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Amundsen's Jessie Hornbuckle scores late against Lake View.

Amundsen defeats Lake View 57-52 in CPL Playoffs

STORY AND PHOTO
BY JACK LYDON

The underdog Amundsen Vikings came back to defeat the Lake View Wildcats 57-52 in the Chicago Public League playoffs and land a spot in the City Championship Sweet 16. The Wildcats (11-10, 4-3) were rolling late in the second quarter. It didn't look good for the Vikings (9-12, 3-4) after they lost an early 10-1 lead to trail the Wildcats 31-23 at the half.

Lake View was putting together a nice season with 11 wins against

9 losses coming into this playoff game with wins over North Side rivals Payton, Taft and Von Steuben. The Vikings were struggling a little at 8-12 but were coming off a big victory at Lake Tech. Coming into this Public League playoff game on a neutral court at Whitney Young, the Vikings had lost to Lake View at home 72-63.

The second half was fast and furious.

"We called five out and I just had [our guys] attack," said Amundsen head coach Nicholas

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Artist rendering of 1415 N. Dayton.

Image courtesy bKL Architecture

New 28-story tower planned for Goose Island

Goose Island is getting another large residential high-rise. Developers Honore Properties and Peerless Development are seeking city approval for a bKL-designed 28-story, 340-unit apartment tower at 1415 N. Dayton St., featuring a six-story masonry base topped by a sleek residential tower with amenities.

The site is located at the north-eastern corner of W. Evergreen Ave and N. Dayton St. The developers were contemplating an adaptive reuse of the existing brick, four-story loft building but will now demolish the building to make way for the new develop-

ment. (See story page 4.)

To allow for the scope of the project, the developers will be assembling air rights from surrounding properties to achieve the density of the proposal. Approvals for the proposal will be needed from the Chicago Plan Commission, Committee on Zoning, and City Council.

The project's developers are seeking to win City Council approval in March. If approved, the existing building would be demolished in a few months from now and the new construction would begin in the fall with delivery targeted for Spring 2028.

Lincoln Park Chamber's 2026 Annual Meeting brings the receipts

BY PETER VON BUOL

Perhaps it's the lack of enough coffee, or just that cranky, cold early-morning haze many of us fight with in winter, but there is an annual meeting held every year in Lincoln Park that always seems to deliver the goods with candor and straight talk. Due perhaps to its early start time, the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's [LPCC] annual meeting always provides solid details of City Hall goings-on untouched by political correctness or slick, pre-packaged PR vamping.

This year's annual meeting was no different.

Public safety, the traffic impact due to the sudden closure of the Cortland Ave. bridge and other bridges to the south which cross the Chicago River, Mayor Brandon Johnson's lack of truthfulness and "sweep" of funds from Tax Increment Finance [TIF] districts, particularly the Lincoln Yards TIF District, were among the hot topics discussed on a cold, snowy morning by the three aldermen who serve the Lincoln Park neighborhood at the LPCC's Feb. 5 annual meeting.

Held before about 80 people at the Whirlyball entertainment center, 1825 W. Webster Ave., Aldermen Scott Waguespack [32nd], Brian Hopkins [2nd] and Timmy Knudsen [43rd] participated in a lively panel discussion moderated by Elliot Richardson, president of the Small Business Advocacy Council, a local nonprofit business advocacy organization.

Richardson's job was made a bit easier with the three aldermen passing the one microphone around answering serious questions directly, in plain language, before they were ever even asked.

During the panel discussion portion, Waguespack provided details about how the Chicago City Council was able to pass a \$16.6 billion budget at the end of

the year to avoid a city shutdown. It happened because a majority of the alders were able to compromise with one another when they passed a budget and avoided a shutdown, all while the mayor fiddled, preened and posed in goofy socks, while not completing his own homework.

A particular sore spot for the three aldermen was when Mayor Brandon Johnson took money from the Lincoln Yards TIF to "balance" the city's budget. That money is supposed to pay for much-needed infrastructure improvements to an area that includes what had once been the site of the A. Finkl and Sons steel mill.

Running tables of spreadsheet numbers was not how any of them had planned to spend the holidays, but that's what Waguespack said he and his colleagues were doing on Christmas and New Years eves.

"I got a good portion of what I wanted to see out of it [but] I'd like to see a lot more. We had to stick together to try to prevent Johnson's veto and to prevent the mayor from shutting the city down," said Waguespack.

Unfortunately, added Waguespack, when it comes to city budget discussions, Johnson continues to not be honest about the budget.

"This week, he told us we're going to lay off police officers and firefighters because this was an unbalanced budget. That is just a complete falsehood, absolutely false," said Waguespack.

"He and his administration

should be ashamed of themselves for coming out and then doing a tour around the city to say that the aldermanic budget, of which we only affected 1.6% of that entire budget, is causing this. That is the only portion that we were able to really tackle. Would we have loved to take on that entire budget? Absolutely. But, we don't have the staff to do that. We had to kind of pick and choose what we wanted to go after," said Waguespack.

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And now that TIF fund is drained of assets, with its funds shifted largely to Chicago Public Schools [CPS] in a covert, unlawful property tax increase.

As one of our readers recently noted about Lincoln Yards, "when bridges, roads, and utilities needed real dollars, the financing wasn't there. Mega-projects rarely fail for lack of ideas. They fail when the funding mechanism itself doesn't work," said Tim Carew, a retired financier in Old Town who used to do the math for large funders on big development deals.

"Construction doesn't run on promises. Contractors can't pour concrete with future tax revenue. Public works require cash on day one, backed by committed capital and repaid later by the incremental taxes new development creates. That is how a capital pro-

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Celebrating St. Valentine, bones and all



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Every February 14th I recall the two most poignant elements of Valentine's Day for me. The first was the fact that between my mother and my grandmother, there would wind up being Fannie Mae chocolate creams to last till Easter. The two pound boxes just piled up.

The other thing, was how much I loathed having to bring a Valentine card for each of my 70 classmates in grade school. It always seemed ridiculous to me. Though I now understand the reasons why you had to give everyone a small card.

The nuns permitted the distribution like it was Sing Sing. But I always thought handing out cards was forced and phony. You couldn't just exchange a card with someone who was popular. The humorless and the snitches deserved friendship too. I suppose I just never understood the tradition, forced as it was.

Then I discovered the true roots of the feast after a trip to Ireland. It was like discovering a box of Fannie Mae that my grandmother hid away and forgot about. Only to be discovered in her dresser, sewing drawer or under a mattresses. I feasted upon the discovery of the lost treasure butter creams.

In Dublin, on the cobbles of Aungier St., so called because of the large white cape worn by the nearby members of the Carmelite Order of priests, there are two huge buildings. A large covered Victorian market that stretches across the length and breadth of one whole side of the city block. And on the other side of the thoroughfare is a large complex of buildings that make up the confines known as the Carmelites'

Whitefriars Street Church.

This area is surrounded by some very popular pubs, butchers and antique silver shops lining the streetscape. The covered market is enormously popular. It sells everything you could imagine from old records to stinky cheese.

The church is very popular as well. Masses and devotions throughout the day, meetings of countless organizations. And for two centuries it has been a historic home, as well as a treasured Dublin attraction, for what is among the most curious of all celebrity religious shrines in the nation. The shrine of St. Valentine the Martyr.

A holy site that was added to Whitefriars Street Church in 1836. That's when Pope Gregory XVI sent the bones and blood of St. Valentine from Rome to the Catholic people of Ireland in celebration of their being given religious emancipation.

That being the freedom to establish Catholic Churches in the nation by the British who had tough laws restricting Catholic life.

The display of these relics of St. Valentine, who eventually became known as the patron saint of lovers, was both a religious and political symbol of great transitions in Ireland, still ruled, then, by oppressive Protestant Britain.

The relics of the patron of the heart's romance were placed at first under the main altar, but were later misplaced during renovations. Their re-discovery many decades later initiated a whole new life for Irish lovers. It was a boom to "courting."

The saint is a popular figure in the ordinary life of Irish faith. To this sacred space come the love-lorn, heartbroken and grateful. Many petition the saint for assistance in the ways of love, faithfulness and declared devotions.

The lasting humanity of this saint is cherished and noted on a plaque near the altar holding his bones.

"This shrine," it reads, "contains the sacred body of Saint Valentinus the Martyr, together with a small vessel tinged with his blood."



The Catholic martyr St. Valentine was beheaded on that date in the third century, supposedly for breaking a Roman ban on performing marriages.

To this place of holy devotion comes an endless procession of devoted seekers of better affairs of the heart. All coming to say thanks or help and to pray at the shrine. Not just on Feb. 14, but throughout the year.

There is a remarkable atmosphere surrounding the memorial to a martyr of the 3rd century A.D. He gave all he had for the human and divine expression of a partnership of love.

This is no Hallmark moment. No gift card expression of cheesy devotion. But instead a moment to discover the presence of the "bones and bloody humanity" of the self-sacrificing cherished holy Roman pastor.

Ironically, like love itself, the bones and other relics of Valentine once were lost, forgotten just like love itself. The relics were temporarily misplaced for decades. Ironically during a ragged time of Irish poverty, famine, death and enslavement by a neighbor.

Valentine, a native Roman, created an environment for love to grow in an age when the dominating force of the culture had rejected romance and faithfulness to a lifelong partner. Rejecting the environment of what was possible by love's affirming truth and strength.

Such reflected values are born in faith, creating harmony of lasting investment. What the Irish call lasting love.

Valentine embraced all those who sought love that was faithful and life-giving. The conflicts and sacrifices he faced raised the value of love itself.

That was true in the 3rd century A.D. and it remains true in all the centuries that follow as well.

PAIRS SKATING: Love grows on trees at the parks, even amid the bitter cold. Chicagoans can celebrate Valentine's Day with rose-adorned neighborhood ice rinks, family friendly danc-

es, and compelling crafting and baking sessions. On Valentine's Day, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at five neighborhood ice rinks, patrons can enjoy a romantic atmosphere with roses, sweet treats, and fun Polaroid shots to capture the moment. Glide along to favorite love songs and take advantage of half-priced skate rentals. But make reservations, CPD CEO **Carlos Ramirez-Rosa** tells us this skate usually sells out.

TAPS: Chicago Tap Theatre's opening night production of *The Countdown: Where Numerology Meets the Beat*, a Symphony of Tap Dance and Live Music, March 5 at 7 p.m., at The Bramble Arts Loft, 5545 N. Clark St. There will be a Gala Performance Saturday, March 7. We expect new choreography from tap titans **Molly Smith, Sterling Harris, Mark Yonally** and others. Just go.

RESTAURANT WEEK: Chicago Restaurant Week just ended, and over 500 restaurants in the Chicago area participated. In the worst of weather locals came out to honor top restaurateurs in Chicago. Bravo to you all.

Congrats to **Liz Lombardo Stark** who was just named 2026 Board Chair of the Illinois Restaurant Assoc.

BIG JIP: At Fulton Market, West Loop's Gino and Marty's Steakhouse owners are being sued by the State of Illinois over unpaid wages. State officials allege owners and managers of the West Loop restaurant failed to pay workers earned wages, tips, minimum wage and overtime, leaving at least nine employees owed more than \$20,000.

GAME ON: Join the Heritage Museum of Asian Art Feb. 13 for the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Horse celebration at Chinese Game Night. Dive into classic Chinese games like Mah-

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Mayor's anti-ICE order undermines prosecutions, top state's attorney aide says

BY CWB CHICAGO

Mayor Brandon Johnson's executive order targeting federal immigration agents for prosecution faced a devastating critique Feb. 6 from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, which warned the mayor's plan could sabotage criminal cases and inject politics into law enforcement decisions.

In a two-page memo to staff, Yvette Loizon, Chief Assistant State's Attorney for Policy and External Affairs, systematically dismantled key provisions of Johnson's order, calling parts of it "wholly inappropriate" and warning it "jeopardizes our ability to effectively prosecute and secure convictions when federal agents have committed a crime."

The extraordinary rebuke came days after State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke publicly disputed Johnson's claim that he "worked closely" with her office in drafting the order. Burke called the mayor's assertion "not true" in an unusual social media statement posted within hours of Johnson's announcement last weekend.

Johnson's office fired back, claiming it had "reviewed the language with the State's Attorney's Chief of Policy and made edits based on their feedback." Friday's memo raises questions about what edits, if any, were actually made.

Loizon's memo acknowledged that Burke "is deeply concerned" about immigration agents "who have been wreaking havoc in communities across the country and in our own neighborhoods." She noted that Burke takes prosecution of criminal conduct by law enforcement seriously, but warned that "if a federal law enforcement agent commits a crime while on-duty, state and federal law limits the CCSAO's ability to prosecute and secure a conviction, except in very narrow circumstances."

According to the memo, "The Mayor's recent Executive Order introduces additional hurdles" to prosecution.

The state's attorney's office identified a critical flaw in Johnson's directive that

the Chicago Police Dept. collect evidence of crimes by federal agents and refer those matters for prosecution "at the direction of the Mayor's Office."

Loizon wrote that the mayor's office is not part of the criminal charging process, and by inserting himself into the mix, Johnson taints a process that is supposed to be non-political. Anyone in the mayor's office involved in reviewing evidence or making charging decisions would almost certainly find themselves called as witnesses by defense attorneys, she wrote.

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The process created by Johnson also hands defense attorneys a gift-wrapped argument that any charges brought under the executive order are politically motivated and not legitimate, Loizon advised.

Johnson's felony review plan "is not only wholly inappropriate, but it also jeopardizes our ability to effectively prosecute and secure convictions when federal agents have committed a crime," she wrote.

Loizon knows a thing or two about law enforcement oversight. She was one of the first commissioners Mayor Lori Lightfoot appointed to the newly formed Community Commission for Police Accountability in Aug. 2022.

Her assessment stands in contrast to a colorful assessment offered last week by John Catanzara, the head of the local police union, who called Johnson's order "a piece of toilet paper."



Uptown's annual Lunar New Year Parade.

Image courtesy Chicago Asian Network

Lunar New Year Parade Feb. 21 in Uptown

Celebrate the Lunar New Year Saturday, Feb. 21 along the Argyle commercial corridor in Uptown, during the Year of the Horse.

The Uptown Chamber will be hosting their annual Lunar New Year Parade 1 p.m. Saturday Feb. 21. The parade stops off at Argyle and Sheridan featuring over 20 local community groups, cultural institutions, dancers and performers.

Additionally, a number of local organizations are planning pop-ups with activities between until 4 p.m.

Remember that towing of all cars parked in the parade route will take place prior to

the parade.

For youths 3 and up, the Bezazian Library, 1226 W. Ainslie St., will be presenting Lunar New Year-themed stories and a simple crafts in advance of the parade. This program is being offered twice, at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m.

The Vietnamese Assoc. of Illinois will be hosting an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 5110 N. Broadway, with a special exhibit presented by TimeLine Theatre and the Heritage Museum of Asian Art, highlighting historical moments from past Years of the Horse.

Assessor calls for property tax relief for seniors

On Wednesday, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi will be joined by state lawmakers, community groups, and clergy at a press conference calling for the Illinois legislature to make property tax relief more accessible to senior homeowners.

Specifically they are calling for the state to allow for automatic renewal of the Senior Freeze exemption, which prevents property tax bill spikes for low-

income senior homeowners.

In Nov. 2025, following advocacy by the Assessor's Office, social service providers, and community organizers, the legislature raised the income threshold for the Senior Freeze.

Automatic renewal would help the more than 100,000 recipients of the Senior Freeze keep the exemption. Currently, the exemption requires recipients to reapply every year.

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Cabrini-Green church being transported into luxury condos



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The Near North Side neighborhood, once infamously known as the Cabrini-Green public-housing “ghetto,” apparently is at a crossroads.

Despite the Chicago Housing Authority’s [CHA] semi-successful effort to recreate Cabrini-Green-type affordable housing on CHA-owned land in what today is considered by some nearby residents as “South Old Town,” market demand for luxury residential units continues to blossom in what is rapidly emerging as the new “Gold Coast West” district with many new high-rises ready to go up.

Add in all the new action coming to the former Lincoln Yards site and this is about to be a very big deal. If you think the intersection of North, Halsted and Clybourn is congested now, just wait. The drive from North and Astor west to the Kennedy Expy. will require pit stops for bathroom breaks.

The latest luxury development to emerge is a gut-conversion of the former Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church, 509 W. Elm St. at Cleveland Ave., in the heart of what once was Cabrini-Green.



(L) An exterior photo of Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church. Photo courtesy Compass and @ Properties Christies International Real Estate (R) A living room interior photo of a luxury typical condo at the church development.



Seven luxury, contemporary-style condominium units, priced from \$1.05 million to roughly \$1.4 million including parking, are being built in-between the 12-inch-thick walls of the stately brick and limestone building, according to developer Ed Janusz, partner in Cabrini LLC.

The Cabrini partnership group purchased the building and its expansive 2.72-acre site for about \$1.28 million in 2023, and now is completing the condos. “It’s a beautiful church we should keep,” Janusz told Crain’s Chicago. The development also will include a nearby new-construction building planned for rental apartments.

Sales are now underway on the two-level condos, designed by Hanna Architects. Units feature balconies with views both north and south, or a rooftop deck, noted co-broker Michelle Brown of @Properties Christie’s International Real Estate, with co-broker Joanna Olszynska of Compass.

The condos showcase more than 2,000 square feet of living area, engineered white oak flooring, glass staircase railings and extra-long kitchen islands.

Brown noted that Near North Side and Gold Coast luxury condos built since 2020 have asking prices starting about \$1.7 million, or about 20% higher than the church units.

The vintage church building features many arched and tablet-shaped windows that add light and distinctive architectural character to the units.

Built in 1889, as the First Swedish Baptist Church, the building spent a century as the home of “Wayman AME Church” beginning in 1920. After Cabrini-Green was developed in the 1940s and 1950s, church-goers mostly were CHA residents.

Luxe high-rises west of Cabrini-Green

Apparently, several North Side developers see the area immediately west of the former Cabrini-Green as the emerging Gold Coast West district. Here are details on



Rendering of 1415 N. Dayton, a 28-story tower planned at Dayton St. and W. Evergreen, just west of Halsted St.

three proposed projects:

- **1415 N. Dayton St.** The 28-story tower is planned at the intersection of Dayton St. and W. Evergreen Ave., just west of Halsted St. Developers are a partner-

ship between Honore Properties and Peerless Development, who currently own the existing loft building on the site. The property would utilize the development rights of three surrounding parcels to upzone the site.

The tower would contain 340 residential units, likely a mix of studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom layouts. Of those, 68 units would be designated as affordable. The building would also be capped by a large rooftop deck, with select corner units featuring private balconies.

The high-rise would be anchored by a five-story podium clad in gray brick and is set to contain over 100 parking spaces. Above this would be a large inset amenity floor connected to an outdoor deck, with the tower suspended above.

The \$145-million project still needs city approval. The developers hope to start construction in fall of 2026, with a projected spring 2028 completion.

- **1565 N. Clybourn Ave.** This 37-story “space needle” on the congested corner of Clybourn and Halsted will feature 396 apartments, including 79 affordable units. It is listed as a Transit Oriented Development [TOD] because it is across the street from the CTA Red Line Subway station. The tower will include 70 parking spaces and ground-floor retail. The developer is Georgetown Co.

- **1333 N. Kingsbury St.** This 23-story high-rise at the corner of Kingsbury and Halsted St. will feature 272 apartments, including 55 affordable units. A garage will provide parking for 238 cars. Developers are Structured Development and ZSD Corp.

Ironically, these four new luxury developments are not the first private-developer efforts to build and redevelop on the edge of Cabrini-Green. In 2000 and 2001, the 261-unit North Town Village, at Halsted and Evergreen streets, was an experiment with a new concept called “mixed-income housing.”

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 the still standing Cabrini-Green, and back then North Town Village received mixed reviews. Finally, in the mid-2000s, Cabrini-Green was razed in stages.

CHA’s plan for Cabrini-Green II
Despite all the fancy new pri-



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Running through Feb. 16, the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr. highlights the future of cars, and the past, with a car such as the 1958 Chevrolet Impala convertible shown at left.

Back to the future at 2026 Chicago Auto Show

BY PETER VON BUOL

The longest-running and largest auto show in North America, the 118th Chicago Auto Show [CAS] featuring more than 700 vehicles on display, opened Feb. 7 at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr.

Open through Feb. 16, many attend the CAS because they are in the market to purchase a new car and want to see as many cars and trucks available for purchase in one location.

Americans have long had a love affair with their cars, and enthusiasts often attend the show to see concept vehicles produced by the major automakers which preview features that may be found in future vehicles. More than a quarter of a million people attended last year's show and officials at the Chicago Automobile Trade Assoc. have said they expect an even larger number of people will be attending this year's show.

In recent years, the automobile manufacturers once known as Detroit's Big Three (General Motors, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler) had emphasized their electric vehicles [EVs]. This year, while electric cars are still at the show, the three manufacturers are once again highlighting vehicles with dependable internal combustion [IC] engines as well as hybrid vehicles with an IC engine and an electric motor. With the federal government ending the subsidy to purchase EVs, sales of most EVs has shrunk.

A day before the show, the head of Stellantis, the Netherlands-based parent company of Chrysler, announced his company has decided to take a \$26.5 billion charge to its ledger to write off charges associated with a shift towards EVs. Their stock fell almost 24% on the news. With that move, Stellantis will emphasize the production of vehicles with IC engines, including Chrysler's legendary Hemi-V-8 engines.

"The reset we have announced today is part of the decisive process we started in 2025, to once again make our customers and their preferences our guiding star. The charges largely reflect the cost of over-estimating the pace of the energy transition that distanced us from many car buyers' real-world needs, means and desires. They also reflect the impact of previous poor operational execution, which are being progressively addressed by our new Team," said Antonio Filosa, the Detroit-based chief executive of Stellantis.

Stellantis produces more than five million vehicles worldwide under 14 different brands including Chrysler, Jeep, Ram trucks,



a 1990 Lola T90-01 Indycar used by Honda as a test vehicle (left) and a 1962 Fiat 500 made the list of vintage cars on display.

Alfa-Romeo, Fiat, Maserati, Lancia, Peugeot and Citroen.

In December, the European Commission announced a plan which if adopted would reverse the European Union's upcoming ban on the sale of vehicles with IC engines by 2035.

Among the highlights at the show is Camp Jeep, a thrilling obstacle course including a 28-foot-tall, 40 degree hill which demonstrates a Jeep vehicle's traction capabilities and a Ground Clearance Stair Climb, a staggered flagstone staircase obstacle course showcasing ground clearance and traction.

Both General Motors and Ford had a large presence at the show. To emphasize the V-8 engines of its Chevrolet trucks, the Chevrolet display included two chrome cutaway engines on the show-room floor.

Ford showcased a racing-inspired V-8-powered Ford Mustang Dark Horse SC right at the show's entrance. Ford highlighted the off-roading capabilities of its Ford Bronco vehicle with its Ford Bronco experience test track in which a professional driver deftly demonstrated the Bronco's off-road capabilities while driving on an indoor obstacle course.

Despite American-based manufacturers changing their emphasis back to IC engines, with EVs being only about 11% of last year's new vehicle sales, Com Ed-sponsored the Chicago Drives Electric indoor test track which provides attendees a chance to experience the capabilities of numerous brands of electric automobiles in what has been described as a fun and safe environment.

Sprinkled throughout the show are vintage automobiles such as a pristine 1958 Chevrolet Impala

convertible with a highly sought after 348 V-8; a 1962 Fiat 500 and a 1990 Lola T90-01 Indycar used by Honda as a test vehicle.

The first Chicago car show was held in 1901 at the now-demolished Chicago Coliseum, which had been located at 1513 S. Wabash Ave. All cars at that show were of domestic manufacture. Most were powered by steam engines with electric cars in second place. Cars powered by IC cars were in last place.

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Police Beat...

Honda airbag thieves slam Northwest Side as Chicago's latest crime craze grows

Chicago police are tracking at least three distinct groups of thieves targeting Honda vehicles for their airbags in a crime wave that has swept across the city since December, with investigators believing one team alone is responsible for dozens of thefts.

The Chicago Police Dept. issued its sixth community alert about the problem on Monday, a sure sign that cops are very concerned about the rapidly escalating number of cases. The alerts mark an unusual level of attention from CPD.

Honda airbags have become prime targets because they're easy to steal and, given the popularity of Honda vehicles, simple to sell online. While other parts of the country have been dealing with airbag thefts for years, Chicago's surge began in December.

The most prolific team that detectives have identified is a two-man crew that CPD says may wear jumpsuits and travel in two vehicles: a red Ford F-150 and a black GMC pickup truck with stolen plates. On Jan. 30, the crew hit at least 11 residential streets in Portage Park and Jefferson Park on the Northwest Side, according to CPD, adding to previous sprees along the lakefront and around Bucktown.

Police say the crews are targeting "late model Honda motor vehicles," typically 2016 to 2021 Honda Civics. Their method is simple: prowl the streets at night looking for Hondas, smash the driver's side windows, and remove the steering wheel airbags.

CPD has warned about two other patterns connected to different theft crews, though fewer details have been released about those teams. We have independently learned of nearly a dozen Honda airbag thefts that haven't appeared in CPD's community alerts, suggesting the problem may be far more widespread than just the three crews police have publicly identified.

Police are urging Honda owners to take preventive measures, including parking in well-lit areas or garages when possible, and using Club-style steering wheel locks as a deterrent.

Felon charged in brutal Red Line robbery that left international student weighing return to India

A convicted felon with a history of robbery convictions is now accused of mugging an international college student at the North-Clybourn Red Line CTA station, a crime that left the victim considering a move back to India. Chicago police arrested 28-year-old Aaron Hughes after recognizing him at the Monroe Red Line station, according to CPD.

The attack occurred early on Jan. 25, as Shubham Patil, a 23-year-old Roosevelt Univ. student, was riding a southbound train from the Fullerton station. Patil told NBC Chicago he

was speaking with his grandmother on the phone in his native language when a stranger approached him.

"He comes from first car to second car, and he is standing beside me," Patil said in the interview. "He is targeting me I believe because I'm just talking with my grandma on the phone in my own language. Then, he just starts punching me over and over with his legs and knees."

Police said Hughes yelled profanities at Patil before punching the student repeatedly in the face and taking his valuables.

When the train arrived at North-Clybourn, Patil followed the robber onto the platform. But Hughes allegedly struck Patil in the face again and took additional belongings before fleeing on foot. Patil suffered minor injuries.

According to Patil, he pressed the emergency help button and screamed for assistance during the attack, but the train operator only instructed him to move to another car.

"I'm just screaming like I'm mad, 'help me, help me.' But nobody tried to help me," Patil said.

CPD issued a "seeking to identify" bulletin, asking the community to help identify the robber, but Hughes met his fate by chance when he crossed paths with a Public Transportation Unit tactical team that recognized him while on patrol in the Loop, police said. He has prior convictions for robbery and armed robbery, according to a CPD media statement.

Hughes was unable to appear in court for his first appearance on Sunday and will remain in the sheriff's custody until he can appear in person for a detention hearing, as required by state law.

The traumatic incident left Patil reconsidering his education in Chicago.

"I'm thinking about dropping out for this semester and going back to my country because I do not feel safe here," Patil told NBC. "I forgive him, but please don't do this to another international student or anyone else."

Man sentenced to 6 years for sexually assaulting girl near Lane Tech High School

A man who followed a teenage girl from a CTA bus and sexually assaulted her inside a fast food restaurant just steps from Lane Tech High School was sentenced Feb. 5 to six years in prison.



Emmanuel Ortega-Garcia

Emmanuel Ortega-Garcia, 35, pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual assault during the commission of another felony and was sentenced by Judge Nicholas Kantas, according to court records.

The attack occurred on an October afternoon in 2022. Prosecutors said the 16-year-old victim skipped school that day and headed toward Lane Tech aboard a CTA bus during the early afternoon. Ortega-Garcia boarded the bus somewhere along the route, sat next to the girl, whom he did not know, and began asking her questions about her interests, prosecutors said. At one point, he rubbed her thigh.

Around 2:30 p.m., the girl exited the bus near the school and quickly realized Ortega-Garcia was following her. Hoping to find help, the girl then went to a Wendy's at 3610 N. West-

ern Ave. because she knew several employees there. None of them were working that day.

Prosecutors said the girl sat down in a booth, and Ortega-Garcia sat in the same booth with her. Fearing for her safety, she recorded a video of his face and sent it to a friend who was in class at Lane Tech across the street, telling her that the man was following her and asking her to alert school security.

The friend notified a school administrator, and Lane Tech's assistant principal and security guards immediately began heading to the restaurant, prosecutors said.

Before they arrived, Ortega-Garcia allegedly moved onto the girl's side of the booth and sexually assaulted her with his hand, using such force that it ripped a hole in her clothing, prosecutors said.

Lane Tech staff arrived moments later and detained Ortega-Garcia until Chicago police officers took him into custody.

Ortega-Garcia had no prior criminal background. Under Illinois law, he must serve 85% of his six-year sentence before being released. He will receive credit for the time he spent in jail while the case was pending.

Killer called 911 to report boat captain had fallen into DuSable Harbor, but didn't reveal how he got there



Nabil "Captain Bill" Adzal and Alexis Trader (inset).

The man accused of killing Nabil "Captain Bill" Adzal at a downtown boat harbor last summer first did what you might expect of a casual bystander: He called 911 to report that someone had fallen into Lake Michigan and then stayed at the scene to speak with responding police officers, prosecutors said Feb. 5.

Authorities say the 911 caller, Alexis Trader, had just punched Adzal, a 63-year-old charter captain, knocking him backward, striking his head on a metal grate, and sending him into the water at DuSable Harbor in the early morning hours of Aug. 30.

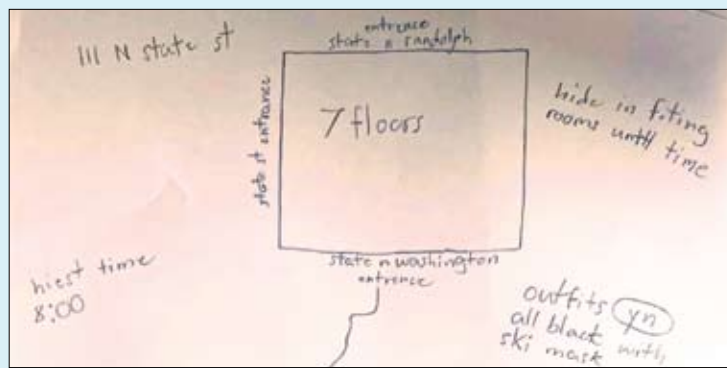
The fatal encounter occurred with Trader and three companions arriving at the locked entrance to Dock C around 2:43 a.m., said Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara. Trader, dressed in all black with a hat and glasses, scaled the metal grates on the side of the gate, hung his body over open water, and unlocked it from inside to let his companions enter, Pekara said.

Two women in the group boarded Adzal's yacht, called "Gone," and began taking Snapchat photos on the back deck while the captain slept below. When he woke and discovered them, he escorted the women off the boat and walked them back toward the gate, where Trader and another man were waiting, according to Pekara, who said Adzal was unarmed and made no threats or physical contact with the women.

As Adzal opened the gate, Trader entered and knocked the captain backward, causing his head to hit the metal side grate before he fell into Lake Michigan and sank below the surface, Pekara alleged. Surveillance video captured the sound of the punch, Adzal's head striking the grate, and him falling into the water.

A fisherman walking nearby heard the splash and spoke with Trader, who told him someone had fallen into the water and suggested he jump in to help, Pekara said. Trader then made a 911 call from his own phone.

While officers searched the water, Trader allegedly climbed the gate again and retrieved what appeared to



Part of the map and tactics that two teens allegedly used to burglarize Macy's on State St. Image courtesy Cook County Sheriff's Office

Teens used detailed heist map to burglarize downtown Macy's

Two juveniles created and executed a detailed scheme to hide inside Macy's flagship store in the Loop until closing time, then stole merchandise using a hand-drawn plan complete with tactical notes and timing specifics, officials say.

Cook County Sheriff's Police officers responded to the Macy's store on State St. on Feb. 2 after employees recognized two juveniles who were seen on surveillance footage burglarizing the store the previous night, the sheriff's office said. Video allegedly showed the pair exiting the store with sunglasses, cologne, and clothing.

The investigation revealed a surprisingly detailed scheme. Officers recovered a hand-drawn map that meticulously outlined the burglary plan, including a sketch of the store layout, noting its seven occupied floors. The map indicated "8:00" as "heist time"—the exact time Macy's closed on Sunday night.

A copy of the map released by the sheriff's office also showed step-by-step tactical instructions: "hide

in fitting [sic] rooms until time" and "scope out floors basement - 5th for primary target (time 1:30 -2:30)."

The teens even planned their attire, noting they would wear "outfits all black with ski mask" that they described as "yn."

Sheriff's police officers located the juveniles, who were allegedly wearing clothes stolen the night before, and took them into custody. Under questioning in the presence of their legal guardians, both teens admitted to hiding in the store and taking the items, according to the sheriff's office, and one acknowledged drawing the detailed map outlining the scheme.

Officers recovered the map and later executed a search warrant at one of the juveniles' residences, where they say they found stolen sunglasses and cologne.

Both juveniles were charged with burglary and released to their legal guardians.

be a wallet from inside the dock area, pocketing it before leaving in a ride-share.

Chicago Fire Dept. divers recovered Adzal's body about 10 minutes after police arrived. Resuscitation efforts failed, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives identified Trader through surveillance footage, phone records from the 911 call, and witness identifications. Two officers who had arrested Trader for DUI a week before the murder identified him from body camera footage at the scene, Pekara said. One of the women who boarded the yacht also identified Trader to investigators and testified before a grand jury.

He also had two pending burglary cases and a pending aggravated battery case. The battery charge stems from a Jan. 2025 incident in which he allegedly punched a gas station clerk in the face because he thought the clerk was looking at him, Pekara said. The punch was so forceful that it broke the victim's nose, and he had to undergo surgery, according to Pekara. All of the burglary and aggravated battery charges were filed after Adzal's murder, but Trader was on pretrial release for the misdemeanor DUI.

Judge John Hock ordered Trader detained on the murder charge. He was already being detained in the aggravated battery case.

Ex-CPS teacher sentenced to five years for exposing himself to children

A former Chicago Public Schools teacher with a history of sex-related misconduct has been sentenced to five years in prison for exposing himself to young girls on the city's Far North Side.

Elliott Nott, 51, pleaded guilty to two counts of exploiting a child before Judge Domenica Stephenson last week. She sentenced him to concurrent five-year terms, though the sentence will be cut in half by state law and reduced by 475 days Nott spent in jail awaiting trial and another 163 days of "program credit" earned while he was detained, according to court records.



Elliott Nott, inset, and surveillance images of the suspect that were released by CPD.

The Chicago Police Dept.'s Special Investigations Unit released two surveillance images of a man on Oct. 1, 2024, saying he "performed an indecent act" in front of two children in the 6200 block of N. Maplewood a couple of days earlier. Those victims were 7 and 9 years old and were standing at a bus stop when Nott pulled his private part out of his zipper, prosecutors alleged.

Prosecutors also alleged that a 10-year-old girl and a 5-year-old girl saw him in the 6500 block of N. Richmond on Sept. 23 with a sweatshirt around his waist and his private part exposed.

Nott's ex-wife recognized him in the CPD alert and contacted detectives, according to court filings.

The case marks the latest in a series of sex-related incidents involving Nott dating back decades.

In 2019, Nott received two years of probation after he pleaded guilty to placing a hidden camera in two locations, including inside a staff bathroom at Ogden Elementary School, 24 W. Walton, where he taught music.

Prosecutors said another faculty member discovered the device after it came loose and fell to the floor. At the time, police reported that they had recovered photographs and videos of several employees and an 8-year-old student. CPS said they fired Nott after the camera was discovered. He had been a teacher and track coach at the school since 2009.

The most serious charge he faced in those cases — child pornography

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\$10K reward offered in killing of city emergency management worker

BY CWB CHICAGO

A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of anyone responsible for the shooting death of a city of Chicago employee who was found dead inside her West Rogers Park apartment on the morning of Feb. 6.

Da'j Flowers, 36, was discovered shot to death behind the front door of her second-floor residence in the 6900 block of N. Bell Ave. during a well-being check by Chicago police.

A deputy director at the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, the city agency that handles 911 calls and emergency dispatching, requested the check after Flowers failed to report for work. A city employee database lists her position as a senior administrative assistant.

An officer who responded to assist at the scene recovered a firearm inside the apartment. Police have not said whether the weapon belonged to Flowers or how it may be connected to the shooting.

On Saturday afternoon, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Flowers' death a

homicide.

Later Friday, Cook County Crime Stoppers announced a \$10,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone responsible for killing Flowers.

"Another woman has been killed in our city, and it is unacceptable," said Paul Rutherford, executive director of Cook County Crime Stoppers. "This was a senseless act of violence, and someone out there knows who is

responsible. We urge anyone with information, no matter how small it may seem, to come forward. Your tip could be the one that brings accountability and justice to the victim's family."

Crime Stoppers said all tips are anonymous and tipsters are never required to testify. Information can be submitted by calling 800-535-7867 or online at CPDTIP.com.

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February 12-March 8, Weekdays: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
March 9-March 16, weekdays: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Any voter in Chicago can vote at any early voting site. Starting March 2, early voting will begin in all 50 wards in Chicago. The North Side locations for these early voting sites in each ward are:

- 1st Goldblatts Building, 1615 W. Chicago Ave.
- 2nd Near North Library, 310 W. Division St.
- 32nd Bucktown-Wicker Park Library, 1701 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- 33rd American Indian Center, 3401 W. Ainslie St.
- 40th Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N. Lincoln Ave.
- 42nd Historic Lawson House, 803 N. Dearborn St.
- 43rd Lincoln Park Library, 1150 W. Fullerton Ave.
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Spring flower show set to bloom at Lincoln Park Conservatory

Forget what Punxsutawney Phil predicted, spring is arriving in full bloom, at least indoors, as the Chicago Park District [CPD] prepares to open the annual spring flower shows at Lincoln Park Conservatory. The shows will run Valentine's Day through Mother's Day- Saturday, Feb. 14 through Sunday, May 10.

Visitors are welcome to enjoy the spring plants and flowers no matter the weather. The Lincoln Park Conservatory located at 2391 N. Stockton Dr., will host "Jewels of Spring."

"Spring is a time of renewal, and both Spring Flower Shows highlight the beauty, creativity and diversity of plants that thrive during this time," said CPD CEO Carlos Ramirez-Rosa. "We invite the public to step out of the cold, dreary weather and reconnect with nature to brighten their day."

Visitors are in for a treat. The conservatory offers a unique interpretation of spring with seasonal favorites like daffodils, tulips, lupines and snapdragons featured. Whether it's snowing, sleeting or below zero outside, when visitors walk into the show,

they will be instantly transported to an oasis filled with colorful flowers and thriving plants that promote serenity and well-being.

Pre-registration is required, for more information, visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/conservatory-flower-shows.

Jewels of Spring

The 2026 spring flower show at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, "Jewels of Spring," highlights the amazing flowers of the Tower of Jewels, also known as Echium or Pride of Madeira. It's a dramatic, colorful plant which grows flower spikes that are two to three feet tall.

Accompanying these gems are a host of our favorite spring beauties, tulips such as 'Gold Rush' and 'Flaming Flag', '4D Violet Ice' African daisies, Cymbidium Orchids, Delphinium 'Cobalt Dreams', and Primula 'Wild Flame Shades.' All are planted against a backdrop of treasured camellias, azaleas, peonies, and hydrangeas.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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jong, Gomoku, Chinese Chess, and more as they honor traditions, connect with friends, and welcome a year of strength, energy, and good fortune. Tell 'em 'Tommy sent cha.' The evening will also feature Chinese fortune telling, reflection, curiosity, and conversation for the year to come.

BEST EATERY: Celebrity TV foodie **Guy Fieri** announced his top five best restaurants in America and thrilled many with two Chicago spots among them. At #1 is LaScarola, **Joey Mondelli** and **Armando Vasquez'** superb Italian eatery at 721 W. Grand. His #5 pick is none other than **Ron Cain's Kuma's Corner**, 2900 W. Belmont, long ground zero for fabulous hand-crafted burgers.

FILM: The Architecture and Design Film Festival screens in Chicago Feb. 19-22, don't miss it.

SOVIET HOLOCAUST: The Illinois Holocaust Museum has created a first-of-its-kind online experience sharing the little-known history of the Holocaust in the Soviet Union as told through the stories of Chicago-area survivors and their families. The exhibition is made possible through the assistance of many, including **Tanya and Michael Polsky**, and **Julie Bashkin and Matt Brody**.

Over 2.5 million Jews killed in the Holocaust were from the Soviet Union, yet their stories of persecution, displacement, and murder remain relatively unknown. This new site presents the Museum's full photography and object collection connected to the Holocaust in the Soviet Union, sharing individual stories from Chicagoland survivors and rescuers.

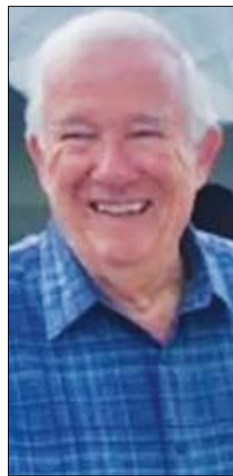
WHO'S WHERE: **Jane Canepa** and **Tom O'Donnell** taking charge of the Lake View Kiwanis St. Pat's Party March 3, at Ann Sathers on Belmont, plan to stop in and say "hi" to former Lake View Ald. **Tom Tunney**, still working the grill and cleaning tables. This year Kiwanis is honoring the memory of **Dan and Kathleen O'Donnell**... Judge (ret.) **Rhoda Sweeney** and husband, **Fred Drucker**, at the Chicago Symphony concert of Stravinsky and Ravel in Orange County, CA led by Maestro **Riccardo Muti**... Producer and writer **Joey Majumdar** is getting some hometown rejuvenation back in the splendor of India, and attending the launch party for "Variety" in Mumbai, hope he returns to Chicago with expansive ideas for fresh films... Intuit Art Museum on Milwaukee Ave. announced a trio of vibrant solo exhibitions of pioneering

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experimental artists **Billy Brady**, **Dr. Charles Smith**, and **Marvin Young**... **Myra Reilly** confronting a large wild coyote in the woodlands of Lake Forest, walk softly and carry a big stick... **Eamonn Cummins** at pre-St. Patrick's festivities at the Corned Beef Dinner at the Plumbers' Hall joining **Maria Pappas**, **Kathy Taylor**, **Katherine O'Connell**, **Tim Egan**, and the parade queen, herself, **Claire Cahill** and her court, **Kathleen Sullivan**, **Colleen Kelch**, **Mary Dillon**, and **Elizabeth Laffey**... **Jeff and Stephanie Leese Emrich** had a fabulous safari in Tanzania, Uganda, the highlight - Ngorongoro Crater and the Gibb's Farm... Veteran WTTW newsmen **Phil Ponce** was dressed as a waiter working hard at his granddaughter's birthday party... **Dr. Rose Gomez** and Swiss friends coming to Chicago, lunch is already scheduled at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... Attorney **Paula Borg** in New York, her second favorite city... belated Happy Birthday to **Curt Rose**... **Christopher Clinton Conway** honored to be the cover story for OncoDaily Medical Journal... **Peggy Snorf** off to merry ole London for the tea and scones.

A TOAST: Condolences to the family of **James L. "Boz" O'Brien**, founder and longtime owner of Reilly's Daughter's Pub in suburban Oak Lawn and inside Midway Airport, a man of personality and wit he will be greatly missed.

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Theatre Co. will continue its 50th Anniversary Season with August Strindberg's masterclass in marital warfare *The Dance of Death*, adapted by **Conor McPherson**, directed by ensemble member **Yasen Peyankov** and featuring an all ensemble cast, playing now through March 22, tickets only \$20. A couple is about to celebrate 25 years of wedded bliss, when someone shows up at the door ... if decades of resentment, recrimination and mutual sabotage count as bliss, remember to buckle up.

THE BALLET: The Joffrey Ballet celebrates trailblazing 20th century dance legends with "American Icons," February 19-March 1. Witness the daring and enduring spirit that defines the Joffrey's maverick legacy for ten performances only at the historic Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Upper Wacker Dr. Featuring dynamic works by four trailblazing artists of the 20th century: The Joffrey Ballet co-founders **Robert Joffrey** and **Gerald Arpino**, founding Joffrey alum **Glen Tetley**, and prolific dance pioneer **Martha Graham**.

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Diva soothed souls on a cold Chicago night

BY SHEILA SWANN

Internationally celebrated American soprano, Renée Fleming returned to the Lyric Opera of Chicago for one-night only, Thursday, February 5 to perform “Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene,” one of the most fascinating projects of her entire career. It’s also her long-awaited first solo recital on the Lyric stage.

Fleming opened with Hazel Dickens’s “Pretty Bird,” sung a cappella. “People are surprised that I’m thinking and working in this style,” says Fleming. “But there’s something about folk music that has always touched me immediately.”

Accompanied by pianist Inon

Barnatan, the remainder of the first half of the performance played against a background of beautiful nature imagery from the National Geographic Society, to illustrate the importance of being environmentally aware.

The second set served lighter fare which helped to showcase Fleming’s sense of humor. A cheeky, catchy rendition of The Diva brought much laughter.

What do you do when the Diva asks you to sing along? You do it.

The closing number of the second encore was Leonard Cohen’s Hallelujah. The audience served as a sweet choir to Fleming’s flawless and haunting rendition.

The Diva can’t come back to Chicago soon enough.



Pianist Inon Barnatan and Renée Fleming.

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Real life story of Lourdes takes the stage with Bernadette: The Musical

BY PETER VON BUOL

On Feb. 11, 1858, in a small village in the French Pyrenees mountains, a teenaged shepherdess, Bernadette Soubirous, came face-to-face with a mysterious young woman in white at the Grotto of Massabielle. Between Feb. 11 and July 16, 1858, Soubirous would see this figure a total of 18 times. These experiences would not only have a profound effect on her own life and that of her family, but also on people throughout the rest of the world. Yes, the North Side of Chicago too.

The real-life story of Bernadette Soubirous is the subject of a new musical that will take the stage of the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, 2936 N. Southport Ave. from Feb. 12-March 15.

Bernadette: the Musical is an English translation of Bernadette de Lourdes, a popular French musical composed by Grégoire Boissenot and orchestrated by Scott Price. The original French lyrics were written by Patrice Guirao and Lionel Florence. English language lyrics were written by veteran British songwriter/record producer Barry Blue.

For director Serge Denoncourt, being able to bring the true story of Bernadette’s life to Chicago theatergoers has been a special honor. A fictionalized account of her life was the subject of The Song of Bernadette for which actress Jenny Jones won an Oscar in 1944 for her portrayal of Soubirous.

“Historically, it’s such an interesting story. What happened to that little girl? She saw something, and it was the people around her who said, ‘Oh, you saw the Virgin Mary.’ And she says at the beginning of the show, and she says in the archive, ‘I never said I saw the Virgin Mary.’ And then they all say, Yes, that was the Virgin Mary. And at the end, she’s 13 years old. And she said, ‘Okay, if you say so.’ She’s definitely not a liar. But then, historically, there was a big scandal. The Pope [Pius IX] was involved as were the police, the local bishop, the church and the villagers. So, I decided to tell that story of the girl,” said Denoncourt, who describes himself as not being a religious person.



Eyma Scharen, a French singer and actress, plays Bernadette Soubirous.

According to Denoncourt, it would have been far easier for Soubirous to have given in to the authorities and said what they wanted to hear. It took courage for an impoverished and sickly teenaged girl to stand up to not only the highest civil authorities but also to religious authorities.

“What is interesting about that story is that [this] little 13-year-old girl fights against all those powers to say, I’m not here to convince you. That is what I saw [at the Grotto]. That’s it. If you don’t believe me, I don’t care,” said Denoncourt.

As the news spread about what had happened to Soubirous at the grotto, she never told anyone she had any special gifts or powers. She continued to display genuine humility and grace and to not seek out the limelight.

“She didn’t reach for fame. In the show, she will say a lot of times, ‘You don’t have to believe me.’ I fell in love with that little girl, not the saint. She [had the courage to tell] powerful men, ‘I won’t lie and say whatever you want me to say.’ She becomes for me, a universal figure about people who want to change the world peacefully, a simple girl, not educated. Yet, she fights all those big powers! She’s so strong, and so I was really fascinated by the historical figure, much more than the religious figure,” said Denoncourt.

Growing up in the French Pyrenees as an impoverished shepherdess meant Soubir-

ous spoke Occitan/Provençal, a language not even considered French by the local authorities, and which was one more reason she was investigated.

“They asked her, ‘How did she talk to you? Parisian? And she responded, in my own language, and people laughed at her. They told her ‘that’s impossible. It’s a poor language.’ And she responded, frankly, ‘Whatever I know, how she spoke to me.’ All that is quite interesting to me, not from a religious point of view, [but rather from] a historical point of view. Where was French society at that point? Where was the power looking at those things?”

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“She created troubles in the village. And she said, ‘I don’t ask anybody to follow me.’ There is something quite interesting, even in the modern time we are in, who disturbed the society and who doesn’t disturb the society? I became very interested about her French society, her father and mother. Everything is from real document that I saw, including a letter from her father, a letter from her mother and the police inspector’s diary. I didn’t invent one bit of dialogue. It’s all historical stuff,” said Denoncourt.

On Feb. 18, 1862, church authorities declared her apparition as Our Lady of Lourdes and “worthy of belief.” Four years later, Soubirous joined a nearby convent, which allowed her some rest from a constant stream of pilgrims who wanted to meet with her.

On April 16, 1879, after a long illness, Soubirous died at the age of 35. Canonized a saint in 1933, the humble shepherdess from a French hinterland remains one of the most popular saints in the Roman Catholic Church.

Until recently, the Archdiocese of Chicago had its own “jewel box” version of the Lourdes grotto located within the now-closed Our Lady of Lourdes and Grotto at 1601 W. Leland Ave. The church closed in 2024 and the future of the century-old building continues to be uncertain, especially after its parking lot has been sold to a developer.

Designed by the prominent Chicago architectural firm of Worthmann and Steinbach, the Spanish-Renaissance style church was built in 1916. The firm designed dozens of churches and homes throughout Chicago, many now listed by the city of Chicago on its Architectural Resources

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Survey.
When it was originally built, the church faced west and was located across the street. Just 12 years later, the city of Chicago announced plans to widen Ashland Ave. and the church was in danger of losing 10 feet from its front. The pastor at the time, Rev. James Scanlon, developed an engineering solution which today seems almost impossible.

“Instead of letting them chop 10 feet off the front, [Scanlon] decided to move the 10,000 ton church across the street and turn it halfway around so it faced north on Leland. Scanlon then cut the 100-by-175-foot building down the middle and inserted a 20-foot addition, increasing seating capacity from 800 to 1200,” wrote the late Patrick Butler, a longtime contributor to this newspaper in his 2013 book *Hidden History of Ravenswood and Lakeview*.

Astonishingly, the engineering feat was primarily accomplished by manual labor, not machine.

“Engineers and architects from around the world came to watch as a handpicked crew of 150 men slowly lifted the building off of its foundation on 2,500 jacks and then edged it across the street on 400 rollers after using air drills to clear away several inches of ice still coating the street that frosty March. To keep from pulling too hard on one part of the building, six heavy chains in front and six heavy chains in rear were hooked to 72 pulleys connected to four horse-powered capstans. On a signal from a whistle, the teams turned their capstans and the church began to move one foot a minute, stopping every four feet to check lines and replace rollers as needed. Crowe Brothers, one of the Midwest’s oldest building movers, had to post a \$300,000 bond to cover any possible damage. But, [their] calculations were so good that the building didn’t suffer a single crack as it was being hauled across the street and then split in the middle for the 20-foot insert and attached to a new rectory. By the time the move was completed in May, Scanlon had a collection of newspaper clippings from around the world,” wrote Butler.

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vate developer plans for the South Old Town-Gold Coast West neighborhood, the CHA is planning the “rebirth” of Cabrini-Green on exactly the same land where it failed decades ago.

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

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with a victim under 18 — was dropped by prosecutors.

NBC5 reported in 2016 that Nott had been hired at CPS even though he had been arrested on sex-related charges before. As a high school student in 1993, he was convicted of “peeping Tom” allegations involving two girls in his neighborhood in Normal, the outlet reported.

While teaching in New Hampshire in 2004, he was convicted of prowling and loitering for “spying on a young woman,” NBC5 found.

Two charged with carjacking brothers during botched gun deal outside Senn High School

A 17-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man are facing robbery, firearms, and carjacking charges after prosecutors say they carjacked two brothers during a botched gun transaction outside Senn High School in Edgewater.

Prosecutors said two brothers arrived in the neighborhood around 8 p.m. Jan. 11 because one of them planned to buy a gun from someone he knew from high school. That brother also brought his own firearm and had it sitting next to his right thigh as they drove around in a Dodge Durango, authorities said.

While driving through the area, the brothers noticed three people walking around and peeking into their vehicle. The brother behind the wheel circled the block because he was suspicious, then parked in the 5900 block of N. Glenwood Ave. outside Senn High School.

Prosecutors said Cristian Mazza Maita, 19, wearing a ski mask, approached the Durango with a 17-year-old boy. The juvenile got into the back seat while Mazza pointed a handgun at the driver and ordered him to hand over all his property, according to a detention filing.

The driver got out of the Durango and stood nearby as the juvenile pointed a gold and red glitter handgun at the second brother, taking the second brother’s firearm and also tak-

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The new “finalized master plan,” which the CHA says it will soon start implementing, essentially repeats the great 1950s landmark public housing boondoggle drafted by planners at the request of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley, who falsely believed that stacking poor people in high-rises would solve the city’s slum-housing problems.

Today, clustering thousands of new CHA units on extremely valuable land will likely increase crime and set safe, market-rate and mixed-income residential development back another century. This writer believes the only

sane way to develop affordable housing in Chicago is to mix and sprinkle low-rise units in every city neighborhood.

The billion-dollar Cabrini-Green II real estate needs to be marketed for its highest and best use. Sell it at top prices to luxury housing developers, and builders of market-rate apartments and affordable units. Only 20% or 25% of this land should be developed for Section 8 housing.

If the land were sold at appraised prices today, imagine how many thousands more Section 8 units could be developed and scattered in other city neigh-

borhoods that are seeking affordable housing.

If the CHA wants to forever hold title to this land—which is worth its weight in gold—then the organization could lease it to developers for 99 years, which has been successful in similar lower density developments in the area.

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



Cristian Mazza Maita and the four firearms allegedly recovered by CPD.

ing his phone and wallet, prosecutors said.

A third offender then arrived and pointed a gun at both victims as Mazza fired one round into the ground, according to prosecutors. The brothers walked away from the Durango, and the three hijackers drove it away.

The brothers contacted police using a passerby’s phone and also had a third brother track an AirTag that was inside the Durango. The brothers relayed the location information to officers, who transmitted the location data to a CPD helicopter unit.

Ground units moved in as the helicopter tracked the Durango to the 8000 block of S. Paulina St. Helicopter video allegedly showed Mazza, the juvenile, and a third offender running from the Durango.

Officers recovered a loaded red and gold handgun a few feet from where Mazza was arrested. Police allegedly found a second handgun on Mazza’s person, along with one of the victim’s wallets. Prosecutors said Mazza “made admissions” about firing the gun and being inside the stolen Durango.

Police recovered two additional handguns during the operation, bringing the total number of weapons seized to four, CPD said.

Mazza is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, armed robbery, and aggravated unlawful possession of a weapon. Judge John Hock ordered him detained.

The 17-year-old boy was also

charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, robbery, and unlawful possession of a weapon. Prosecutors said he is additionally charged in a separate robbery at the North-Clybourn Red Line CTA station last summer involving a group of former Senn High School students.

According to a CPD report, when police notified the juvenile’s adult brother, 20-year-old Josue Rada, that the teen was in custody, Rada reported to Area Three police headquarters. He was then arrested for also participating in the CTA robbery, the CPD report said.

The third suspect in the Edgewater carjacking got away.

Teen charged with shooting 7 people outside Chicago Theatre following Christmas tree lighting

A 17-year-old boy is charged with the shooting of seven juveniles outside the Chicago Theatre following the city’s annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in November, and Chicago police say he went on to rob a man at gunpoint on the South Side less than two hours later.

CPD did not identify the boy because he is a juvenile, but his name is expected to be made public when he appears in court for his first appearance on Feb. 5 because he is being charged as an adult.

Prosecutors are expected to outline additional details during the court hearing about what they believe hap-

pened on the evening of Nov. 21, as crowds dispersed from the Loop after the city’s holiday kickoff event.

Police have said a single gunman opened fire around 10 p.m. outside the Chicago Theatre as large groups of young people lingered in the area following the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Officers were already patrolling nearby when they saw a large crowd fighting on the sidewalk along the first block of N. State St.

As officers moved closer, they heard gunfire and saw people running in multiple directions. Police said they pushed into the area and found seven juveniles suffering from gunshot wounds and graze wounds along State Street stretching from the theater toward Randolph Street.

The victims included a 13-year-old girl who was shot in the leg, a 14-year-old boy who was shot in the leg, a 14-year-old boy who suffered a graze wound to the stomach, a 14-year-old girl with a gunshot wound to the right hip, a 15-year-old boy with a graze wound to the left thigh, a 16-year-old boy who was shot in the leg, and a 17-year-old boy with a graze wound to the left thigh.

Videos posted to social media showed officers rendering aid to victims on the sidewalk outside a Walgreens near State Street and Randolph Street, while other officers knelt beside additional victims closer to the Chicago Theatre marquee.

Chicago police said the same 17-year-old boy is also charged with robbing a 38-year-old man at gunpoint in the 600 block of East 102nd Street about 90 minutes after the shooting.

The boy is charged with seven counts each of attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery by discharging a firearm, and aggravated discharge of a firearm. He is also charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of aggravated unlawful possession of a weapon.

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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-PR4 TRUST, Plaintiff,
-v-
WANDA L. WILSON-BROWN, SHERWIN PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
24 CH 6236
1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/8/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 2/23/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 2/25/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-30-422-032-1023 AND 11-30-422-032-1027

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The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$174,734.17
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC. (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 24-01287.
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Case Number: 24 CH 6236
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-SD1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SD1 Plaintiff,
-v-
MUHAMMAD S. MOUSAVI, NASREEN S. MOUSAVI, DYCK-ONEAL, INC., CACH, LLC, STATE OF

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ILLINOIS, NEW RIDGE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
25 CH 1310
6432 N. RIDGE BOULEVARD APT 3C CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 6432 N. RIDGE BOULEVARD APT 3C, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-31-401-098-1064
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
Barbara Gormaly, as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Eileen Gormaly; Greg M. Gormaly, as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Eileen Gormaly; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Market Street Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns; Residences at River East Center Condominium Association; MCWS REC LLC, a Delaware limited liability company Defendants.
512 North McClurg Court, Unit 2908, Chicago, IL 60611
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Commonly known as 512 North McClurg Court, Unit 2908, Chicago, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1278

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The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$190,265.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 512 North McClurg Court, Unit 2908 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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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quired by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIZENS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v-
AVANI PATEL, FARALLON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
2025CH05116

Real Estate For Sale

600 N DEARBORN ST APT 1903 CHICAGO, IL 60610
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Property Index No. 17-09-233-025-1149, 17-09-233-025-1215
The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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. 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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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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The Edgewater Historical Society is hosting a book discussion on *Onward Chicago: Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad in Northeastern Illinois* by Larry A McClellan.

The talk will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Edgewater Branch Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

The book examines the history of the Underground Railroad in Chicago and Illinois showing how Chicago's Black community assisted people in their escape from the south and the Fugitive Slave Act.

The book highlights the men and women who aided the freedom seekers.

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gram actually works — and how cities get rebuilt,” he said.

“Yet too often the TIF program is treated as an ineffective reimbursement tool or budget backfill rather than a true construction finance engine. Timing and risk don't match. Developers end up undercapitalized, and the public gets asked to bail out what never penciled out.”

Indeed, this area still lacks even basic city infrastructure such as paved streets, sewers and street lights. Instead, last year Mayor Johnson gifted \$552 million of city TIF funds to the CPS and \$232.6 million to the city of Chicago for overhead.

TIF legislation requires TIF dollars must be spent in the district from which they're collected. This does not happen when a mayor withdraws all the cash by fiat.

In a moment of clarity and brazen honesty, Waguespack warned that Chicago taxpayers can expect another \$1.6 billion deficit in the next budget, and can expect another raid on TIF funds.

On other money matters, Ald. Hopkins explained that the city's current budget is more than 40% higher than it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that Johnson continues to spend money as if the city was still the recipient of emergency federal aid.

“The mayor said we can't cut. Cuts are off the table. The only cuts we can do is eliminate paramedics, or something similar,” said Hopkins. “The last pre-pandemic budget that we passed for 2020, compared to this budget today, it's a 40% increase in operational costs. We don't have 40% more paramedics. We don't have 40% more firemen. We also don't have 40% more garbage trucks or 40% more snow plows. We [also] don't have 40% more police officers. Where's that money? Where'd it go?”

“A lot of it was propped up by federal COVID relief funds that we enjoyed for a few years. We don't have access to that federal money anymore, but yet we're still spending as though we do,” said Hopkins.

Ald. Knudsen did credit the budget negotiations with having the positive effect of bringing together alders from throughout the city.

“We were there for three months in a process that's supposed to be one month. [At the same time, we were] also trying to hold together everything going on in our wards. It did just kind of take a toll, [but] there are some positives. We have 31 colleagues right now who are working together. That's something that's never happened in the city where the mayor just does not have a majority,” said Knudsen.

Knudsen believes the mayor's weakness is actually an opportunity to get things done for the city council, if the majority continue to work together.

“We have a weak mayor at the moment, and that's something for us to really think about and to figure out how we can use it,”

said Knudsen.

Chicagoans of a certain age know that such aldermanic candor would have been severely punished under prior administrations. None of today's alders seem to fear this mayor.

Throughout Johnson's tenure, there has been quite a bit of turnover among his administration. According to the three alders, this has resulted in some curious decisions. The Chicago Dept. of Transportation last year closed numerous bridges on the North Branch of the Chicago River, including the Cortland Street Bridge in September.

“We've had a lot of movement on commissioners in the city during this mayor's administration. Some have felt pretty temporary the whole time. That's why we've run into some of these issues like the bridges. It comes down to leadership in the city departments we fund through our budget,” said Knudsen.

Public safety continues to remain a significant concern for businesses throughout Chicago, including Lincoln Park. In an attempt to reduce crimes committed by youths, Ald. Hopkins had drafted a curfew ordinance that had passed the city council, but was ultimately vetoed by Johnson.

This ordinance would have allowed Chicago Police to have removed unaccompanied minors from dangerous situations but without arresting them.

Ironically, when Johnson learned a group of youths was planning to disrupt Chicago's appearance on a nationally-televised 2025 New Year's broadcast, battered by reality, he invoked a curfew.

“The potential for that to be a very embarrassing moment for the city of Chicago in general and this mayor in particular, was undeniable. So the mayor's public safety team got together, and the first thing they did was identify who the influencers were that were intending to take over the New Year's Eve celebration, and they determined that the influencers behind this

were credible leaders, young people, young teenagers that had very large followings on social media and had a history of organizing some of the teen takeovers that we've seen,” said Hopkins.

After no disruptions occurred during the New Year's Eve broadcast, Hopkins seized the opportunity to raise the issue again with Johnson.

“The mayor said we can't cut. Cuts are off the table. The only cuts we can do is eliminate paramedics, or something similar,” said Ald. Brian Hopkins. “The last pre-pandemic budget that we passed for 2020, compared to this budget today, it's a 40% increase in operational costs. We don't have 40% more paramedics. We don't have 40% more firemen. We also don't have 40% more garbage trucks or 40% more snow plows. We [also] don't have 40% more police officers. Where's that money? Where'd it go?”

“I'm working on a revised curfew ordinance that I believe the mayor will support. He will not veto it a second time, if we can pass it. I'm hoping to do so at the next meeting. While there are some differences from what I had originally intended, it includes the most important thing of the vetoed legislation. It includes the ability to take unaccompanied minors, 17 years of age and younger, off the streets and out of a volatile and dangerous and potentially violent situation, without arresting them,” said Hopkins.

The trouble-making youths will stew

in a police station waiting for a parent or guardian to come collect them. No charges, hopefully some discipline from mom when they get home.

In addition to complimenting his colleagues at the meeting, Waguespack had effusive praise for the LPCC, which now has nearly 600 dues-paying members.

“You are one of our best chambers in the city. Each of us sits in different city council committees. Whether it's finance, budget, economic development, we listen to the discussions that go on in other parts of the city with the business community. I think we're all pretty proud of the relationship we have with the Lincoln Park Chamber and the surrounding chambers, with whom you work very well. That can be for legislation for the budget or for other things that come up in the middle of the year,” said Waguespack.

The three Aldermen rewarded that reputation that day by being frank and honest with the LPCC membership.

WINNERS

The meeting also served as the LPCC's annual meeting, and where the chamber recognized its two 2026 Neighborhood Champion Award winners: Edda Coscioni, the owner and lead stylist of Salon Edda, 2112 N. Lincoln Ave. and the restaurant Range Chicago, 1119 W. Webster Ave.

Located at 2468 N. Lincoln Ave., the LPCC hosts events throughout the year. For more information contact the chamber at info@lincolnparkchamber.com or 773-880-5200.

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White about his second half strategy.

“We would get it off the net, run secondary breaks. We got a lot of points off that. That's just running the floor hard and kicking it up. Finding opportunities to the basket.”

That's coach speak for running a fast-break offense and scoring in transition. The Vikings scored the first seven points in the second half erasing Lake View's halftime lead in under three minutes.

The Vikings had the Wildcats playing their game. The second half was up and down, back and forth. Amundsen was lead by senior guard Darius McKinney who led all scorers with 19 points. But it was Vikings' senior forward and Ravenswood resident Jessie Hornbuckle that provided the fourth quarter spark to lift the Vikings.

“All I do is grab a lot of boards, grab a lot of rebounds. I try my hardest in the paint. I make sure that I give the fullest effort that I have,” Hornbuckle said. It was Hornbuckle's eight fourth-quarter point that sparked the Amundsen victory.

“Jessie got a lot of offensive rebounds. Jessie got a lot of opportunities from the drive. He was getting easy opportunities,” White said about Hornbuckle.

With the Vikings ahead by two midway through the fourth quarter, Hornbuckle sank two free throws then quickly added four more inside points. Hornbuckle's final bucket, actually the Vikings' final bucket, came with 1:27 left to make the lead seven points. Amundsen held on in the final seconds for a 55-52 victory.

“They beat us in the conference but we beat them when it counted,” Hornbuckle said after the game. “I was thinking one game at a time. Now look at us. We are sweet 16.”

The Vikings have their work cut out for them in the City playoffs. They will face No. 3 ranked Curie on Thursday at Curie. Curie is clearly the top team in the Chicago Public League at 22-1 overall and 6-0 in the Public League's Red-West. Curie's only loss this season has come at the hands of No. 1 ranked Benet Academy at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament.

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