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Is Chicago dreaming up more gigantic stadium mistakes?

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Chicago may be the City of Big Shoulders, but it also is the Capital of gigantic sports-stadium mistakes.

Every decade or three, our losing sports-team owners—such as the White Sox and the Bears—have an insane urge to huddle with weak-kneed politicians, in cigar-smoke or wacky-weed filled rooms, and dream up innovative ways to shaft taxpayers.

Apparently, the Windy City's unusually warm, pre-spring weather this year has caused new, grandiose stadium development ideas to sprout like weeds in thousands of vacant city-owned lots on the South and West sides.

The latest \$2-billion to \$4-billion trial balloon is being floated by the Chicago Bears, who propose building a new, grandiose domed stadium on the parking lot just south of Soldier Field.

That's right, the same spot George Lukas had his eyes on for a museum.

To be clear, this last-place team is promising to spend more than \$2 billion of its own money to help build a new "publicly owned" stadium on land it doesn't own.

Remember the Chicago Bears cheapskate history? Original founder and owner George Halas, Sr., was famously noted by Coach Mike Ditka for 'throwing around nickels like man-hole covers' at player contract time.

So, any veteran city purse-strings watcher knows this Bears stadium idea will eventually bite Chicago taxpayers in the wallet. The trial balloon is already looking like the second disaster of the tragic 1937 Hindenburg crash in Lakehurst, N.J.

To obtain city and state approval, the Bears will need all the running and dodging skills of

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Property Tax appeal workshop March 21

Chicago residents suffer under some of the highest property taxes in the nation. Now property owners in Rogers Park can learn how to understand and evaluate your new property reassessment notice and gather your own evidence to support your tax appeal without hiring tax services, during a free event at the Rogers Park

Branch, 6907 N. Clark St., 3 p.m. Thursday, March 21.

The first pass of the Rogers Park Township 2024 property reassessments will be published in this newspaper March 27.

For more information about the workshop, call 312-587-9494, or visit www.railapc.com.

New Girl Scout Troop forming in Budlong Woods

A new Girl Scout troop is forming at Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N. Lincoln Ave.

At Girl Scouts, young ladies will get to lead their own adventure and team up with other girls in an all-girl environment to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest her most.

Girl Scouts is a youth organization for girls in the U.S. and girls living abroad. Founded by Ju-

liette Gordon Low in 1912, it was organized after Low met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting, in 1911. Girls must be at least five years old to participate.

Those interested in joining the new troop may contact Michelle Moody at michelle.mm009@gmail.com to learn more about opportunities the Girl Scouts provide for young girl and their family.

Elected Chicago School Board will be a reality this fall

The Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] has been demanding an elected school board for over two decades, and now it looks like they've gotten their wish.

The CTU has gone so far as to call out formerly-appointed school boards by previous mayors as "illegitimate." That may not happen again if the CTU-backed candidates sweep the field this fall.

Mayor Brandon Janson and the CTU will likely retain majority control of Chicago Public Schools [CPS] throughout his first term under a measure that is about to become law. That measure gives city residents the chance to vote in November for half of the 21 slots

on the Chicago Board of Education [CBE].

The plan also allows Mayor Johnson to appoint the other half of the board, plus its president. Citizens can expect that those choices will be vetted by the CTU before the mayor announces his picks.

On March 7 The Illinois House of Representatives voted 75-31 to approve the plan. The state Senate approved the plan March 12.

The vote on Senate Bill 15 firms up the districts that elected school board members would represent ahead of a looming April 1 deadline to draw a map lawmakers pushed back last spring. Gov.

J.B. Pritzker's signature would make it the law.

On the North Side, from north to south, districts will include 2A and 2B, 4A and 4B and 6A.

As currently planned, there is an imbalance of the number of CPS schools within each district. One district, which stretches from West Town to Austin, has 101 public schools in it, while the North Lakefront district that includes Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and Uptown, has only 34 CPS schools, according to Chalkbeat.com.

To run, on March 26 candidates can begin circulating petitions to

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High Ridge Chargers host fire fundraiser



After a fire on March 6, the High Ridge Chargers need some community fundraising help.



A West Ridge football and cheerleading club needs the community's help recovering from a devastating fire that destroyed their sports equipment.

The High Ridge Chargers play out of (Phillip) Rogers Park, and they are now seeking community support. On March 6, a car caught on fire next to the team's storage facility, causing more than \$30,000 in damage. The team

launched an emergency fundraiser to recoup the losses before the season starts in April.

The High Ridge Chargers are a registered non-profit youth football and cheer organization. They were founded in 1959 and have served more than 10,000 children from Chicago and neighboring suburbs, many of them from diverse ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The orga-

nization provides an opportunity for boys and girls (ages 5-14) to participate in a fun structured environment that places a high priority on teamwork, discipline, responsibility, and the invaluable benefits of being a student-athlete.

For more information, visit www.highridgechargers.org.

Edgewater businesswoman bequeaths \$2.45 million to benefit wolves in North America

Philanthropist Eileen Sutz

In one of the largest donations made in support of wolves, Eileen Sutz, a native North Sider who lived near Hood Ave. and Broadway, has bequeathed her estate to three organizations dedicated to educating the public about wolves in North America.

Following her unexpected death from a stroke in Feb. 2022, the recipients of her gift, Yellowstone Forever, the International Wolf Center, and Wolf Park will share in the funds equally.

Each organization has plans to expand their wolf education programs and research with the support and vision of Sutz behind them.



A lifelong wolf advocate, Sutz had strong feelings about protecting and supporting wolves. Believing they were misunderstood and unjustly maligned, she saw the importance of educating people about wolves and protecting

the wolf population.

Sutz's was a screenwriter, owned and ran Blue Heron Productions, and was a ballet dancer, model, and free spirit ahead of her time. She overcame many obstacles in pursuit of her dreams. She often experienced being misunderstood and constrained by the confines of conventional life, and found strength and resonance with wolves. She admired and found inspiration in their independence, loyalty, and resilience as well as their beauty and gracefulness.

Over the years, Sutz's successful business career allowed her to pursue many of her passions in-

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We can't get too big for our own britches



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Just when you thought that Chicago stood alone in its Prairie elegance against the common elements of Midwest urban life, something raises its head to skew that noble awareness.

In other words, here in Chicago we can't ever get too big for our own britches. A valuable life lesson for sure. It's the very formula to save us from hubris.

Chicagoans know how things like this always end. We wouldn't want it any other way. A little egg is good for the face.

Recently no one's been able to do that better for us than The Wiener's Circle, 2622 N. Clark St. Chi-town's favorite dog with the works.

Their sign says "Happy Birthday Chicago 187 years old."

Birthday wishes not from the elite at the Drake Hotel, the Lyric

Opera, the Joffrey Ballet, nor the Saddle & Cycle Club, but from the hot dog vendors of Clark St.

The Wiener's Circle's historic announcement flows from the city's March 4th founding. You can almost smell Fort Dearborn in the air. Or is that the mustard and relish? And the impatience of first mayor William Butler Ogden.

Of course it was rough going back then in "new Chicago." Streets of mud. Flies, mosquitoes and ticks still camping out on the buckskin and rawhide of trappers who continued to exit the forests of the Prairie. Camping out along the river bank hoping that hot baths would remove both their itch and their stink.

City Hall, itself, occupied a more humble space on the second floor of a local business, at the rear. A long, outside staircase led citizens to the nerve center of local government. There, Chicagoans could unburden themselves of concerns with the city. Shopkeepers and tavern owners traded political concerns with the local farmers and families. Local law enforcement reinforced the issues of common safety and public order.

Life in Chicago 187 years ago may have been primitive by today's measure, but I didn't come across any elected alderman who threatened bodily harm on any other elected official who disagreed with them.

I never found one instance where local teachers claimed victory for their mayoral candidate, with the result being the enforcement of gripes and demands from the whole city.

And I wasn't able to substantiate who had ownership of public property that local sports fans may have demanded be provided to local teams and their investors for a new sports field.

There was also no record of members of the City Council voting themselves extensive pay raises in the wooden city by the lake.

And while there weren't a glut of practicing attorneys around back then, I could find no record of any alderman offering legal



The Wiener's Circle, which opened in Lincoln Park 1983, wishes the city of Chicago a happy birthday.

assistance to a client in exchange for their business. No alderman attempted to get fresh business by telling clients they could move things along in a privileged fashion.

So it's safe to say that what we take as business as usual in the Chicago City Council, today, hadn't quite blossomed back then into the fine aged felony that's so attractive to the feds at present.

The freshness seal was only newly broken 187 years ago. Paris began along the Seine in 259 BC. Rome 500 years before in 753 BC. Even by American standards Chicago was a newcomer. After all New York was begun in 1624, and Boston in 1630. New Orleans reared its head in 1682 and St. Louis in 1764. All cities from another age. America's most modern city was waiting in the wings.

The Chicago of John Kinzie, Cyrus McCormick, Long John Wentworth, Joseph Medill, Marshall Field, had its origin along the river, beside the lake.

In 1837, when Chicago was incorporated as a city, its population was over 4,000 and there were 29 dry-goods stores, five hardware stores, 45 grocery and provision establishments, 10 taverns, and 19

lawyers' offices.

The urban dream that was Chicago only succeeded because people of great drive embraced lives of ceaseless effort and creative intuition. Chicagoans were ready for anything. Problem-solving through creative invention. That was true in digging the great Illinois and Michigan Canal and in embracing the life changes wrought by railroads and meat-packing.

No one back in the Chicago of 1837 could quite imagine the full reaches of The Wiener's Circle on Clark St. 187 years later. Its more humble self-understanding is just the ticket for focused Chicago citizens who want to see beyond the shallow phoniness of life, coming to know the real value of life's most precious treasures. Like a dog "with everything."

Even 187 years later we can't get too big for our own britches.

PATRICIA DALEY MARTINO: Patricia Daley Martino, the eldest child of

Mayor **Richard J. and Eleanor Guilfoyle "Sis" Daley** has died. She had Chicago in her soul. And a sparkle in her eyes.

She attended St. Xavier Academy for Young Ladies and graduated from St. Xavier University. She was a former Chicago Public Schools English teacher, teaching at Mather, Kennedy and Tilden high schools.

She carried her father's laughter close to her heart, and her mother's soft wisdom filled the atmosphere around her.

No one knew that better than her three children **Peter, Patrick and Courtney**. She was the person you always looked for in a crowd. Her presence, reassuring, laid a sweet friendship everywhere. She had no airs, save being real and trustworthy. With husband **Peter Martino** she found a grace. They were a perfect pair. Her roots in the Bridgeport neighborhood, the daughter of one historic mayor and the sister of another, now occupies a legendary Chicago mystery of faith and promise. Her life

always pointed to heaven.

MR. KELLY'S FILM: Don't miss **Paris Alexander Schutz** of WTTW at Mr. Kelly's at the Hideout, 7 p.m. Monday, March 25, film at 7:40 p.m., magic piano. He's fantastic.

UKRAINIAN CUISINE: An-

leya introduces modern, Ukrainian cuisine to Chicago's Avondale neighborhood. From Chefs **Johnny Clark and Beverly Kim** of Parachute, inspired by Chef Johnny's Ukrainian grandmother, Anelya. 3472 N. Elston Ave.

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City health officials: No new measles cases reported from Swedish Hosp., CTA Bus exposure

BY PETER VON BUOL

While more than a dozen cases of measles have been reported at the city's warehouse shelter for Venezuelan migrants in Pilsen, no further cases have been related to a case of measles diagnosed at Swedish Hospital's Galter Life Center, 5157 N. Francisco Ave.

City health officials report they have received phone calls on their measles hotline from those who were at either the Galter Life Center or the CTA's Foster Ave. bus at the same time as the person who had been diagnosed with measles but no one has developed the illness from that possible exposure.

"We have received exposure phone calls but [there are] no known cases related to this first case," said Andy Buchanan, a spokesperson for the city's Dept. of Public Health.

After a case of measles was diagnosed in a patient treated on the morning of Feb. 27, local public health officials have urging those who may have been exposed that morning to immediately contact Chicago's Dept. of Public Health [CDPH] through a dedicated hotline.

Once among the most feared of communicable diseases, and with no local cases reported since 2019, many had believed it had been locally eradicated. Outside of the 10 cases at the migrant shelter in Pilsen, there have now been two other reported cases of measles.

The city's first case was found in a child living at a homeless shelter in Pilsen at 2241 S. Halsted St. and he is now reportedly symptom-free.

The disease spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Spread by a virus, the initial symptoms of measles appear similar to a common cold.

"Measles starts with a cough, runny nose, red eyes, and fever. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the

body," according to a statement from the CDPH.

Public health officials consider measles to be a serious respiratory infection because it may lead to pneumonia and other complications.

"We have received exposure phone calls but [there are] no known cases related to this first case," said Andy Buchanan, a spokesperson for the city's Dept. of Public Health.

For decades, the disease had been considered very rare in the United States. With the United States having an open-door policy at the nation's borders, and not requiring border crossers to have medical screenings, the once rare disease has begun to show up again in area hospitals and emergency rooms.

The patient was treated at the Galter Life Center, 5157 N. Francisco, between 8:30 a.m. and noon. That patient had also ridden the CTA's #92 Foster Ave. bus sometime between 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. For those who believe they may have been exposed to measles that day, the CDPH is urging them to call the public health agency's Measles hot-line at 312-743-7216.

Even if a person is not displaying any of the symptoms listed above, they may still be infected, warned public health officials. Most people born in the U.S. are immunized against measles as children.

Those who are unsure whether [or not] you were vaccinated, ask your healthcare provider to find out if you need an MMR vaccine. If your child is one year old or older, and has never received the MMR vaccine, contact your child's pediatrician to discuss how your child can get caught up with their vaccines.

Jewish man attacked, Alderman says hate is on the rise in Chicago

BY ALD. SCOTT WAGUESPACK [32ND]

People are asking if we have any updates on the spate of hate incidents related to placards and posters being placed around Bucktown and Lincoln Park. We can only say that Chicago Police are still investigating the hate incidents observed in the community over the last few weeks and will continue their work.

In another hateful incident, last week a man trying to attend a movie about the Oct. 7th [attack in Israel] at the Logan Square Theater was attacked by an angry crowd. He says that it was simply for being Jewish.

During the recent rise in acts of antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of hate, the

silence of leadership at City Hall cannot continue as people intimidate, harass, and even attack innocent Chicagoans for their religious or ethnic identity.

We as elected representatives of the people, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate violence and discrimination against

any of our constituents. I support the staff at the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and police officers in our districts who, in the face of this violence, are actively working to solve and prevent these hate crimes and incidents.

I condemn this mob-like violence we saw last week and hope that leadership recognizes the need to condemn and take action as well.

Commentary



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Walter Payton, plus the blocking skills of Jay Hilgenberg, both in their 25-year-old primes.

While stadium advocates say a modern, new Bears cathedral would be the premier attraction for rare mega events like the NFL Super Bowl, the NCAA basketball playoff and Taylor Swift concerts, economists generally warn that tax dollars for stadiums are a terrible investment.

Consider the following other hurdles and road blocks to building a fancy domed Bears stadium on the lakefront:

- **Lingering debt to pay off.** Chicago and Illinois are still paying off debt on bonds for both the 2003 renovation of Soldier Field, and the 1991 construction of the old White Sox Park, now called Guaranteed-Rate Field, in Bridgeport. The money for both stadium projects came from the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority.

Meanwhile, Jerry Reinsdorf, the greedy White Sox owner of another last place team, is seeking to abandon the perfectly playable Guaranteed-Rate Field and asking for public funding for a new baseball stadium proposed for a vacant tract of land in the South Loop called “The 78.”

Annual debt service costs—mostly from Soldier Field—are projected to ramp up in the coming years. The current \$60 million due in 2025 is expected to rise to \$90 million seven years later. The total due is a whopping \$582 million by 2032.

A 2% annual slice of the city of Chicago’s hotel tax earmarked to help pay down the debt recently didn’t cover the bill, forcing the city to kick in more bucks. Obviously, any new borrowing to finance new stadiums would require an added source of revenue.

- **Landmarks Illinois.** This history-backing organization is a major opponent of any dream project the Bears are plan-

ning. The team’s proposal for a new stadium calls for saving the vintage colonnades of the original Soldier Field and increasing green space.

However, the honorable Landmarks Illinois wants to save the old stadium. “We would be opposed to a plan that retains the colonnades but demolishes the rest of Soldier Field,” said Kendra Parzen, advocacy manager for Landmarks Illinois.

No wonder. Soldier Field was unceremoniously delisted as a National Historic Landmark because of the 2003 renovation, or remuddling, that dropped a flying-saucer shaped stadium inside its historic colonnades.

Though no longer an individual landmark property, somehow the 100-year-old structure—which architecture critics say resembles the iconic Parthenon of ancient Greece—remains listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- **Lakefront Protection Ordinance.** The ordinance was drafted to guarantee that city-owned land along the shores of Lake Michigan always will remain “open and free” of private construction. That rule is one of the reasons Lukas was sent packing.

The ordinance calls for only “public uses” for lakefront land in the future, and the powerful Friends of the Parks organization stands in the way. Yet another opponent of the Bears project.

- **Mythical tax advantages?** The chief advantage for the Bears obtaining city approval to build a new mega stadium is they wouldn’t have to pay property taxes on public land. So, the team would avoid the sticking point that essentially killed their proposal to build a new stadium in northwest suburban Arlington Heights, after spending \$192 million for its acquisition.

Why not build two mega stadiums?

A further note of madness added to the Chicago stadium merry-go-round is Re-



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lated Midwest’s recent announcement that it is working with both the White Sox and the Bears to build two new stadiums at The 78 in the South Loop.

Curt Bailey, president of Related Midwest and developer of The 78, said he is trying to forge a “financing partnership” with the Bears and the Sox that could pave the way for his dual stadium complex.

Kicking the \$4-billion cost of the dual stadium “financing can” down the road, Bailey said his idea has three key elements:

- A 35-year to 40-year “extension” in paying off those bonds issued by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority. Of course, the taxpayers would have to continue kicking in 2% of the annual hotel-tax increase used to fund the renovation of Soldier Field.

- A “sales-tax overlay district” requiring the city, state and county to forfeit part of the sales tax revenue generated within

the dual-stadium boundaries in the South Loop.

- A \$450 million subsidy for the tax-increment financing district created to bankroll infrastructure improvements needed to develop the site of The 78, which has railroad tracks running through it. Railroad-track removal could run between \$450 million and \$900 million.

It’s time for a commonsense plan. If we step back from all the billions of future Chicago tax dollars being tossed around like confetti, one wonders: Isn’t there a more affordable way to do this dual-stadium dance?

Why not build one \$2-billion state-of-the-art sports stadium to accommodate both the White Sox and the Bears at The 78?

A combination baseball-football stadi-

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Exploitation of local media industry by non-practitioners

Public Narrative threatens local news publisher

BY RONALD ROENIGK

The McKinley Park News [MPN], an award-winning local news publication serving the McKinley Park neighborhood, has decried attacks on its publication and small business by Public Narrative [PN], a non-profit advocacy marketing organization.

The attack is part of what's being portrayed by PN as a 'takeover' of a local publisher's organization called the Chicago Independent Media Alliance [CIMA], of which this newspaper is also a member.

"Public Narrative has threatened to cut us off from local news funding – and accused our publication of racism – because we're asking questions and raising concerns about their unilateral takeover of CIMA," said MPN Publisher Justin Kerr.

The MPN is an award-winning local news publication covering the McKinley Park neighborhood (<https://mckinleypark.news>).

This newspaper also openly expressed concerns to PN about the takeover and transition of CIMA into being a wholly-owned entity of PN, during a virtual meeting in late February.

CIMA was a collection of 64 Chicago-based news publishers and media organizations that came together during the COVID-19 pandemic economic lockdown to enable support for the local publishing industry. Both the MPN and PN were individual group members, along with dozens of local media outlets. The group abruptly went dark and shut down in the summer of 2023, ending the fund-raisers, promotions, networking and other benefits it was delivering to members.

While shuttered, PN and The Reader Institute for Community Journalism, which inherited CIMA during the transition of

The Reader newspaper to a non-profit model, were working to shuffle the ownership and control of CIMA to PN. This self-styled "acquisition" was conducted without the knowledge of the full membership, and lacked transparency. The membership of CIMA was never told that this was underway until it was already a fait accompli.

In a virtual call on Feb. 29 (that this newspaper attended), the audience was muted and the chat box was disabled. The person muting the call and censoring the chat box was PN's Jhmira Alexander, who announced the non-profit's takeover of CIMA. When members attempted to ask questions and raise issues, Alexander told those who did not like PN's control of CIMA to leave the organization. After 35 minutes, the online meeting was abruptly shut off.

Kerr and the MPN have joined other members of CIMA to voice their concerns, including how membership is seemingly cut off from all decisions, information, leadership and governance of the organization.

"This is not what we were told CIMA would be," Kerr said. "'Independent' is part of the group's name, and we should be self-governed, not controlled by a non-news, marketing- focused non-profit that is laden with conflicts of interest."

Kerr says that as a business-owner and publisher he invested in CIMA, including heavily promoting the organization, encouraging donations to it, sharing his hard-won news brand credibility, and their subscribers trust in donating money directly to CIMA through its website.

"All of us worked so hard on CIMA," Kerr said. "Now PN is stealing it away."

Kerr also pointed to PN's sudden and surprising role in dominating the market for Chicago journalism funding, which PN is positioned to do as one of the select

few "fiduciary sponsors" of Press Forward Chicago and its \$10 million fund to support local journalism, a recent initiative of the \$500 million, nationwide Press Forward program.

PN's dominance of local journalism funding is a conflict of interest and reason why the group should not unilaterally control CIMA, says Kerr.

"Public Narrative's takeover of Chicago Independent Media Alliance is just the latest example of the ongoing exploitation of our industry by non-practitioners who have a mission to market agendas, not help local news publishers. Threatening to kick us out of CIMA is a threat to cut off our access to local journalism funding," Justin Kerr said.

"These groups are supposed to listen to and help the local news industry," Kerr said. "PN's takeover of CIMA is just the latest example of the ongoing exploitation of our industry by non-practitioners who have a mission to market agendas, not help local news publishers. Threatening to kick us out of CIMA is a threat to cut off our access to local journalism funding," Kerr said.

"Local news publications like ours are supposed to benefit from this funding," he said. "Non-profit advocacy marketers like PN will only help publications that are customers for their publicly stated, partisan agendas."

Kerr also noted PN's unfounded charges of racism against the MPN in an email sent in response to Kerr's questions. "Malicious defamation in service to Public Narrative's

massive conflicts of interest merits no response," he said.

"Rather than reply to our valid questions about their takeover of CIMA, PN sent only threats and intimidation," Kerr said. "We were told to quit criticizing PN and their takeover of CIMA, or we'd be kicked out."

This threat to expel the MPN from CIMA is conducted without any process, oversight, governance or chance to appeal, Kerr said. Throughout its existence, CIMA had worked hard to be inclusive, and include all local independent media.

"Unfortunately, it looks like this is what the local publishing community can expect from PN: arbitrary and self-serving control over a supposedly independent alliance," Kerr said.

PN itself grew out of an effort by Columbia College Prof. Thom Clark, who created Community Media Workshop [CMW] in 1989. CMW worked with local nonprofit organizations and communicators in Chicago to help connect journalists with neglected communities, hoping to promote better news coverage.

As CMW, they hosted "Making Media Connections," an annual workshop featuring journalists and nonprofit communicators. They also published "Getting on the Air and Into Print," a regional media directory of more than 600 outlets and 3,500 journalists. While their Ethnic & Community Media Project once supported nearly 200 ethnic and media outlets in the Chicago area.

Kerr and other CIMA members met 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Sky Ride Tap, 105 W. Van Buren St., (after this newspaper's deadline).

Teen critically wounded in Loop stabbing

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 17-year-old boy is in critical condition after someone stabbed him during a fight in the Loop March 14, according to Chicago police.

The victim got into a fight with someone he knew around 10:10 p.m. near Primark in the first block of N. State. During the altercation, the offender pulled out a knife and stabbed the teen multiple times in the chest and back, police said. He was taken

to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he underwent surgery.

Police officers found three knives discarded near the corner of Dearborn and Randolph, but no arrests were made. An officer at the scene said the victim's brother told them that the assailant was part of a group of migrants that he and the victim knew.

CPD did not release a description of the suspect.

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Police Beat...

Snatch, grab and run robberies

Police are warning residents of recently reported robbery and theft incidents. In each incident, multiple offenders approach the victim's from behind and snatch their head phones from their head by force.

The offenders will then flee the scene on foot. These incidents are occurring on Chicago Transit Authority platforms, train cars, and buses. Incidents include one on the 100 block of N. State St., Saturday March 2, 2024 in the evening hours; the 1500 block of N. Halsted St, Tuesday March 5; 900 block of W. Belmont Ave, Tuesday March 5; 200 block of N. State St, Wednesday March 6; 1700 W. Polk St, Wednesday March 6; 900 block W. Fullerton Ave, Wednesday March 6; 1500 block of N. Clybourn Ave, Wednesday March 6, and one on the 200 block of N. State St, Saturday March 9.

The offenders are two to five male, African Americans, 13-20 years of age, wearing dark clothing.

Burglars plow stolen SUV into Chicago DIOR store

A smash-and-grab burglary crew drove a stolen Jeep into the DIOR store in downtown Chicago March 16, according to witnesses. No arrests have been announced.

Several witnesses reported the burglary attempt and crash to 911 around 3:45 a.m. When police officers arrived, they found two recently stolen 2015 Jeeps abandoned at the scene. One of the SUVs had plowed into the store's security glass.

The store's enhanced security protocols prevented the burglars from entering the store.

A witness said one man ran from the scene moments before police arrived. Some responding officers also spotted a carload of masked men, possibly involved in the burglary, speeding onto the Ontario Feeder ramp moments after the 911 call came in.

A similar burglary attempt at the Prada store, 30 E. Oak, on Jan. 8 ended with a shootout between Chicago police officers and a suspected smash-and-grab burglary crew member. The suspect and an officer were injured.

Both survived and the alleged burglar, Deshawn Lucas, is charged with attempted murder. He had been AWOL from a federal gun case for more than three years at the time of the January burglary and shooting.

Twelve years for man involved in death of former Marine who was dragged by CTA train in the Loop

Nearly four years after Mamadou Balde died after falling between two cars of a Red Line train in the Loop, the second man charged with the former Marine's death entered a guilty plea on March 12.

A CTA commuter told us that a "pretty big group" of teenagers and young adults were causing trouble on the Jackson Red Line platform



Mamadou Balde

while Balde, 29, waited for a train shortly after 5 p.m. April 7, 2020. "It kept escalating, yelling, pushing, and stuff," he said. At some point, Balde was either pushed from or fell off of the platform during an altercation with Fajour Hodges and Ryan Munn, prosecutors said. Balde's lower body became trapped in the train, which dragged him along the platform to his death. Hodges was 19 and Munn was 18 at the time of Balde's death.

Prosecutors said CTA video showed Balde smiling and jokingly raising his fists at Hodges before he fell between the train cars.



Fajour Hodges

No arrests were immediately made. Detectives distributed CTA surveillance images of the suspects to Chicago police districts across the city, hoping someone would recognize them. Cops who patrolled the area near Water Tower Place quickly identified Hodges and Munn by name.

They were well-known to officers in the area. Both were suspected of participating in a shoplifting flash mob that raided a Gold Coast convenience store a few months before Balde was killed. Hodges had been arrested five times in 2019 alone, including three times near the Magnificent Mile.

Last summer, his attorney filed a motion to dismiss, claiming that a Chicago police detective gave false testimony in the grand jury proceeding that led to Hodges' murder indictment. The detective claimed that the CTA video showed Hodges pushing Balde between the train cars, an assertion the lawyer said was false. The motion to dismiss failed and Hodges entered into a plea deal.

On March 12, he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, a charge reduced from murder, in exchange for a 12-year prison sentence, according to court records. Judge Domenica Stephenson oversaw the case.

Records show his sentence may be offset by nearly 2,300 days of credit he earned in jail: 1,427 days for time spent in custody, 695 days for attending school in jail, 90 days for achieving a diploma, and almost 88 days for work credit. All of those credits are subject to review for eligibility.

Hodges still has not resolved the Gold Coast 7-Eleven shoplifting case, which was caught on video. Court records show the matter is set for trial on April 16.

Munn pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in 2022 and received a four-year sentence. Like Hodges, he was initially charged with multiple counts of first-degree murder and mob action.

Hit-and-run driver of stolen Hyundai leaves bicyclist badly injured in North Center

A hit-and-run driver left a pedibiker badly injured in North Center on March 12, dragging her and her bike nearly a block before leaving the scene on foot, according to neigh-

bors and a Chicago police report. No arrests have been announced in connection with the case. The car had been reported stolen.

Monika Weimer was heading home from the rock climbing gym when the driver struck her from behind, said her sister, Erika, in a GoFundMe plea.

Surveillance video recorded from a distance showed movement in the intersection of Belle Plaine and Maplewood around 9:33 p.m.

A couple of seconds later, the sound of crashing metal and the woman's screams are heard as an auto alarm activates. A car then passes through the intersection as the sound of scraping metal continues.

The first officers to arrive found a 2011 Hyundai Elantra with Oregon license plates abandoned in the 2500 block of W. Belle Plaine, an entire block from where the crash occurred, the report said.

Weimer, 27, who lives in the area, was trapped under the car as Chicago Fire Dept. personnel worked to rescue her. Police said a witness told them that they saw the Hyundai drag her down the street and also saw the car's driver get out and leave the area on foot, heading west on Belle Plaine. CPD's crash report describes the driver only as male.

Police said the car's ignition had been stripped, and a screwdriver was found in the back seat.

EMS transported Weimer to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in serious condition, according to the report. She suffered third-degree burns to her left forearm and back, avulsion fractures of her right hip and left knee, lacerations, abrasions, and a chest deformity, according to the crash report.

Daylight shooting leaves man dead near Morse Red Line CTA station

A man was shot and killed near the Morse Red Line CTA station on March 12, Chicago police say. The gunman remains on the loose.

The 21-year-old was standing in the 1400 block of W. Morse when another man fired shots in his direction around 2 p.m., according to a CPD statement. "Multiple" bullets struck the victim in the head, and he died a short time later at St. Francis Hospital, the statement said.

Surveillance video showed the gunman running west on the south side of Morse after the shooting. He was described as Black, in his 20s, wearing a blue hoodie, a black face mask, and gray pants. Some witnesses said he got into a black Audi that fled the scene, but that has not been confirmed.

The shooter had been hanging out at a nearby convenience store in the minutes leading up to the shooting.

An officer at the scene said the victim was in possession of a handgun, but it is not clear if the weapon was displayed or if investigators found it on his body. Court records show that he was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm after CPD officers arrested him in the same neighborhood last summer. The case is still pending.

He is the seventh person shot in Rogers Park this year and the second to be murdered. Four of this year's victims, including the other murder case, occurred during a single event inside Pottawattomie Park on Feb. 25.

The neighborhood had four shooting victims at this point last year. Six people had been shot in Rogers Park as of March 12, 2022, including one who was shot by someone acting in self-defense. There were two shooting victims during the same time-frame in 2021.

Man stabbed, seriously injured on Chicago Riverwalk

A man was stabbed and seriously injured while walking on the Chicago Riverwalk in the Loop on March 12. The assailant remains at large.

Witnesses said Chicago police and fire personnel arrived around 9:10 a.m. to treat the 33-year-old victim, who was found at the bottom of the stairs to the RiverWalk near the Lake Street Bridge. In a brief media statement, police said the victim did not know the attacker.

EMS took the man to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of a stab wound to his leg.

An officer who reviewed surveillance video said the assailant was a Black man in his 40s or 50s who wore a black hoodie, yellow reflective vest, and jeans. He was last seen heading west on Lake St.

Man tried to rob victim at Loop bank while on electronic monitoring for doing the same thing

Prosecutors say a Chicago man tried to rob another man at a bank in the Loop while on electronic monitoring for allegedly doing the exact same thing last year about a block away.



Eric Elem

We told you about Eric Elem's arrest on Sept. 6, 2023, after prosecutors said he tried to rob a 17-year-old boy at Bank of America, 33 N. Dearborn.

The teenager told Chicago cops that he was inside the bank's ATM vestibule when Elem entered and asked him to deposit a check, according to a CPD report. Officials said Elem eventually "forced" the boy to deposit the check and ordered him to withdraw \$400 as compensation for the deposit.

But the kid's bank account didn't have \$400 in it. He explained that he had no way to pay Elem the \$400 he wanted, according to the police. Elem held the boy inside the vestibule against his will, ordering him to hand over \$400 or "I will hurt you," the arrest report said.

Elem, 25, went home on an ankle monitor to await trial.

Now, prosecutors say he did essentially the same thing to a grown man at Chase Bank, 10 S. Dearborn, on Feb. 29.

That victim told police that Elem implied he had a weapon as he ordered him to go into the bank and withdraw money. Inside the bank, Elem handed the man a fraudulent money order, similar to the check he gave to the 17-year-old, according to a CPD report.

A bank security guard caught wind of what was happening and detained Elem until police arrived.

Prosecutors charged Elem with attempted robbery, the same charge he continues to face in connection with last year's incident.

Prosecutors did not ask Judge William Fahy to detain Elem on the new charge. Instead, Fahy ordered him to go back to electronic monitoring. However, Elem remains jailed for violating the terms of pretrial release in the other case.

Eleven-year-old was murdered while trying to save his mom from a knife attack at the hands of a violent parolee

Jayden Perkins was murdered March 13 while trying to save his mother from her ex-boyfriend, a violent man with a long criminal history who forced his way into their Edgewater home with a knife less than 24 hours after being released from prison.



Crosetti Brand

Prosecutors revealed details of the 11-year-old's death and the vicious stabbing of his mother during a detention hearing for Crosetti Brand, the 37-year-old parolee charged with the attack.

Brand and Perkins' 33-year-old mom



Jayden Perkins

a proffer of facts provided to this reporter.

When he was served with one of those orders in open court years ago, he ripped up the paperwork in front of the judge, who held him in direct contempt of court, prosecutors said.

He received a 16-year sentence for a 2015 home invasion in which he choked a different ex-girlfriend during a home invasion and stole her car, court records show. State officials released him in Oct. 2023, and before he walked out of prison, officials handed him a memo reminding him that an active order of protection barred him from contacting Jayden's mom, the proffer said.

In January, Brand texted a threat to Jayden's mom and family, then rang her doorbell and pulled on her front door the next day, according to the proffer. Jayden's mom contacted the parole board about the incident, and they sent him back to prison. But not for long.

Just a few weeks later, on March 12, the state again released Brand with another warning about the active order of protection, prosecutors said. Authorities also notified Jayden's mom that he was getting out.

At 7:46 a.m., Jayden's mom was talking with her mother on the phone as he and his 6-year-old half-brother got ready for school in their apartment in the 5900 block of N. Ravenswood. Preparing to leave with the kids, she unlocked the door. Brand was on the other side.

Prosecutors said he forced his way through the doorway and began stabbing the woman. She repeatedly screamed for him to stop, using his nickname: "No, CO!" According to the proffer, the woman's mother heard her daughter's screams until the phone disconnected.

Jayden tried time and time again to help his mom. Brand stabbed him in the chest, severing the child's carotid artery, prosecutors said. She managed to lock herself in a bathroom. He tried, but failed, to kick in the door.

According to the proffer, he took the woman's phone and ditched it in a trash can as he fled down an alley. Investigators recovered it along with some clothing he had discarded. They pieced together video footage that showed him boarding the Red Line at Bryn Mawr and exiting at 47th Street.

Prosecutors said his mother met him with a bag when he got off the train. They moved out of camera range. When they returned, he was wearing different clothing, according to the proffer. CPD recovered clothes they think he discarded there.

Back at Jayden's home, a neighbor discovered Perkins unresponsive on the floor and his half-brother uninjured on the couch. Their mother approached the neighbor, blood flowing heavily from her neck, prosecutors said.

Officials arrested Brand at his mother's house a few hours after the attacks. Even though he was wearing different clothes, police still found suspected blood on the items he was wearing, the proffer stated.

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New Chief of Patrol for CPD has deep ties to North Side

Residents of the North Side will likely recall the man the Chicago Police Dept. just announced as the new Chief of Patrol. Joe Hein once served as both 18th District Commander and deputy, to Chief of Patrol. He also worked in the Rogers Park 24th District.

“Chief Hein was a great asset for the community in the 18th District and has always been proactive in his work and with his team of officers,” said Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd]. “We look forward to his efforts fighting crime as Chief of Patrol for the City of Chicago.”

Last week CPD Supt. Larry Snelling announced the promotion of Hein to Chief of Patrol. As Chief of Patrol, he will oversee

the direction of CPD’s largest bureau which includes all 22 police districts across the city.

“I have seen firsthand Chief Hein’s leadership in responding to public safety concerns, major events and critical incidents and it’s why I know he is the right person for this position,” said Supt. Snelling. “He will draw from his extensive experience within the Bureau of Patrol throughout his career to guide our patrol operations.”

Hein is a 28-year member of the Department, most recently served as the Deputy Chief of the Central Control Group. As Deputy Chief of the Central Control Group, he was responsible for overseeing public safety opera-



Joe Hein
Courtesy Loop North News

tions in the city’s downtown area. He also coordinated security for many major large-scale events in the area.

“I’m a big fan of proactive policing,” Hein told the River North Neighborhood Assoc. in Sept. 2021. “And we like to... study the data-driven analysis and we’ll deploy the officers to those locations more. So if I need an increase in officers, we’ll move certain officers.”

Before his promotion to Deputy Chief, he was Commander of the 18th (Near North) District within the Central Control Group. Prior to that, Chief Hein was the Executive Officer in the 15th (Austin) District. As a Lieutenant, he served on the 24th (Rogers Park) District, Area North Saturation Team and Area North Gun Teams.

Eviction townhall April 17

Are you or someone close to you being threatened with eviction, and unaware of the process?

Registration is now open for the 2024 Chicago Evictions Townhall meeting 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, hosted by the Law Center for Better Housing.

People may attend the hybrid townhall in person at The Chicago Community Trust, 33 S. State St., or virtually via Zoom. The panel will begin at 10 a.m. and run for one hour.

To register, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lawcenterforbetterhousing/event/lcbhtownhall24/>.

Park Dist. Job fair March 23

The Chicago Park District is hosting a series of summer opportunity fairs for teens at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson.

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These positions offer competitive wages, opportunities to build life skills, flexible work schedules, and pathways to careers and year-round employment.

The next fair is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23. To register visit <https://49thward.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=74fbef47485a9e61dfb381788&id=727af89a5d&e=08ca438261>.

Spybar owner busted with 14 pounds of ketamine at O’Hare

BY CWBCHICAGO

The owner of Spybar, a long-running club at 646 N. Franklin in River North, is once again facing felony drug charges after authorities allegedly caught him smuggling about 14 pounds of ketamine into the United States at O’Hare International Airport.

Dino Gardiakos, 43, has been on “second chance probation” since pleading guilty to a previous drug charge last June.

Cook County sheriff’s police and federal agencies arrested Gardiakos at O’Hare around 12:37 a.m. March 13, the sheriff’s office said. He was caught carrying 14 pounds of a white powder suspected to be ketamine inside six containers and a smaller pill bottle within his luggage, according to the sheriff’s office statement.

The agency said Gardiakos admitted that he bought six kilograms of ketamine in London, and the seller told him how to hide the drugs so they would pass through a customs inspection at O’Hare. He allegedly told investigators that the 14 pounds of drugs were for personal use and for sale.

Prosecutors asked Judge Ankur Srivastava to detain Gardiakos as a flight risk, saying Gardiakos did not have permission from

the court or his probation officer to leave the state of Illinois “let alone the United States.”

Srivastava denied the request and released Gardiakos with orders to surrender his passport and stay in Illinois.

He is charged with trafficking a controlled substance, possession of ketamine with intent to distribute, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

The case Gardiakos is on probation for stems from a raid on his West Town home by sheriff’s deputies and federal agents in May 2021.

At the time, prosecutors said federal customs agents intercepted a suspicious package from the United Kingdom addressed to Gardiakos and found more than two pounds of ketamine inside.

The agents resealed the box and arranged for undercover agents to deliver it to Gardiakos’ home.

Shortly after delivery, agents received an alert that someone had opened the box, and they immediately executed an anticipatory search warrant on Gardiakos’ home that a judge had approved earlier, officials said in 2021.

Prosecutors claimed the search of Gardiakos’ home turned up \$240,000 worth of drugs, including more than 11 pounds of cannabis, nearly nine pounds of THC concentrate, one pound of Psilocybin mushrooms, and another quarter-pound of ketamine. Agents and deputies also recovered \$25,000 in cash, narcotics packaging materials, a scale, ledgers, and other materials related to narcotics distribution in the home, prosecutors alleged.



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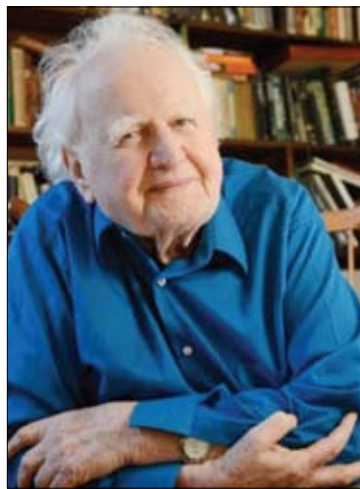
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SILVER LINING: **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** at Silver Lining Foundation's Glitz and Glamor 2024 at the Peninsula Hotel. For many years Sandy has been displaying extraordinary leadership and courage strengthening women across the city to new awareness and understanding of the battles with cancer.

Her efforts to engage women has led to extraordinary advances in the screening and treatment of cancer. The recent fashion extravaganza brought Chicagoans to the work of fighting cancer and helping others to heal. Singer **Barb Bailey**, designer **Al Menotti**, entertainer **Kim Duda** and singer **Irene Mojica** were on hand looking elegant, bringing lightness and beauty to the event.

NYC SUBWAY MUSCLE: New York Democrat Gov. **Kathy Hochul** said Thursday that "New York City subway riders who refuse to have bags searched will have to find other transportation." So far the 21st Century is not turning out as I had hoped.

WHO'S WHERE: Primo Chef/Restaurateur **Rick Bayless** sat for an informative interview with ABC7's **Sylvia Perez**, who managed to collect a treasure of inside stories of Bayless's 37 years of high-end Mexican dining... Former Orland Park Mayor **Dan McLaughlin**, Maestro **Rich Daniels** and writer **Dave Barry** viewing Flyover Chicago at Navy Pier, an outstanding

view of Chicago like you have never seen before, breathtaking... **Carolyn** and **Dave Richter** at United Center jamming with the Eagles and Steely Dan... **Zurich Esposito** and **Jim McCormick** in the desert at Indian Wells Tennis Garden... **April Schwartz** and **Julie Barrish** at Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum dressing the part with **Hal Rubenstein**... **Sarah Q. Crane** loving the people she gets to spend time with, French are the best. France and Hol-



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land have been amazing thanks to everyone like family... **Myra Reilly**, **Anne Schwarz Sherrill**, **Wynniss Mackie**, **Matt Arnoux**, **John B. Reilly**, **Phillip Emigh**, **Lakesha Rose**, and **Bruce P. Haas**, a black tie dinner group full of fun, laughter, warmth, friendship and love. It was in the air at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago... "Circus Boy" turns 79, that's **Micky Dolenz** of Monkees fame... Hilarious funny man **Eugene Levy** of Schitts Creek was given a spot on Hollywood walk of fame... (Ret.) **Judge Rhoda Sweeney** taking a break in Las Vegas and cheering **Barry Manilow** in a nostalgic show... travel gal **Mary Pat Flanagan** returning from African Tropics and Ireland... **Patricia Anne Treacy**, **Christopher** and **Sheila Kennedy** at White House St. Patrick's Party... **Malachy McCourt** diarist, writer, observer of the unredeemed past, passes on to an angry heaven at 92, but now enjoying the artful bliss of being open to the possible... **Dr. Rose Gomez** relaxing at Havana

Harry's in Coral Gables, FL... Cheers to the erudite **James Staples** on his big 70... **Lynn Ciuchta** aboard the U.S.S. Midway in San Diego.

GERSHWIN: Giordano Dance Chicago presents their "Season 61 UNLIMITED!" Spring engagement at the Harris Theater at Millennium Park with performances Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. The program will feature the world premiere of "Gershwin in B" choreographed by **Al Blackstone**, Emmy Award-winner for Best Choreography for Variety or Reality Programming for his work on "So You Think You Can Dance." The premiere of **Adam Houston's** new pas de deux "unconditional" and popular selections from GDC's repertoire will complete the program.

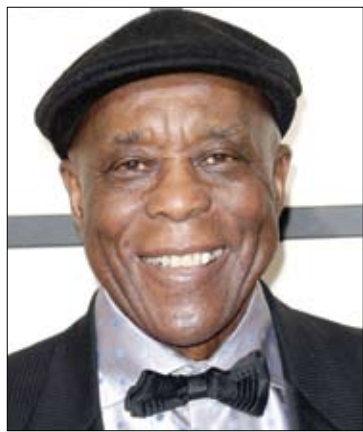
NOTRE DAME DE PARIS: It has been announced that the completion of the rooftop frame has been completed — a testament to the dedication and skill of countless craftsmen and artisans who have poured their hearts into this restoration project over the past four years.

The workmen of France, its architects, its structural engineers have bonded together to save what most believed was destroyed beyond repair. The waters of the River Seine that wash along so near the shattered structure see each day the renewal of French design. And French faith. Indeed it shall be complete by the time of the Olympics in late Summer. And worship within its wall shall be fresh once again. Marie, tu es majestueuse, pleine de grâce.

The ingredients of happiness are so simple that they can be counted on one hand. Happiness comes from within, and rests most securely on simple goodness and clear conscience.

- William Butler Yeats

tog515@gmail.com



Buddy Guy

One of Buddy Guy's final live performances coming to 2024 Blues Fest

The City of Chicago has announced the full lineup and programming highlights for the 2024 edition of the beloved Chicago Blues Festival, taking place June 6 through 9 as part of Millennium Park's milestone 20th anniversary season.

Throughout the weekend, three stages set up across Millennium Park will welcome more than 35 performances and more than 250 artists celebrating the city's renowned Blues legacy, including a special Sunday evening performance by Buddy Guy as part of his "Damn Right Farewell" tour, marking what is expected to be one of his final Chicago performances.

Guy's performance is being marketed as a citywide recognition to celebrate our living legend Guy's Chicago roots and legacy, ahead of his retirement.

"I can't wait to hit the stage at the Chicago Blues Festival!" said Guy. "There's something special about playing in the city where it all started. The energy, the history, the soul of Chicago blues—it's in the air, and I'm excited to be a part of it once again."

One of the most prolific and influential artists of all time, Guy is the quintessential Chicago Blues artist, having influenced generations of guitarists including Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Page, Keith Richards and John Mayer. Throughout his career, Guy has earned eight GRAMMY Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award, the National Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honors, and an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In recognition of Guy's immeasurable impact on music in Chicago and around the world, the City of Chicago plans to honor Guy and his legacy in light of his Chicago Blues Festival engagement; more details to be announced.

Additional headliners include: Award-winning blues, soul and Americana singer Shemekia Copeland; "The Mississippi Blues Child," Mr. Sipp; GRAMMY-nominated Memphis-based Soul and Roots band Southern Avenue; and Centennial Tributes to Jimmy Rogers, Dinah Washington and Otis Spann.

The largest free Blues festival in the world returns to Chicago with four days of top tier talent performing in Chicago's Millennium Park, plus a special opening night performance at the historic Ramona Theater in Bridgeport.

Letters to the Editor

CTA assistance, please

I have an idea, which I believe if CTA would consider, might help decrease problems when people with grocery carts, walkers, mobility devices, baby strollers, big bookbags or other bulky devices get on the bus, so everyone could have a better ride experience.

I believe if CTA would put a courtesy team on the 151 and 81 bus lines to help navigate the traffic inside the bus, then everyone would have a better experience wherever they're traveling.

I recently had a 151 bus ride from hell. The front of the bus was filled with mobilities devices.

And also, a man was knocked over and fell down, due to getting hit by a big bookbag on someone's shoulder.

A big problem is some riders

do not know how to use their mobilities devices correctly, especially when getting on and off a bus. And when the bus is crowded, take the bookbag off your shoulder so people can get by. I was hurt on a CTA bus too, so I understand falling on a bus and it is not fun.

I think if CTA management would look at the problem, and try my idea of putting bus assistance on the 151 and 81 buses, that this may be a solution for better experiences for all riders. I think it is worth a try.

Achievement only happens when we talk to each other.

Carol Lindsay
Lake View

Rules for thee but not for me

The radical activists at the Chicago Teachers Union and their Alderpersons (1st, 33rd, 35th, 40th, 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th) are being very quiet.

Why aren't City Hall, the Chicago Dept. of Public Health and the Board of Education enforcing state law that all school children be vaccinated?

Is there something about migrant children being "from unstable living situations" that exempts them from state law? It sure doesn't exempt them - or us - from those highly communicative diseases.

CPS requires the MMR vaccine for students unless parents provide a medical or religious exemption. Suddenly students living in a migrant shelter don't have to follow that rule. They can go here and there sharing whatever bugs they may have brought with them over the border.

Section 27-8.1 of the State School Code requires that our kids need proper doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (DTP or DTaP) vaccines. Same for the Mumps, Hepatitis B, Ru-

bella, Measles, PCV, Varicella and Hib vaccines. Proof is required.

Oh, you crossed the border illegally? Well then, never mind about all that.

Remember how during the COVID pandemic, we were being threatened multiple times a day? We just had to get the jab so we didn't infect other people? Even if they were vaccinated.

City Hall was not shy about shunning people back then, so what's changed? Different science with the measles immunizations and our illegal border crossers, or is it different politics?

Was the COVID reasoning just made up on the fly, because public officials thought they could get away with it?

Is Mayor Brandon Johnson trying to kill off a certain segment of the population? Does Johnson even care about the health and lives of our own schoolchildren? Or is someone else making the decisions, and Johnson is just a front man?

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POLICE BEAT from p. 6

Inside his home, prosecutors said, police recovered “many documents” related to his parole violation in February, including an Illinois Dept. of Corrections memo reminding him that an order of protection barred him from contacting Jayden’s mother.

Judge Maryam Ahmad detained Brand to await trial.

He is charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, three counts of home invasion with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, aggravated domestic battery, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon with a previous conviction, and violating an order of protection.

In an email to his constituents on Friday, Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th] addressed the attack.

“I hope and trust that this man will be held accountable for the monstrous disdain for human life that was

shown through this unfathomable act of violence, and will continue to do whatever I can to support law enforcement in their pursuit of justice,” Vasquez wrote.

He thanked Chicago police officers and the Cook County state’s attorney’s office for their swift actions in the case.

“I also know that no measure of justice or accountability will make up for the loss that this community has endured. A family is shattered. The mother is still in the hospital after enduring an unimaginable trauma. And an irreplaceable life has been taken from our community. Jayden was a beloved son, a dear friend, a talented member of his local dance troupe, and a cherished member of the Peirce Elementary community. His life never should have been taken from us, and especially not in this way.”

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

STADIUM from p. 10

um is not a new idea. From 1921 to 1970, the Bears played, and were a championship team, while competing at Wrigley Field. The Chicago Cardinals football team played at Comiskey Park from 1940 to 1958.

Under this writer’s money-saving plan, during the football season ground-level stands could be rolled out to provide choice near-field seating. Revenue from lucrative skyboxes could be shared by both teams.

After all, in the short term the Bears will play only nine games at home in the current 18-game season, assuming they won’t make the playoffs for a few years. If there are scheduling conflicts with the White Sox in September,

the Bears can open the season on the road, or play at the existing Soldier Field.

There will be plenty of room for baseball under the dome, with no rainouts. And, little or no conflict with the White Sox, who likely won’t make the playoffs in the next decade. If there is a scheduling conflict, the Sox could play at Guaranteed Rate Field.

While our brilliant planners are at it, why not add a permanent ring road and seating around the perimeter of The 78 for future NASCAR events? This would return Grant Park to its primary spring and summer uses— like strolling in the park free of fencing, tents and ports potties, and playing 16-inch Chicago-style softball.

This commonsense plan would

immediately save \$2 billion. However, the politicians, developers, trade unions and sports-team owners won’t go for it because there isn’t enough financial incentive to soak the taxpayers.

So, taxpayers, bend over. Guess who will get stuck with the \$4-billion bill for two separate stadiums?

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

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT ROONEY, A/K/A ROBERT R. ROONEY; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants. 19 CH 10237 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, April 22, 2024 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: Unit 2203 in Park Tower Condominium, as delineated upon a plat of survey of the following described real estate: Part of the East fractional half of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 40 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, which survey is attached as exhibit 'D' to the declaration of condominium recorded as document 24874698, together with its undivided percentage interest in the common elements, in Cook County, Illinois. P.I.N. 14-08-203-017-1255. Commonly known as 5415 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 2203, CHICAGO, IL 60640. 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-

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5611.23-001958 ADC F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. ALEJANDRO CASTRO; ROBERTO CARO; 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 22 CH 9613 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 24, 2024 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: UNIT 2505 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 24870735, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-08-203-016-1274. Commonly known as 5455 N. Sheridan Rd., Unit 2505, Chicago, IL 60640. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and

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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, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001392-22FCF1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/I/T DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; BARBARA B. VON LANGE; MALIBU CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/I/T DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANT Defendants. 22 CH 9504 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 23, 2024 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

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real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-215-015-1057. Commonly known as 6007 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 10A, Chicago, IL 60660. 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 THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6960, 6722-187667 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. TERESA DURAN, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAQUEL LUNA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RAQUEL LUNA (DECEASED) Defendants. 2023 CH 00367 5455 N SHERIDAN RD #5055 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

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the above cause on June 23, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2024, 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 5455 N SHERIDAN RD #3505, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1404 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, WMLAT SERIES 2006-AR10 Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH A. KEELEY, ROBERT BIDDLE V. CITIBANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK, FSB AND FIRMUS FINANCIAL, LLC Defendants. 19 CH 3120 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 3, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 19, 2024, 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 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-331-007-0000 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The judgment amount was \$960,569.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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.

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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 19-01031. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 19-01031 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 19 CH 3120 TJS# 44-688 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 3120** 202020 -----

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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, P.O.TESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 314443. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. P.O.TESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 314443 Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2023 CH 01402 TJS# 44-468 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 # 2023 CH 01402 13239453** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FLA MORTGAGE CAPITAL 2 LLC Plaintiff, vs. PAUL STONE, KATE M. STONE, KATE M. STONE TRUSTEE FOR THE KATE M. STONE REVOCABLE TRUST, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB, Defendants. 21 CH 2460 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 10, 2024 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. 14-29-319-021-0000. Commonly known as 2450 N. JANSSEN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614.

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West Ridge will soon celebrate with a festive parade, commemorating the Assyrian New Year. The area is home to a large and vibrant Assyrian-American community, who will be hosting a parade starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24.

The parade route runs along Devon Ave. from Damen to Western and then on Western from Devon to Pratt. No parking signs will be posted on Devon and Western, and traffic restrictions will be in effect during the parade.

Peterson/Ridge Metra Station fails ADA test

The newly built Metra Station platform at Peterson and Ridge failed an Americans With Disabilities Act [ADA] standard and will need additional work. North Ravenswood Ave. was closed earlier this week as contractors re-poured concrete for the west platform of the station.

The previous platform was not poured in compliance with ADA regulations, which is why it is now being rebuilt to be ADA-compliant. The station is projected to be completed by mid-May.

Eater brunch at Pottawatomie Park

Those celebrating Easter may join area neighbors at Pottawatomie Park, 7340 N. Rogers, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23 for a very “hoppy” occasion.

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Tickets are required, and cost \$5. To purchase, call 773-262-5835 or visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/bunny-events.

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get on the Nov. 5 ballot. They would need to collect at least 1,000 but not more than 3,000 signatures by June 24 in order to run.

One thing Chicago has learned is that the CTU can bring in the vote. With the CTU’s current control over the Mayor’s

Office, added to their known prowess in elections, citizens might prepare for a clean sweep of CTU-backed candidates winning their races.

A 2021 law established a Chicago elected school board — but left out details about many of the mechanics of the transition. Voters will then get the chance to elect the entire board in the 2026 election.

CBE has been appointed by the mayor since 1995, when the state legislature gave control of CPS to then-Mayor Richard M. Daley. In 2021, the state legislature passed a law paving the way for a 21-member elected school board. The school board votes on the district’s annual multi-billion dollar budget, determines how schools are measured, authorizes contracts with vendors to bus students to and from school, clean classrooms and hallways, and even operate entire schools under charter agreements.

CTU’s push for an elected school board was always about community empowerment: the CTU’s community that is. This fall, voters will be asked about who they want controlling schools. They should pay close attention to which candidates the CTU is backing, and bankrolling. If they could take over the mayor’s office and the CPS Board, the union will then control the vast majority of public spending in Chicago.

Selective enrollment schools at risk

Illinois state lawmakers filed two bills last week aimed at reversing the Chicago Board of Education’s decisions to rethink school choice policies and remove school resource officers [Chicago Police] from campuses.

The bills focus on board moves that have drawn both support and sharp pushback in recent months from school communities and elected officials. Those decisions include a plan to reconsider the district’s sys-

tem of school choice — including charter, selective enrollment, magnet, and gifted schools — and to create a new school safety plan that bans the use of school resource officers, or on-campus police.

The new state bills would significantly curtail both board decisions. One bill would prevent the closure of selective-enrollment schools and any changes to admissions policies at those schools for the next three years. The other would let local school councils retain the power to decide whether they want on-campus police — a right they would lose by next school year under a new safety plan.

Both bills have gathered support from other Chicago-based state lawmakers and powerful allies, including House Speaker Chris Welch.

The legislation is an example of lawmakers seeking to use state power to override Chicago’s authority over its schools. It comes just days after the Illinois House and Senate passed a bill governing elections for Chicago’s first-ever elected school board.

That power dynamic drew criticism from CTU President Stacy Davis Gates, who has supported the board’s moves around school choice and resource officers [on-campus police].

One of the state bills, House Bill 5008, would allow local school councils to contract with the Chicago Police Dept. for school resource officers. It would counteract a board vote two weeks ago to create a new school safety policy by June 27 that would end the use of school resource officers, effectively removing officers from 39 schools that currently have them, by next year.

The second bill, House Bill 5766, would prevent the closure of any school with selective admissions criteria — such as the

city’s 11 selective high schools — until Feb. 1, 2027. The bill also calls for a halt to any changes to admissions criteria for selective schools or any decrease in funding to selective schools until 2027.

The bill is a response to the board resolution stating that it would rethink the school choice system and invest more resources in neighborhood schools. The resolution criticized admissions policies at selective enrollment and other “choice” schools, which were originally created to desegregate the school system but have in recent years led to segregation along the lines of student race and income.

North Side Rep. Margaret Croke is sponsoring the bill. She said North Side constituents were concerned about changes to selective enrollment schools under a majority appointed school board. They would rather wait for changes to be made after the Chicago Board of Education is fully elected during 2026, she said.

Croke said she believes the current board is trying to change the funding formula to provide less money to selective enrollment and give more to neighborhood schools. The board’s resolution states that it wants to “ensure equitable funding and resources across schools within the District using an equity lens.”

Board members have expressed a desire to scrutinize charter schools more closely. They also want the district to provide more resources to neighborhood schools, or a child’s zoned school, in order to support “students furthest away from opportunity and ensure that all students have access to a world-class public pre-K through 12th-grade education,” officials said.

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cluding founding a theater company, supporting animal rescue organizations, and traveling the world to follow the Rolling Stones on tour for over 10 years, but her most enduring and passionate interest remained the welfare of wolves.

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