

How very little can be done under the spirit of fear.
— Florence Nightingale

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Edgewater Library exterior artwork finally announced



New mural at the Edgewater Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Library staff was left in the dark on Brooklyn artist's work

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB ZULEY

For many weeks, this reporter pestered the Edgewater Library staff regularly for information on the artwork being affixed to the exterior wall facing Broadway. And for an equal amount of time, the library staff was unable to furnish basic background information on the artwork and the artist.

Now, the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE] has revealed that it has collaborated with the Chicago Public Art Group and New York visual artist and Japanese-American Tomokazu Matsuyama, 48, to create "Our Way Bloom," a mural vividly portraying the faces of Edgewater.

A mix of races, genders and skin colors now gaze from the front of the contemporary brick library building, opened on June 22, 2013.

Brightly colored stripes in various widths and hues stretch behind the images while dazzling birds and flowers frame the faces. Matsuyama created the mural by painting each image — bird, flower or person — by hand using acrylic

paint on canvas.

While DCASE had one idea, Matsuyama persevered until his creation was installed on the front of the building surrounding most of the windows and doors.

The images were printed onto polyester cloth panels for installation on plywood panels affixed to aluminum rails mounted on the wall. The enlarged images remain so clear that brush strokes remain obvious in the work.

Because Matsuyama isn't from Chicago, his staff had to research Edgewater and the city's history. "Chicago has developed its own character and voice in the art world," Matsuyama says, with "fantastic large-scale public works." Creating art that speaks for Chicago's residents was a task the New Yorker took seriously.

"I'm so grateful that I'm being invited to represent a community," Matsuyama said. "It's a lot to take in and I feel very responsible for that."

Matsuyama is influenced by a variety of subjects, including Japanese art from the Edo and Meiji eras, classical Greek and Roman statuary, French Renaissance painting, post war contemporary art, and the visual language of global, popular culture as embodied by mass-produced commodities.



The City of Chicago has hosted just two charrette meetings held last October and December at Furama Restaurant, 4936 N. Broadway, to provide information on a new upzoning plan on Broadway between Devon and Montrose avenues.

City announces new virtual Broadway planning meeting

Property owners to be notified before matter goes to City Council, Edgewater Chamber noncommittal on zoning change

BY BOB ZULEY

In a new development, Peter Strazzabosco, Deputy Commissioner of the Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD], has announced that the city will now schedule a live virtual webinar online presentation concerning the Broadway Land Use Planning process in late January that will include an open question and answer period.

The DPD has so far hosted just two charrette meetings held in October and December at Furama Restaurant, 4936 N. Broadway, ostensibly to provide information on a new upzoning plan on Broadway between Devon and Montrose.

However, this reporter attended both meetings and they came

across as chaotic and unorganized attempts to obfuscate a new zoning plan designed to promote new high-density development at the expense of existing small business owners — the ultimate goal of which may be an increase in the property tax base.

The city hopes to create higher density on the street, similar to an even larger upzoning plan they've initiated on Western Ave.

The charrettes allowed attendees to place comments on sticky notes on poster-display boards which were reportedly reviewed by DPD personnel at a later time.

It is unclear if there were any independent, outside observers from the target area with no City Hall ties invited to participate in this review, and any debate that may have occurred over the writ-

ten comments.

Strazzabosco said the upcoming webinar "will accommodate people who have expressed their preference for a more presenta-

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tion-oriented format." He said a recording of the webinar "will be made available online, alongside other meeting and study materials" that DPD suggests helps interested parties to "engage and stay informed about the process."

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Chicago has 'work to do' despite lower violent crime numbers in 2024

THE CENTER SQUARE

Chicago's police superintendent says he is proud of his department for its progress, but he also says there is still work to be done.

Superintendent Larry Snelling announced the city's reduced violent crime numbers for 2024 this week. Police reported an 8% reduction in murders, a 7% reduction in shootings, and a 4% reduction in shooting victims compared with 2023.

Snelling cited a year-over-year reduction in robberies and said officers took 12,700 guns off the street.

"There's a lot of hard, dangerous work that goes into that, and

our officers make us proud every single day as they do this type of work," Snelling said.

With more than 570 murders in 2024, police in Chicago reported fewer than 600 murders for the first time since 2019.

Snelling noted the city's progress but said there is still work to do.

"We still have to go out and make sure that everyone feels safe across this city, no matter what neighborhood you're in. Every single citizen of the city of Chicago deserves that, and that's what we're here for, to fight for their safety," Snelling explained.

The superintendent recalled Officers Luis Huesca, James Crowley and Enrique Martinez, who died in the line of duty in 2024. Crowley passed away in August after suffering catastrophic injuries in a 1987 crash. Huesca was shot to death on April 21, 2024, and Martinez was fatally shot on Nov. 4, 2024.

Snelling thanked those who supported police and their families and said officers have joined citizens across the city in mourning victims.

"Because we understand this

type of trauma as a police department and our loss, we also understand the losses and the trauma to families across the city, and these are the things that we want to put an end to," Snelling said.

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson joined Snelling to announce the reduced crime statistics.

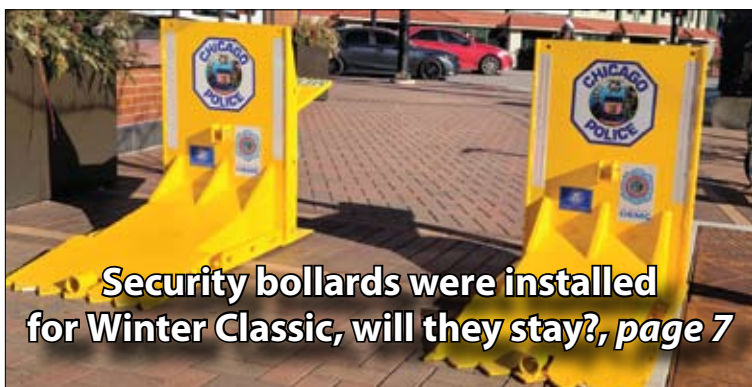
"This year certainly reflects a coordinated effort and a coordinated plan that has been driven by people and our place-based approach," Johnson said.

The mayor thanked the police and alluded to other areas of his administration.

"Additionally, this year's reductions, though, were the result of activating what I have called often, 'the full force of government,'" Johnson said.

HeyJackass.com, a site that independently collects Chicago crime data, reported somewhat different crime statistics than the Chicago Police Department. That's because the site counts homicides, which are technically different from murders. Murder is a legal term meaning that a person intentionally and unlawfully

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Security bollards were installed for Winter Classic, will they stay?, page 7

Archer vehicle barriers outside Wrigley Field.

Photo by Bob Zuley

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The nuns had bigger fish to fry in the 1950s



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Oh my, what devilment the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] is up to regarding our tragic Mayor "Teachers Pet" Johnson.

A day doesn't go by that they aren't embroiled in some controversy. Makes me thankful I was taught by Sinsinawa Dominican nuns through all of my grammar school years.

They didn't need to control or manipulate Chicago's mayor in those days. They had bigger fish to fry in the 1950s. Satan.

Visitation Parish on Chicago's South Side had a kindergarten, grammar school and girls high school. There were 2500 students in the grammar school, alone, during the Baby Boomer era.

There must have been more than 100 nuns in the convent who taught among the parishes educational facilities. There were always some 65 to 70 students per classroom in the grammar school.

One nun per classroom was more than enough. Can you imagine what CTU members would have to say about that? Uplift High School in Uptown today has a 5 to 1 ratio of students to teachers, and they're still failing.

Our nuns, despite the skewed experience of professional comedians, weren't frazzled by the class sizes or compositions. They weren't cruel, despotic or nasty. They demonstrated codes of fairness, faith, understanding and devotion to the seas of students. All of whom learned to count, read, sing, pray, excel at sports and learn etiquette, discipline and moral judgement and geography.

The nuns never seemed to lose control of any situation in life. They never screamed or yelled. They were soft-spoken and prayerful in all they did. They loved learning and classroom success in their students. They were humble, self-effacing, pious, diligent, clever, wise and taught far into old age.

Most of all they had a lot of grace and common sense. Skilled diplomats, they remembered details. They knew your life story, your family problems and personal faults, all of which they tried to ease, understand and heal.

Nuns lived lives of prayer and devotion in and out of the classroom. They took vows of poverty, so they never carried a purse.

They vowed obedience and chastity as well. We all knew they were brides of Christ, so we were awed by their choice of a husband.

They didn't smoke or drink. So there was no ducking out for a cigarette.

They were kind to all. Even the nastiest of students. They always traveled in pairs, so we presumed they never got lost. Seeing them ride the bus was always a thrilling moment. Second only to their walking down your street.

They sang, played the classroom pianos, and always expected to be treated with respect. God only knows what the consequences would be if a student didn't. Certainly a trip to the principal's office. Or some confrontation with the local priests. Then a



Our nuns weren't frazzled by the class sizes or compositions.

round of punishment with parents at home.

All in all, school protocols, classroom etiquette and behaviors were all about growing up and acting your age. Making good decisions. We were never short on examining our consciences. And did so with daily frequency.

Catholics could be serious. Even the kids. Our educational world was for real. There was no room or patience for acting out. Breaking the rules. Or not being good.

Now, while this column has been critical of our sad mayor for being the puppet of the CTU, it's difficult to imagine the fabulous religious teachers some of us were lucky enough to have educate and form them, spending so much time taking care of their own private political and organizational agendas.

We simply can't picture little, chubby Sister Lamberta, the elegant Sister Roman or the refined and aged Sister Vita ever wasting our valuable class time on political hostage-taking, instead of precious reading and learning mathematics, phonics, religion or selling candy for the missions. Learning to sing "Turkey in the Straw" and the "Tantum Ergo" in Latin. That would always take precedent over political blackmail at union headquarters.

We needed learning time to say the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the Salve Regina, instead of plotting City Hall political revolutions. And we needed regular time for reading that helped us learn how valuable good reading skills would last all our lives, instead of fumbling our way, barely able to read a paragraph of literature.

We were fortunate to have been taught by educational professionals who actually cared more about the quality of student education than that of the over-the-top benefits they could grab from unethical folk who fancied themselves political leaders of government.

Or forcing the unprepared, unqualified candidates for high

public office on the public, and further damaging the prospects of education from taking place in Chicago schools.

The CTU has a lot to answer for. They stopped being the organization of educational merit when they abandoned their moral understanding of the classroom. Or the tragic affects of their stranglehold political agenda. Or their blind responsibility, trading effective classroom progress and skills for more cash at payday.

The disastrous cost of such perilous CTU politics has already arrived, not only with an inept mayor, but with students who will never regain their chance to read or measure correctly, or succeed in life, or know the world through the eyes of great writers and fresh thinkers.

In 1987, then-U.S. Sec. of Education William J. Bennett said that Chicago's public schools were the worst in the nation. Now, nearly 40 years later, CPS absenteeisms, test scores, and graduation rates are still some of the worst in the land.

Mayor "Teachers Pet" Johnson is not alone in the boat of Chicago's damaged governance, that vessel is loaded with uncaring school management, principals and teachers, and educationally damaged students who never had a chance.



Paul Alivisatos

HONOR: Dec. 19 U. of Chicago President **Paul Alivisatos** was named one of this year's winners of the Enrico Fermi Presidential Award—one of the most prestigious science and technology honors bestowed by the U.S. government. A pioneering figure in the field of nanoscience, Alivisatos shares the honor with Prof. **Héctor D. Abruña** of Cornell U. and **John H. Nuckolls**, the former director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Created in 1956, the award recognizes individuals who have made fundamental contributions to energy science and technology.

CHICAGOANS IN 2025: Cheer up. Don't let the continuation of mayoral ineptitude break you. This too shall eventually pass. But keep track of the mistakes, outrages, financial blunders,

commercial failures and moments of horrors, waste, mismanagement and fatal misjudgments. They must each be resolved. And sooner better than later. Despite the tragic mis-steps and mistakes, we will survive. Chicagoans are strong, savvy urbanites. We must halt this misbegotten leadership. So keep going to the opera, symphony and theater. Support the arts, the homeless and the hungry. Let's work towards resolution.

NOT SAFE: They are more dangerous than you may know. Last year the city passed a new ordinance that may prevent deadly fires by requiring safety certification for electric scooters, e-bikes, and powered mobility device batteries. Lithium-ion batteries are the leading cause of fires in New York City. It is vital for the city to act now to regulate the safety of these batteries, and EV users, before more tragedies happen in Chicago. Maybe next we can license and test the driving skills of bike and scooter users. E-vehicles are some of the most dangerous modes of transportation in use today.

ELEGANT CHICAGO: A light has truly gone out in the Marquee of Chicago with **Bonnie McGrath's** death. She was one of those people who seemed to be everywhere, all the time, all at once taking in Chicago's diverse cultural scene - whether music, museums, lectures. She always had a smile and a wry word each time we saw her. She was truly devoted to her daughter and made sure she also was living her best life. God rest your soul, Bonnie, you will be deeply missed.

GREAT TOAST: Irish soda bread, a staple, and great the next day with salmon and butter, thanks **AnnMcCoy**.

WHO'S WHERE: **Bobbi Panter, Sebastian Steve Albergo, Larry Meacham and Matt**

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ICE challenge to mayor, governor: 'You don't want me to be there, come get me'

Study shows 530K illegal aliens in Illinois, Feds ready to move on Chicago

BY W.J. KENNEDY
Chicago CityWire

New research by the Center for Immigration Studies [CIS] shows that there are close to 8 million illegal immigrants in sanctuary states, and a whopping 530,000 in Illinois, a sanctuary state. Nationwide, Illinois comes in fifth on that list.

According to CIS's Jason Richwine, sanctuary laws in Chicago and Illinois will present a hurdle for incoming border czar Tom Homan, who has said he plans to deport those in the country illegally, starting first in Chicago.

"When President Trump begins his efforts to deport illegal immigrants in January, he will need to overcome 'sanctuary jurisdictions' that do not fully cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE]," said Richwine.

"Sanctuary jurisdictions are state or local governments that frustrate enforcement by 'refusing to or prohibiting agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers.'"

All together, CIS estimates that 56.3% of illegals reside in sanctuary states and cities. California, a longtime haven for illegal aliens, leads the list with more than 3 million.

Illegal aliens have become a drain on government resources, especially in Chicago, which is wrestling with overspending and bloated budgets. Additionally, some illegal aliens pose a criminal threat to the North Side, and citywide.

It's Shared Cost Sidewalk season

It's that time of year again - for the annual the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. The program will open for new applications on Jan. 13, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The program typically reaches capacity within the day - constituents are encouraged to apply through 311 (phone, online, or apps) early in the application window to secure a spot. Property owners will pay a price per square-foot for new sidewalk that is well below what a private contractor would charge. The scope of the program may include the main walk, the existing courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb) and existing landing steps (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb).

Citizens don't need to pay a bill until after the sidewalk has been surveyed and a bill emailed/mailed to the constituent, typically during late spring or early summer. Repair occurs during summer or fall. For more information, call 312-744-1746 or visit <https://311.chicago.gov>.

One expert on the Venezuelan gang TdA recently predicted that the gang would expand its criminal operations with targeted assassinations.

Jose Gustavo Arocha, a senior fellow for the Center for a Secure Free Society and former lieutenant colonel in the Venezuelan army, told Fox News Digital that the group is already behind assassinations in Venezuela and in other parts of Latin America.

"That's what will happen here in the U.S.," he warns. Arocha is urging the incoming Trump administration to act quickly against the gang.

According to Arocha, who fled the country after being imprisoned by socialist Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro for eight months, TdA is a "state-sponsored, Maduro regime organization," formed and trained by the Venezuelan government to

sow chaos, violence and discord throughout the Western hemisphere.

Jessica Vaughan, Director of policy studies at CIS, says that the TdA assassinations in the U.S.

Vaughan agreed with Arocha that sanctuary policies are especially harmful to efforts to combat TdA.

"The sanctuary policies have to go," she said. "It's critical that

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have already begun.

She pointed to the case of TdA member Yurwin Salazar who she said beat, tortured and killed a former Venezuelan police officer named Jose Luis Sanchez Valera in Miami in Nov. 2023. In addition to the murder, Salazar also stole the former police officer's life savings.

these local law enforcement agencies are able to share information with ICE and vice versa."

For his part, Homan recently delivered a blunt challenge regarding deportations to Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson - who have both vowed to protect their illegal aliens from the federal

government's plans to deport them.

NBC 5 News reported that Homan said Pritzker and Johnson will cooperate with the new administration's efforts or face the consequences. They reported Homan as saying, "Well guess where Tom Homan's going to be day one? Chicago, Illinois. You don't want me to be there? Come get me."

Founded in 1985, The Center for Immigration Studies is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit, research organization. They claim that they have a single mission - providing immigration policymakers, the academic community, news media, and concerned citizens with reliable information about the social, economic, environmental, security, and fiscal consequences of legal and illegal immigration into the United States.



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Our beef is dipped and hot

[Your story of Jan. 1] made me hungry for an Italian beef from Patio Beef, 6022 N. Broadway, and especially hungry for more truth in zoning after reading about the slipshod handling of zoning for a small business.

As a former small business lender, I know these family enterprises need help and support and not secret attacks by policy-driven city departments. The quote that really got to me was the longtime employee and now proud owner say to his family "this could be yours one day." Hard work simply must be respected.

But it is an expression heard from many neighbors who have invested over 30 years in their homes or businesses with the intent of passing them on to family members. Then along comes massive rezoning efforts.

Individual property ownership is a long-held wealth transfer mechanism that works the

old-fashioned way, with justice, equity, and wealth creation from "sweat equity" along with providing jobs and retirement security. But some high flying think tanks are partnering with real estate developers to deploy an upzoning strategy to wreck the best made plans of small business. Big new towers are a-coming.

This platform policy has swept our nation away in a cloud of mystery and harmful results. Collateral damage is bad for our neighborhood and the people who built these businesses and live there. Housing can and will be built without the political thumbs on the scale of zoning law.

Abusive zoning processes are just plain wrong. Let's try something different for a change. Let's be upfront. That's our beef.

Tim Carew
Old Town

Those carefree golden days are fiction

I take issue with Thomas O'Gorman's [Dec. 1] column. I do see us as gaping with mouths agape in collective horror at the expectation our worst fears will be realized. I can agree that the school board president was railroaded and that there are "some pretty shifty styles of management," which desperately need changing.

However, O'Gorman claims in the days of yore under our former Mayors he deliberately or conveniently omitted Harold Washington.

I'd like to remind your readers that someone named Daley cheated our City out of millions, now billions, of dollars in parking meter revenues for decades to come, and closed Meigs Field in the dead of the night. Another mayor ignored urgent messages that the underground was flooding, inundating many businesses and City vital records.

When Rahm was new to his position and visiting the 19th District Chicago Police Station, I told him the brand-new mattresses were being cut up and slept inside (rather than on top of) by arrestees. He told me never to bring him a problem unless I also

brought two solutions. Hmm, I'd thought he had a cadre of people who could be counted on to do that — I hadn't realized it was the taxpayer's job, and it was discouraging.

O'Gorman reveals his prejudices in his scornful referral to "sworn members of the socialist party." I doubt the kids today — the next generation which will take the reins of power — care about your bygone times and grievances, but they do care intensely about who left the waters fouled and the air clogged with particulate matter. Or do you have some young people in mind with "impressive names...talented politicians and non-politicos who have the brains, skills, and hearts to create and sustain exciting leadership," and you are coyly playing those cards close to your vest?

A lot of us are exhausted by Johnson's machinations, it's true, but at this point functional, dependable, and boring politicians would be preferable to exciting.

O'Gorman's carefree golden days are fiction, and are a deliberate distortion of the truth. Chicago has been through hell and high water. Downtown basements flooded because our leaders ignored alarming reports of leakage in the pipes below deck, which became an unmanageable torrent. We don't need Johnson, but we can do better than the likes of either Rich Daley.

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CDOT forms new policy division, ongoing survey gives citizens a chance at Festivus

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] says they have restructured their operations and have created a new Division of Planning and Policy. And as a part of that restructuring, they are now seeking public input on what they may be doing right and wrong.

There are 11 divisions at CDOT that participate in organizing its work. They are now seeking public input through an online survey to help define priorities and judge the value of current and future projects.

Those projects include roadway and intersection re-configurations; the value - or lack thereof - of privileged bike paths and exclusive Greenways for bikes and scooters; how to build back trust in a public transportation system now suffering from rider security

fears; establishing the value of, and mitigating traffic problems created by bus-only road lane closures, and how to alleviate the ongoing dissipation of commercial street parking.

This is a chance for citizens to celebrate Festivus, with an airing of grievances, expressing disappointment in CDOT and providing feedback on how citizen taxpayers can get more value out of CDOT's efforts, and how they allocate taxpayer-supported resources.

To take the survey, visit <https://webapps4.chicago.gov/eforms/cdotplanningpolicysurvey>. The deadline to submit a response is Jan. 31.

The purpose of the new Division is to lead long-range planning, policy, and engagement efforts at CDOT with an emphasis

on projects and programs that integrate transportation modes, build partnerships with citizens, and plan for current and future issues.

Through the survey, CDOT hopes to better understand the issues citizens have with their policies and programs, and what taxpayers would like to see them research, develop or stop doing.

This survey may be one of the few chances normal citizens have of influencing the Division of Planning and Policy regarding transportation program implementation and development; community engagement and accountability, and planning for passenger and freight rail, transit facilities, mega-projects, and coming redesigns of roadway intersections.

Unaffordable affordable housing

BY PATRICK ANDRIESEN
Center for Poverty Solutions

Mayor Brandon Johnson's first affordable housing development is costing \$700,000 per apartment unit in a neighborhood where existing units sell for \$126,583, according to public records.

It also compares to the \$500,000 cost of building a luxury apartment downtown and on the North Side.

But the "affordable" housing project is not downtown: it is in one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods. Taxpayers will spend \$30.6 million to build the 44-unit complex, an investigation found.

The development is called CARE Manor and is now under construction at 4531-55 W. Washington Blvd. in the West Garfield Park community. It will cost \$695,682 per unit.

For comparison, 29 of the 44 units will be two-bedroom apartments. Zillow estimates the average market value of a two-bedroom home located in the same 60624 ZIP code was \$126,583 in September.

The typical cost of building an upscale apartment in downtown Chicago ranged between \$450,000 and \$500,000 per unit, according to Crain's Chicago Business.

GMA Construction Group, a longtime city contractor started by Chicagoan Cornelius Griggs, will receive \$1.16 million for building CARE Manor. It could be more if costs rise, because GMA is to be paid a percentage of the final construction cost of the apartment building.

Ethics laws forbid city contractors to donate to siting mayors, but Johnson received three contributions totaling \$10,000 after he took office from Kyla Griggs, whose address was the same as GMA's headquarters, 3520 S. Morgan St. Cornelius Griggs has a daughter named Kyla who has interned for the company.

Johnson returned \$3,100 of the \$10,000 campaign contribution to Kyla Griggs as of Dec. 2024. State records note it was a refund of an amount over the contribution limit. The \$3,100 was part of \$46,500 accepted from city contractors by Johnson as an "oversight" that was returned to them. No explanation was available as to why Johnson did not return the other \$6,900 from Kyla Griggs.

When reached for comment, a lawyer for GMA said the company has never violated Chicago ethics laws and has never contributed to Johnson's campaign committee.

United for Better Living, a nonprofit overseeing the development of this first affordable housing project under Johnson's new program, will collect nearly \$1.7 million in developer fees from the project.

The non-profit is run by the Rev. David Todd Whittle, who also serves as the senior pastor at the Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ down the street from the development.

Whittle is also one of the 10 appointed commissioners on the Public Building Commission of Chicago, which was formed to oversee the construction and renovation of municipal buildings and infrastructure but did not

have authority over the CARE Manor project. He has been on the commission since 2016 since he was appointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Mayor Johnson is the commission chair.

United for Better Living did not respond to requests for comment.

CARE Manor is Johnson's project using his Housing and Economic Development bond program. Of the \$30.6 million, \$9.5 million is from local tax increment financing districts.

"We're taking bold steps to address the housing crisis by investing in developments that will bring more affordable homes to communities across Chicago," Johnson said. "These projects are a testament to our commitment to ensuring every resident has a safe, affordable place to call home, while fostering inclusive growth in our neighborhoods."

The Chicago Dept. of Housing's spokesman said a few factors have increased the cost of CARE Manor and other affordable housing developments in the city.

"The construction costs for affordable housing in general are influenced by several factors, including rising material costs, higher interest rates and their financial structure," housing spokesman Rima Alammarae wrote.

"Our affordable housing developments are also typically smaller, with 50-60 units, which does not allow for the economies of scale that larger high-rise, market-rate developments can benefit from."

Alammarae said the per-unit cost of CARE Manor will be higher than the \$126,583 two-bedroom market rate because the development will have 14 three-bedroom units. One apartment will have a single bedroom. She said the construction costs for affordable housing are also typically higher than market-rate housing.

"Aside from this not being the case due to its financial structure and nature, affordable hous-

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(L-R) North Town Village, an early effort to build mixed-income housing near Cabrini in 2000 and 2001. A rendering of what the CHA is planning to build in 2025 on vacant land at Cabrini-Green.

Developers tried to save Cabrini-Green two decades ago



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Second of two articles on the future of Cabrini Green.

Two decades ago, private developers tried to kick-start a redevelopment on the edge of the infamous Cabrini-Green public housing development just south of the Old Town neighborhood.

Launched in 2000, the development was an experiment with a new concept called “mixed-income housing.” However, the 261-unit North Town Village, at Halsted and Evergreen streets received mixed reviews.

Built in 2000 and 2001, the 7-acre development consisting of a mix of rental apartments, condominiums, stacked duplexes, coach houses, and townhomes—was only a stone’s throw from Cabrini-Green—one of the nation’s most troubled public-housing neighborhoods. Cabrini-Green was razed in stages in the mid-2000s.

True to the spirit of Chicago as a melting pot, North Town Village was designed to draw everyone—from nearby families living in subsidized housing, to upscale professionals—all of whom could enjoy the neighborhood’s great location and new upscale amenities.

The housing plan for North

Town Village called for 50% market-rate units, 20% affordable housing—rental, and for-sale units for families earning up to 120% of the Area Median Income. About 30% of the units were planned as public-housing replacement units dispersed throughout the project.

The rental phase consisted of a seven-story mid-rise, two six-flats, and a pair of eight-flats. There were a total of 116 one-bedroom to four-bedroom rental units built in all. In addition, the developers sold 145 town homes, duplexes, condominiums, and coach houses clustered on a cul-de-sac in a parklike setting.

Some public-housing renters were mixed into buildings with affordable and market-rate renters. The development also featured two new parks and was close to high-brow shopping along nearby North Ave.

In 2000, the developers said they were hopeful the North Town Village mission—offering architectural diversity, sensitivity to the able and disabled, comparable quality of construction for all units, and friendliness to the pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist—would be adopted.

The goal back then was to create an environment that was friendly, well-constructed, and well managed, involving maximum participation by residents in all aspects of the development.

Unfortunately, more than a decade later, in 2014, the developers’ goals had not been achieved.

According to one North Town Village duplex-condo owner: “It’s like living in a low-rise Cabrini-Green. There are shootings in the

summer time. One public housing tenant runs an illegal candy store out of her apartment, and there is no drug testing for low-income renters.”

In addition, during the Great Recession of 2007 through 2011, the management’s resident-screening program appeared to have slipped, the market-rate condo owner said. “Two-bedroom apartments originally designed for four people often were being occupied by as many as 10 relatives and friends,” she complained.

A private investor in one building complained that his public-housing renter chopped a six-foot hole in the living room wall because he wanted his big-screen TV fashionably recessed.

Currently, on the positive side, shopping, entertainment, and nightlife opportunities now abound in the upscale neighborhoods surrounding North Town Village.

Today, the development is within a short stroll of the Steppenwolf Theater on Halsted St. and the Second City cabaret in Old Town.

Back then, in the mid-2000s, the nearby North/Clybourn/Halsted shopping district featured an Apple store, Whole Foods, Crate and Barrel, Starbucks, salons and other upscale retail shops and boutiques.

A second shopping area, at Division St. and Clybourn Ave., boasted a new 24-hour grocery store and an upscale Target store. A new library, police station, public schools, and improved parks also were part of Chicago’s bold

new Near North Redevelopment Initiative.

Is the new CHA plan a mistake?

Despite the overall failure of Cabrini-Green, and the eventual razing of the property, in 2025 the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] appears to be determined to repeat its mistake.

The CHA wants to build 4,080 new affordable units on the vacant Cabrini-Green land south of North Ave., and the units are not all proposed as low-rise buildings and row houses. The notorious high-rises and mid-rises are part of the plan. Most are affordable residences, and likely will include hundreds of Section-8 public-housing units.

Cabrini-Green was launched in the late 1940s as a “social experiment,” patterned after federal government’s Marshall Plan high-rise construction designed to rebuild Germany after World War II.

Over the next three decades, Cabrini-Green quickly became synonymous with poverty, gang

violence and neglect. At its peak, the development consisted of 23 high-rise buildings that housed more than 15,000 low-income residents.

In the beginning, Elizabeth Wood, head of CHA from 1937 through 1954, insisted on careful screening of the applicants. “In selecting Black tenants for public housing, the CHA looked particularly for former military officers with combat records, and wives known to be good housekeepers,” wrote Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor in “American Pharaoh,” a book published by Little, Brown and Co. in 2000.

Unfortunately, the CHA abandoned Wood’s careful attention to tenant selection. The principle behind Wood’s tenant-selection process was that housing projects would only be healthy communities when careful thought was given to the tenants who would be allowed to move in.

“It only takes a very few, very antisocial people to make a floor or a building or a project unsatis-

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Time to pay up for Permit Parking

New prices are now in effect for Permit Parking zones at the Chicago City Clerk’s Office.

Residents Only Parking permit fees are going up 20% in 2025 to \$30, while guest passes are going up 88% to \$15.

Adding zone parking to your City Sticker increased from \$25 to \$30. In 2026, it will increase again to \$35. For eligible seniors, the zone parking will be frozen at \$25.

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Police Beat...

Two charged after cops recover four firearms, including a rifle and machine gun, on Mag Mile



Mugshots of Erick Griffith, left, and Davion Thomas. Courtesy Cook County Sheriff's Office

Chicago cops investigating a wanted vehicle on the Magnificent Mile arrested two men and recovered four loaded firearms, including a machine gun and a rifle, according to CPD reports.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered Davion Thomas, 21, and Erick Griffith, 24, detained as public safety risks on Dec. 31.

Around 3 p.m. on Monday, officers went to the area of Walton and Michigan to look for a white GMC Acadia that had fled from police and was allegedly occupied by someone with a rifle, the reports said. They found the car in the 100 block of E. Walton, not far from the Drake Hotel.

As officers looked over the car, they saw Thomas walk out of a nearby store. When he saw the cops, he clutched his waist and started running as the police walked toward him, according to his arrest report.

The police caught up with him in the 100 block of E. Delaware. While they took him into custody, a loaded handgun equipped with an illegal machine gun switch and outfitted with a drum-style magazine fell from his waistband, his arrest report said.

Thomas allegedly told the police that he carried the gun for protection, and he knew it had a switch that allowed it to generate automatic gunfire.

He is charged with unlawful use of a machine gun and possession of a defaced firearm.

Meanwhile, officers responding to the suspicious vehicle call allegedly saw Griffith ditch a stolen pistol in a planter on the 900 block of N. Michigan. His arrest report said he had the GMC's key fob in his pocket.

Inside the vehicle, police allegedly found another loaded handgun with an extended ammunition magazine and a short-barreled "ghost" rifle.

Prosecutors charged Griffith with two counts of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and possession of a stolen firearm.

Man charged for retail thefts in Lake View

Maxwell Antonian, 25, of the 2700 block of W. Harrison St., has been charged with eight felony counts of Retail Theft after he was arrested on Dec. 31, 2024, in 900 block of W. Addison St.



The arrest follows a long-term police investigation. Antonian was identified as an offender who entered a retail store multiple times and stole merchandise from within.

The incidents occurred last year at the same location: 3100 block of N. Clark St., and include thefts on Aug. 5 and 16, and two thefts on both Aug. 17 and 27, and Sept. 2, 2024 all during evening and night hours.

Antonian was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Off-duty cop carjacked at gunpoint on Cortland

An off-duty police officer was carjacked at gunpoint on Cortland in Bucktown on Jan. 2.

The 26-year-old officer was walking in the 1900 block of W. Cortland when four armed men got out of a red sedan around 10:46 p.m., officials said. The hijackers took the man's bag and his black 2014 Mercedes soft-top convertible. CPD said the victim was not injured.

He described the hijackers as Black males between 16 and 20 years old. The group's leader wore a red jacket and a black ski mask. According to a preliminary investigation, the red car that the group got out of may have been a newer model Kia with Florida temporary plates.

Probation for man who allegedly hijacked banking apps on the Magnificent Mile

A man accused of stealing cash by posing as a charity solicitor and hijacking the Zelle accounts of people who agreed to donate has been sentenced to two years of "second chance probation."



Kyr Walker

Last spring, prosecutors said Kyr Walker, 21, and Lamar Smith, 24, worked as a team on the Magnificent Mile, commandeering banking apps and transferring large sums of money without permission outside the Nike Store, 669 N. Michigan Ave.

On March 20, a 20-year-old Gold Coast resident told police that two men took his phone as he accessed his Chase app outside the Nike Store. Smith blocked the victim from taking his phone back while Walker transferred \$500 from the victim's bank account, a CPD report said.

Smith and Walker worked with a third man as they targeted a 37-year-old Uptown man at the same location on April 6, prosecutors claimed. The victim told the police he was walking when three men asked him for donations. He agreed to transfer \$5 to their cause, but officials said Walker snatched away his phone after he unlocked the Bank of America app. Walker Zelled \$2,000 from the man's account to an account with a woman's name, according to his CPD arrest report.

The second victim told police that he continued to receive text messages from the robbers, "taunting" him for being suckered.

According to the report, the victims identified Walker in photo line-ups. Detectives forwarded his information to cops in the Lakeview-based Town Hall 19th District because similar crimes had been reported along the Clark St. bar strip in Wrigleyville. Officers assigned to the area for Cubs games arrested Walker weeks later.

Walker struck a good deal with prosecutors: They dropped four counts of robbery, the most serious charges he faced, and he pleaded guilty to two counts of felony theft by deception.

Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer handed Walker the "second-chance probation" sentence, ordering him to get a GED and perform 40 hours of community service, according to court records. Walker will not have a conviction on his record and will be eligible to have the matter expunged if he completes probation.

Smith continues to fight the charges filed against him.

Commercial burglaries downtown

Chicago police are warning local businesses of a recent, related rash of commercial burglaries in the Loop, South Loop, and River North neighborhoods.

In each of the incidents unknown offenders broke the front glass door

or side window of business with use of a metal fire hydrant cap before making entry and taking property from inside business.

Business cash registers were taken in each incident. Additionally, a hydrant cap was left at scene in two of the incidents.

Incidents include one in the 0-100 block of N. Wells St on Dec. 25, at 10:25 p.m.; the 900 block of S. Wabash Ave. 6:14 a.m. Dec. 26, and one in the 300 block of W. Grand Ave. on December 25-26, from 9 p.m. to 6:54 a.m.

The offenders are described as two Caucasian males in their 20s wearing hooded sweatshirts.

Those who may have any information, can contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use Reference # 24-3-068.

Citing recent terror attacks, alderman demands better protection from vehicular attacks at neighborhood festivals

The hearts of many police supervisors skipped a beat during the 2015 Chicago Pride Parade when a man drove his car through a crowd of people at Halsted and Addison and headed into the oncoming parade marchers.

A police officer shattered the back window of the car and a Chicago Fire Dept. worker pulled the 60-year-old driver from behind the wheel. Remarkably, there were no reported injuries, and authorities later released the driver without filing any charges. He had no ill intentions, officials said.

Since that incident, city organizers have dramatically increased security at the annual parade. They are well aware that someone with more sinister intentions could have caused much pain and suffering on that early summer afternoon. Snowplows loaded with salt now serve as barricades on many streets that cross the parade path, with some blocks protected by multiple layers of plows.

More recently, CPD has deployed yellow metal street barricades known as Meridian barriers—yellow steel wedges designed to disable and stop speeding vehicles that try to breach the barricade.

Now, in the wake of the New Years Day terrorist attack on Bourbon St. that killed 15 people in New Orleans, a Chicago alderman wants many of the security measures seen at recent Pride Parades to become standard procedure at street festivals across the city.

In addition to the New Orleans attack, Ald. Raymond Lopez [15th] also cited a similar attack in Germany last month where "five people were killed and two hundred injured because a lunatic with a vehicle decided to attack people enjoying outdoor spaces."

"We must take measures now to prevent Chicago from joining this list," Lopez Tweeted on Jan. 2. "I am calling on [the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events] to require all street fairs and festivals permitted in 2025 to have mobile vehicle barriers instead of the Type III wood/plastic barricades currently used to close off streets."

Lopez said he wants festivals protected by the same barriers the city deployed during the Democratic National Convention in August.

"Time is not on our side when it comes to terrorists looking to exploit weaknesses within our planning," Lopez said. "We must learn from these events and plan accordingly if we want these hundreds of neighborhood events to continue in the most American of American cities."

Three suspects detained after another armed robbery spree sweeps across town

Police detained three suspects in the South Loop on Dec. 29 after another robbery spree rolled through neighborhoods from the West Loop to Humboldt Park. Whether the group



Mugshot of Matthew Hutcheson (inset) and a genuine U.S. Postal Service "arrow key."

Postal inspector busted mail thief after a three-day stakeout in the Loop

A U.S. Postal Inspector hunting a suspected mail thief spent three days on a stakeout before finally catching his man at 4 a.m. on Christmas Eve, according to Chicago police.

The postal inspector was looking for Matthew Hutcheson, 33, in connection with a burglary in the 400 block of N. Carpenter in the West Loop in August, a CPD report said. Hutcheson's luck ran out when the undercover inspector spotted him in the first block of E. Benton, near his Loop apartment.

The police report stated that Hutcheson had a postal service master key when the postal inspector arrested him. However, a separate criminal complaint said the key was a forged copy of a mail carrier's master key.

The police report stated that those keys, also known as "arrow keys," can open postal service blue boxes, apartment and condo mailbox panels, and "call boxes of almost all city of Chicago

was involved in the crimes remains to be seen. So far, Chicago police have not announced any charges against them.

Sunday's spree was the third since Dec. 27 that targeted the same part of town. At least three additional sprees have been reported in the area since Nov. 22, 2024.

The robberies on Dec. 29 began around 2:40 p.m. near the corner of Augusta and Pulaski. Four men dressed entirely in black jumped out of a blue sedan and robbed a street vendor of his wallet, according to preliminary information.

About 10 minutes later, three masked men armed with guns exited a blue Hyundai with Georgia license plates to rob another man near the corner of Division and Damen. Cops found the Hyundai abandoned around 4 p.m. in the 500 block of N. Albany.

Meanwhile, the robberies continued. Around 3:45 p.m., four robbers in their teens or early 20s got out of a white SUV and robbed a man of his AirPods and phone in the 1200 block of W. Fulton Market, a police report said.

At about 4 p.m., three masked men armed with at least one firearm hopped out of a white SUV and attacked a man from behind near the corner of Chicago Ave. and Ada St. They pistol-whipped and punched the man, who was later taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment, but they did not get any of his valuables.

Minutes later, three masked men in a white vehicle, believed to be a Volkswagen Tiguan with Florida license plates, robbed a man at gunpoint as he loaded his car in an alley behind the 1900 block of West Division.

Cops tracked the Volkswagen down using the city's network of license plate readers and detained three occupants at the BP station, 1221 S. Wabash, around 5:15 p.m.

While officers were investigating at the gas station, yet another robbery was reported on the corner of Western Ave. and Iowa St. around 5:20 p.m. Three masked men got out of a white

apartments and condominiums."

Experts say the stolen master keys, also known as "arrow keys," are used by theft crews that steal checks, credit cards, and documents to fuel identity theft operations.

Hutcheson is also accused of carrying an ID with his picture but another man's name and debit cards in another name. He's charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of a fraudulent ID, and misdemeanor resisting.

At the time of his arrest, Hutcheson was on pretrial release for another case in which he is accused of possessing five postal service master keys and a stolen U-Haul van in Edgewater on June 11, 2024.

Judge Susana Ortiz detained Hutcheson for violating pretrial release.

Witnesses who intervened in the mugging told police they thought the robbers escaped in a Hyundai SUV, but other information indicated that they used a sedan.

An officer who met with the last victim said he described the suspects as four or five White males wearing masks.

All of the other robbery suspects were described as Black males in their mid-teens to early 20s wearing black masks and black clothing.

Similar robbery sprees have been reported in the area in recent weeks. At least five people were robbed during a 45-minute spree on Dec. 28. At least seven people were robbed Dec. 27 during a two-hour crime spree that started on the West Side and then moved into Old Town and Lincoln Park. From late Christmas Eve into Christmas morning, three armed robberies were reported in Bucktown, Lincoln Park, and Avondale. At least nine people were mugged during a string of armed robberies on Dec. 21, 2024.

On Dec. 9, at least seven people, including an off-duty FBI agent, were robbed during a string of similar robberies in Bucktown, Humboldt Park, and West Town. And on and on Nov. 22-23, 2024, teams of armed robbers committed at least five armed robberies and carjackings in Logan Square, the West Loop, and Ukrainian Village.

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Security bollards were installed for Winter Classic, will they stay?

FBI warns of copycat attacks following NOLA attack

BY BOB ZULEY

Newly installed steel bollards surrounded Wrigley Field following the debacle in New Orleans early on New Year's Day. The security upgrade comes as the FBI issued a warning on "copycat or retaliatory attacks" following the deadly New Year's Day truck attack in New Orleans that claimed 14 lives and left three dozen injured.

The warning states that vehicle attacks "are likely to remain attractive for aspiring attackers given vehicles' ease of acquisition and the low skill threshold necessary to conduct an attack."

The City of Chicago has a \$2 million dollar contract for the

yellow 700-lb. steel Archer 1200 vehicle barriers. They were purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security.

Last week the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field hosted three conference games for the Frozen Confines Big Ten Hockey Series. It's unknown if the security bollards will be a permanent addition during this year's Chicago Cubs baseball season. The city has 170 barriers and is looking to buy more.

On Jan. 2, Ald. Ray Lopez [15th] said he would like to see the Archer barriers be required for permitted street festivals throughout Chicago. The city hosts about 370 festivals a year throughout the city. Some of the most popular include the Old Town Art Fair, Lollapalooza, Taste of Chicago, Pride Fest and Parade, Midsom-

marfest in Andersonville, North Center Ribfest, Market Days, the Chicago Marathon, Lincoln Square Octoberfest, and many other neighborhood festivals.

Every weekend on the North Side there are multiple big street events.

"There is a heightened sense of vigilance. You can tell when you talk to police officers," Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] told WGN. "We were the first city to pioneer salt spreaders [trucks] as mobile barriers, so we have a lot of experience here in Chicago."

"They are heavy duty. They are designed to prevent a vehicle going as fast as 60 miles an hour. When they hit that, the vehicle comes off the ground and it disables them," Hopkins said.

"Everyone is a little tense with what just happened, but I feel very safe here today," Hopkins



Archer vehicle barriers outside Wrigley Field. Photo by Bob Zuley

said. "I'm going to enjoy the game, probably no place is safer in Chicago right now with all the resources we have right here.

In the New Orleans attack, the

attacker simply drove around a parked police car onto a sidewalk beginning his deadly attack on Bourbon St.

Business burglars get sentences of 4 to 10 years

BY CWBCHICAGO

Perhaps no crime has caused more frustration across Chicago this year than the seemingly endless nighttime burglaries of businesses, usually restaurants and bars. CPD has released dozens of community alerts about various burglary teams this year, but very few arrests have been made.

Through Dec. 22, restaurant burglaries were up 18% over last year. Tavern and liquor store break-ins were up 24%, and small retail stores were up 32%, according to CPD data.

This month, two men accused separately of being serial business burglars reached plea deals with prosecutors. A third recently pleaded guilty to burglarizing and robbing businesses. Here's a look at how they fared in court...

In June 2023, prosecutors accused Charvale Bass of burglarizing a dozen restaurants and stores across Wicker Park, Humboldt Park, and West Town. During overnight hours, Bass used rocks, bricks, or chunks of concrete to break windows or glass doors of businesses, officials said. He crawled through the openings, stole cash registers and safes, and frequently escaped in a silver Nissan.

Shortly before his arrest, Chicago police secured a warrant to install a GPS tracker on the Nissan. Three days later, the tracker allegedly showed Bass' vehicle at the scene of three burglaries.

Finally, detectives put the car under surveillance and watched as Bass allegedly broke into Slide Bar, 939 S. Western Ave., at 4 a.m. May 31, 2023. Bass bailed out of the car as cops moved in, then ran



Mugshots: Left to right: Charvale Bass, Jaylen Smith, and Timothy Jackson. Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

into a building and tried to escape by jumping from the third floor. Police arrested him after he landed ungracefully.

In addition to Slide Bar, prosecutors linked Bass to burglaries at Crater Foods, 1148 N. Milwaukee; Output Bar, 1758 W. Grand; Beetle Bar and Grill, 2532 W. Chicago Ave.; Burger Baron, 1381 W. Grand; and Don's Grill, 1837 S. Western Ave. He was also linked to restaurant burglaries in the 2300 block of W. North Ave., the 2500 block of W. Division, the 3700 block of W. North Ave., the 4100 block of W. North Ave., the 3200 block of W. Fullerton, the 4200 block of W. Fullerton, the 3500 block of W. Fullerton, and the 3000 block of W. Armitage.

Court records show that on Dec. 17, Bass pleaded guilty to

five counts of burglary. Judge Anjana Hansen sentenced him to four years on each charge, to be served concurrently. Prosecutors dropped all of the other burglary cases.

After receiving the state's standard 50% sentence reduction for good behavior and credit for time spent in custody and on an ankle monitor, he is expected to be paroled on May 20.

Timothy Jackson was on probation for stealing a safe from a Streeterville salon (while he was on parole for three felonies) when prosecutors charged him with burglarizing a River North restaurant last year.

Chicago cops arrested the 33-year-old around 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 31, 2024 after responding to a burglar alarm at Coco Pazzo, 300

W. Hubbard. They said they found him lying next to a stairwell on the fourth floor.

A surveillance video from the restaurant showed Jackson forcing the restaurant doors open, according to his CPD arrest report. Once inside, he grabbed some Hennessy from the bar, tried to open the cash register, and checked out the basement.

Last week, Jackson pleaded guilty to felony burglary in exchange for a five-year sentence from Judge Aleksandra Gillespie.

Jaylen Smith did not fare as well as Jackson and Bass, partly because he was accused of robbing some businesses in addition to a burglary.

Earlier this year, prosecutors said the 19-year-old went on a one-night spree that started when he jumped the counter at Subway, 4759 W. Fullerton, around 3:15 a.m. Jan 9, 2024. Officials said Smith demanded the cashier's phone and the restaurant's cash.

Later, Smith allegedly used a rock to break the glass at McGee's Tavern and Grille, 950 W. Webster. He allegedly went inside with two accomplices, picked up a bag from a chair, and then fled upon seeing that there were other people inside the bar.

Finally, around 6:45 a.m., Smith allegedly jumped the counter at 7-Eleven, 6801 N. Sheridan. Prosecutors said he took cash from the register, cigarettes, liquor, and the cashier's phone.

Smith resolved the cases by pleading guilty to two counts of robbery and two counts of burglary. Judge Joanne Rosado sentenced him to ten years for each robbery and seven for each burglary. The time will be served concurrently.

He is expected to be paroled in Feb. 2029 after serving five years.

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Center on Halsted gets a new theater

Partnership will expand arts offerings to the public

As one famous stage on Halsted St. shuts down, another has emerged.

After 27 years, the Blue Man Group is officially ending its Chicago residency at Briar Street Theater, 3133 N. Halsted St. The group's last performance on Halsted St. is happening in January. It is the end of an era for live theater on Halsted St. with the iconic performing arts troupe last curtain.

Blue Man Group's final performance will be Jan. 5, 2025.

But as one group exits stage left, another theater group has

announced plans to take up residency on Halsted St.

The Center on Halsted [COH], 3656 N. Halsted St., and PrideArts have launched a partnership that will generate new arts and cultural programs and performances for the public just down the street from Briar Street.

PrideArts, which has operated in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood since 2016, has chosen COH as its new theater and administrative home. This union provides both organizations fertile ground to incubate artistic works and experiences, increase programmatic offerings for the community, and strengthen organizational capacity.



(L) The Hoover-Leppen Theatre in the Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted (R). Images by Center on Halsted

"[We] are so excited [to] embark on this new journey. COH's facilities will bring a new professionalism for our patrons and hopefully bring new patrons to our productions," said Amber

Mandley, PrideArts' Managing Director.

This joint endeavor reflects COH's commitment to the arts and to CEO Joli Robinson's focus on COH being a collabora-

tive partner for community-based LGBTQ+-serving organizations.

"This partnership furthers our mission and supports [PrideArts] in the process," Robinson said.

EmpowerHer 2025 will be Jan. 15

Join Jewish Neighborhood and Development Council will host the The Jewish Woman Entrepreneur & Executive for EmpowerHer roundtable event 7 p.m. Jan. 15.

The event is designed for female entrepreneurs and executives, who will hear from accomplished business leaders, exchange ideas, and build connections with a powerful network. To register, write to ellen@jndcchicago.org.

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Cookie and looked fabulous for the Christmas Season and in fine voice... St. Chrysostom's Church on Dearborn is so filled with charm... **Catherine Johns** with **Tom Akers, Cheryl Kuba, Tom Brooks** and **Dennis Majewski** doing lunch... **Pennie Taylor** with **Arlena LaRocca, Jamie Eggleston, Erin Burns, Matthew Walsh, Eoghain Clavin, Eamonn Cummins, Mike Gottlieb, Brad Futia, Michel Davis** and **Brian Cahalane** for holiday shenanigans... **Joe and Jennifer Shanahan** celebrating 35 years of marriage, bravo... **Shaun Howard** now a broker for @ properties on Lincoln Ave., hope he has great success, Pappa **Shelley** would be thrilled... **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan** with film fest's **Michael Kutza** at new restaurant, Le Petit Marcel, discovering the taste of France on N. Clark St. in the heart of Chicago... **Helma Wardenaar** back in the kingdom of Dundalk, north of Dublin, at Sean's Pub, the oldest in Ireland... **Alan Lake** creating the perfect chutney for old-fashioned holiday feasting... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** at Fasano Hotel, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil... **Lainie Petersen** feeling low but relying on homemade chicken soup... **Whitney Reynolds** in Las Vegas with the family... **Maureen McNulty DiGiovanni** has the family up on skis, the former Lake Forester now lives in Maine... meanwhile, sister, **Annie McNulty Friday** has returned to Chicago with

husband and two sons after some years in Michigan... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** celebrated New Years Eve with black tie and palm trees... Happy Birthday to former Ald. **Ed Burke**... County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** rang in the New Year at home with elegant Greek cuisine, among the guests **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan**, and **Frank Jeffrey** and **Todd Hat-off**... filmmaker **Joey Majumdar** celebrated the recent birthday and holidays with best pal and cinema partner **Sean Stone**, son of the legendary director **Oliver Stone**.

JIMMY CARTER: Thursday, Jan. 9, will be a national day of mourning throughout the U.S. for **President Carter**, after his death in Plains, Georgia at 100. The deeply religious American patriot served in the nation's nuclear Navy with scientific distinction. A former Governor of Georgia, he was a bright American of resourceful diplomacy and simple tastes. Married to wife, **Rosalynn**, for 77 years before her recent death. The Egypt-Israel peace treaty was his top diplomatic accomplishment back in 1980. He lost the White House to **Ronald Reagan**, was ravaged by the Iran Hostage Crisis, high inflation and the energy crisis, but was awarded the Nobel Prize for peace in 2002. A man of hefty humanitarian conscience, he built many homes for humanity in retirement. He was a full scale American.

PAX TIBI: **Olivia Hussey**, who portrayed Mary in the movie Jesus of Nazareth 1977, passed

away "peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones. She also brought Romeo and Juliet to life in 1968.

PARIS NEWS: I keep hearing good things from our readers about Harry's New York Bar (1911), 5 Rue Daunou, 2nd Arrondissement. Known as the birthplace of cocktails like the Bloody Mary and French 75, Harry's hosted literary legends like **F. Scott Fitzgerald** and **Ernest Hemingway**. It remains a beloved institution for both locals and travelers looking for a classic Parisian cocktail experience.

HOUSE OF GLUCKSBURG: The former royal family of Greece has been able to reclaim their Greek citizenship, nearly 50 years after the monarchy was abolished. In 1994, the family, led by the late **King Constantine II**, had their Greek citizenship revoked due to a dispute with the government over royal property and a refusal to renounce the claim to the Greek throne for future descendants.

Recently, members of the former royal family signed a declaration acknowledging Greece's republican government. They have also adopted the surname "De Grece," meaning "of Greece" in French. Reports indicate that 10 family members are involved, including King Constantine II's five children (**Princess Alexia, Prince Pavlos, Prince Nikolaos, Princess Theodora, and Prince Philippos**) and five of his grandchildren. The grandchildren include **Prince Constantine Alexios, Princess Maria-Olympia, Prince Achilleas-Kimon, and Prince Odysseas-Kimon**, and others. The monarchy in Greece was abolished by a 1974 referendum, following the fall of a military dictatorship, with voters opting for a republic.

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Landmark Status proposed for Lincoln Square's German Maypole

Scheduled to be removed during Western Plaza reconstruction

BY PETER VON BUOL

Preservation Chicago, the regions most prominent non-profit architectural preservation group, is advocating for landmark protection for two distinctive neighborhood identifiers, Lincoln Square's 25-year-old German Maypole and Chinatown's 50-year-old Chinatown Gate.

Currently scheduled to be removed during the ongoing reconstruction project taking place at the Western Ave. CTA Brown Line station, Lincoln Square's 25-year-old German Maypole is eligible for being designated as a landmark by the city of Chicago.

"As part of the ongoing construction work, we suggest a Chicago Landmark Designation for this unique pole/statue. It could be considered a Chicago landmark along with another we have been thinking about, the Chinatown Gateway at Cermak and Wentworth," said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago.

Both the Chinatown Gate and the Lincoln Square's Maypole mark the entrances of the heart of their respective neighborhoods.

Miller adds local residents and DANKHaus German Cultural Center members can directly contact the city's Dept. of



The Lincoln Square Maypole now resides at the corner of Leland and Lincoln avenues.

Planning and Development and advocate that both the Maypole and Chinatown Gate should receive landmark designations either by sending a letter or completing the Suggestion for Chicago Landmark form found on the city's website.

Letters and completed forms should be sent to: 121 N. LaSalle Street – Room 1006, Chicago, IL 60602 - Attention: Program Committee.

Miller adds similar neighborhood identifiers have already received landmark designations

Richard J. Daley, who falsely believed that stacking poor people in high-rises would solve the city's slum-housing problems.

Ironically, Mayor Richard M. Daley, son of Richard J. Daley, was the visionary mayor who razed Cabrini-Green, Robert Taylor Homes and Ida B. Wells projects to correct his father's mistake.

There is some clarity in the following comments on the new Cabrini-Green plans by Old Town resident and real estate financial expert Timothy J. Carew: "Relying solely on professional planners has its limits. While their proposals are often accompanied by colorful renderings of building sites and LEGO-like structures, they frequently lack a comprehensive vision."

Carew wonders how residents of the new Cabrini-Green will navigate to and from work in such a densely packed environment. "The necessary infrastructure to support this 'urban pod' concept seems unrealistic," he said.

A veteran Old Town resident made the following suggestion: "Just like Chicago police and firefighters are required to live within the city limits, CHA employees should be required to reside in a CHA project, which they and/or their superiors approved as safe and habitable."

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

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factory to parents who are concerned about raising their children," she once said.

Wood's tenant-selection process was abandoned not out of concern for civil liberties, but because the CHA was no longer concerned about the kind of communities that were being created," Cohen and Taylor wrote in *American Pharaoh*.

"The biggest problem after 1954, housing project tenants told me, was the breakdown in tenant selection—no real belief that you had to select self-respecting families," an aide to Elizabeth Wood told the authors. "The chronically unemployed, convicted criminals, and gang members were all ushered into the projects, and hardworking tenants who wanted a healthier environment for their children moved out."

"Making matters worse, the CHA all but abandoned Wood's practice of investigating the backgrounds and qualifications of prospective tenants," the authors wrote. "By the time the last Robert Taylor Homes buildings were filled, there was almost no screening at all. The buildings that had the least tenant screening, at the southern extreme of the project, ended up having some of the worst problems with delinquency and crime."

Now, the new Cabrini-Green "finalized master plan," which the CHA says will be implemented starting in 2025, essentially repeats the great 1940s and 1950s landmark public housing boondoggle drafted by planners at the request of the late Mayor

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ing is not just about providing a roof over someone's head," Alammarae wrote. "It's about creating safe and sustainable living environments that enhance the quality of life for residents. Therefore, they should be built to a high standard with high-quality materials."

Johnson championed his \$1.25 billion Housing and Economic Development bond as a means of spurring the creation of housing, businesses and new jobs in Chicago's underserved communities. It is not the city's only high-cost effort to create low-income housing.

A Chicago Tribune investigation in 2018 found the developer and lawyer who started the non-profit Better Housing Foundation made millions in upfront fees from the purchase and conversion of 81 homes into

affordable housing units. The non-profit leaders promised to use state-sponsored bonds to expand affordable housing on the city's South Side and provide social services for tenants.

Instead, Chicago Housing Authority records show 64 of the 81 foundation-owned buildings deteriorated to the point of becoming uninhabitable under the foundation's supervision. No social services were provided to residents.

Spending nearly \$700,000 to build a single affordable housing unit is fiscally irresponsible when the city is facing a nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall and Johnson is calling for higher property taxes and creating other tax schemes.

It is not known if the City Council will conduct a full audit of the CARE Manor project.

nation from the city of Chicago, including the Little Village Arch built in 1990, the 55-foot tall and 56-foot-wide Puerto Rican Flags in Humboldt Park built in 1995 and the N. Halsted Rainbow Pylons and Legacy Walk erected in Boystown in 1997.

During a Dec. 17 virtual meeting hosted by Josh Mark, chief of staff to Ald. Matt Martin [47th], city officials and Mark discussed the construction project which is part of the process of reconfiguring the CTA's Western Brown Line station. Construction will also take place under the CTA's Elevated tracks between Lincoln Ave. and the alley next to the CTA plaza as well as the curve at Lincoln and Leland. Also being affected by construction will be the remaining city-owned parking lot at Leland and Lincoln Ave., where the Maypole is located.

During the meeting, Mark had said Ald. Martin will be working with DANKHaus, the German-American Cultural Center at 4740 N. Western Ave., to come up with a solution to relocate the Maypole. One week after that meeting, Heidi Christen, the executive director of Dankhaus, said she was unaware of the proposed move. At that time, no one from Martin's office had yet contacted her about it.

According to Miller, to maintain integrity of the Maypole, the best solution would be for construction crews to protect the pole and keep it where it is.

"Even if the Maypole is relocated, it can still be designated as a landmark. It is better, in principle, however, for it to remain where it is. Can the construction crews protect it during construction and work around it?" asks Miller.

When the Maypole ("Maibaum" in German) was first erected in 1999 on city land (along with the enormously-detailed Touch of Europe mural by artist Lothar Speer),

it was meant to serve as a permanent reminder of German-speaking immigrants who had first begun settling in the neighborhood in the 1840s.

Throughout Northern Europe, Maypoles have traditionally been a part of the spring festival season which begins May 1 and Lincoln Square's own Maifest became a

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neighborhood tradition of its own. Today, its Maifest is actively promoted by the city of Chicago's official tourism entity, Choose Chicago.

Throughout the city, Miller adds there are many prominent neighborhood features which still need protection. These include historic street lamps and clocks which have been threatened with removal. Once removed, these features leave a hole in a neighborhood.

"There was once a great historic clock in front of O'Brien's steakhouse on Wells St. It had been at that location for 50 years and suddenly, it disappeared. Not sure where it went but it had been a fine timepiece and landmark to the Old Town Commercial District," said Miller.

The Western Brown Line-area renovations were originally scheduled to begin in December and are tentatively slated to be completed this Summer, in time for the communities annual Oktoberfest.

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 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 BEATRIZ L. OLIVA, FRANK M. OLIVA, BYLINE BANK, THE LAKE SHORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 2024CH01401 consolidated with 2023D007078
 1440 N. LAKE SHORE DR 21H
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 WALTER W. MEEK, SR., SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 2023 CH 05348
 5455 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 1012
 CHICAGO, IL 60640
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 Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1099
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 The judgment amount was \$247,726.16.
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 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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 For information, contact KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark St., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number CR123040.
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 KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A.
 20 N. Clark St., Suite 1150
 Chicago IL, 60602
 312-216-8828
 E-Mail: ilservice@kelleykronenberg.com
 Attorney File No. CR123040
 Attorney Code. 49848
 Case Number: 2023 CH 05348
 TJSIC#: 44-2341
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 Case # 2023 CH 05348
13258461
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 CITIZENS BANK NA F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NA
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SCOTT J OH, IRENE S OH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, FIRST AMERICAN BANK
 Defendants
 22 CH 04524
 3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE
 CHICAGO, IL 60613
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 17, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613
 Property Index No. 14-20-121-006-0000
 The real estate is improved with a two - four apartment building.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"

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condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC
 One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200
 Chicago IL, 60602
 312-346-9088
 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
 Attorney File No. 22-09388L_782897
 Attorney Code. 61256
 Case Number: 22 CH 04524
 TJSIC#: 44-1155
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 Case # 22 CH 04524
13258276
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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 NEWREZ LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

Real Estate For Sale

Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SALLY HERNDON, 1320-22 BELMONT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 2024 CH 01864
 1322 W BELMONT AVE 2W
 CHICAGO, IL 60657
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 31, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 1322 W BELMONT AVE 2W, CHICAGO, IL 60657
 Property Index No. 14-20-330-047-1005
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$79,028.43.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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 For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 30 N.

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LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 24 0730.
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 JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC
 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650
 CHICAGO, IL, 60602
 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
 Attorney File No. 24 0730
 Attorney Code. 40342
 Case Number: 2024 CH 01864
 TJSIC#: 44-2890
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2024 CH 01864
13257683
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SAMUEL ONYEISE, ANNE ONYEISE, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, CITY OF CHICAGO, CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC
 Defendants
 2020 CH 02684
 6122 N WINTHROP AVE UNIT B
 CHICAGO, IL 60660
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 23, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 6122 N WINTHROP AVE UNIT B, CHICAGO, IL 60660
 Property Index No. 14-05-208-051-0000
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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 For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-20-01835
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2020 CH 02684
 TJSIC#: 44-3218
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Notice of Public Sale

Pro Self Storage intends to enforce its lien on certain self-service Storage Spaces in default listed below on the 23rd of January, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at 2724 W. 21st St, Chicago, IL 60608 at www.storage-treasures.com with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00 p.m. 8029 Heaven Collier 1116 Delisa Newell This public sale will result in the goods being sold to the highest bidder. The winning bidder must pay by cash at the time he/she is declared the winning bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply; see the Manager for additional details.

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage located at 730 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 312-876-2000, is opening lockers:
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4175G- Earles, Daniel
6170X- Earles, Daniel
3020E- Gold, Allan
7420K- Govaer, Daniel
8201SM- Hodges Ronan, Kamla
5410E- Johnson, Nichole
5495E- Johnson, Reneesha
7610F- Kujo, Josephine
8154LG- Lanigan, Katie
5486A- Olson, Julie M
3360B- Pulce, Darry for public sale. This sale is to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 2:00PM. Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St, Chicago IL (312/644-2000), is opening lockers 3516x (Jennifer Reddier), 6918X (Spencer Kain), 7158SM (Jaelin Roman), 7161SM (The Wine Guide, LLC.), 3523X and 6619X (Edward Lahood), for public sale on January 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Cash only.

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FREDDY WAYNE BOWMAN,)
PETITIONER,)
)
)
VERSUS) DOCKET NO:
) 2022-CV-36
)
LINDA D. PAGE,)
RESPONDENT.) JUDGE KNIGHT
)

TO: LINDA D. PAGE, RESPONDENT
BY VIRTUE of an Order of the Court the Said Linda D. Page, whose address is unknown, is hereby notified that said Freddy Wayne Bowman has filed a Petition in said Court alleging that for a continuous period of more than two years, the parties have not cohabited in the same residence as husband and wife, and that there are no minor children of the parties. Freddy Wayne Bowman prays that he may be divorced from said Linda D. Page. Linda D. Page is required to answer Freddy Wayne Bowman's Petition on or before the 28th day of February, 2025, or judgment by default will be requested. The purpose of the said Petition is to obtain a decree of divorce, dissolving the marriage between the parties for the cause of desertion.

D. MICHAEL KRESS II
Attorney for Petitioner
8 East Bockman Way
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Emergency heating repair program

The cost of furnace repairs is rising dramatically again and the city's Emergency Heating Repair Program is now open to new applicants. This program provides grants for income-eligible Chicago homeowners to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system.

Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment will be accepted until April 1, or until all funds have been exhausted. Residents can apply online at chicago.gov/ehrp, or call 311 to be sent a paper application package by mail. For any questions, call 312-744-3653 or email DOH@cityofchicago.org.

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No one is dumb who is curious.
The people who don't ask questions
remain clueless throughout their lives.
— Neil deGrasse Tyson

Feb. 1 deadline for Artist of the Wall poster contest

It's cold and snowy out so that means it's already time to begin planning Artists of the Wall 2025. Loyola Park Advisory Council has announced it's time to enter the Artists of the Wall 2025 Poster Contest.

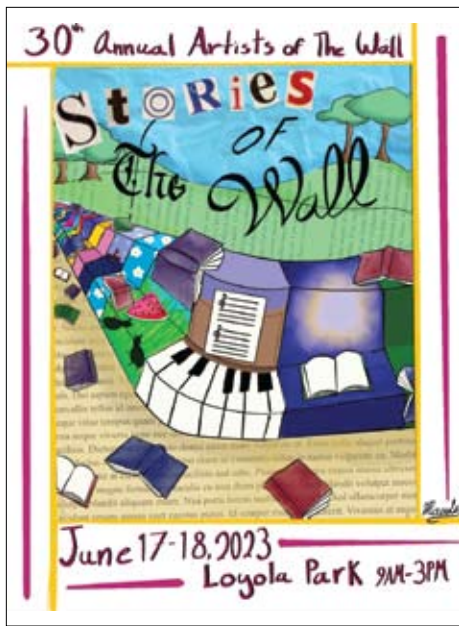
The Rogers Park art event is one of the authentic annual festivals held on the North Side, and this year will be held on June 14 and 15. Registration will be online on May 1, 3, and 5 at loyolapark.org.

Those who wish to design the official poster for Artists of the Wall 2025 must enter the competition. The winning poster will be used to promote the event and on event t-shirts for the day of the event.

The winner will receive a \$250 prize for use of their art on promotional materials. Artists will retain full rights to their work. The theme for Artists of the Wall 2025 is "All Together Now."

The poster must include this text: 32nd Annual Artists of the Wall festival, All Together Now, June 14 and 15, 2025, Loyola Park, Chicago, Hosted by Loyola Park Advisory Council.

Poster should be 8" x 10", and the committee prefers designs in four color -



The 2023 Artist of the Wall poster winner.

CMYK - for easier printing on t-shirts, but welcome all designs.

Send entries as a high res JPEG or pdf to loyolaparkac@gmail.com. Posters must be submitted by Feb. 1 to be considered.

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killed another person. In contrast, homicide, the term used in medical examiner findings, applies anytime an individual kills another person, whether in the course of a criminal act or otherwise. For example, shooting someone in self-defense would be a homicide but not murder.

Unlike CPD, HeyJackass data also includes homicides occurring on expressways within the city limits.

Alderman Raymond Lopez of the 15th

Ward, a frequent critic of the mayor, cited HeyJackass.com and posted on X, formerly Twitter, "Like the failed property tax increase, this is a decrease from the increase."

After an increase in robberies early in 2024, Chicago Police launched a citywide robbery task force in May. The department reported that robberies decreased by 25% citywide since the launch of the task force, which to date has cleared 246 cases, including 158 robbery-related cases and 12 robbery patterns.

Free eye exams and glasses, Jan. 11

Family Matters and Tapestry 360 Health offer free eye exams and glasses on Jan. 11, 2025, at Gale Community Academy Assex, 7560 N. Marshfield Ave. Bring your glasses and avoid contact lenses. The exam includes pupil dilation. For more information, contact ann@familymatterschicago.org or call 773-465-6011.

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One area resident who attended both charrette meetings and is attuned to city matters opined that the DPD has produced a solution in search of a problem on Broadway. He suggested that the DPD is pushing this upzoning plan for adding high density while offering sparse evidence or data pointing to existing demand for this zoning change, while precluding accountability or transparency to community stakeholders.

Strazzabosco denied the two previous meetings were charrettes, instead calling them "open house presentations" which he said present a more approachable format



Peter-Strazzabosco
Courtesy connectre

for a diverse range of attendees, where people can engage at their levels of interest, and ask questions of the study most relevant to them.

One Uptown resident and attendee of the Dec. 16, 2024 presentation, who spoke to this reporter, wrote a signed letter critical of the City's process to the Chicago Sun-Times. It was published on Dec. 26.

He repeated his concerns in an email, and during a phone interview, with this newspaper. He said that DPD lead planner Katharyn Hurd told him that the charrette-type meetings are preferred by young people and people-of-color who have difficulty understanding traditional information presentations.

When contacted on Jan. 3, Strazzabosco refused to furnish Hurd's contact information for clarification purposes and subsequently declined to comment on Hurd's statement.

He did say that "Open houses minimize opportunities for grandstanding and intimidation that has unfortunately disrupted other area meetings." He did not offer any specifics as to what type of opposition to their plans DPD would interpret as grandstanding, or who may have been intimidated by taxpayers speaking out openly against this plan, or questioning their proposals.

The real risk for public officials is that open meetings can lead to organized opposition to City planning. For stakeholders, the main advantage of public meetings is the ability of community members to listen, talk and introduce themselves to each

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other, not just sit quietly listening to a DPD monologue, before being splintered into a charrette-style meeting.

Strazzabosco said that the charrette-type meetings are now being used at numerous locations throughout the city. Centralized group meetings with open back-and-forth dialog between citizens and public servants now appear to be out of favor with the DPD.

Strazzabosco also wrote, "The owner of any property that's subject to a zoning change will receive a formal notification by USPS in advance of a hearing and vote by City Council." However he neglected to mention the same courtesy being extended to small business owners along Broadway who are tenants and lease holders. It is generally accepted that the outcome of a zoning matter sent to the city council is a fait accompli.

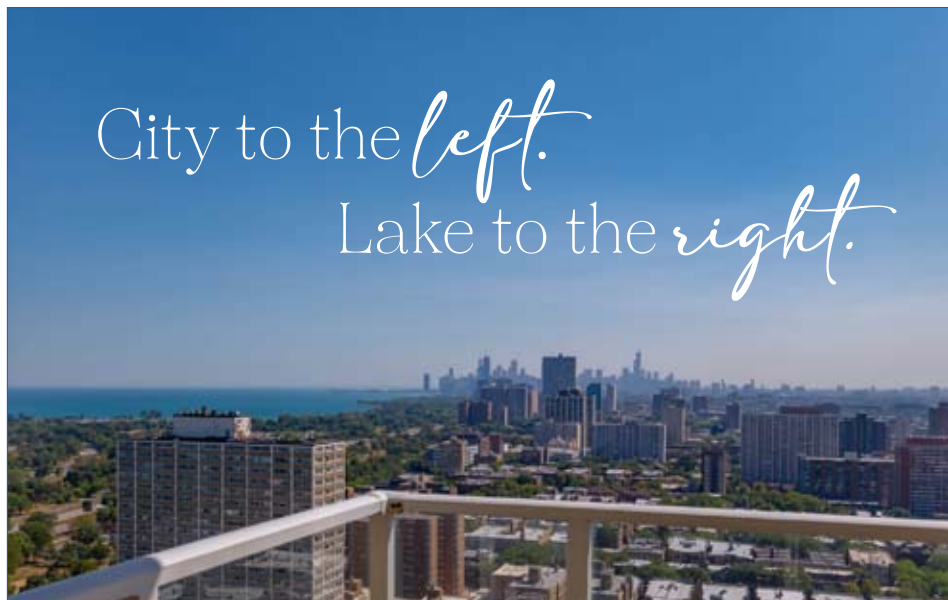
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Garrette Karp, executive director of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce [ECC], says that the ECC staff has been present at both DPD open houses.

"Our team has also been meeting with DPD and local ward offices in order to fully understand the scope of this process and hopefully provide transparency for the local business community," Karp wrote in an email.

"However, ECC has not endorsed any sort of zoning changes along Broadway in Edgewater, nor have we been asked by the City of Chicago to endorse any preliminary or final plans."

Karp closed by adding, "It is my understanding that local ward offices are currently in the process of reaching out to notify businesses located in properties that may be adversely affected by potential zoning changes."



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