns with the new filing deadline for federal taxes, which is also July 15.

#Solidarityat8 This [daily event](#) calls on everyone to come together at 8 p.m. on balconies and porches to cheer, sing and make noise in support of our health care workers, first responders and essential workers. We encourage individuals and families to show your support and upload a video of you cheering at 8 with the hashtag **#Solidarityat8** and **#4thWardStrong**.

Price Gouging To report price gouging, [click here](#).

Event Organizers Stay informed on [the latest developments and public health guidance](#). We strongly encourage groups to consider cancelling or postponing planned events.

Childcare Facilities and Colleges/Universities Closure of childcare facilities is still voluntary. See CDPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Childcare Programs](#). Many institutions of higher learning are voluntarily closing their campuses and moving instruction online. See CDPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools and Institutions of Higher Education](#).

If you have been in a country with widespread sustained transmission (any country with a Travel Alert Level 3) or have been exposed to someone sick with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, you will face [some limitations on your movement and activity](#). Please follow instructions during this time. Your cooperation is integral to the ongoing public health response to try to slow the spread of this virus..

Next CAPS Meeting June 10, 2020

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Wed, 13 May 2020 22:30 500 S State St
ARMED ROBBERY- Handgun Small Retail Store

Mon, 18 May 2020 08:00 800 S Wabash Ave
TRUCK THEFT Parking Lot/ Non Res

Mon, 11 May 2020 08:15 0 E Roosevelt Rd
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Senior Sidewalk

Tue, 05 May 2020 22:00 100 W Roosevelt Rd
AUTO THEFT Street - Arrest Made

Fri, 15 May 2020 14:40 800 S Wabash Ave
AUTO THEFT Street

Sat, 16 May 2020 16:00 700 S Federal St
AUTO THEFT Apartment

Tue, 05 May 2020 20:15 0 W Roosevelt Rd
STRONG ARM ROBBERY CTA Train Arrest Made

Wed, 20 May 2020 03:26 State and 9th St
BURGLARY Convenience Store

Mon, 18 May 2020 12:00 900 S Wabash Ave
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT- Handgun Non Res
Parking Garage

BEAT 131

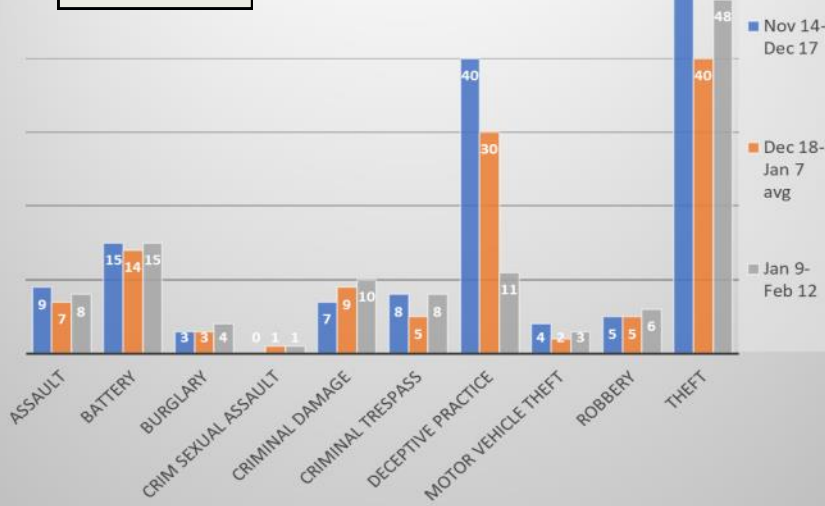
May 2020 22:20 2200 S Michigan Ave
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun in Alley

Fri, 15 May 2020 22:40 1900 S State St
BURGLARY Apartment

Sun, 10 May 2020 23:00 2000 S State St
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CHA Hallway

We focus on crime that is violent or may affect your physical safety. If you look at the graph on top of this column, you will see that the highest incidence of crime is theft, usually on the street or in restaurants (like cell phones stolen from tables). The crime shown on this page is based on Beat 123 131 and 132.

Beat 123 –River
to Michigan Av;
Ida B. Wells to
Roosevelt Rd.



Cyclist dies days after being hit by vehicle in South Loop

Andrew Peterson was biking east about 7:45 a.m. Wednesday when he was struck by a northbound Volkswagen as he crossed an intersection in the 600 block of West Taylor Street, Chicago police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) May 24, 2020, 5:18pm CDT

A cyclist died after being struck by a vehicle May 20, 2020, in the South Loop. *Adobe Stock Photo*

A cyclist who was hit by a vehicle Wednesday in the South Loop died from his injuries Saturday.

Andrew Peterson, 37, died about 7:25 a.m. Saturday, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. He lived in the Gold Coast. Peterson was biking east about 7:45 a.m. Wednesday when he was struck by a northbound Volkswagen as he crossed an intersection in the 600 block of West Taylor Street, Chicago police said. An autopsy Sunday said Peterson died of injuries related to the collision, according to the medical examiner's office. His death was ruled an accident.

The Volkswagen's driver, a 27-year-old man, was cited for failing to reduce his speed, police said.

3 more COVID-19 cases in Chicago Police Department

Of the 551 total confirmed cases, 521 are officers and 30 are civilian employees.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) May 27, 2020, 5:06pm CDT

Three more Chicago police employees tested positive for COVID-19, officials announced May, 27, 2020. *Getty*

Chicago police announced three more cases of COVID-19 Wednesday, bringing the total number of cases in the department to 551. Of the confirmed cases, 521 are officers and 30 are civilian employees, police said.

Thirty other employee reported positive test results but the department's medical section has yet to confirm those cases, police said. The department announced the death of a [third officer](#) from complications of the coronavirus on April 17.

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3/13/20

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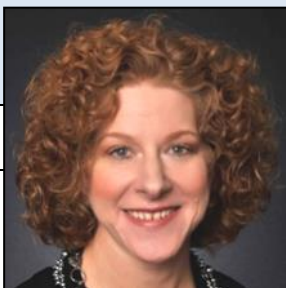


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