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Essay contest for 30th Artists of the Wall



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The Loyola Park Advisory Council [LPAC] is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Artists of the Wall Festival [AWF] with an essay contest.

This year's AWF essay theme is, "Stories of the Wall."

The AWF got its start in 1993, when a group of Rogers Park neighbors came up with an idea to combat graffiti. Gangs had been continually tagging the 600-foot long sea wall to the point where the Chicago Park District couldn't keep up maintenance. The group thought if the wall was painted by the community with art, that it would be respected and could

be enjoyed by all throughout the year.

And the plan worked.

LPAC picked this theme for 2023 because of the many stories they've heard from people using the park. "Whether new to the area and experiencing it for the first time or a longtime resident who has participated since the beginning, the wall has some great stories," they said in their announcement.

They are seeking short, 250-word essays in the upcoming contest. Ten winners will be of-

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Man tried to lure two girls in Rogers Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are looking for a man who tried to lure two teenage girls in Rogers Park last week.

The 14- and 15-year-old girls, who are friends, were at 6725 N. Clark when the man approached them with a shopping cart at 4:16 p.m. on Feb. 27, police said.

"You look sexy," he told the girls in Spanish. "I want to hire you. You should come work for me."

Police said the girls responded in Spanish that they were only 14 and 15 years old.

"Next time I see you, I'm going to take you," the man replied as he tried to block the girls' path, according to police. Both girls got away.

In a community alert about the incident, Chicago police said the man is Hispanic, 40 to 50 years old, about 5'-11" tall, and weighs 120 to 150 lbs. He has gray hair, a red bump near his lip, crooked teeth, and a high-pitched voice. He wore a white t-shirt, a blue hoodie, and gray sweatpants.

Tips can be shared with Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261. Refer to case number JG-169259.

The New 400 Theaters 'almost certainly closing'

BY AUSTIN HOJDAR
The Loyola Phoenix

The movie theater, which has survived two pandemics and two world wars since opening in 1912, and is widely considered the oldest theater in Chicago that's still operating, may soon close.

In Aaron Lawson's office at The New 400 Theaters, a Dell computer is situated between two whirring projectors in a dimly lit, attic-like space. To his right, a four-foot-tall poster of Robert Redford's "A River Runs Through It" leans against the wall. Behind him, a print for the original "Star Wars."

"I absolutely love this theater," Lawson, the theater's current general manager, said. "It's an old school movie theater, and we like it that way."



Literally the last motion picture show, as the New 400 Theater on Sheridan Rd. in Rogers Park may soon have to close.

At night, the glow of The 400 is the brightest on Sheridan Rd., but after a century, its light may soon be fading. Current owner

Tony Fox said he is "almost certainly closing The 400" as soon

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Second pot shop to open in Rogers Park

Community Meeting
March 14 on Perception
Cannabis proposal

Perception Cannabis will be hosting a virtual community meeting by Zoom 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, as part of its request for a Special Use Permit to open a dope dispensary at Clark and Lunt.

If they succeed, it would be Rogers Park's second marijuana seller, with Zen Leaf expected to open a new store in the Gateway Centre Plaza at 7541 N. Clark St. Zen Leaf already operates a medicinal and recreational pot dis-

pensary at 7305 N. Rogers

Perception Cannabis is interested in opening their shop at the former currency exchange located at 7000 N. Clark. The plans also include a parking lot for customer parking.

The large footprint, prominent facade, and proximity to the new Wild Onion food cooperative make that location desirable for a recreational pot shop.

Perception Cannabis is a Social Equity cannabis license holder and its CEO, Charles Cherqui, is a long-term Rogers Park resident. They would be a majority Black-owned business and therefore

would operate under a separate set of regulations, differentiating it from the major corporate dope dealers that operate across the country. Its status as a Social Equity Startup is the primary reason why it would be allowed to locate so close to where Zen Leaf plans to open their store.

7000 N. Clark is currently zoned as C1-2, so no zoning change is required, but they will need to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to open. To register to attend the meeting, visit bit.ly/PerceptionCannabis. Spanish translation will be available.

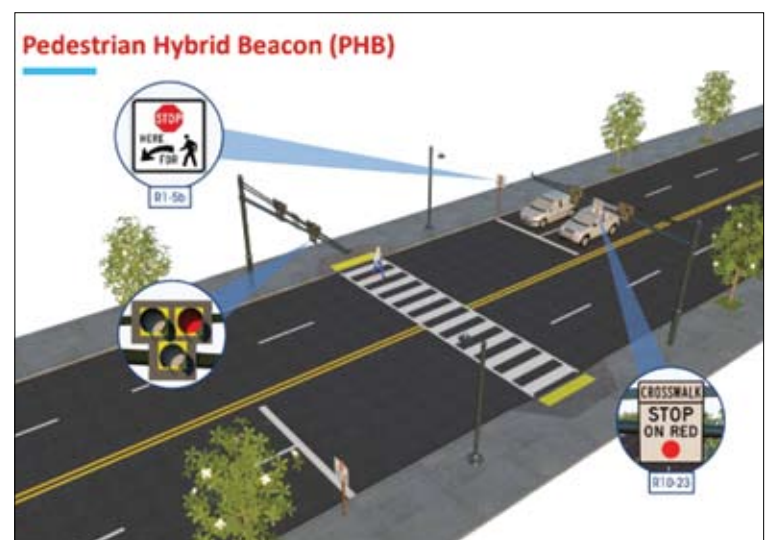
New pedestrian beacon coming to Ridge Ave.

In collaboration with the Illinois and Chicago departments of Transportation, there will soon be a new installation of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon [PHB] signal, otherwise known as a HAWK signal, at the intersection of N. Wayne Ave. and N. Ridge Ave. in Edgewater.

This will be the first PHB in the City of Chicago.

The PHB is a traffic safety device that progressively warns drivers, through light signaling, of a full traffic stop in order to allow for safe pedestrian crossing. It differs from a standard traffic signal in that it allows traffic to flow until a pedestrian needs to

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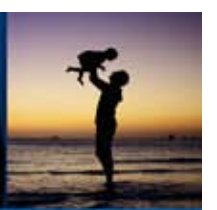


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Reflecting on Polaroids... mending the brokenness from where we came, and what finger was left behind



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've always believed that Chicagoans actually think in images of photography. I've never thought that we reasoned in long, complicated theories of life and learning. Like philosophers.

Instead I think that our minds page through a load of colorful photo prints, Polaroid images, glossy photographs that give us the full image of life.

The perfect picture.

I think that's a good thing.

Sure, it's different for tax accountants, mathematic scholars, physic geniuses. I don't really know many, but I'm still sure.

But the folks I do know, and with whom I socialize, tend to be photo realists. They have those brilliant Kodak moments going on in their noggins all the time. Spread out like they were strewn across a tabletop. Whether they are projecting the future or reliving the past.

That is of particular comfort after our recent primary election.

I've been looking for my crystal ball everywhere, but haven't been able to locate it. So, much like you, until the vote is counted in

April, I can speculate all I want, but we'll have no certainty of how things really conclude.

That's a good thing. It's time now to let go. Release ourselves from the things we cannot control. Like all the verbiage of the campaigns, the twisted ways we are often fed a version of the truth. Or the drama and danger by which many have been expanding our vocabulary about what will happen if the election goes one way or another. That's when I delight in my mind's ability to sort through the photos that are scattered and littered across my mind's floor.

I'll just escape by viewing the images of calm civility and encouraging safety. Images of trouble-free beauty. Heartwarming self-awareness and well-organized contentment.

No matter who the winner is on April 4 and takes the job on City Hall's fifth floor.

This is the way I have always celebrated St. Patrick's Day. A day that for my very religious Irish family was never about parades with green ribbons, the horror of a ridiculous mug of green beer or mindless painted shamrocks on our rosy cheeks. That's all the product of the suburbanization of being Irish. It just is not real. It stinks.

When your grandfather spent his life as a well-known Irish military patriot, there is little time for green beer.

When your family is forced into a political exile from the land of their birth, there is little time to get bleary-eyed on the streets of Chicago.

In our home, after morning Mass with the whole family, and a hearty breakfast following our pre-Vatican II fast from after dinner the night before, life demanded a soothing quiet time among loved ones.

On Patrick's feast, a great dinner with Christmas-worthy trimmings was always just what we craved. That might be a turkey, large prime rib or a whole ham. But, of course, for us, there was

never a corned beef. That was strictly delicatessen food. No, we were always ready for a squire's meal of sturdy proportions. Followed by Irish tunes on the squeeze box. And my grandmother trying to get the children up to Irish step dance.

Our traditions for St. Patrick's day were sober. Pious. Prayerful. Devout. Filled with a history from long ago. Reflecting on where we came from, and who was left behind.

There was great meaning for us all to be had, and a sense of discovered purpose that went beyond what we saw as the phony Irishness that was all around us.

My grandfather, IRA Commandant James O'Gorman, was always seen by his grandchildren as a fierce man of military might. He was a confidant of patriots. Gen. Michael Collins, and his political nemesis, the Countess Markievicz.

But I also knew he was a tickler, till you screamed for mercy. And a storyteller whose cuddles were as warm as they were pungent. Also a poet and balladeer. The constant smoker of a savory pipe.

It was in his poetry and songs that, today, I believe he gave us a glimpse of who he really was. A man of divine values. With a certain severity of justice and fitness which he insisted the Irish people deserved from their British invaders.

We knew that beneath his intense character and timeless grudge against England's king and parliament, that he was a man of resolute forgiveness for those who enacted persecution of our people. I think he ripened in coming to America.

But the USA was his second choice. Australia being his first. But for my grandmother, Rebecca, there was no land down under for her.

I was always proud of my grandfather's brand of gentlemanly deep Catholicism.

A tough Tipperary gent, he observed all the rules and regulations. Far more patient and salient than any Italian Cardinal or big-nosed Pope. (Of course we all called the largest of turkey giblets, "the Pope's nose.")

He was an Irishman through and through with the single goal of heaven. To this day when I go through the photos in my mind,



Our minds page through a load of colorful Polaroid images, glossy photographs that give us the full image of life.

he is in many of them. His thick mane of curly white hair a comfort to me now in my aging. He and his nine fingers. He was mysteriously missing his pinky on his left hand. We never got a straight scoop as to how he lost it. Most of my cousins just thought the British chopped it off. But I thought it might have been shot off. It was the stuff of legend.

So you see that this is the drama that lifts me when I brace to see the results of the Mayoral election.

I have been vocal. And I'm sure irritating to the current mayor and her supporters. She probably wants to chain me to a radiator, and have people from the Art Institute spray me with a water pistol.

What will I do if all my honest predictions fall away and I am left with a political scenario I did not wish for?

I'm not sure I can really leave town. I need to be near my cardiologist and my special table at RL.

So I think this will necessitate my deep perusal at all those photos in my brain. My falling back on the images of comfort that are stored in my imagination. Christmas parties. My First Communion. My first published book. My first whole lobster in Maine. My first paint on canvas and my refusal to stop slapping linen canvases with the bright colors of French Modernism.

I will keep that up until people of limited ability do less damage to the city I love. And until people I support no longer disappoint.

Or until good people of energized character finally restore our sense of worth and value. And our life in this metropolis is lifted to a higher sense of moral probity in

which people are valued and respected for their intrinsic worth.

Until then images of life frozen in time will have to do. Polaroids lifting and mending the brokenness of the present and the shattered reality of the past. No matter who gets all the votes for mayor. That's really what Chicago has always been about. Don't let go.

KANER: Blackhawk fans on all sides of the net across the city are grateful to **Patrick Kane** for the leverage and excitement he brought to the ice in shaping Chicago hockey. Of course

it's hard to let go. He carries a great piece of each of us away with him to New York.

NEW GUY: Congrats to **Bennett Lawson**, who will replace **Tom Tunney** as the 44th Ward alderman. He served as Tunney's Chief of Staff for nearly 15 years. He has been an invaluable asset to the ward as he has tirelessly advocated for the community.

THEY'RE HERE: Did you know Chicago has reported a whopping 464 UFO sightings since records began being collected, the most of all cities in Illinois. But Collinsville has the highest odds of alien abduction in Illinois, where 32 in 10,000 people will see a UFO on average.

SOPHIA ESTATE SALE: Crilly Court, Old Town home of artist architect **Norman Baugher**, March 10-11 and 24-25... paintings from the Old Town Triangle

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Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

This month is Women's History Month, an observance and celebration of the vital roles that women have played in American history and beyond. This week we're thrilled to be celebrating the genius of Jackie Taylor, the founder of Black Ensemble Theatre (BET), 4450 N. Clark St., in Uptown.

Each and every time I go to BET, I'm reminded of the fact that Taylor, a girl from the Cabrini Green projects, built that theater with a solid and much-needed mission of eradicating racism. Taylor turned BET into a place where inspiring and enriching filled-with-talent shows bring everybody together.

BET's latest production, "Reasons: A Tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire," does just that too. It's a musical trip back in time (you know I just love those types of shows), showing us how the band was formed, from its humble beginnings to becoming a musical powerhouse that took the world by storm. There are Chicago roots in there too, Cabrini Green, the Chicago Conservatory of Music, and the late great Ramsey Lewis, who helped EW&F founder Maurice White perfect his musical chops and gave him the boost of confidence needed to set out on his own.

Not only of course is the music grand in this show, but as always with BET, the talent blows me away. I've been going to BET performances since its days of being located in a school basement, and back then I didn't think it could get any better.

Each and every performer never ceases to amaze me -- these folks give it their all plus a whole lot more. (I was also pretty darn impressed at the super-high leg kick that Taylor came onstage and did after the show. Talk about historical!) And kudos to costume designer Marquicia Jordan, as I thought the period clothing was just right. Does anybody remember the Nik Nik shirts of the '70s?

There are plenty of "Reasons" to see this show. Christian Denzel Bufford couldn't be more perfect as a mature Maurice White, group founder and leader; Rashun Carter was excellent as Ramsey Lewis and Maurice's younger brother, the bass playing Verdine White; RJ Griffith did an awesome job as young Maurice White; Tommy Thurston was the fun token white boy, playing the roles of Leonard Chess, owner of Chicago's Chess Studio and musician Phil Collins, who was super corny-looking, and the famed Clive Davis; Rhonda Preston, who played Ms. Robinson, can really belt out a tune and I continuously enjoy her performances; the always-cool Dwight Neal, who played Maurice White's stepfather, Dr. Adams; the awesome Trequon Tate as Booker T.; and the fabulous ladies, Miciah Lathan, Keya Trammell, who played Maurice's Mother Dear, and Yajaira Velez, were all at the top of their game.

And then there was Gregory Stewart Jr., who brought the house down as Philip Bailey. There are obviously no limits to this man's talent, as well as his cast-mates, as we saw and heard time after time through songs such as: "September," "Shining Star," "That's the Way of the World," "Sing A Song," and many more. And what a backup band.

Yes, you wanna see this show.

Did you know that Philip Bailey wrote the song "Easy Lover," with Phil Collins? I hadn't. Nor did I have any idea that, "Best of My Love," by The Emotions was



Left to right: Christian Denzel Bufford, Gregory Stewart Jr., and RJ Griffith.
Photo by Aaron Reese Boseman

co-written by Maurice White.

The latter song brings me back to 1977, July 30 of that year. (You knew I had to slip a memory in here.) That night, I met my husband at Banana's, a wildly-popular dance club on Broadway just north of Foster. At the end of the evening, "Best of My Love," was played, two songs with that same name in fact, right in a row. One was by The Emotions and the other by The Eagles.

We danced to both and then closed the bar down with the last song, EW&F's romantic love song, "Reasons." It has been "our song" ever since, and still to this day, no matter where we are such as at an event or wedding, if that tune comes on, my hubby and I always find each other.

BET's 2023 Season of Excellence is subtitled "Rejuvenation," because the productions will "focus on helping to reignite the passion, excitement and energy of returning to the vibrancy and vitality of experiencing a full season of outstanding theater," said Jackie Taylor.

Outstanding theater it is, always, at BET. We congratulate Taylor on another great show. Tix are available at www.blackensemble.org, 773-769-4451 and at the BET box office.

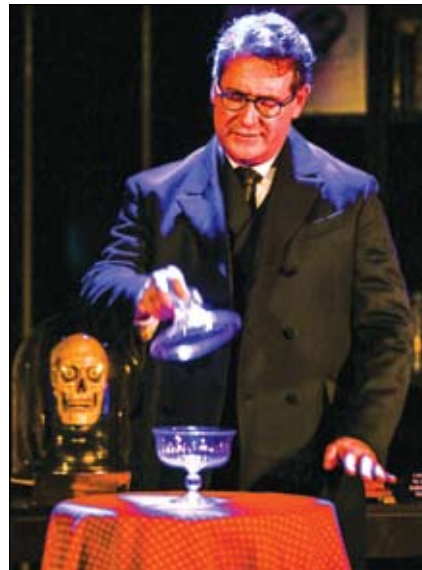
Meanwhile, over at the Rhapsody Theatre, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, "Physician Magician," is just what the doctor ordered and runs through April 2.

I wrote about this show opening a few weeks back and I finally got to see it. Not only has theater owner Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz turned the Rhapsody into a gorgeous venue, but his own show has had me singing the U2 lyrics "Sleight of hand and twist of fate," because that's what the physician magician does. And Dr. Rosenkranz, a Gold Coaster, does it well.

The charming Dr. Rosenkranz is actually a neonatologist at the faculty at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, and he uses his magic skills to teach his students. He combines the best of both of his passions -- healing and magic. What he brings to the stage is entertaining and unusual, and when I saw his show on Saturday night I left thinking how very quick magicians have to be to perform their tricks when the eyes of an audience are upon them.

The Rhapsody Theater has brought a whole new level of entertainment to Morse Ave. I love what Dr. Rosenkranz has done with the place. His magic---and his magical transformation of my block--- are, quite simply, enchanting.

Who says you're never gonna see no unicorn?... Unicorn World, an immersive, interactive event for all ages heads to Navy Pier this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Created and developed by husband-wife duo Patrick and Lauren Mines, Unicorn World is a one-of-a-kind opportunity including themed-activities, an enchanted forest, arts and crafts, story time and colorful, life-sized, moving and neighing



The Physician Magician, Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz.

unicorns. For tickets, more info, visit theunicornworld.com.

Sincerest condolences... we send our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of these two women, who were pillars in their communities and devoted their lives to activism and making the world a better place.

Ninety-five-year-old Betty Eaton died last week, at the Clare, on the Gold Coast. Betty was a longtime activist in and past president of the Streeter-ville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR], which she helped shape. "She was a blessing to this community," said another former SOAR president,



Betty Eaton celebrating her 94th birthday in May 2021.

Rosalie Harris, who was also Betty's dear friend.

Betty was a proud native of Humboldt Park, taught at the Univ. of Chicago Laboratory School and was a counselor in the Chicago Public Schools. She moved to Evanston to raise a family, and there became active in local politics and the League of Women Voters.

After her husband's death, Betty started a "new life" in Streeter-ville, where she immediately joined SOAR, which was founded a few years earlier, in 1975. As president and longtime real estate chair, Betty helped establish the organization as a force to be reckoned with in those early days of development. She believed in the concept of Streeter-ville as a balance of residences, businesses and institutions.

Betty was a natural and articulate leader, a role model, traveler, arts patron and mentor to many. Her influence continues in the lasting reputation of SOAR as an important component of Streeter-ville's community infrastructure. The SOAR Betty Eaton Spirit Award is presented from time to time to residents who measure up to her community achievements.

We at this newspaper always appreciated Betty's help and honesty throughout the years. We, and Streeter-ville, have lost a dear friend and all-around swell gal in Betty Eaton.

So long sister... We also send our deepest sympathies to The Benedictine Sisters of Chi-

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March 14 meeting over next phase of RPM construction

The CTA is hosting a virtual meeting on Zoom at 6 p.m. Tuesday March 14, to discuss Phase Two of the Red Purple Line [RPM] construction project.

That next phase of RPM program will cover plans to rebuild and modernize the century-old northern portion of the Red and Purple Lines from Belmont north to Linden.

Phase One of the RPM program is currently under construction (in the area just north of Belmont station and approximately between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr stations).

The meeting initiates the planning work necessary to complete the repairs along the remaining areas within the 9.6-mile corridor, including the entirety of the 3.3-mile Purple Line Evanston Branch. Those so inclined are also invited to take a survey to share input with the CTA, whether you can attend a meeting or not.

The RPM meeting is the first step of the planning process that will set goals and objectives, engage the public, identify potential projects, and evaluate alternatives and phasing. This effort focuses on three segments of the north Red Line and the Purple Line Evanston Branch: Addison to Sheridan, Thorndale to Howard, and Evanston Branch (Howard to Linden).

To register for the meeting, visit <https://www.transitchicago.com/rpm/next-phases/>.

One year after Madigan's indictment, former speaker's allies prepare for trial

'ComEd Four' set for trial this month

BY HANNAH MEISEL
Capitol News Illinois

One year ago today, former House Speaker Michael Madigan – for decades the most powerful figure in Illinois politics – was indicted on 22 counts of racketeering, bribery, wire fraud and extortion.

While he was a South Side power broker, his corruption cost North Siders too, still to this day. Every time you pay a utility bill, favors provided to Madigan are folded into your bills.

The anniversary comes roughly two years after Madigan was forced to cede the title of longest-serving speaker of any legislature in U.S. history. His ouster in Jan. 2021 was followed by his resignation from both the House seat he'd held since 1971 and as chair of the state Democratic Party he'd molded in order to further consolidate power.

And a little over a year from now, Madigan is scheduled to stand trial in a case that federal prosecutors have been building for the better part of a decade. Along the way, the wide-ranging probes of Madigan and his associates have nabbed more than a dozen other Democratic politicians, lobbyists and business executives, upending Chicago and Illinois politics.

On March 1, the man on the other end of the massive criminal probe, U.S. Attorney John



Prosecutors allege that, starting in 2011, executive and lobbyists sought to influence Mike Madigan in order to ensure passage of three major pieces of legislation benefiting ComEd and AT&T.

Lausch, said his last day on the job will be March 11. Lausch is an appointee of former President Donald Trump.

Lausch will step down after seeing some of the public corruption cases he's overseen go to court, resulting in prison sentences for a handful of former elected officials. But he'll likely be a private citizen when Madigan's case and the two others related to the former speaker go to trial – the first of which begins later this month.

'ComEd Four' trial

On a Friday morning in July 2020, Lausch announced that Chicago-based electric utility giant Commonwealth Edison had agreed to pay \$200 million after admitting it had engaged in a yearslong bribery scheme in an attempt to curry favor with Madigan, dubbed "Public Official A" in the feds' court filing.

Madigan denied wrongdoing, but the black cloud of corruption followed the speaker and his party into general election season. Madigan was the face of corruption in Illinois, and his tarnished brand may be why voters rejected Gov. JB Pritzker's graduated income tax ballot initiative and – for the first time in history – blocked the retention of a Democratic judge on the Illinois Supreme Court. TV ads blanketed the state tying both to Madigan and painting both as

inherently corrupt.

But after three former ComEd lobbyists and a former executive at the company were indicted for allegedly orchestrating the bribery scheme later that month, the hinting at Madigan's ouster by Democrats became a full-throated demand.

Prosecutors allege that, starting in 2011, the executive and lobbyists – including longtime Madigan confidant Mike McClain – sought to influence Madigan in order to ensure passage of three major pieces of legislation benefitting the utility's bottom line, in addition to killing a fourth bill that would have expanded assistance for low-income electric customers.

That doomed legislation was pushed by Madigan's own daughter, then-Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who still lives on the North Side.

The feds allege Madigan in exchange sought influence on ComEd's oversight body, ultimately getting his preferred candidate appointed to the utility's board after a 17-month push. Additionally, ComEd hired paid interns from Madigan's 13th Ward, and awarded contracts to Madigan allies, which often involved "little to no work," according to prosecutors.

Madigan maintains the feds have built up a case "attempting

to criminalize a routine constituent service" – that of giving job recommendations for those in his ward, district and larger purview as House speaker.

"That is not illegal, and these other charges are equally unfounded," Madigan said in a statement responding to his indictment last March.

McClain, former ComEd lobbyists John Hooker and Jay Doherty, as well as former ComEd executive Anne Pramaggiore, have all pleaded not guilty.

McClain was also charged along with Madigan in the feds' case last year, and in October prosecutors filed a superseding indictment, adding charges related to telecommunications giant AT&T. Those charges are similar to the ones alleged in the ComEd case: that AT&T attempted to curry favor with Madigan in order to get favorable legislation passed in Springfield in exchange for jobs for allies of the former speaker.

AT&T is cooperating with prosecutors and struck a similar deal to the one agreed to by ComEd, promising to pay \$23 million after two years.

Madigan's right-hand man

In the nearly four years since federal agents raided McClain's home in 2019 – in addition to two FBI interviews the former lobbyist sat for in 2014 and 2016, according to recent court filings – Madigan's confidant has continued his long-held role of shield for the powerful speaker.

Loyalty to Madigan is also a trait of the speaker's former chief of staff, Tim Mapes, who in May 2021 was indicted on one count each of perjury and obstruction of justice. Prosecutors allege Mapes lied under oath during interviews with the feds related to Madigan.

Mapes was ousted from his roles as chief of staff and executive director of the Democratic Party of Illinois under Madigan in 2018 after being publicly accused of sexual harassment and creating an inhospitable work culture for employees of the Illinois House.

In March of 2021, Mapes was called in to answer questions about Madigan's relationship with McClain. Mapes was testifying under an immunity order shielding him from prosecution in exchange for information. Feds allege he was told he could be prosecuted if he lied under oath, but Mapes did so anyway, according to the grand jury's indictment.

The grand jury's questions of Mapes probed whether McClain "acted as an agent" for Madigan even after he officially retired from his work as a ComEd lobbyist in 2016.

"(Madigan), if he had people do things for him like I did things for him, was — didn't distribute information freely," Mapes told the grand jury, according to the indictment.

The partial transcript included in the indictment detailed the grand jury's line of questioning, particularly several attempts to ask Mapes whether he knew that McClain was working with or on



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Community newspapers truly are the ‘Beacons in the Darkness’



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

For thousands of young journalists, they start their careers and earn their deadline spurs working for community newspapers.

Pulitzer-prize winning columnist Mike Royko’s first job was at City News Bureau. But he quickly snagged a job at Lerner Newspapers, then ascended to the Chicago Daily News, becoming one of the best U.S. columnists.

This writer labored for class credits for more than three years on the Columbia Missourian while earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the Univ. of Missouri journalism school. After graduation in 1968, I landed a job as a financial writer at the Daily News.

Later, I worked as a sports copy editor, was promoted to real estate editor, and when the Daily News folded in 1978, I was hired by the Chicago Sun-Times, eventually rising to assistant managing editor of business and real estate news.

The role of small-town and community newspapers in developing the careers of young journalists is why veteran Chicago journalist and author Dave Hoekstra’s new book—“Beacons in the Darkness”—is an important read.

The book is an impressive yarn on the history and survival of more than 15 family-owned community newspapers coast-to-coast in 10 states—from Charleston, SC to Bakersfield, CA. Over four years, Hoekstra traveled more than 8,000 miles interviewing dozens of publishers, editors, and reporters—people who are trying to keep the lights on at community papers nationwide amid buyouts, declining revenues, the internet, fake news, and a global pandemic.

Hoekstra, an award-winning former Sun-Times journalist, spent time in rural Illinois at the Hillsboro Journal-News in downstate Hillsboro, IL.

CPD umpire and gymnastics instruction sign up in March

The Chicago Park District is offering gymnastic class instruction for beginners to advanced competitors year-round, at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway.

The will also offer an upcoming clinic that will teach basic umpiring skills, at Margate Park Gymnasium, 4921 N. Marine Dr.

In person and online registration for the umpire clinic has already started, and for gymnastics March 18, for the program that starts on April 10 and runs through June 9.

“To understand a community newspaper like the Journal-News, you need to understand the meaning of community, and the idea that the sense of place these publications are trying to foster is becoming more distant in modern America,” Hoekstra, writes in the book’s introduction. “This is not just a book about journalism. It is not another account of the miseries of the newspaper industry,” Hoekstra writes. “It is a book about the vanishing terrain of community ties and dedication to the common good. It is a celebration of the potential of the newspaper model when it embraces and understands neighbors and possibilities.”

“Beacons in the Darkness” provides an intimate view inside the “corn-cob” organizations that still publish photos of the local bowling league and celebrate the giant mushrooms grown on the edge of town in farm country.

“This is a book about the vanishing terrain of community ties and dedication to the common good. It is a celebration of the potential of the newspaper model when it embraces and understands neighbors and possibilities,” said Dave Hoekstra.

Hoekstra also recounts the sometimes-scandalous, but always industrious stories of families who built these fine newspapers and passed them down—sometimes through five generations—under such titles as: the South Carolina Post and Courier, the Bakersfield Californian, the Eureka Springs Independent (AK), the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the Champaign News-Gazette, the Eldon Advertiser (MO), the Carroll Times Herald (IA), the Madison Courier (IN) and the Tri-State Defender (TN), to name a few.

In an interview with The Home Front, Hoekstra said small community newspapers continue to survive and thrive, while the greedy big corporate players are cutting budgets, reporters and editors, slowly killing major daily



Chicago journalist and author Dave Hoekstra’s new book—“Beacons in the Darkness”—is an important read about journalism in America.

newspapers.

“At the Hillsboro Journal-News, owner John Galer, says they do it for love of the game,” Hoekstra said. “If we make a dollar at the end of the year, we are a success.”

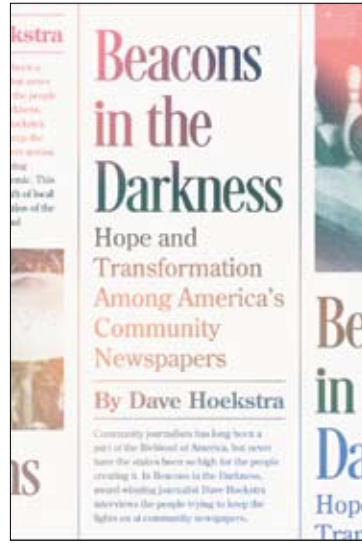
Galer told the author.

This paper, Hoekstra’s North Star in the book, is dedicated to the meaning of community, respect of history, humility and empathy in a town of 6,000 people.

When Hoekstra first visited the Journal-News newsroom in the spring of 2019, it was a throwback experience—like a scene from the 1948 movie, “Call Northside 777,” starring Jimmy Stewart.

“There were four staffers in the quiet office. No one was on their cell phone or iPad,” he wrote. “Instead, they talked in hushed tones as they wrote stories. It appeared as if they should have been writing on typewriters and their world was all black and white.”

Today, Hoekstra believes that readers are “hungry for real local news. Reporters take chances



journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that’s down to 31,000.

“Beacons in the Darkness,” (289 pages, published in late 2022 by Evanston-based Agate Publishing) is available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, at local independent book stores, and on Amazon, in paperback (\$18.99) and Kindle (\$9.99).

About Inside Publications

Although the newspaper you are reading is not included in Hoekstra’s book, it could have been. Inside Publications is the last family-owned and operated weekly neighborhood newspaper serving the North Side communities of Chicago.

Inside’s mission statement: “We are your friendly neighborhood newspaper serving Chicago’s better North Side neighborhoods,” noted publisher Ronald Roenigk,

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Former president of City Club of Chicago gets five-years

A sales agent for a Chicago-area red-light camera company has been sentenced to more than five years in federal prison for conspiring to pay bribes to a public official and for filing a false tax return.

In July 2022, Patrick J. Doherty, 67, pleaded guilty to one count of corruptly offering something of value to influence and reward a public official (Count Five), and one count of filing a false tax return (Count Eight). Earlier this week, U.S. District Judge Ronald A. Guzman sentenced Doherty to 64 months' imprisonment on the bribery charge, and 34 months on the false tax return charge, which sentences are to

run concurrently.

According to his plea agreement, Doherty offered and agreed to give things of value, namely money, with the intent to influence State Senator A, an agent of the State of Illinois. As Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, State Senator A was in a position to assist Company A by opposing legislation adverse to the interests of the red-light-camera industry and obtaining Illinois Dept. of Transportation approvals for Company A's red-light cameras.

Doherty also admitted other acts of bribery in the plea agreement, including acts that involved abusing his position as Chief

of Staff for Public Official A, a Cook County Commissioner, in efforts to benefit individuals who paid money to Doherty and his associates.

In total, Doherty participated in corrupt activities that involved offering and obtaining bribes totaling approximately \$148,000.

In addition, in 2016, Doherty caused an accountant to file his tax return with the IRS, knowing that this tax return contained false information. The false return caused losses to the IRS of at least \$14,732 and losses to the Illinois Dept. of Revenue of at least \$1,268. Doherty also acknowledged that his tax returns for tax years 2012 through 2015

and 2017 through 2018 underreported his income, and thereby caused additional losses to (1) the IRS of at least \$58,430; and (2) the Illinois Dept. of Revenue of at least \$6,512.

Correction: Yes, we fouled up last week (March 8-March 14), finding out too late that we had the wrong face and photo in a story in last week's newspapers. We apologize.

We had pictured Jay Doherty, who was President of the Chicago City Club. He is on trial with Mike Madigan. It was Patrick J. Doherty who was sentenced to 5 years, and whose photo did not appear adjacent to the story about his conviction.

Major rehab of the Kennedy starts March 20

Traffic tie-ups expected, alternative routes strongly encouraged

As the old joke goes, 'Chicago has two seasons: winter and construction.'

Well Construction Season is getting underway with a doozy of a lane-blocker. Just when you thought it was safe to get in your car to flee Chicago, they lock down the biggest road on the North Side.

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation is planning a rehabilitation of the Kennedy Expy. (I-90/94), from the Edens Expressway (I-94) junction south to Ohio St. It is scheduled to begin Monday,

March 20.

Yes, major traffic jams are anticipated, and alternative routes are encouraged. Motorists should expect significant delays. Public transportation and traveling during non-peak hours are recommended if possible.

The estimated \$150 million project consists of rehabilitating 36 bridge structures and the Reversible Lane Access Control [REVLAC] system, replacing overhead sign-structures, installing new signage and modernized LED lights, pavement patching and structural painting.

Additionally, Hubbard's Cave, from Grand Ave. to Wayman St., will be painted and new LED lighting installed.

The work will take place over three consecutive construction seasons, broken down into the fol-

lowing three stages:

Stage I – Inbound Kennedy

The reversible express lanes will remain open in the inbound direction, while two mainline inbound lanes will be closed at a time. Motorists should expect lane shifts and overnight lane closure, along with various ramp closures. Later this summer, painting and the installation of new LED lighting will begin on inbound Hubbard's Cave, between Ohio and Lake streets. Construction is anticipated to be completed later this fall.

Stage II – Reversible Express Lanes

The reversible express lanes will be closed to accommodate rehabilitation of the REVLAC system and bridge structures, along with pavement patching. Mainline lane closures will be

needed to accommodate painting and the installation of new LED lighting in both directions of Hubbard's Cave, between Ohio and Lake streets. This work will begin in spring 2024 and be completed in fall 2024.

Stage III – Outbound Kennedy

The reversible express lanes will remain open in the outbound direction, while two mainline outbound lanes will be closed at a time. Lane shifts and overnight lane closures, along with various ramp closures will be needed to complete the work. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2025 and be completed in late fall 2025.

The Kennedy Expy. opened in Nov. 1960, and these days, more than 275,000 motorists use the expressway each day.

cluded monthly checks for Quinn totaling more than \$30,000. At the time, a Madigan spokesperson denied the speaker's involvement, saying: "If a group of people were attempting to help Kevin Quinn, the speaker was not a part of it." But in federal court documents filed last year, a transcript of a phone call between McClain and Madigan indicates the former speaker knew about the payments.

"So, speaker, I put four or five people together that are willing to contribute to help a monthly thing, for the next six months, like I mentioned to you," McClain is quoted as telling Madigan in August of 2018, according to an unsealed search warrant.

In the spring of 2019, McClain, Quinn and another Madigan ally, former Chicago Ald. Mike Zaleski Sr. saw their homes raided by the feds. The Chicago Tribune and WBEZ first reported on those raids that summer, and in Nov. 2019 further reporting revealed the feds were investigating the checks for Kevin Quinn. The news capped off a fall marked by raids and other federal filings in criminal probes involving other Democratic elected officials.

Even as Madigan's power was becoming a liability for his fellow Democrats in 2019 and 2020, the former speaker kept raising and spending money in the two campaign funds he still controls: Friends of Michael J Madigan

and 13th Ward Democratic Org. The latter committee he chairs in his role as 13th Ward Democratic Committeeman, his only remaining role in public life. As elections for that post coincide with presidential primaries, Madigan's term ends next spring.

Since around the time Hampton went public with her allegations in early 2018, former speaker has spent more than \$10 million in legal fees, mostly out of his personal campaign fund. But even in the two years since mostly stepping away from politics, both of Madigan's committees have kept paying a handful of staffers, plus bills and rent for office space.

Money keeps flowing in and out of Madigan's campaign coffers, with transfers in from sources including trade unions long loyal to the former speaker, and payments out for items as ordinary as office supplies, as vague as "services" and intriguing as "gifts" from a home décor store in Glenview. In the fourth quarter of last year, the 13th Ward Democratic Org spent more than \$2,100 on ice, according to publicly available campaign finance records.

And yes, no consumers have yet received a rebate from ComEd or AT&T for utility bills that were padded with Democrat corrup-

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behalf of Madigan in any capacity.

"I'm not aware of any," Mapes said replying to one version of the question. "I'm not aware of that activity. Let's put it that way."

However, according to the feds, Mapes did have direct knowledge that McClain was working on Madigan's behalf, as he was the one fielding calls and emails from McClain with messages for the former speaker.

Prosecutors allege that communication between Mapes and McClain continued even after Mapes resigned from his posts.

Mapes' trial is scheduled for Aug. 7.

Still raising, spending money

Madigan's political vulnerabilities began in earnest a little over five years ago, when former political staffer Alaina Hampton alleged Madigan's organization did nothing to stop repeated sexual harassment from an older, married colleague.

Kevin Quinn – the brother of 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn – was quickly fired after Hampton went public with her accusations in early 2018. But federal prosecutors allege that even after Madigan fired Quinn under public pressure, McClain directed the speaker's allies to make sure Quinn found a soft landing.

That soft landing allegedly in-

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City Council votes to expand camera ticketing

As urban work environments go, being a delivery driver for UberEats, DoorDash, Amazon and FedEx may soon get a lot worse now that the city has put a bounty on their heads for double parking in bike lanes.

An ordinance to expanded use of street camera ticketing is advancing in City Hall just now as Mayor Lori Lightfoot has become a lame duck.

On March 3 an ordinance advanced in City Council that would allow for the ticketing of vehicles that park in bike lanes, bus lanes and loading zones, and mail the offenders a ticket. This comes at the same time that the city is aggressively removing commercial street parking in favor of lightly used bike paths.

The Orwellian plan would greatly ex-

pand the use of cameras to spy on motorists, with cameras added on CTA buses and light poles to catch drivers passing through or parked in bike lanes, bus lanes and loading zones — for which they would then be mailed tickets. No police officer or other city official would be required to personally witness the violation, just a camera image would be enough to issue cash fines.

The amendment to the Municipal Code would create a new entitlement program called “Smart Streets” that will allow one form of transportation special rights and exclusive use over portions of Chicago streets, adding new violations and financial penalties for those who use portions of the city’s streets once formerly shared by all, but now held exclusively for use by one privilege elitist class: bike riders.

The pilot program would last two years and include some 400-miles of city roadway in wards 1st, 2nd, 4th, 27th, 28th, 34th, 42nd and 43rd. The general bound-

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aries for the new camera ticketing zone are Roosevelt Rd. north to North Ave. and from Ashland east to the lakefront.

The Mayor and some members of City Council first proposed the plan in January, before the election.

The ordinance also calls for the city to add concrete barriers to city street use, where only those on a bike would be allowed to pass; all other users would be ticketed. Offenders would get one warning letter before being issued a ticket by camera and US Mail.

Yet to be announced is whether tickets will also be issued to US Postal Service Vehicles, and other government officials who may be caught and photographed as habitual offenders. Nor is it known whether bikers themselves will be ticketed for traveling outside of the bike paths, on sidewalks, or those photographed running red lights and stop signs.

‘Recipe for increases in crime’

Chicago cops warn cash bail abolition tramples courts, cops; favors criminals

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The union that represents Chicago Police officers has rolled into the legal fight over the future of cash bail, saying they wish to remind the state’s highest court of the negative real-world consequences of stripping judges of the power to use cash bail to keep accused criminals in jail while they await trial.

On Feb. 28, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police union lodge filed an amicus, or “friend of the court” brief, with the Illinois Supreme Court, in support of the lawsuits lodged by Illinois state’s attorneys arguing Illinois Democratic lawmakers and Gov. JB Pritzker violated the state constitution by enacting the so-called SAFE-T Act, that would make Illinois the first U.S. state to abolish cash bail entirely.

The court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the lawsuit on March 14.

“Setting aside the substantial constitutional flaws of the SAFE-T Act, ... the Act sets forth a recipe for increases in crime, recidivism, dysfunction in the criminal prosecution system, and danger to police officers and the communities they serve,” the Chicago FOP wrote in their brief.

The police union pointed to recent polling data, indicating large majorities of Chicago residents, and particularly Black Chicagoans, “do not feel safe for fear of crime.”

“We submit that a community facing these levels of daily fear cannot survive,” the police union wrote.

While supporters of eliminating cash bail assert there historically has been too much emphasis on policing to combat crime, the police union said other commu-

nity goals, including increasing economic development and job opportunities in Chicago, are “severely hampered by the reality and perception of crime in Chicago.”

And eliminating cash bail will only make the situation worse, the police union warned.

“Removing the discretion from our judiciary to determine appropriate conditions, including monetary bail, upon the pretrial release of those accused of crime will only exacerbate the level of fear the residents of our community face as well as the dangers our members (police officers) must confront,” the FOP wrote.

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The police union’s brief arrived two weeks before the Illinois Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments over the constitutionality of the SAFE-T Act’s provisions abolishing cash bail and rewriting traditional rules of pretrial detention and criminal justice in Illinois.

In December, a group of 64 state’s attorneys, led by Kankakee County State’s Attorney Jim Rowe and Will County State’s Attorney James Glasgow, won an order

from Kankakee County Judge Thomas Cunnington declaring the Democrat supermajority in Springfield violated the Illinois state constitution in passing reforms forbidding courts from deciding whether criminal defendants should be required to post bond to be released from custody while they await trial.

The state’s attorneys asserted cash bail is established under the Illinois constitution, and cannot be simply wiped away by lawmakers without properly amending the state constitution by winning approval from a supermajority of voters.

State officials, led by Pritzker and Illinois AG Kwame Raoul, appealed Cunnington’s decision directly to the Illinois Supreme Court.

In a brief filed with the Illinois Supreme Court on Feb. 27, Raoul, Pritzker and the state’s Democratic legislative leaders again asserted the state’s attorneys have misunderstood the state constitution.

While the state’s attorneys argue cash bail can be inferred in state constitutional language that declares judges have the power to order criminal defendants to post “sufficient sureties,” Raoul and his co-counsel argue the SAFE-T Act isn’t eliminating the right to bail. They are merely redefining it to strip judges of the power to require defendants to pay money.

Further, they argue the state’s attorneys have no power under the law to challenge

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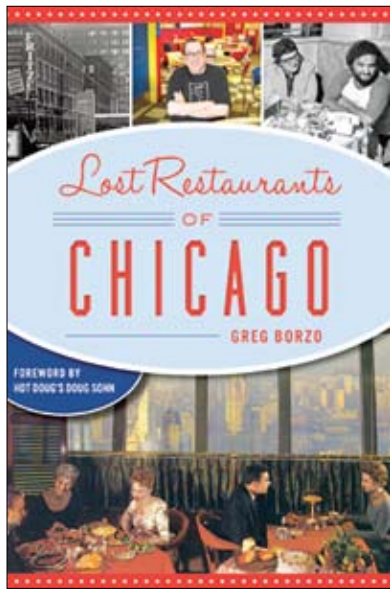
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Borzo is a prolific author on Chicago history. In addition to his book on Chicago's Lost Restaurants, he has also authored popular books on Chicago's "L", cable cars and outdoor fountains. He has long been one of the North Side's most popular speakers.

Borzo will dish out course after course of fondly remembered fare, from Maxim's to Charlie Trotter's, Trader Vic's to the Blackhawk and more which are covered in his book "Lost Restaurants of Chicago." The lost, but fondly remembered, restaurants.

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who also lists himself as "janitor" on his website. He sweeps up and takes out the trash too.

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Roenigk also is proud of another mission: "To get hard core criminals, who have no fear of police, off the street." His papers print more than 100 column inches of crime reports each week. "But then crime reporting is not a new trend, it's how the Lerner family built readership back in the 1920s when another pack of

gangsters were shooting the town up. Only back then it was gang turf wars over illegal booze, not illegal drugs."

"Demand for local news has never been stronger," he said.

The history of Inside Publications in Chicago goes back over a century. The Booster, Skyline and News-Star newspapers were founded in 1904, first as a weekly shopper newspaper, then later as part of the Lerner chain of community newspapers serving Chicago's Near North, North and Northwest Sides. At one time Lerner Newspapers had over 50 newspapers serving a variety of neighborhoods and suburbs.

In 2009 those papers were purchased [Skyline in 2012] by publisher Roenigk who merged them with his own community newspapers. Each edition is devoted to news, events and the promotion

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the elimination of cash bail at all, because the right to bail is granted only to criminal defendants.

The state officials argue the right to bail expressed in the state constitution should not be read as a right for defendants to ask the court to allow them to essentially pay their way out of jail. Rather, they argue the constitution generally grants criminal defendants the right to be free from jail pending trial, unless prosecutors can prove to the judge that the defendant must be locked up under a limited number of exceptions.

Under this understanding of the so-called bail clause, the state officials argue state lawmakers are free to abolish cash bail, without violating the constitution, by simply redefining and limiting what "sufficient sureties" judges can accept.

In court filings, prosecutors and police officers said the state's view on bail is too narrow.

The state's attorneys argue bail exists to balance a defendant's rights with the court's duties of ensuring criminal defendants return to stand trial and the public is protected.

But the SAFE-T Act, they said, would remove from judges the authority to even consider the opportunity to grant bail to people charged with a range of crimes.

The elimination of cash bail has been on hold statewide since Dec. 31, by order of the state Supreme Court, while the lawsuits play out.

That order was needed to prevent confusion and potential chaos across Illinois, after Dem-

ocratic officials in Cook County and elsewhere indicated the state would move ahead with eliminating cash bail in many of the state's counties, even after Cunningham ruled those provisions of the SAFE-T Act unconstitutional.

The state's attorneys argue bail exists to balance a defendant's rights with the court's duties of ensuring criminal defendants return to stand trial and the public is protected.

In their new filing, the police union warns of more potential dangers ahead for the entire state, should the Illinois Supreme Court side with Pritzker and his Democratic allies.

To illustrate their warnings, the Chicago FOP pointed to recent experiences in Cook County, where judges and prosecutors have worked under a court order since 2017 to reduce the use of cash bail to hold defendants before trial, even those the FOP said have been accused of "heinous or violent crimes."

The police union pointed to a 2020 analysis conducted by the University of Utah of Cook County's bail reform efforts. According to the FOP filing, the county's new pretrial release policies were followed by a 45% increase in crime committed by those released without bail. Violent crime increased by 33%, the report indicated.

They further pointed to crime statistics demonstrating sharp in-

creases in many different kinds of violent crime in Chicago and Cook County since 2017, including murder, carjacking and assaults with guns.

"This data shows the distressing result of the increasingly dangerous trend of Illinois lawmakers to put criminals before law-abiding citizens and those that protect them," the police union wrote.

"The implementation of the SAFE-T Act will undoubtedly result in more pretrial defendants being released as has occurred in Cook County."

The police union argued, like prosecutors, that the SAFE-T Act unconstitutionally strips courts of the powers they need to ensure criminal defendants stand trial and that they are prevented from committing more crimes while they await trial.

At the same time, the brief also argues the SAFE-T Act has unconstitutionally trespassed on the ability of police officers to collectively bargain.

They note the law amends state labor laws by refusing to allow police officers employed in cities with more than 100,000 people to negotiate over residency requirements.

By including this provision, the SAFE-T Act violated the state constitution's so-called "single subject rule," which requires lawmakers to limit legislation to only one subject.

Lawmakers have argued the SAFE-T Act addresses the "single subject" of "criminal justice." Since police officers operate within the criminal justice system, therefore the labor law changes don't violate the single subject rule, the state has said.

The police union, however, said that is too large an exception.

"If any law that references peace officers is considered applicable to the criminal justice system, then the single subject provision of the Illinois constitution is meaningless, it is illusory in practice," the FOP wrote.

The brief was co-signed by four Chicago city aldermen, including North Side Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], as well as the leaders and counsel for other Illinois police unions.

Democrats control a supermajority on the court, as well, holding a 5-2 edge, thanks to the election of two new Democratic justices last November.

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A step toward better elections

Legislation would promote fairer campaigns, better-informed voters

BY THE DAILY HERALD

Newspapers throughout Illinois have a personal interest in legislation filed recently by Elgin Democratic state Rep. Anna Moeller.

You do, too.

Moeller's bill would require candidates for political office to include email addresses on petitions filed with their statement of candidacy. Already, candidates provide a standard mailing address. This legislation would move that requirement into the 21st century.

For us in the news media, that means assured access to candidates, so reporters can cover their campaigns more accurately and thoroughly and media outlets can reach them for basic information, such as candidate questionnaires, that voters use to be more informed about their selections.

That increased quantity of information is certainly valuable for you as a voter, and the increased access can allow you to interact with campaigns in ways that not only provide details about candidates' positions but also enable candidates to interact with you in ways that help them refine and clarify their message.

As originally filed, HB3965 applies to candidates in statewide and county primaries, but Moeller told us she plans an amendment that will extend the requirement to municipal, school and township elections as well. So there is a strong tie to our own local candidates.

This will add an important dimension to the bill. Candidates for local office sometimes are not as media savvy as those seeking higher positions, who often have more campaign experience or even professional staffs. Even in some local cases in which candidates have provided contact information, clerks have refused to release it without a Freedom of Information Act request.

Requiring candidates to include an email address will clarify the process and better enable the news media to treat all candidates equally. The requirement is not controversial, and Moeller says she already has support lined up to sponsor the measure in the Senate should it make it through the House.

We're counting on lawmakers from both chambers to get on board and sign on as co-sponsors as the legislation moves through the General Assembly.

In a series of editorials last December on little-discussed topics that could improve our election system, the Daily Herald emphasized the value of this simple and practical adjustment to candidates' filing requirements.

It's encouraging to find responsive lawmakers who recognize that that value extends not just to the agencies that cover local and statewide political campaigns, but also and most importantly to the voters who rely on that coverage and who need to be able to interact with candidates and their campaigns.

Commentary



Spring flower show at Conservatory

Think Spring and check out the The Spring Flower Show, "Cooler by the Lake" at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr. The show is open now and runs through May 14.

The show features endless blooms of cinerarias, snapdragons, osteospermums and more. With a nod to chilly spring weather produced by Lake Michigan, cooler color tones will be used throughout the Show House.

The Show also includes features familiar to Chicago's Lakefront, like the iconic Chicago Harbor Lighthouse and boats that have 'sailed' into the Conservatory.

The show is free but reservations are required, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/lincoln-park-conservancy-17342067619>.



Queen Casey Doherty (center) with Grace O'Connor, Megan Cahill, Rachel Hoban and Mary Finnegan.



After the river is dyed green, starting at 9 a.m., the 68th annual parade in the city begins.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11

Queen Casey Doherty, and her court, with Grace O'Connor, Megan Cahill, Rachel Hoban and Mary Finnegan will kick off the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Balbo and Columbus Dr. proceeding north to Monroe St., Saturday, March 11th at 12:30 p.m., with Grand Marshal Timothy Drea, President of the AFL-CIO and Guest of Honor Danny Collins, Mayor of Cork County, from Ireland.

Sponsored by Plumbers Local 130 UA, the theme of this year's parade is "Recognizing Worker's Rights."

— By Thomas O'Gorman



At right: (L-R) Piper Tom Finnegan, Cork County Mayor Danny Collins and Mary Finnegan.



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Police Beat...

Armed men rob sandwich shops in Lakeview, Loop, possible crime pattern emerges

Chicago police are looking for possible connections between the late-night robberies of two sandwich shops, one in the Loop and the other near Boystown.

The first holdup occurred around 11:15 p.m. Feb. 28 at Subway, 3019 N. Clark St. Three men, all wearing masks and each carrying a gun, robbed the store, according to a Chicago police report.

At 3:51 a.m. on March 3, the same thing happened at Americana Submarine & Tobacco, 400 S. Clark St.

Chicago police said two men entered the shop while a third stood at the door. All three offenders were masked and had guns. The group collected money from the register and headed west on Van Buren in a black Toyota sedan, according to CPD.

Investigators are also looking to see if there are similar crimes in other parts of the city that may be part of a broader pattern. So far, though, no arrests have been made.

CPD looking for man who robbed CTA passenger in River North



Police are looking for this man, who allegedly robbed a CTA passenger at the Grand Red Line CTA station.

Chicago police are asking the public to help them track down the man who robbed a CTA passenger at the Grand Red Line station.

Officials said a 19-year-old man was on the platform when the man seen in the picture below approached him around 4:52 a.m. on Feb. 19. The robber indicated that he had a gun, then took the man's property and fled the scene.

After the robbery, the victim sought help from CTA workers at the State-Lake station, one stop south of Grand.

Tips can be shared with CPD at 312-745-4706. The case number is JG-158031.

Brown Line robber busted after being recognized at cellular phone store

Chicago police detectives got a big break as they investigated a CTA train robbery case: the robber was caught on video leaving the victim's phone outside a cellular store, where the owner recognized him as a frequent trespasser.

Leonardo Square, a five-time felon, is now charged with robbery and resisting police. Judge William Fahy held him in lieu of a \$10,000 bail payment.

Officials said the man was riding the Brown Line near Armitage when Square grabbed his phone from his hand around 8:15 p.m. on Feb. 9.

When the victim tried to get his phone back, Square allegedly pushed him, saying, "I'll bust your face in."



Leonardo Square

During Square's bail hearing, prosecutors Sarah Dale-Schmidt said police tracked the victim's phone location and discovered it sitting on a ledge outside a phone store. The store's owner provided surveillance video that showed Square putting the phone on the ledge and then identified Square, a frequent trespasser, by name, said Dale-Schmidt.

Investigators also learned that someone had used the victim's phone to make calls after it was stolen. They contacted the people who were called, and at least one of the individuals told them that Square was the person who called them from the number.

Square, 36, has been convicted of five felonies, including robbery in 2006, Dale-Schmidt said. His public defender said he lives in Joliet.

Drive-by leaves 15-year-old injured in Uptown

A 15-year-old boy is in good condition after being shot during a drive-by in Uptown on March 1.

Chicago police said a dark-colored Jeep rolled up next to the boy as he walked in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence around 2:35 p.m. Someone inside the SUV called the victim by name, then began shooting, according to CPD. One bullet struck the boy in his right calf.

Witnesses saw the Jeep head south on Winthrop Ave. after the shooting. There were at least two people inside the vehicle.

Meanwhile, the boy ran to a nearby home for help. Chicago police officers applied a tourniquet to slow his blood loss, and an ambulance took him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Three people have been shot in Uptown so far this year. That's the same number of shooting victims the neighborhood had at this point last year. There were two victims at this point in 2021, five at this point in 2020, and none as of this date in 2019, according to city records.

Editor's note: CPD's media statement about Wednesday's shooting said the victim is 16. Records we reviewed show he is 15 and will turn 16 later this year.

Woman rejects probation, gets 4 years for pushing CTA passenger from Red Line platform

Nearly a year after she pleaded guilty, then withdrew her plea, a Chicago woman has been sentenced for pushing a stranger onto the Chicago-State Red Line CTA tracks in an apparently random attack.

Officials said Janis Mayes, 58, walked up behind the 31-year-old victim and pushed her from the platform on the afternoon of June 30, 2020. Other CTA customers helped the woman get back on the platform as Mayes fled from the station. Officers searched the area and took Mayes into custody about two blocks away. According to officials, CTA surveillance cameras recorded the entire incident.

"The incident was deemed random," a CPD spokesperson said at the time.

Mayes was initially released from jail on a \$500 bail bond, but she was returned to custody in September 2021 after being arrested on a warrant in the Loop, records show.

Last April, she pleaded guilty to aggravated battery in a public place. Judge Maria Kuriakos-Ciesil sentenced her to 24 months of mental health probation with electronic monitoring, court records show.

But her assistant public defender filed a motion to withdraw the plea on May 6, saying Mayes "did not fully appreciate the consequences of the effect of being on electronic home monitoring and remains in custody due to the lack of suitable housing."

Last month, Kuriakos-Ciesil handed Mayes a new sentence of four years in prison with 850 days credit.

Mayes reported to the Logan Correctional Center on February 10 and was paroled four days later, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records.

Chicago man robs woman in wheelchair — while on probation for mugging a 90-year-old

Prosecutors say a man on probation for mugging a 90-year-old man robbed a woman who was seated in a wheelchair in Uptown last week.



Richard Bellamy

Chicago police officers monitoring a nearby surveillance camera saw the whole thing go down and sent cops to make the arrest.

At around 5:45 p.m. Feb. 27, the victim, a 55-year-old woman, was seated in her electric wheelchair in the 1100 block of W. Argyle when Richard Bellamy walked up and started a conversation, prosecutors said.

During Bellamy's bail hearing on Tuesday, an assistant state's attorney said that he and the women are acquaintances but don't know each other well.

As Chicago police officers watched the feed from a nearby "blue light" camera, Bellamy, 54, allegedly reached for the woman's tablet, which was on her lap, and walked away with her purse, which had been draped over her legs.

The victim tried to stop Bellamy, but he got away. Meanwhile, the CPD surveillance team dispatched patrol officers and directed them to Bellamy. He still had the woman's purse when the cops caught him, prosecutors said.

He's charged with robbery of a handicapped person. Bellamy is on probation for mugging an elderly man in the Irving Park neighborhood two years ago.

In that case, officials said Bellamy pushed a 90-year-old man to the ground and took the victim's wallet in the 4100 block of W. Irving Park. Once again, Bellamy still had the victim's property when the cops caught him.

Judge Maryam Ahmad held Bellamy in lieu of a \$15,000 bail payment on Feb. 28. She also ordered him to go on electronic monitoring if he is released. Separately, Ahmad held Bellamy without bail for violating probation. The judge handling the Irving Park robbery case will review Bellamy's bail status this week.

Nine-time felon battered girl at Loop CTA station — while on parole for viciously attacking a Red Line passenger

A nine-time felon on parole for participating in the vicious beating and robbery of a Red Line passenger in 2020 battered and threatened to "bash in" the head of a 16-year-old girl on a downtown CTA platform last month, prosecutors said.



Lijah Graham

Lijah Graham, 45, was ordered held in lieu of a \$5,000 bail payment during a bond hearing last week. But, while prosecutors told the judge that Graham is on parole, they did not mention that it's for a violent crime on the CTA. And, officials said, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections is not reconsidering Graham's parole status in light of the new allegations.

In Oct. 2020, Graham was accused of punching a Red Line passenger in the face when the victim tried to stop a group of people from harassing a homeless man on a Red Line CTA train near Roosevelt.

Some of the people were going through the homeless man's pockets. Others tried to take off his shoes, prosecutors said during Graham's 2020 bail hearing. After Graham punched the good Samaritan in the face, other group members started punching and kicking the man in his face. They dragged him across the train car, where Graham and an accomplice allegedly continued to beat him.

The victim suffered cuts, bruises, and chipped teeth during the attack, prosecutors said.

CTA surveillance cameras at the Roosevelt station allegedly captured footage of Graham walking out of the station with the victim's shoulder bag containing a laptop and other items.

Graham eventually pleaded guilty to aggravated battery causing great bodily harm in exchange for a five-year sentence. He was released on Dec. 23 after serving less than half that time, according to IDOC records.

On Feb. 21, two months after getting out of prison, Graham stepped off a train at the State-Van Buren "L" station and started yelling at a 16-year-old girl who was going home from school, prosecutors said this week.

He demanded to know why the girl "turned away" from him, struck her in the arm, and told her he was "going to bash her head in," Assistant State's Attorney Anne McCord said.

The girl broke away and escaped on the train.

Investigators circulated pictures of the attacker to Chicago police officers across the city. McCord said multiple officers who are "very familiar" with him from previous incidents gave his name to detectives.

Police caught up with Graham this week in the 1100 block of S. Wabash.

He's now charged with aggravated battery of a transit passenger and failure to register as a convicted violent offender.

During Graham's 2020 bail hearing, prosecutors said he was a 12-time convicted felon. This week, prosecutors said he has nine felony convictions.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to go on electronic monitoring if he posts bail.

Thief steals truck from Polar Plunge, goes on lakefront joyride

A suspect is in custody after a cargo truck was reportedly stolen from North Avenue Beach during the March 5 Polar Plunge event, according to Chicago police radio activity. And the thief's hapless getaway attempt was partially caught on video.

Workers reported a 24-foot white box truck stolen from the beach area around 8:45 a.m. But it was stolen several minutes before that, according to a series of video tweets by Andrew Coffey.

His footage shows the stolen truck's driver heading south on the Lakefront Trail until they reached an impassable section on the flyover near Ohio Street Beach.

Unaware that the truck was stolen, Coffey helpfully directed the driver back toward North Avenue Beach with a cheery, "Hey, good luck, man!" Coffey trailed behind the truck and reported that the thief wisely exited the trail through an access gate near Oak Street Beach. He also found a chunk of the truck wedged in a tree closer to North Avenue Beach.

Chicago police tracked the stolen truck's GPS, and officers arrested the driver near Hollywood and Lake Shore Dr. just before 9 a.m.

Seven robbed during hour-long downtown crime spree

Chicago police are investigating a one-hour armed robbery spree that left at least seven victims in its wake across River North and Streeterville March 5. The offenders used two getaway cars, and it is not yet known if they were working together.

The first victim was robbed at gunpoint near the 600 block of N. Dear-

born around 1:25 a.m. Four men displayed guns, took his money, and then fled in a small red SUV, according to initial information. A Chicago police surveillance camera recorded the holdup.

Then, two men and a woman were robbed in the 500 block of N. Dearborn around 2 a.m. Two armed men robbed and battered the victims, then left the area in a black 2023 Kia Forte.

Around the same time, three armed men robbed a woman of her keys, wallet, and purse near the corner of Ohio and McClurg in Streeterville. While they were robbing the woman, an ammunition magazine fell from one of their guns, spilling bullets on the ground, an officer said. Police recovered the magazine and ammunition.

And around 2:05 a.m., two people were robbed by two armed men as they cut through an alley in the 400 block of N. State St., near the Grand Red Line CTA station. The victims returned to their hotel in Streeterville and called the police.

The victims generally described the suspects as Black males wearing black hoodies and ski masks.

Burglar busted after hauling stolen power washer, big-screen TVs onto CTA bus

A six-time felon broke into an Uptown apartment building and then tried to escape by boarding a CTA bus with two big-screen televisions and a power washer, prosecutors said.

When Chicago police asked Richie Ward, 41, why he stole the televisions, he allegedly replied, "Are you gonna feed my wife?"



Richie Ward

During Ward's bail hearing on March 3, prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto said surveillance video showed him using a "device" to enter a locked lounge area inside an apartment building in the 5100 block of N. Sheridan around 3 a.m. March 2. Footage allegedly showed Ward removing two flat-screen TVs from the walls and leaving a supply closet with the power washer.

About three hours later and three blocks away, Ward tried to haul the power washer and TVs onto a CTA bus at Lawrence and Sheridan. The driver told him he couldn't bring all those items on and asked Ward to get off the bus.

But Ward became agitated, threatened to "f*ck up" the driver, and broke the bus' front passenger window with the power washer's handle, said Scaduto. The bus driver called police.

While the driver and passengers waited for the cops, Ward unloaded the TVs and power washer, but he was still nearby as officers arrived. They arrested him for damaging the bus window.

Meanwhile, a sergeant responded to a burglary call at the apartment building and immediately connected Ward to the break-in, Scaduto said.

In addition to allegedly telling cops that he stole the TVs to feed his wife, Ward also admitted to breaking the bus window because he didn't like how the driver was talking to him. And he advised officers that they could not charge him with burglary because he didn't break the door to enter the lounge, Scaduto continued.

Prosecutors charged him with felony criminal damage to property, possession of burglary tools and, yes, burglary.

Paroled identity thief arrested again, operating as a fake Uber driver in River North

BY CWBCHICAGO

Lance Baymon and his older brother, Marlon, have been sent to prison time after time for identity theft, illegal use of credit cards, and other felonies for crimes against people they picked up in nightlife districts while posing as rideshare drivers in downtown Chicago. In fact, they're both on parole for operating a continuing financial crime enterprise built on defrauding passengers who unwittingly stepped into their rideshare trap.

Marlon Baymon, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records, is in "absconder" status, meaning he is non-compliant with parole terms, and authorities don't know where he is.

Lance Baymon was arrested in

River North on March 3 while operating a fake rideshare scam to face allegations that he ripped off another victim who stepped into his phony Uber in January and had four credit cards belonging to four different people in his car's center console.

Early on Jan. 30, Lance Baymon picked up a man outside a nightclub and drove him to the 6300 block of N. Oakley, prosecutors said. Following the same scam he has used for years, Baymon allegedly convinced the victim to hand over a credit card for payment, then returned a different card. Past victims of the Baymon brothers have told police the Baymons claimed they needed a credit card for payment because the Uber or Lyft app was malfunctioning.

About 45 minutes later, Bay-

mon was caught on video as he used the man's credit card to make purchases, prosecutors said during a Saturday afternoon bond hearing. Chicago police detectives who are familiar with Baymon identified him from the footage.

Investigators flagged Baymon's license plate in the Chicago Police Dept.'s license plate reader database. And around 2:45 a.m. Friday, the system got a hit on his car as it traveled in River North.

When cops pulled Baymon over near Ontario and Franklin, there was an intoxicated bar patron in his back seat—a man he had just picked up on Hubbard Street, according to police records. The man told police that his friend had ordered the Uber for him, but his Uber app indicated that he

should have been in a different car and that the real Uber driver had canceled his ride.

Cops arrested Baymon to face charges in the January case. While searching his car, they found four debit cards in the center console, each issued to a different man, prosecutors said.

During Baymon's court appearance on Saturday, prosecutors referred to him as a "freelance rideshare driver" and failed to inform Judge William Fahy that he was on parole for committing the same crime against multiple victims using the same scheme.



Lance Baymon

Fahy released Baymon on his own recognizance with electronic monitoring. Prosecutors also didn't tell Fahy that Baymon was convicted of escaping electronic monitoring in 2005.

In addition to being on parole for operating a continuing financial crimes enterprise, Baymon was convicted of identity theft in 2019, theft in 2017, identity theft in 2016, and misuse of a credit card twice in 2005, according to IDOC records.

On March 4, his attorney said he is unemployed but has been working in the CTA's "second chance" program. He coaches boxing and regularly attends church, the lawyer said.

New details of 'Puffy Coat Bandits' emerge as prosecutors formally charge 'ringleader'

BY CWBCHICAGO

New details were revealed about the unfortunately-named "Puffy Coat Bandit" restaurant theft crew as prosecutors charged a man identified as a group leader with four counts of felony theft from persons.

The theft team has been targeting restaurant and bar patrons across downtown Chicago and the North Side for months, using distraction and slick moves to steal phones, wallets, and purses. They've struck so frequently that some hospitality workers nicknamed the thieves the "Puffy Coat Bandits" after the large winter coats they often wear.

Last month, Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] said that charges were filed against two suspected "ringleaders" of the theft crew, one day after Block Club Chicago reported that restaurant owners believed "cops aren't doing much about" the crimes.

In fact, a wide-reaching investigation had been underway for weeks. The US Marshals Service even got involved after the thieves



James Wilkins (inset) and security camera photo of members of the "Puffy Coat Bandits."

stole a wallet and credentials belonging to a court official, believed to be a federal judge's law clerk, a source said.

On Thursday, one of the "ringleaders" named by Hopkins appeared in felony bond court. James Wilkins, 28, has been in custody since February 9 on other charges and was on bail for similar crimes when he allegedly committed the latest wave of thefts.

Prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto accused Wilkins of participating in four thefts during January, all recorded by cameras.

Around 2:45 p.m. Jan. 6, he approached a victim inside a cafe

when they got into a fight with three offenders around 2 a.m., police said. All three offenders fled the scene, and the brothers transported themselves to the University of Illinois Hosp.

One brother, who suffered stab wounds to his chest, side, back, and face, was transferred to Stroger Hospital for treatment. The other brother was in good condition with stab wounds in his back and right hand.

Later Saturday morning, another man walked into Advocate Lutheran General Hosp. in Park Ridge for treatment of a minor stab wound. Police determined that his injuries were suffered during the River North incident.

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wallet, and fled, Scaduto continued.

Wilkins has been in jail since Feb. 10, when police arrested him for an outstanding warrant. Other members of the team have continued to commit thefts even while Wilkins was in custody.

He was on bond for charges related to similar crimes on the Univ. of Chicago campus one year ago.

On March 2, 2022, Wilkins and an accomplice used the flyer trick to steal a wallet and phone from two people who were dining in the school's cafeteria, Scaduto said. Wilkins was recorded on security video as he tried to use one of the victim's credit cards at a Target store a few minutes later.

He and an accomplice returned to the school less than five hours later and allegedly tried to steal a victim's wallet in a dining hall.

A U of C police officer followed Wilkins to a car and made a note of the license plate, which is registered to Wilkins, according to Scaduto.

Judge David Navarro set Wilkins' bail at \$10,000 last March, and Wilkins went home by posting 10% of that amount the next day. Charges in those cases, burglary and illegal possession of a credit card, are

still pending in court.

After hearing about the new allegations, Judge David Kelly ordered Wilkins to pay another \$3,000 bail to be released on the January cases. He also held Wilkins without bail for violating bond in the pending matters.

Scaduto said Wilkins had been sent to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections four times: for identity theft in 2019, robbery in 2017, theft in 2015, and residential burglary in 2012.

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Ward's felony record includes convictions for three separate aggravated battery cases, robbery, and narcotics.

Judge David Kelly ordered him to pay a \$2,500 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

Three people, including twin brothers, stabbed in River North

Twin brothers are among three people hospitalized after suffering stab wounds during a fight in a River North nightlife district March 3. Chicago police have not announced any arrests in the case.

The 23-year-old twins were leaving a building in the 100 block of W. Kinzie

at 313 W. Wolf Point Plaza and placed a flyer over the victim's wallet, which was on the table, Scaduto said. Wilkins simultaneously picked up the flyer and wallet and walked out of the restaurant.

That evening, he sat beside a woman talking with her husband at the bar inside The Diver, 601 N. Wells, and took the woman's backpack, which contained a laptop, a wallet, and other items worth \$2,400, Scaduto said.

The next day, just after 3 p.m., he allegedly walked up behind a woman at Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!, 2024 N. Halsted, and took her purse.

And on Jan. 20, a woman was seated at the bar at Morton's, 65 E. Wacker, when Wilkins grabbed her purse from the floor, took her

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Assoc. and Old Town Art Fair, plus cookery items so much a part of his late wife, **Shirley Baugher's**, Cordon Bleu skills. (I loved dear Shirley to pieces, including her 2,000 cookbooks. I want 10.)

HEATWAVE FEST: The fest is moving to Northerly Island, to the opposite side of the city, after it drew the ire of neighbors who got fenced out of Douglass Park for weeks at a time because of music fests.

PLAY BALL: The baseball season is close. The Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers on opening day March 30. Keep your eyes open to find me at my favorite Wrigleyville spots. If you feel like losing money, visit the giant new casino on the corner of Addison and Sheffield. And OMG, Guns N' Roses just announced they are coming to Wrigley Field on Aug. 23. It's gonna get noisy.

SOCIAL SCENE: My colleague, **Candace Jordan**, will receive the 2023 Excellence in Media Award from the Dream Awards on June 10. Other recipients include **Hosea Sanders**, **Jayne Kennedy Overton**, **George Daniels** and others. We're delighted for her. No one works harder. She's a true gal about town. We're thrilled.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY: The audience stood at the conclusion of **Gustav Mahler's** Symphony No. 5. What else could they do? Now bear in mind the conductor, **Klaus Makela**, the chief conductor and artistic adviser of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, is only 27. The performance was brilliant. The CSO bowed.

CLOSING: Logan Square neighborhood favorite Buona Terra Ristorante is leaving its California Ave. home of more than two decades. It will close next month after 21 years, husband-and-wife owners **Eileen Gregg Garcia** and **Jose "Chepe" Garcia** announced. They're folding the Italian restaurant into their Irving Park spot **Hearth & Crust**, 3608 W. Irving Park Rd. Buona Terra will serve its final Logan Square customers March 18. Hope they'll serve the spicy and savory garlic eggplant spread for the bread.

GO NATIVE: Loved the Irish language spoken on the BAFTA

red carpet and the "Green Wave" of Oscar nominations. Irish actor **Paul Mescal** gave an interview in his native Irish language and the country went wild.

WHO'S WHERE: **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** in London for a wedding, but with an outward stop in Dublin and a visit to a bookstore in Notting Hill... **Mary Laney**, vet of NBC, intently following the Wisconsin/Iowa Big Ten game, she's a Badger alum as well... **Doug Van Tress** back in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he's always at home... **Christopher Clinton Conway** at Factors Famous Deli in Los Angeles... **Maria Pappas** at the Romanian Cultural Center... Violinist **Anne-Sophie Mutter** at the Chicago Symphony Latino Alliance... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** in Beverly Hills with **Catherine** and **Bill Cook**, hairstylist **Corey Powell**, and **Annette** and **Reynaldo Ramirez** dining at the Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel singing **Elton John** tunes... Distinguished Barrister **Bernard Dunleavy** doing a birthday in the winter sea at Maheramore Beach, Wicklow... **Rick Kogan's** "After Hours" on WGN radio, always a treat on Sundays 5 to 7 p.m... **Tom McDonald** with **Meg Steele** sharing the power of Charleston, SC... Many mourning the passing of **Barbara June Greener Patterson**, longtime Acting Teacher at Highland Park HS... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** congratulating the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans 2023 Officers, sworn in at the Des Plaines Theater, **Ron Onesti**, President... the **Brothers Burke**, **Travis** and **Eddie Jr.**, doing some winter angling... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** at the National Museum of the American Sailor at Great Lakes Naval Base... **Mark Olley**, **Candace Jordan**, **James Place** and **Chili Pepper** at Second City Prime Steaks and Seafood in Northbrook... **Blake Griffin Graves** in Miami Beach... **Keane** and **Megan Addington** celebrating 10 years of Tortoise Supper Club on State St... **Brian Relph** continues travel across the Americas, 15 countries, 25,000 miles, now in La Paz, Bolivia... **Robert Paddor** with **David Diamond** at

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Anne-Sophie Mutter with the Chicago Symphony Latino Alliance.



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Sara Krueger with Shelley Howard.



Mark Olley, Candace Jordan, James Place and Chili Pepper.



Stanley Paul with Abigail Hart and Geraldine Ann and pups.



Steve Sanders



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Paul Hansen, Rosemary Fanti, Richard Kuranda and Barb Bailey.

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Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, FL, hitting a 4/1 win/place 10 times... **Paul Hansen** and **Barb Bailey** made it to STEAK 48 for an amazing dinner with artist **Rosemary Fanti** and **Richard Kuranda**, lots of Veuve Clicquot... **Bill** and **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** at the Atlanta Braves Spring Training in North Port, FL, I feel the warmth already y'all... **Shelley Howard** doing Fantom Friday at the Clubhouse with Old Town artist **Sara Krueger**... **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Patricia Maxwell** at Las Ventanas al Paraiso, San Jose del Cabo, Mexico... **Sherrill Bodine** spent most of February island hopping in the Caribbean from San Juan to Barbados and beyond... **Steve Sanders**, retired after 37 years at WGN, returned for a visit and delighted in the memories... **Joey Majumdar** with **Jane Lester** sharing some bubbly at the Gwen... former reporter **Paul Meincke** aboard a balloon over Scottsdale AZ, programmed to avoid sidewinders and er-

rant 18th hole drives... **Paula Borg** celebrating the finish of a complete home renovation project, time for bubbly... **Christie's Steven Zick** loving life in the Ralph Lauren Bar & Grille catbird seat in front of the fire on a winter's day... Maestro **Stanley Paul** having a fun night in Palm Springs with **Abigail Hart** and **Geraldine Ann** and pups... **Frank N. Jeffery** with **Todd Hatoff**, **Paul R Iacono**, **Joaquin** and **Jenifer Sutton Brieve** at Gibson's Steakhouse, what a gang... **Karen Zupko** dining Bolognese Italian style at Il Poggio in Snowmass at Aspen... **Liz Teasley** looking sensational at Oak Park CC for the St. Luke, River Forest Annual School Gala... Remembering **James Joyce** for reinventing the novel and Hon. **Desmond Guinness** for savoring the 18th century Irish past in the festivities of St. Patrick's Day.
UKRAINE: **Michael Brosko** reports that the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra

of Ukraine performed in Cleveland. One year to the exact moment that the sirens across the country announced that Russia had invaded. A supercharged emotional evening.
RIP: Lake Forest's **Sue Golan** passed away at 93 years of age on Jan. 30. An accomplished equestrian, cook, tennis player, fisherwoman, orchid judge and grower. She was also the consummate hostess known for her hospitality and great parties. Unfortunately, she succumbed to injuries sustained from a fall. So raise a glass, preferably a martini (she enjoyed one nightly), to an incredibly unique woman.
We Americans have no commission from God to police the world. -- Benjamin Harrison

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Liza Malamut (left), artistic director of The Newberry Consort (right), which is presenting their "Oracles, Prophets and Dreams" concert at Roosevelt Univ. on March 19. The music is for voices and period instruments, including lute, shawms, dulcians, sackbuts, and recorders, and portative organ. *Photos courtesy of Elliot Mandel*

Renaissance music, Oracles and Mysticism in concert March 19

The Newberry Consort will invite listeners on a journey through the mystical world of dreams and visions in their upcoming concert "Oracles, Prophets, and Dreams," taking place March 19 downtown.

The concert revolves around a series of renaissance motets known as Prophetiae Sybillarum, or "The Sibylline Prophecies," by Flemish composer Orlando de Lassus. Composed sometime between 1549 and 1560, the collection is written for four voices and uses chromaticism to create a dreamlike sense of eeriness and ecstasy. A lively band of 10 musicians will bring this music and its stories to life.

The downtown concert will take place at 3 p.m. at Ganz Hall, Roosevelt Univ., 430 S. Michigan Ave. Tickets \$45 to \$65, and \$10 for students with a valid student ID.

The Renaissance brought about a renewed interest in ancient

Greek and Roman culture including music, art, and the supernatural. People were fascinated with the Sybils, prophetesses of Apollo who were consulted for personal, religious, and political advice. According to myth, the Sybils revealed the gods' will through poetic texts. Later, early Roman Christians reinterpreted the Sybils' roles as heralds for the coming of Jesus, probably in a tactic to legitimize their new religion in the eyes of the public. The texts in Lassus's Sibylline Prophecies reflect this interpretation. Set in Latin, they emulate the rhythm and meter of the ancient Greek proclamations to further enhance the listener's feeling of being inside a dream.

By the time Lassus was composing, there were said to be 12 different Sybils, and his Sibylline Prophecies is comprised of 12 songs that each tell the story of a Sybil. During the concert, audiences will learn about the

myths and stories that surround the Sybils. Because the entire song cycle is only 25 minutes, it will be interspersed with pieces from other Renaissance composers that have a similar theme of prophecy, dreams, and mysticism, including Ludwig Senfl's rarely heard piece, Vedit Jacob, with text describing Jacob's dream of a ladder, and more secular selections such as William Byrd's Farewell, False Love, Oracle of Lies.

Liza Malamut, the artistic director of The Newberry Consort, said she had been drawn to this mysterious, otherworldly music ever since she first heard it more than a decade ago. "I've been fascinated by these pieces for a long time," Malamut says. "They have a wildly unique sound, even for Renaissance music. The sonorities really draw you in, and when they're over it almost feels like you're blinking awake. It's incredibly rare to hear them performed live."

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Chicago, which recently honored the life of their stalwart sister, Sister Vivian Ivantic, who passed away from natural causes Feb. 11 at age 109, holding the title as the oldest Benedictine nun in the world.

Another trailblazing woman, Sister Vivian fought for social justice and paved the way for women in religion. She also participated in "peace walks" and anti-racism events.

Sister Vivian leaves behind a legacy of advocacy, compassion, and tenacity. She lived through two global pandemics, the Spanish Flu of 1918, and COVID-19 in 2020, which she contracted and

survived.

She also dedicated her life to education, teaching at Catholic schools across the city and ushering in Catholic summer schools to cities lacking such programs. At age 60, Sister Vivian formed an archive of the history of the Benedictine Sister of Chicago, which documents and preserves artifacts from the order's history in Chicago dating back to its origins in 1861.

"Hers is a life to be celebrated," said Sister Judith Murphy, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. "She lived a good, good life and was excited to live every day."



Sister Vivian Ivantic.

"Musical Mondays" coming to BET

The Chicago Cabaret Professionals are hosting three concerts, titled "Musical Mondays"—with three unique Monday evening cabaret concerts showcasing the talents of more than 35 local cabaret artists.

Only one show will be offered on the North Side, titled Broadway Soul, which will be held 7:30 p.m. May 15 at The Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.

Tickets from \$30 to \$45, and are available at chicagocabaret.org.

Chicago Cabaret Professionals first launched musical Mondays in 2008 and, over the years, the series has featured local performers exploring historical topics, musical genres, the works of great artists, and social themes.

Tuk tuks coming to Devon



A new art installation is coming to Devon Ave. "Tuk Tuks On Devon" will be officially unveiled on Sunday, March 19. The art pieces will be on display on Devon Ave. between N. Sacramento and N. Bell through this Fall.

Tuk tuks are short-distance, three-wheeled, electric vehicles that first emerged in Japan and Italy just over half a century ago. The tuk tuk is one of the unofficial national symbols of Thailand. The tuk tuk has grown in popularity amongst both Thai nationals and tourists alike. Since then the compact, cheap and adaptable vehicles have spread to every corner of the globe. The name "tuk tuk" comes from the sound that the tuk tuk makes when in operation.

Although famous for being colorful and convenient, there are downsides as well as benefits to using this method of transportation. They are an entertaining way to visit local areas. But one of the biggest problems with tuk tuks is their lack of safety features as compared to other vehicles. Because tuk tuks have open sides and typically don't have seat belts they are very unsafe during traffic accidents. Plus, the open-air design does not protect travelers from weather, exhaust fumes or dust. Tuk tuks are not very eco-friendly vehicles and are infamous for the visible fumes that plume up from their exhausts. In major cities, tuk tuks are often blamed for reducing air quality at a faster

Artists and locations:

- Bari Fleischer at Kol Tuv 2938 W. Devon Ave.
- Richard Trumbo at Music House Inc., 2925 W. Devon Ave.
- Fonté at Sign America, 2748 W. Devon Ave.
- Luis Collindres at Republic Bank, 2720 W. Devon Ave.
- Carolina & Jessica Juarez at Regal Jewels Inc., 2629 W. Devon Ave.
- You Are Beautiful at New Devon, LLC (sukhadia corner), 2559 W. Devon Ave.
- Cheri Charlton at Sabri Nihari, 2502 W. Devon Ave.
- Judith Mayer at Pulaski Court Apartments, 2260 W. Devon Ave.
- Candice Johnson at Cary's Lounge, 2251 W. Devon Ave.
- Tom Molloy at Par Birdie, 2234 W. Devon Ave.

rate than other vehicles, including motorcycles and cars.

Limited tuk tuk rides will be available on March 19 from 4-8 p.m.

The tuk tuks are decorated by local artists and the program is being sponsored by Devon Ave. businesses. It is hosted by the Devon Avenue Special Service Area #43 and Rogers Park Business Alliance.

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 -v-
 SARAH B. GLASCH AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC, DECEASED, CHASE ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, SARAH B. GLASCH, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC Defendants
 2022 CH 04370
 1216 WEST CHASE AVENUE 1-J CHICAGO, IL 60626
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 2022 CH 00395
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 2022 CH 09713
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR JP MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH1, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-CH1; Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LAURA ROBINSON AKA LAURA C. ROBINSON; 345 FULLERTON PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
 22 CH 2735
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 14-33-200-016-1006.
 Commonly known as 345 West Fullerton, Unit 406, Chicago, IL 60614.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SPS000427-22FC2
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chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 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.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-00739.
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 LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
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 312-357-1125
 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com
 Attorney File No. 22-00739
 Attorney Code. 18837
 Case Number: 22 CH 1980
 TJS#C: 43-157
 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 # 22 CH 1980
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACREDIT LOANS, INC. MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 2020CH03907
 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201 CHICAGO, IL 60611
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 4, 2023, 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 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201, CHICAGO, IL 60611
 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$234,671.73.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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formation.
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 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.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 312792.
 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
 Chicago IL, 60606
 312-263-0003
 E-Mail: lipleadings@potestivolaw.com
 Attorney File No. 312792
 Attorney Code. 43332
 Case Number: 2020CH03907
 TJS#C: 41-1666
 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 # 2020CH03907
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to check the court file to verify all information.
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 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, 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
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 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-22-05537
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2022 CH 07284
 TJS#C: 43-98
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Case # 2022 CH 07284
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Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 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.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
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 Case Number: 20 CH 01095
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Case # 20 CH 01095
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-SP2 TRUST; Plaintiff,
 vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; CHRISTINE CLARK; JENNIFER CLARK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; HURON STREET LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; EVERGREEN BANK GROUP; JOHN J. LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED; Defendants,
 22 CH 944
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 17-09-216-018-1024.
 Commonly known as 225 West Huron Street, Unit 304, Chicago, IL 60610.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 21-008608 F2
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 PATRICIA EDRIS, ESSAM EDRIS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ONTARIO PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 22 CH 1980
 10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706 CHICAGO, IL 60611
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 10, 2023, 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 10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706, CHICAGO, IL 60611
 Property Index No. 17-10-111-014-1032
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$707,343.37.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
Case # 2022 CH 09713
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACREDIT LOANS, INC. MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 2020CH03907
 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201 CHICAGO, IL 60611
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 4, 2023, 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 1440 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE #22ABCD, CHICAGO, IL 60610
 Property Index No. 17-03-103-028-1135, 17-03-103-028-1136, 17-03-103-028-1137, 17-03-103-028-1138
 The real estate is improved with a residence.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 EDWARD BROWN Plaintiff,
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7620X- Obrien, Patricia
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This sale is to be held on Tuesday March 28, 2023, 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:
3523X and 6619X (Edward Lahoud)
2702X (Alfred Mayo)
3528X (Arlene Williams)
1631A (Marvin Wright)
for public sale on March 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Cash only.

Notice of Public Sale

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estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 21 9111. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC

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30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 Chicago IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: tlpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 21 9111 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2022 CH 03401 T.J.S.C#: 43-317 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 # 2022 CH 03401 **13214621** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-PR2 TRUST Plaintiff, -v- IGOR PRESMAN, G. JACQUELINE NEVID PRESMAN AKA JACQUELINE NEVID PRESMAN, TIARA HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants 19 CH 07827 consolidated with 17 D 4477 6145 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 20C CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 12, 2023, 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 6145 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 20C, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-211-016-1059 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$151,887.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial

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Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues

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where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 384240. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 601 E. William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 384240 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 19 CH 07827 consolidated with 17 D 4477 T.J.S.C#: 43-138 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 # 19 CH 07827 consolidated with 17 D 4477 **13214989** 080808 ----- 010101 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-0A1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-0A1; Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; MARISOL RIVERA AKA MARISOL R. RIVERA; BILLY RIVERA; JOHN RIVERA; TONY RIVERA; JOHN JACK LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

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OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 662 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-06-215-020-0000. Commonly known as 6129 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-1140 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13213781** 222222 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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as he finds a new tenant — a search that is beginning immediately.

Before Lawson started working at The 400 almost two years ago, he remembers waiting in line to see “The Avengers” in 2012. Later he would go on his first date with his now-wife Liz to see “Pete’s Dragon.”

He was hired in the summer of 2021 as The 400 began to phase out of its lockdown stage. The theater temporarily opened as a COVID-19 testing site in Dec. 2021. They also allowed patrons to rent out a theater for the night and bring their own movie or gaming console — something still offered by the theater today.

“It was a post-lockdown job for all of us, and it’s just changed everybody’s life,” Lawson said.

Of the approximately 10 current employees, only one worked at The 400 before COVID-19 — Daniel Richardson, the assistant general manager.

“Since the pandemic, it seems like movies in theaters in general have all been slower, and it’s definitely reflected here,” Richardson said.

Approximately 61% of American adults did not see a movie in the theater in 2021, a Gallup poll reported. Of those who did, they saw an average of 3.6 movies in the year, a dip from “6.9 in Dec. 2007 and no fewer than 5.7 in any other Gallup survey.”

“It’s not like it’s a dead industry or even, in my opinion, a dying industry,” Lawson said. “It’s just a lot tougher than it used to be.”

Fox said attendance has only been about 50% of what it was pre-pandemic. A similar trend led to the closure of Harper Theater in Hyde Park, which was also owned by Fox.

“The only difference between that one and this one is that I own the real estate at The 400, and I didn’t own the real estate at the Harper, so I was paying rent to the Univ. of Chicago,” he said.

Harper Theater currently has plans to reopen under new ownership, according to South Side Weekly.

The 400 employee and Loyola sophomore Lucy Myerscough said the proximity to the university benefits college students.

“You can really tell that it means a lot to students on campus, because it’s cheap,”

the secondary education and English double major said. “We’re all broke and you can come here and watch a movie and get popcorn for less than \$20.”

Tickets for senior citizens and children go for \$6, adults pay \$8.50 and students with their IDs pay \$7.50.

An AMC theater recently opened in Evanston. Compared to The 400, their ticket prices are nearly twice as expensive. The movie theater chain will also be introducing a feature called “Sightline,” charging more for coveted middle seats, according to the Associated Press.

The 400 makes very little money from ticket sales and concessions are “definitely” where their profit comes from, according to Lawson. Selling popcorn, candy, soda and alcoholic beverages, he said the decision to keep their prices low is to make it affordable for the community.

“It’s fun to go to the big [theaters] to see movies on the biggest screens possible and stuff like that, but I want my neighborhood theater that has been around a long time, and it just feels like going to the movies when you were a kid,” Lawson said. “It’s still a great experience, it’s just not the big thing you would pay big money for.”

Film and digital media major Jacqueline Southwell said The 400 provides a great opportunity for students and young people to come together because of their low prices.

“Having cheap movie tickets is probably one of the best ways to get students out of the house,” Southwell said.

Summur Roberts, Loyola’s director of neighborhood initiatives, said it’s sad anytime a business is lost in the community, especially when the nearest theaters are elsewhere in Chicago or in Evanston.

“I don’t think we were ever truly successful in really making it ‘the local Loyola student theater,’” Roberts said. “But I hope against hope that maybe, at the last minute, something will pull through, and it will be able to stay open.”

Before the pandemic, Loyola hosted “Summer on the Plaza” for six years along N. Sheridan Rd., Roberts said. The program was intended to add “vibrancy” to the Loyola Red Line Station plaza with a farmers market and performances.

In 2017, it expanded and she and Fox worked together to have a live saxophonist and a three-piece band play outside The



Lucy Myerscough was hired by The 400 in Sept. 2022. Photo by Austin Hojdar

400’s entrance.

“I’m grateful to the community for a lot of good years — grateful for Loyola for unwavering support over all those years,” Fox said. “I don’t have any misgivings about the community abandoning us now.”

Fox is the president of real estate firm ADF Capital and owns the property from The 400 to the corner of Columbia Ave. and Sheridan Rd. The rest of the space is leased out.

When he originally bought the property in 2009, he said it was his third “Starbucks-anchored neighborhood center.” Now, the “most distinctive property in all of Rogers Park” is his last.

“After I re-tenant The 400, I’m gonna sell this building,” the Evanston resident said. “I’ll be in a position to retire if I want to.”

Fox said his brokers have told him the space may be best fit for a private school or daycare center.

“If somebody wants to come in and buy it because it’s a theater, they can do that,” Fox said. “I don’t think anybody’s gonna want to, though. For other people in the industry, they can tell how much we’re selling here, and it’s not gonna be enough to attract another operator.”

Lawson would love to see the location

continue as a movie theater so his employees could keep their jobs. Regardless of what it becomes, Richardson just hopes the community aspect doesn’t fade with the theater.

“If it doesn’t come back as a movie theater, at least hold on to the memories of having such a neighborhood, communal space so that maybe something like it could come back again somewhere in the neighborhood,” Richardson said. “Just keep the idea alive.”

Despite changing the north-facing side of their sign to read “Save Your Local Theater,” Lawson said they’ve come to terms with the inevitability.

“I almost don’t want to call it, ‘Save The New 400,’ because those kind of grassroots campaigns, if they fail, it’s depressing,” he said. “But I don’t think we should necessarily look at it like that anymore. We should just be like, ‘Please enjoy this great theater while you can.’”

Southwell, a senior at Loyola, said supporting small businesses is important, especially when it feels like she knows the people there, like at The 400. Lawson echoed this sentiment and said the theater belongs to Rogers Park and their tight-knit staff.

“That’s what makes me really emotional about it closing is that we all really care about this place,” Lawson said. “It’s a hard truth that it will probably close down and we’ll have to all move on. And that’s what happens.”

The New 400 Theaters will continue to show movies with reduced hours until a new tenant is found.

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ferred early registration (winners must still pay for the spot - \$35 for the spot, \$8 for paint).

LPAC will be sharing these stories up until the event on their social media pages. The winner will be announced around April 20 and they will have a deadline by which to buy their spot.

Stories will be published on the Loyola Park website and social media to promote this year’s AWF. To apply, visit: <https://www.loyolapark.org/aotw/>.

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cross. The light will be pedestrian activated.

To activate the PHB pedestrians push an accessible button located on a pole or post at the roadside. The actuated beacon then begins to flash yellow to warn motorists that the beacon has been activated. The HAWK system requires drivers to stop.

Hybrid beacons were developed specifically to enhance pedestrian crossings of major streets. However, several cities have also installed modified hybrid beacons that

explicitly incorporate bicycle movements. Lincolnwood has installed some of those adjacent to their bike paths.

“Traffic calming and a safe crossing of Ridge Ave. has been a long sought objective at this location,” said Ald. Harry Osterman. “This new device will give the community an improved functional crossing and will improve pedestrian safety. The new signal is in response to neighborhood outreach, especially the BARGE Block Club, Pierce families who walk their children to school every morning, and the tragic fatal accident at this intersection.”



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