Ground broken at Lathrop Homes, long-delayed redevelopment now underway

A new riverwalk park is reportedly a new feature of the Lathrop redevelopment plans. Image courtesy Lathrop Community Partners

Montgomery CEO Juan Gaytan outside Wrigley Field. Photo courtesy Monterrey Security

At far right: a police look-alike who was working security in Wrigleyville during last year's Cubs post-season run. Photo by CWBChicago.com

Kerry Eugen Pouncil, a guard for Monterrey Security. Photo courtesy Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

Private local security firm loses license and NFL contract in Minnesota

"Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds" of personnel problems

A local company that provides security for Wrigley Field, Chicago Gay Pride Parade and the Chicago Marathon has lost its license to operate in Minnesota after an investigation found widespread hiring irregularities, inadequate training and double-billing.

Monterrey Security’s contract to provide guards for Minneapolis’ U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings, has been canceled as a result of the investigation.

"Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds" of Monterrey’s personnel were not adequately trained and licensed according to Richard Heseldon, chairman of the Minnesota Private Detective and Protective Services Agency Board. The firm also double-billed the stadium and failed to conduct background checks, officials said.

Among the guards provided by Monterrey was Ricky Eugen Pouncil, who served 16 months in prison after he was convicted of trying to extort money from a businessman after the friend convinced the target to send sexually explicit text messages, prosecutors said.

The man was later found dead in a remote area. A note left behind said “I am being extorted over $500,000. Best for my family and friends.”

Despite the conviction, Pouncil was found checking security credentials at the door of U.S. Bank stadium during an NFL game last season, authorities said. Felons are prohibited from holding security jobs in Minnesota.

Monterrey’s problems are not over in Minnesota. The FBI and state authorities continue to look into allegations that the company falsified government documents and hired convicted criminals.

The company’s president, Juan Gayan, Jr., called the Minnesota problems an "administrative issue."

Monterrey reportedly admitted to Minnesota licensing regulators that they bused in 100 workers from Chicago to work the Viking’s home opener last month against the New Orleans Saints. The company said it could not find workers in the Twin Cities.

“We were operating to the best of our ability, following industry best practices and trying to do our best,” a Monterrey official said.

Two new security companies have taken over for Monterrey in Minnesota. Both said they are interested in hiring displaced Monterrey employees who successfully completed background checks and licensing requirements.

In addition to the Marathon and Cubs, Monterrey provides guards for the Bears, Blackhawk, and the Chicago Pride Parade.

The Chicago Cubs and Monterrey Security did not respond to requests for comment. The Chicago Police Dept. was not able to provide an immediate response due to time constraints. We will publish the department’s statement when it is made available.

This newspaper first reported the Monterrey problems in August after publishing a series of reports that showed another local security company utilized unlicensed guards and police look-alikes while patrolling Lakeview during last year’s Cubs post-season.

And, our reporters first raised

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Ground was broken Tuesday for the first project of the major redevelopment coming to the historic Lathrop Homes site at Diversey and the Chicago River.

The formal groundbreaking was preceded by Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and city officials alongside members from their development partners Related Midwest, Bickerlekเดี Re-development Corp. and Heartland Housing starting at 1:30 p.m.

After much bickering and debating the Chicago Plan Commission agreed on a final plan that will see the total delivery of 401 public housing (CHA) units, 212 units of affordable housing, and 501 residences rented at market rate over the 32-acre site.

The total of 1,116 mixed-income units will be delivered over a series of phases that will take several years to complete. In addition to the overhauled residential units, the new Lathrop Homes site will also see new retail and commercial spaces offered on the property, and an updated riverwalk plan.

After the National Parks Service threatened to remove historic Re-hab Tax Credits in 2015 after the first redevelopment plan was announced, the CHA, city and Related Midwest eliminated the two

planned high-rises they had hoped to build on the site and went back to the drawing board.

According to a letter delivered to the CHA and developers in December, the 2015 National Parks Service indicated that the Lathrop Community Partners’ application did not meet the Secretary of the Interior’s standards and was put on hold largely due to the “extensive demolition of historic buildings and major new construction” that the proposal called for.

In response, developers now plan to keep Lathrop’s original administration building at Clybourn and Diversey as well as an existing apartment block at Damen and Diversey to maintain the preservation credits.

Openly announced in 1938 with a ribbon cutting by the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the property consisted of 925 housing units located in two-story brick row-houses and three-story four-apartment buildings.

Named for social reformer Julia Clifford Lathrop, it is considered Chicago’s first public housing project, built by the Public Works Administration and initially leased to the CHA.

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By Thomas J. O’Gorman

Does your occupation define you?

Or do you have interests and outlets that further fill out who you are?

You might be a baker of breads. But perhaps you are also a genius at the backgammon board.

Maybe you are a trucker for a living. But with a deep devotion to the operas of Puccini as well.

Then again, you might crunch numbers for a living as a CPA, but also cherish the wind and the sea sailing on Lake Michigan.

As humans we can be defined by many things. We are free to widen our horizons and expand our vision with what lifts our minds and our hearts to adventure and discovery. And in the process elevate our capacity to broaden our living and enhance the direction of our lives. No matter who the president. No matter who we are married to. No matter where we live, went to school or do from 9 to 5.

This is what I mean. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was an aristocratic aesthetic. It was in his blood. He was a good Secretary of the Navy, a better Governor of New York and the best, I believe, I Presi-dent, not only through the Depression, but also through the trauma of our lives. No matter who is president, went to school or do from 9 to 5.

What many don’t know is that he was a superb philatelist, a stamp collector. Compiling through his lifetime one of America’s greatest collections. Maybe it helped him govern better in a dark time.

William Howard Taft was an aristocratic aesthete. It was in his blood. He was a good Secretary of the Navy, a better governor of New York, a skilled humanist and gentleman farmer. But did you know that he was also a superb magician with playing cards? He was taught while recuperating from a childhood illness by a savvy hospital chaplain.

And he amazed and amused his friends with remarkable card tricks throughout his life.

President Theodore Roosevelt may have authored the Declaration of Independence and steered the independence of American Republic towards its heroic destiny, but he was also a skilled humanitarian and gentleman farmer. But did you know that he was a skilled violinist? His musical ability is often overlooked by history. But his virtuosity added a remarkable layer of musical aestheticism to his political and diplomatic style.

A few years ago while in Springfield for an Illinois Supreme Court dinner, I was given a private tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. The Chief Librarian welcomed me and a curator from the Lincoln Collection and walked me through the vaults to see the outstanding treasures of the 16th President’s life. It was overwhelming.

After seeing an original copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, I noticed that there were boxes indicating materials belonging to the American actress Marilyn Monroe. I asked how items of the “Blond bombshell” wound up in the Lincoln vault. Then I was told of her remarkable connection to President Lincoln.

Apparently the actress had suffered from the absence of a father in her early life. She was said to always be searching for a strong substitute. Apparently she found him in Lincoln. She lamented to her second husband, the American playwright Arthur Miller, that she was never taken very seriously as an actress. Type cast as a blond sexpot. Miller apparently suggested that she intensify her interest in President Lincoln. And thus empowered her avid collecting of all things Lincoln. She even became friends with Illinois’ favorite-son poet, Carl Sandburg, whose biography of Lincoln she had read. In the 1950s they began a friendship that would last until the actress’ death in 1962.

Among the items of hers in the vault was a bust of Lincoln and one of Sandburg. As well as many smaller items purchased at auctions of Lincoln materials. There was even a collection of photographs of a meeting between she and Sandberg on a Hollywood soundstage when the poet was acting as a historical advisor on a film. Marilyn Monroe was making a movie at the same studio. Life Magazine sent a photographer to capture the meeting of the actress and the poet. The images of that moment were so serendipitously captured, as the actress did not own the copyright on the photos. So while they can be viewed by the public at times at the library, they cannot be reproduced.

A number of Marilyn Monroe’s dresses were included with the Lincoln items sold at auction to the Lincoln Library. One black, off-the-shoulder dress is the one worn by the actress when she met Sandberg in Hollywood. I think it is a great symbol of the actress’ yearning for intelligent understanding and respect demonstrating the complexity and mystery of human beings. We are more than the jobs we do. Or the tasks we perform. Whether we are cracking open radium isotopes, toching the Chicago Symphony, bagging groceries at Mariano’s or smooching on a Hollywood screen with a famous leading man.

We need always to reach for wider fulfillment. We need never to reach for what lifts our vision with what lifts our spirits, conducting the Chicago Symphony or the Chicago Ballet. We need to crack open radium isotopes, delicately handling the Emancipation Proclamation, going to school or doing your job as a CPA. We need to reach for wider fulfillment.

By Thomas J. O’Gorman

The Nobel Prize scientist, Madame Marie Curie may have discovered the mysterious element of radium in the Paris lab she shared with her husband, Pierre. But she was also an avid bicycle enthusiast. She rode everywhere. Clocking unfeasible miles flying in every direction.

William Ambrose Mozart was a musical genius, an 18th century prodigy who performed for emperors and other crowned heads.

But did you also know that he was also a superb magician with playing cards? He was taught while recuperating from a childhood illness by a savvy hospital chaplain.

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Painting the town pink: The memory of Lynn Sage lives on

Heart of the ‘Hood
By Felicia Dechter

Lynn Sage was a beloved mother, daughter, wife and friend, as well as a Lake View High School alum. She was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 33, and sadly, she lost her battle six years later at age 39.

To honor Lynn and applaud her strength and spirit, in 1985 a small group of her family and friends established a foundation in her name. Today, that foundation -- the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation -- is still alive, well, and thriving. It held its 32nd annual Fall Benefit Luncheon last week at the Hilton, raising more than $800,000 for breast cancer research, fellowships and educational programs at Northwestern Medicine and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern Univ.

I’ve attended this heartwarming luncheon for many times, but for this was my first time there as a breast cancer survivor. As usual, it was an afternoon filled with those impacted — and helping — to make a difference. “Now is the time to fund. it’s not a matter of if, but when,” said Novak, who became the mother of three — to stomach cancer.

Dr. Lisa Novak, pictured here with her daughter, wife and grandmother both had breast cancer and who last year lost her 49-year-old sister/best friend Sara Schottenstein -- a breast cancer survivor, Kathy Bates, whose battle with breast cancer began five years ago.

Bates’ mother, aunt and niece all had breast cancer, and Bates had already had ovarian cancer when the breast cancer appeared. One story she told was how she was going to adopt Yorkshire Terriers. But “I just didn’t know if I’d be around to raise puppies,” she said. When her doctor told her that lymph nodes were involved in both arms, “I went berserk, screaming and crying,” recalled Bates, who has lost more than 50 pounds and looks fabulous. “I ran out of the room. Hugging me that no matter how much time I have to save each moment,” she said. “It ends with renewed confidence. It starts with a free workshop. It begins with a free workshop. It ends with renewed confidence. Our BACK TO WORK 50+ program offers free workshops on the strategies you need to compete for full-time, in-demand jobs. Workshop participants can also apply for our free coaching program offering skills training, job search guidance and more.

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The Home Front
By Don DeBat

The mortgage-interest deduction—bedrock on which the nation’s housing policy was built for the past 75 years—may be on shaky ground as the Trump Administration crafts its new federal tax plan.

What is even more surprising, analysts say Capitol Hill real estate lobbyists are divided among themselves on the future of the coveted mortgage-interest deduction (MID) that potentially benefits 74 million homeowners and creates $70 billion in annual federal income tax breaks.

Insiders report that the National Assocation of Home Builders (NAHB) changed its stance on the importance of the mortgage-interest tax deduction, while the National Assocation of Realtors (NAR) is lobbying hard for the sense of hard for MID. “This is the first time in NAHB’s 75-year history that we have been open to the idea of broader optiions regarding housing tax incenives,” said Granger MacDonald, NAHB chairman and a Texas builder and developer. “Now is the time to reform tax policy and housing will not be left behind in this process.”

Earlier, the NAHB stressed that the mortgage-interest deduction has been a cornerstone of American housing policy since the inception of the tax code. But after President Donald Trump announced his new tax plan, which would double the standard deduction and eliminate state and local tax deductions, such as property taxes, NAR continued to lobby for MID support, while the NAHB didn’t.

Home builders said they voted to pursue their policy regarding the nation’s tax code in light of recent discussions on tax reform between congressional leadership and the Trump Administration. “Today’s vote gives NAHB greater flexibility as the tax debate unfolds and stakeholders seek consense to shape a tax policy that best serves the nation’s consumers and small businesses,” the NAHB said.

“Starting back with the release of the Republican [tax] blueprint about a year and a half ago, it’s been clear that this tax policy is changing,” said Jim Tobin, NAHB chief lobbyist and head of governent affairs.

While NAHB has concerns with the doubling of the standard deduction, Tobin explained, “For us, it’s an opportunity for our industry to remain flexible in its ability to respond to potential changes down the road.”

As the Trump Administration continues to work through tax reform, NAHB said it is promoting the following tax policies:

• A homeownership tax incentive.
• The low-income housing tax credit, along with additional reources to meet the affordability crisis.
• Tax incentives for remodeling, including energy-efficiency tax credits.
• The exclusion of capital gains on the sale of a principal residence.
• Business interest deductions for small businesses.

Tobin noted that although the NAHB has not seen any concrete proposals, the administration has clearly stated that they want homeownership to be a priority going forward.

As a guardian of housing tax incentives, NAHB said it will keep defining that incentive and ensure to homeowners that housing policy is still supported. “Right now, the MID is a middle-class tax break that helped people buy and afford the home they already purchased,” said Tobin.

Experts say both the doubling of the standard deduction and the eliminating local and state real estate tax deductions effectively would challenge or erase incenives for homeowners, and potentially inhibit the national home ownership rate which has slopped to about 63% from nearly 70% before the Great Recession.

“We have always said that tax reform—a worthy endeavor should first do no harm to home owners,” said Bill Brown, presi dent of NAR, who noted that the current Trump tax reform proposi tion mixles that goal.

“This proposal recommends a backdoor elimination of the mortgage interest deduction for all but the top five percent [of homeown ers] who would still itemize their deductions,” Brown said.

“When combined with the elimination of the state and local tax deduction, these efforts represent a tax increase on millions of mid dle-class homeowners,” Brown said in process of his new tax plan. “The face of a reform effort ostensibly aimed at lowering the tax burden for Americans. At the same time, the incentive to purchase a home could cause home values to fall.”

An analysis by PricewaterhouseCoopers commissioned by NAR found home owners earning $50,000 to $200,000—the mid dle class—would realize an average $815 more in taxes in the year after the proposed reform takes effect.

An analysis by PricewaterhouseCoopers also found NAR found homeowners earning $50,000 to $200,000—the mid dle class—would realize an average $815 more in taxes in the year after the proposed reform takes effect, while non-home owners for the same range would see an average $516 less.

The analysis also found a 10%-plus plunge in home values, which could cause homeowners to back into negative equity, undoing the recovery.

Plummeting home values are a poor home-owning gift for other home buyers and a tremendous blow to older Americans who depend on their home to provide a nest egg for retirement,” Brown said.

“Congress can still score a win for American families by promot ing lower rates and comprehen sive reform that doesn’t single out homeowners for a tax hike, while also preserving important invest ment incentives such as 1031 like-kind tax-deferred real estate exchanges,” Brown said.

“Proposed changes—such as the increased standard deduction and elimination of other item ized deductions—mean that many who claim the mortgage interest deduction under today’s laws will no longer be able to do so,” said Danielle Hale, chief econom ist at Realtor.com.

“Although the plan recognizes the role of the mortgage-interest deduction in strengthening so ciety via homeownership, the changes in the plan could affect its incentive value, Hale said.

“The proposed tax plan also eliminates personal itemi ned deductions, including payments for state and local taxes, which includes property taxes. When you consider the total package, many middle-class homeowners are re ally looking at a tax increase,” Hale said.

Daniel D. Mennebog, president of the American Land Title Asscoiation, said, “Congress should focus on the potential for tax reform to incentivize faster growth and investment. That goal will not happen unless tax policy continues to promote investment in our nation, which accounts for more than 15% of the nation’s gross domes tic product.”

Last week the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) celebrated their 70th anniversary, and the agency is hosting a yearlong celebration in recognition of the role the CTA has played in the growth and development of Chicago.

On Oct. 1, at the Daley Plaza, residents had the opportunity to ride on 4000-series trains from 1923, as well as 2400-series rail cars from 1976, which were making trips around the Loop, along with a vintage bus from 1960.

CTA officially began operations on Oct. 1, 1947, taking over operations by the Chicago Rapid Transit Co. (who ran the ‘L’ system) and the Chicago Surface Lines (who ran the streetcar system and some bus lines).

In 1947, a loaf of bread cost 13¢, a gallon of gas cost 15¢, and a new car could be purchased for $1,300. And in October of 1947, buses and trains in Chicago began operating under a new governmental organization: the Chicago Transit Authority.

Before 1947, several privately-owned companies built and operated elevated train, streetcar, and bus lines throughout Chicago. These struggling companies competed with each other for riders, in many places offering duplicative service that could be operated more efficiently under one umbrella.

In 1945, the State of Illinois passed an act that created the CTA, which consolidated these systems with the goal of providing one unified transit system, one dedicated to operating more efficiently, modernizing the system and doing so as a rider-focused public service.

Soon thereafter, a third company, the Chicago Motor Coach Co. who ran many bus lines (including a number of lakeline express routes), was later acquired on Oct. 1, 1952, completing the consolidation of mass transit in Chicago under the CTA.

The first ‘L’ service in Chicago began on June 6, 1892 when a four-car train of wooden cars pulled by a small, coal-burning steam locomotive departed a modest terminal at 39th Street just east of State St. headed for its downtown terminal straight north at Congress St. A year later service was extended to bring passengers to the World’s Columbian Exposition in Jackson Park.

This first segment of the ‘L’ system lives on today as part of the Green Line – the very first portion of the very first line on what’s become a unified system of elevated, at-grade and underground railways that Chicago and neighboring communities have, in many ways, grown up around.

Today’s ‘L’ now has 224.1 miles of track, over which nearly 1,800 train trips are made, logging more than 221,000 miles of travel—all on a typical weekday.

“The CTA will forever be woven into the fabric of Chicago,” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. “The CTA is not only a celebrated part of our City’s past, but also a key component to our future.”

“For 70 years, Chicagoans have turned to the CTA to get them where they’ve needed to go,” said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. “Our 70th anniversary gives us the chance to not only look back at our proud history, but also to look ahead to the improvements and investments we’re making to serve customers for another 70 years.”

Photos courtesy of Chicago History Museum.

To commemorate the CTA’s 70th anniversary, the Chicago History Museum compiled highlights about their rich history from the Museum’s collection. Above is a 2400-series rail cars from 1976.

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We will always be good at what interests us. And the payoff is most likely a quiet affirmation of our own abilities. We are all born with renaissance souls. Fresh interests expand those souls and widen our character, as well as the imprint we leave on the world.

Perhaps our passions make for odd pairings or unusual partnerships. But there is always a curve to our learning and a synchronistic connection in all we learn.

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, presently on the faculty of Stanford Univ., is a superb classical pianist. Chicago restaurant Ferrandino Doherty plays the bagpipes. Butch McGurie, Chicago’s inventor of the single’s bar, learned how to knit. The Newberry Library’s Karen Skubish played the harp like an angel.

We were all born to stretch and reach beyond the limits of circumstances or clearly seen abilities. superb classical pianist. Chicago

Haynes of the celebrated band Alliotta Haynes and Jeremiah, a band that formed in Chicago’s Old Town, has died at 70. Haynes wrote the song Lake Shore Drive back in 1971, after a night out in Chicago and cruising the lakefront along the iconic thoroughfare that “starts up north from Hollywood” to downtown at 4 a.m. It is report ed that Haynes wanted his ashes spread along Lake Shore Drive. Why not? It’s sacred space! “And then blue lights shine with a heavy heart. Help me, right on by.”

RULE BRITANNIA: Yes, that was Sir Alan Duncan MP, Brit ish Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs at the splendid reception at Chicago Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier. Also on hand, the new British Consul General here who does not officially start until November. He is currently Am bassador to Venezuela… a chance of pace for him to come to Chi cago!

LAKE SHORE DRIVE: Skip Cubs video board hosters Jan and Hai Vainer.

LIFEnehmer menu. The crudite is massive, 50 year residents of

LAKE FOR SYMPHONY: On Oct. 4, in Room 9 of the Gorton Center in Lake Forest, the Board of the Lake Forest Symphony (LFS) hosted a party, “Martins with the Maestros.” Ken Kalenson, the maestro, opened the kick-off for the 60th Anniversary Season of the LFS and announced its opening concerts on Oct. 7 and 8 at the James Lumber Center.

ANY LUGGAGE? Has a lo cal Gold Coast five-star hotel just sold off some hefty cash to its outgoing long-time concierge who was planning to write a tell-all book about the libidinous goings on there as well as the slimy cor porate shenanigans? Word is they were bought off and no book will be forthcoming. You can now ex ha ste:

GOING, GOING, GONE: Has a local well-known auction house been doing some double dipping? Apparently both sellers and buy ers will be held Oct. 19 at the arts center. (Also on hand, a toast…)

ZELToV! The family. on Aug. 4, the actual delivery of the celebrated band of the elite are in defeat. is something rotten in Denmark? We appear to be Shakespearean in our American perspective, with many stopping to share in the theater). Mrs. Viner’s brother Daniel is the Davis Theater in the late 70’s and 80’s, so the event and locale were extra special for the family. On Aug. 4, the actual anniversary date, the Winer children took their parents to a Cubs game where an anniversary message was posted on the video screen during the 5th inning. MAZEL TOV!

Clever Rabbit: Run don’t walk to the newest and tastiest restaurant in trendy Wicker Park (really Ukrainian Village) at 2015 W. Division St., five doors west of Damen. It’s stylish and cerebral, lighthearted and hip. Meny is centered on wondrous vegetables like carrot dumplings and meaty salads. Salmon, broccoli chicken, scallops balance out the vegetable-is king menu. The cradle is massive and serves multiple dinners. The Elote (high-end Mexican-style roasted sweet corn) is a show-stopper. Brussel Sprouts will shat ter your senses. Fine bar. Big outdoor space.

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Hazelden marks 20 years in Chicago

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While addiction treatment is always undergoing improvements, most still work in conjunction with the time-tested 12-step program developed by Alcoholics Anonymous, said Hazelden/Betty Ford Chicago executive director Ransom Kasha.

STORY AND PHOTOS

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The stately mansion at 867 N. Dearborn has gone through a lot of changes since its creation in 1886 by architect William LeBaron Jenney, father of the Chicago-style skyscraper.

Back in 1917, sometime anarchist Jack Jones bought the building and opened the Dil Pickle Club, a hangout for artists, writers, and aspiring revolutionaries, linking people like Ernest Hemingway and (reportedly) a young John Reed, the Red-leaning reporter who wrote “Ten Days that Shook the World” and ended up being buried in an honord place in Moscow’s Kremlin Wall.

During the Roaring ’20s, the “Pickle” was also a sometime speakeasy.

Later – after the Cold War began thawing - it became the Russian consulate.

But Remsen Kasha would probably say the biggest change likely came 20 years ago when the Hazelden/Betty Ford Foundation took over the building.

Founded in 1949 at a Minnesota lakeside farmhouse, Hazelden has grown into one of the world’s largest and most respected private not-for-profit alcohol and drug addiction treatment providers, paving the way for its 2014 merger with the Betty Ford Center.

Today where potheads and winos once congregated, there are 37 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every week and the city’s first Video Gaming Anonymous chapter, said Kasha, the facility’s executive director who as of last anniversary celebration.

Many in the audience were former patients like Jared, an investment banker who called his time at Hazelden “the most important 15 months of my life.”

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Today Chicago’s Hazelden has closer to 70 clients in total and counting, Kasha told the nearly 100 supporters and “alumni” who turned out for an Oct. 5 20th anniversary celebration.

“Until I finally realized I had a major problem.”

While he’s been clean and sober for some time now, Jared said he still goes to meetings almost daily and remains active at Hazelden to give back.

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Emerging filmmaker to be awarded

Roger Ebert Award Oct. 20

The Chicago International Film Festival will present the fourth annual Roger Ebert Award at the Festival’s Awards Night Ceremony on Friday, Oct. 20. This award is presented to an emerging filmmaker with a fresh and uncompromising vision, selected from films in the New Directors Competition.

“One of Roger’s favorite things in life was discovering and championing the work of bold, audacious emerging directors,” said Chaz Ebert of her late husband, the legendary, Pulitzer Prize-winning critic for the Chicago Sun-Times. “His relationship to Chicago International Film Festival began in the 1960s, and thanks to the Festival, he was among the first to write about such auteurs as Martin Scorsese, Wim Wenders and Bertrand Tavernier.”

“Roger had an immeasurable and lasting impact on our Festival,” added Founder and President Michael Kutza. “He first covered us as a newcomer and critic and became a supporter, jury member and presenter, and his enthusiasm for adventurous new work was contagious. Many international directors received their first American press attention thanks to Roger’s tireless commitment to highlighting the work of young talent.”

Last year, the Roger Ebert Award was presented to Hungarian feature Kils on Wheels, directed by Atilia Till. This year 16 films will compete for the prize.

The 53rd Chicago International Film Festival is October 12-26. Screenings take place at the AMC River East 21 (322 E. Illinois). Tickets are available by calling 312-332-FILM (3456), online at chicagofilmfestival.com, at the Festival Box Office at AMC River East at 322 E. Illinois Street, and at the Festival Pop-Up Box Office at 400 S. Dearborn.

Sam Kirk, left, and Ava Santos-Volpe.

With an immigration population close to 300 – 45 percent of the student body – Sullivan High school also promotes international diversity on a regular basis.

The school accepted 89 refugees during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Sullivan is leveraging its diversity to increase academic achievement. By focusing on refugee resettlement, the school’s administration has increased academic funding and raised its Chicago Public School ranking from a Level 3 (the lowest possible score) to a 2-plus ranking over the last year.

This year, Sullivan High School hopes to continue its academic growth and achieve Level 1 recognition.

Entry to the carnival is free and open to the public. Early bird activity tickets can be purchased online.

For more information call the school at 773-534-2000.

To celebrate Smile Train World Smile Day, 2 Prudential Plaza was lit in Chicago Train colors. Smile Train colors. Smile Train uses World Smile Day to shed light on the millions of children suffering from untreated cleft in 85+ developing countries worldwide. Immediately after the lighting event, a free celebration and concert took place and despite the rain, local greats Nick Tremulis Orchestra, Billy Branch and the Son’s of Blues, Sergio Mayorca, Nellie Tiger Travis and Wayne Baker Brooks rocked the celebration. And the nearly five dozen Chicago Marathon runners of Smile Train Team Empower -- from all over the world -- raised more than $100,000 for the charity.

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All aboard… Chicago was graced with Smile Train goodwill ambassador Christie Brinkley this past weekend to kick off World Smile Day, and joining the supermodel was U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Deputy Mayor, Andrea Zopp. They joined together to light up 2 Prudential Plaza in red and blue Smile Train colors. Smile Train uses World Smile Day to shed light on the millions of children suffering from untreated cleft in 85+ countries worldwide. Immediately after the lighting event, a free celebration and concert took place and despite the rain, local greats Nick Tremulis Orchestra, Billy Branch and the Son’s of Blues, Sergio Mayorca, Nellie Tiger Travis and Wayne Baker Brooks rocked the celebration. And the nearly five dozen Chicago Marathon runners of Smile Train Team Empower -- from all over the world -- raised more than $100,000 for the charity.
Chicago History Museum

Project archivist Adam Melville worked with Chicago History Museum [CHM] archivist Julie Wroblewski as part of his graduate school practicum. In this article, he describes how he processed one of the largest acquisitions in recent CHM history.

This summer, I received the exciting opportunity to process the papers of U.S. Rep. Sidney R. Yates—a 262-linear-foot collection (the equivalent of more than 500 boxes) in 10 weeks.

Challenge accepted!

So who was Sidney Yates?

A representative for the Illinois Ninth Congressional District for nearly 50 years, he is probably best known for the support of his arts and humanities. Other signature issues included advocating for the elderly, U.S. support of Israel, and responsible environmental stewardship.

Rep. Yates was born in Chicago on Aug. 27, 1909, and graduated from Lake View High School in 1928; He got his B.A. from the Univ. of Chicago in 1931; his J.D., also from the Univ. of Chicago, in 1933; served in the U.S. Navy, 1944-1946, and was ultimately elected to serve in 16 succeeding Congresses, from Jan. 3, 1965 through Jan. 3, 1999.


Typically, an archivist begins by surveying a collection as a whole in order to develop a processing plan and formulate series in which the materials will be arranged intellectually. The sheer size of the Sidney Yates papers, however, coupled with the fact that most of it was in off-site storage, meant we would need to alter this workflow.

After some deliberation, Wroblewski and I decided that we would start processing items and let the series arrangement unfold as we made our way through the collection. Now, this can be a risky approach since success rests on the unprocessed items being organized in the first place (which is not always the case). But seeing as these items had come from a congressional office, we hedged our bets and it paid off: over the last few weeks, we made revisions as we uncovered new items.

A somewhat unusual aspect of this project was that researchers were using the collection as it was being processed. This added some pressure to deliver quickly, but it also came with advantages, such as the ability to tap on-site subject experts for content knowledge. In addition, whereas a collection of this size would not normally include detailed descriptions of the contents of each box, since researchers needed immediate access to the materials, we developed a box inventory. Through some experimentation, we found a way to automate converting the working inventory into a more detailed finding aid, a technique which will help us process large collections in the future.

A great feature of the Sidney R. Yates Papers is the breadth of subjects covered in the collection. Because of his lengthy career, the congressman was instrumental in a large range of subjects, including water diversion; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and radiation in U.S. territories; Admiral Hyman Rickover and the development of the nuclear navy; super- sonic transportation; the House Un-American Activities Committee; the National Endowment for the Arts; and Jewish topics including Chicago-area Jewish congregations and organizations, Soviet Jewry, Days of Remembrance, and the creation of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.


Photo courtesy John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

A promotional card urging Chicagoans to vote for Yates, c. 1940.
Police Beat....

Retired couple robbed in Lincoln Square
That's muggings up sharply in 2017

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21 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 160 pounds. One wore a black hoodie, and the other wore a white Sox hat, which is still being searched for.

Detectives issued a community alert on Sept. 11 that warned of a similar described robbery. Anyone that includes a member who wears a White Sox hat.

Chicago police beat 9111, which includes the scene of the hold-up, has recorded 29 robberies this year. That's up from 17 that is up in 2016.

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Local’s out to impact violence

Ramsey Lewis  to be honored at dinner at Arts Club

A fundraiser to honor Ramsey Lewis and raise much-needed funds to help combat violence will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Arts Club, 201 E. Ontario St.

“Make us the Cure Contagious”, the gala is being chaired by Diane Weinberg who is leading a group of citizens “who have been loyal to and actively involved in our community for over 50 years,” said Weinberg.

A native Chicagoan, Lewis is artistic director of Jazz at the Ravinia Festival and helped organize Ravinia’s Jazz Mentor Program. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Merit School of Music and The Chicago High School for the Arts. In 2005, the Ramsey Lewis Foundation was created to help connect at-risk children to the world of music. Lewis still lives in Chicago with his wife, seven children, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

For tickets, call 312.355.3027, or visit www.cureviolence.org.

Life was better when we were kids

Fabulous column. [Sept. 13 by Thomas O’Gorman]. Seems we have the same reaction to the obsession with phones on the streets and in restaurants. Life was beautiful in our childhoods... hoping we can get back to that and some human connections.

Mary Laney, Chicago

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We need to begin downzoning floodplains and former wetlands to nature preserve status when a flood cripples the buildings on them. Nature will show us which properties to downzone first, by attrition. It’s not enough to prevent the mistakes of the future. The mistakes of the past also have to be fixed.

Jean Smiling Coyote, West Ridge

What if a Harvey or Irma-like storm pummeled Chicago?

We do think offhand that 50" of rain here in one storm is science fiction, but I’d like Marilynn Spyrapolus [story Oct. 2] to give readers a plausible scenario which could cause this. If there’s no plausible scenario, it’s highly unlikely to happen while Chicago is in its current tectonic location and in the Temperate Zone of climate.

She wrote about the need for hard scape infrastructure improvements, green infrastructure improvements, and development which has just been reinstated in Chicago.

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Man arrested for shove off CTA platform

Chad M. Estep, 34, of the 1700 block of N. Ellen in Wicker Park has been charged with one felony count of Attempted Murder - First Degree one felony count of Aggravated Battery in a Public Place and one misdemeanor count of CTA – Trespass when he was arrested after being positively identified as the offender who pushed a 46-year-old Rogers Park man causing him to fall off a CTA Platform and onto the train tracks.

The incident took place on Aug. 1, between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Estep menaced Ben Benedict who was standing near the edge of the Washington St. subway platform before being shoved down onto the tracks. As Benedict was trying to climb up off the tracks Estep allegedly blocked his path, only to run away once confronted by others waiting for trains nearby. He was placed in custody at his residence at 5:10 p.m. Oct. 9, and charged accordingly.

Chad M. Estep

Benedict did not sustain a serious injury and was assisted off the tracks by fellow CTA users. City officials at the time were accused of covering up the crime as the attack happened more than a month earlier before the city, police and CTA issued any public alerts about the crime.
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Art Week at Swedish American Museum

With the onset of Art Week the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St., will present a series of events this week including night strolls and art walks involving more than 70 community art organizations. For more information the museum will also be offered on Saturday and Sunday.

During the following weeks, the Museum will present a concert by MUSEUM DISTRICT OF NEW ORLEANS. The museum will also be featured at the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St., during Art Week. For more information, please visit the museum's website.

The lakefront mansion at 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr. houses the International Museum of Surgical Science is hosting an open house this weekend at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday where visitors can see the museum's original architectural drawings and historical photographs of the mansion.

Property was originally constructed for Eleanor Cassatt’s wedding gift from her father, an executive at the Cassatt Corp. The residence was designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw in imitation of the Ukraine and is an example of the International Art Nouveau style.

In 1954, the structure has been home to the only museum in America dedicated to the field of surgery—symbolized in front of the building by Eudora Charleson’s sculpture “Hope and Help.”

Morbid Curiosities

Those so inclined can enter the anatomical theatre of Dr. James D. Pembroke, a doctor and surgeon working in 18th century Britain, and watch as he performs a gruesome surgery on a live patient Friday Oct. 17. From Oct. 27, during a International Morbid Curiosities event titled “Morbid Curiosities.”

Porter tools will be used and discussed in this demonstration which is not for the faint of heart.

Dare to ask the doctors questions on his technique after his surgery.

For more information call 1-312-644-7837.

The biggest challenge is still getting people to recognize adictions as a disease like many other— and to understand addiction doesn’t come in one particular shape or size, he warned.

“Everyone in this city knows someone who’s struggling with this disease. Unfortunately, this case still carries some shame so people just don’t seek treatment.”

It’s deadliness the street those days. More people are dying of addiction than bullets on Chicago’s North or West Sides, he warned.

The real estate challenge is changing.

Andrea Johnson, Sibley, Sibley, Illinois, sells 21 condos at 1800 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. The inside five-story apartment building will sell at auction. The first floor commercial premises will sell separately at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17. The property will be open for inspection.

No bids will be accepted. The balance in certified funds or wire transfer must be made within 24 hours of confirmation of the sale. The property is located at 2100 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. The property owner is not the mortgagee.

The property will be sold “as is” and subject to the assessments required by The Condominium Act. The purchaser of the unit at the sale or by any third party shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Act. The purchaser shall not be entitled to a return of the purchase price paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse to the mortgagee or any other mortgagee, in or by the mortgagee, in any other mortgagee’s rights or remedies under the mortgage, to the extent that it is unenforceable under any law, statute or rule of equity.

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Salmon snagging season kicked off Oct. 1 in the Lincoln Park Lagoon. The Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season will open Saturday, Oct. 21 at 54 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

The Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season is also now open at nine sites where fly fishing anglers can use fly fishing gear to catch and release trout now as well as those nine sites.

No trout may be kept during the fly fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular fall trout season beginning Oct. 21.

Anyone caught attempting to take (harvest) trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers — including those using the use of fish attractant devices or other devices to attract trout to the site of the harvest at any time — may keep trout after the opening of the regular fall trout season beginning Oct. 21. Trout may be kept from the sites of the harvest prior to the legal harvest season opening provided no one other than the harvester has knowledge of the trout harvest at any time. The expiring regulations and similar devices may be kept at any time after the opening of the regular fall trout season.

No trout may be kept from any trout being harbored in a closed season,
Classical genre offered to a non-traditional audience

BY JOANNA BROUSSARD

Stories of courage and a fighting spirit told through classical music on period instruments in a Jazz club in Chicago? Couldn’t happen! Oh, but it is happening this Oct. 14-15 with the premiere of Chicago Stories at the Green Mill and the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago.

As programs like Amazon’s Mozart in the Jungle (MITJ) bring a renewed interest in the classical genre to a non-traditional audience, what many think of as “old” music on period instruments, tell a story, revamp and founder and artistic director. “Not a soul had ever heard anything like Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos or Beethoven’s nine symphonies before they were given to an ensemble to play for an audience. They were experimenting — stretching the capabilities of both instruments and musicians. We decided to follow the example of our heroes and namemakers by creating an experience that makes sure their music, and many others remain relevant to today’s eclectic music audience.”

Bringing together composers, writers, and musicians with community heroes, Chicago Stories weaves together music and vocals in six original compositions that expose the underbelly of the cultures, customs, and creativity that fuels this historically diverse city of sanctuary and hope.

Through Chicago Stories, the audience learns about the Alvarez Brothers and their renaissance to follow the example of our heroes and namemakers for the Pilsen Latin Jazz scene. They then take a journey through the harrowing escape from the war-torn Middle East of members of the Assyrian immigrant community, who finally found refuge in the neighborhoods of Rogers Park and Lincolnwood.

Finally, the audience scales the wall along with a group of minority women in executive leadership roles who crushed their glass ceilings to reach the top positions in their chosen careers.

Chicago Stories premieres on 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Univ. of Illinois, East Terrace, UIC Student Center East, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. Advance tickets for the UIC performance available at chicagostories.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets will also be scattered throughout the various buildings.

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questions about the qualifications of the private security firms hired to patrol public events after the June 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting.

Our interest then was in knowing how the city would confirm that Chicago Pride Parade organizers would provide a promised 160 off-duty police officers for parade security.

Ald. Tom Tunney’s 44th Ward office referred us to Chicago Special Events Management, which stated “Our security service is licensed, bonded and insured, and we have the necessary personnel to carry firearms, a few are certified...but non-carrying firearms. All are certified security personnel.”

No one ever answered our questions about how the city would confirm that organizers provided all of the officers they promised to or how the city would ensure the guards’ qualifications.

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neighborhood segregation policy of the time, the development was intended for whites only. As the development matured, it became more racially integrated.

In recent decades, the Lathrop Homes have been subject to many of the same problems of increasing crime as other housing projects in Chicago, including narcotics trafficking and gang activity. The housing project was dominated by the Latin Kings and The Deuces street gangs in later years.

The first construction permit for the redevelopment was issued in June for a new six-story, 59-unit structure at 2737 N. Hoyne Ave. Located south of Diversey, the new mid-rise building will eventually be joined by a second, similarly-sized development to its immediate west.

The Lathrop Homes master plan will see the demolition of existing buildings and new construction on the site south of Diversey Pkwy while the collection of 14 original buildings north of Diversey will be preserved and renovated.

According to the city, the first phase of the redevelopment will deliver 151 units public housing, 91 affordable units, and 161 market rate apartments. The mixed-income residences will be scattered throughout the various buildings.