

Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting.

—Joyce Meyer

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Sparks fly in 40th Ward runoff forum

Ald. O'Connor vs challenger Vasquez

BY JIM VAIL

The moderator for the March 18 40th ward runoff forum between Ald. Pat O'Connor and challenger Andre Vasquez said there was to be no personal attacks.

Wishful words in an election that has seen personal attacks and negative advertising that would make President Trump smile.

Ald. O'Connor, who has been in office for 36 years, fired hard at his Latino challenger by informing the public about the misogynist and homophobic lyrics Vasquez has used in his past as a battle rapper.

Vasquez in turn was incensed that the alderman would stoop so

low to hire a firm that specializes in getting dirt on opponents.

Negative advertising frequently wins elections. But - as in love - it's all fair game, according to most political observers.

Ald. O'Connor won 33% of the primary vote, while Vasquez won 20% of the vote, earning the two the right to face each other in a runoff election April 2.

"We have to stand against things that are inappropriate for our children," Ald. O'Connor said in his opening remark at the candidate's forum held at Amundsen High School.

Vasquez said the alderman is not transparent.

"We want a more accountable and open government," Vasquez said. He said he would like to hold multiple town hall meetings

that would be recorded and he favors participatory budgeting.

The belts were off when the moderator asked the candidates about O'Connor's website - theruthaboutandre.com - which documented the "bigoted and derogatory comments about women, trans people and gay people."

Vasquez has not denied the charge and has publicly apologized for the rap lyrics he sang in his past.

Ald. O'Connor said Vasquez's lyrics are fair game and questioned how sincere his apology was.

Vasquez in turn wondered out loud if the Vrdolyak 29 would have approved the lyrics he sang. (O'Connor was part of a group of white aldermen who opposed

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46th Ward Uptown runoff debate at Preston Bradley

BY JIM VAIL

The infamous Uptown battles have given way to a gentler, kinder politics.

Ald. James Cappleman [46th] debated challenger Marianne Lalonde in a runoff forum March 21 at the Preston Bradley Center.

Cappleman earned 44% of the primary vote, while Lalonde finished second among five challengers with 18% of the vote. They will face each other in a runoff election April 2.

Cappleman focused on his message to fight crime and clean up the ward by noting that violence at the Sheridan and Lawrence gang banging hot spot subsided under his watch, while Lalonde noted that such crime fighting tactics also resulted in sending innocent men to prison.

The forum was sponsored by Uptown United, the local chamber of commerce, which has a mission to "build a strong, unified business environment that facilitates economic development."

This was reflected in the questions asked at the forum which focused on how to support business and fight crime. Several times the moderator referred to the Civic Federation, which represents business interests in the city, for questions about city finances, including debt obligations and a pension crisis.

Questions about housing affordability, which has hit the Uptown community hard, were coated with historic preservation and supporting small business that focused on how to keep the development ball rolling.

What Uptown once was - a haven for poor Southern whites, American Indians, immigrants, the homeless and mentally ill,

filled with social service agencies, shelters and SRO's, was not on the agenda. What Uptown will become, was.

How to handle crime was perhaps a softball question for the alderman who made his name by taking on Uptown's gangs and general criminality, a serious issue in the ward along the lake.

Ald. Cappleman always references seeing Uptown violence firsthand, which attests to his having lived in the ward for 20 years, unlike his challenger who has only lived in Uptown for three years. The alderman said he works closely with the police and started phone trees and a task force to be proactive against drug dealing and loitering in Uptown.

How to restore Chicago to a sustainable financial future?

Lalonde said the city is obligated to pay fully into the pension fund, and any budget will have gaps.

They both agree on changing the Illinois Constitution to bring in a progressive income tax to tax wealthy people with higher incomes.

However, they disagree on other revenue generating ideas.

Ald. Cappleman supports a city casino, and Lalonde does not. She does not believe it is fair to make money off of people ruining their lives by gambling.

Lalonde supports a financial transaction tax and a real estate transfer tax, while Cappleman opposes both. (The city and county both already collect real estate transfer taxes.) Developers have donated thousands of dollars to Cappleman's campaign.

Lalonde is against a ride share tax, while the alderman is in favor of one. This newspaper reported several months ago about a car-

sharing entrepreneur who had about 35 cars parked on Kenmore Ave. under one name with city issued parking permits. This - while not illegal - upset the residents and alderman who lives on the same street.

The affordable housing issue did generate some sparks in an otherwise gentle yet sharp debate.

Lalonde ripped the alderman for advocating for developers to pay into a fund that can allow affordable housing units to be built on another site, which she said contributes to "a tale of two cities."

She also said she would never take money from corrupt politicians or developers. She blasted the alderman for receiving donations from Mayor Rahm Emanuel (labeled by critics as Mr. One Percent), indicted Ald. Ed Burke and developers. She also noted the alderman has raised four times the amount of money she has.

Ald. Cappleman countered that she has only received donations from a few inside the ward, noting that his long history in Uptown has resulted in many local businesses that support him.

However, he fell flat when he answered that his policy is to not accept developers' money six months before or after they request a zoning change in the ward. The audience at the People's Church on Lawrence Ave. laughed out loud at this response.

Both agree that the Affordable Housing Ordinance, which allows developers to pay into a fund rather than build affordable housing on site, should be rewritten.

Both candidates pledged their support for small business - with Lalonde stating she would create an online resource center to help

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Fishnapping in Rogers Park

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It looks like the proposed Metra station for Peterson and Ravenswood in West Edgewater may finally be a done deal as funds for the long awaited station have now been released by the state.

Funds released for new Metra station, next step seeking builder

After years of rumor, near misses and stalls, it looks like the proposed Metra station for Peterson and Ravenswood in West Edgewater may finally be a done deal as funds for the long awaited station have now been released by the state.

On March 21 State Rep. Greg Harris [13th], State Sen. Heather Steans [7th] and Ald. Pat O'Connor [40th] made a joint announcement proclaiming that the wait is over. Officials first confirmed the project was being planned in 2012, and released station renderings in 2013.

"I want to thank Sen. Steans and Rep. Harris for their efforts to see this neighborhood initiative through. I have been working on this for years, starting when Ald. Osterman was a State Rep. for that portion of the 40th Ward," O'Connor said.

The project had been funded with \$15 million through the Build Illinois Bond Fund, but was put on hold and de-funded during the budget impasse that began in 2015.

"Heather and Greg, because of their experience and leadership roles, were able to keep my re-

quest for funding front and center, through four years and marathon budget sessions in the State Capitol," said O'Connor. "Metra has been a great partner [too] and has worked through countless meetings and issues to purchase property and do design work in anticipation of the funding coming through."

Rep. Harris said that this project will be transformative for the community, "long anticipated and much appreciated."

This project has been a top priority for the community for years. Since Metra was formed in 1984, it has not added a station to the line. The station will be the fourth overall stop on the line coming from the Ogilvie Transportation Center in the West Loop. Non-express trains now stop at Clybourn, Ravenswood and Rogers Park within the city.

Details of the construction schedule will be forthcoming once Metra identifies what company will be the General Contractor for the project. Community meetings will continue to identify issues related to construction and parking. Those dates should be announced shortly.

The Ten Commandments for being a real Chicagoan



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Here are some essentials every real Chicagoan knows help you to navigate the metropolis like a native. With them you are Tarzan swinging through the trees confident that you know and understand our city.

It's as easy as licking a Rainbow Cone, or munching on a Fanny May.

1. You can spot a real Chicagoan right away, in your heart and in your ear. The way we speak makes a big difference. We might have our own lingo in our own part of town, but there are some things we all say as one. The first is our city's name: **Sha-KAW-go**. That's it. Nothing else. Anything else is the dialect of the suburbs, other states, nations and galaxies. But not for real natives. You hear and recognize it the minute someone opens their pie hole. When I had interns in my City Hall office, they had to practice and learn sha-KAW-go. Zero tolerance. You should too.

2. All working compasses turn you to true North. In Chicago, we have true East. No matter what neighborhood we're in, we know which way is East. Our never faltering compass is **Lake Michigan**. It's big and always dead East. Easy to spot, easy to find. A never changing certainty. Like a rigged election or an alderman taking a bribe. If you know the address of your location, you can find due East. Just turn and face towards the lake.

3. Real Chicagoans know that all the **boulevards** in town are connected. They were Frederick Law Olmsted's version of an expressway. Yes. Most are on the

South Side. But, imagine, you can take Garfield Blvd., East in Hyde Park, also known as 55th Street, to Western Blvd., follow it where it turns, it will lead you to Douglas Blvd., then to Independence Blvd., then to Hamlin Blvd. (going North), connecting with both Jackson Blvd. (going East) and Washington Blvd (going West). This takes you West to Oak Park without ever leaving the boulevard system. Univ. of Chicago to Oak Park all on the boulevard grid. Chicago's real underbelly.

4. The intersection of **State and Madison** streets is ground zero for measuring out the city's geography. South Side, North Side, East Side and West Side. From that celebrated spot all Chicago takes its bearings. It's how we calculate the meaning of our addresses. That measurement marks how far we are from ground zero. It's a combination of latitude, longitude and attitude. But real Chicagoans have always been at home with the numbering system established back in 1909 that places our living on an easy to understand perpendicular urban grid. So it's like reading a recipe to find your way home.

5. The Red, Green, Blue, Orange, Pink and Yellow lines. Chicagoans have a technical relationship with our metropolitan rail transit system. Back in the late 19th century the "EL," as Chicagoans call it, was the making of us. Most importantly, our public transit meant that you didn't have to live where you worked. Important if you worked in the Stockyards or a steel mill. For 5¢ you could live in another part of town away from your factory. Our earliest rail system encircled the downtown business district. The "Loop" was a circular nickname that was apt. It stuck. Rails still encircle downtown. Samuel Insull, the rail tycoon who developed it, left Chicago and went to London where he helped to establish "the Tube."

6. Chicago's unwritten common laws. One of the most important



The white and blue areas of Chicago's flag represent the city's physical geography. The three white bands stand for the north, west and south sides of the city, while the blue stripes are symbolic of the city's important bodies of water. The top blue band represents Lake Michigan and the north branch of the Chicago River. The bot-

tom band represents the south branch of the Chicago River and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (which connects the river to a tributary of the Mississippi River system).

Each star stands for an event in Chicago's history. From left to right, they represent the following: Fort Dearborn, The Great Chicago Fire of 1871, The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and The Century of Progress Exposition of 1933-34. *Courtesy of architecture.org*

is "the parking space in a snow storm law," aka "**dibs**." If you dig out the parking space in front of your house after a winter storm, you get to call "dibs." The space is yours. You don't have to share. It is permissible to block the space with furniture. Buckets. Or chairs, kitchen or folding, in the empty space when you use your auto. You have the right to that "snow-free" space. Constitutionally. Chicago-style. Only a jerk would take your space. Last week the city cleared the streets of the left over objects of "dibbing."

7. Our International Airport that is **O'Hare Field (ORD)**. Named for naval war hero Lt. Com. Edward O'Hare, Jr. President Roosevelt said he was the nation's bravest military hero. The airport commemorates his valor. His dad, Edward O'Hare, Sr., was an inside snitch in the Capone mob and helped to put 'Big Al' in prison. The O'Hare name rings loud. But Mayor Richard J. Daley was just Irish enough to frequently refer to the airport as "O'Hara" Field. Daley built the airport into "the world's busiest." So it's OK for real Chicagoans to say O'Hara once in a while. Junior O'Hare was lost at sea. Senior was bushwhacked when Big Al got out of prison.

8. Chicago's **street grid** runs north and south. And east and west. But back when the city was surrounded by farms, diagonal

roads were used to move agriculture from outlying farms to city markets. Those roads are still around and still help to keep traffic moving. Milwaukee Ave. Archer Ave. Clybourn Ave. Lincoln Ave. Ogden Ave. All precursors of the expressway system. Real Chicagoans know a shortcut is a shortcut.

9. In 1893 Chicago was the fastest growing city on the planet earth. What made that statement so significant was that just 22 years earlier, three-fifths of the central city burnt to the ground in the flames of the **Great Fire** of 1871. By 1893 business had been so profitable that the city's commercial leadership and political barons worked hard to get the World's Fair interested in the miracle prairie survivor, Chicago. Twenty-seven million people came to visit Chicago during the Fair's six months. It was said that Americans met one another for the first time in Chicago then. They came from every part of the nation, but up until then, most Americans had no first-hand experience with other Americans. Chicago became their meeting ground. George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., built his great revolving wheel. Buffalo Bill Cody brought his Wild West Show. And the mayor of Chicago, Carter Harrison, was assassinated the night before the World's Columbian Exhibition closed. The

city hosted another World's Fair on the 100th anniversary of its founding. The 1933 Century of Progress measured how much modernity had come to Chicago. Hitler sent the Graf Zeppelin. Mussolini sent Commander Italo Balbo and the Italian Air Force. Chicagoans thumped their chests. Real Chicagoans know when it's time to boast. Those fairs are remembered with two of the stars on our city flag.

10. Chicago is a water town. The **Chicago River** and **Lake Michigan** deeply mark our character. Until Jan. 1, 1900, the waters of the river flowed into the lake. Often that urban sewage contaminated our water supply. So a great canal was dug with the capacity to shift the river's flow. On New Year's Day 1900, the canal flood gates opened and all that power flow was reversed. The water of the Chicago River flowed away from the lake and down south to our neighbors. It marked one of the greatest engineering feats of history. Real Chicagoans know it's safe to drink the water. Sweet as Garrett's CarmelCrisp popcorn.

History, commerce and science has helped to shape Chicago's character and urban identity. The deep change coming to the office of mayor in this week's election is just another chapter in that saga. The political flood gates are opening for reform. For reason. And for bold moves to change the present darkness of our times. We need Chicagoans to be real. Real like Chicago Cuts' **Matt Moore**,

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Supporting those in need

It's 5:45 on a Tuesday evening, and several dozen guests are heading into the soup kitchen at Congregation K.I.N.S., 2800 W. North Shore Ave. in West Rogers Park.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

There, the 10 or so tables that are set up are covered in lovely tablecloths and each has a colorful vase of flowers set atop of it, "like a Bar Mitzvah," said one woman attending.

It's here at K.I.N.S. that the soup kitchen has been feeding somewhere between 60 and 70 folks each week since late last year, thanks to a suburban mom of three boys named Karen Nochimowski and her merry band of volunteers.

This wonderful happening became a concept while Nochimowski was already delivering food to West Rogers Parkers in need during the High Holidays through a charitable Jewish organization. Although she was doing that, "I felt something was missing so I opened the soup kitchen," she said.

Each Tuesday, Nochimowski now makes the fairly long trek from her home to K.I.N.S., which donates space in its basement to host the hot and delicious, five to six course, well-balanced, homemade, Kosher meal.

"I saw there was such a need," said Nochimowski, who initially held a fundraiser



Young volunteers from the soup kitchen at K.I.N.S. help dish out some amazing Kosher food, among other duties.



K.I.N.S. Rabbi Leonard Matanky says a few words to the soup kitchen crowd before dinner.

with friends and family to get the soup kitchen going, raising enough to provide funding through the first year. "I wanted to do something more philanthropic."

Nochimowski is no stranger to food or cooking. She currently writes a successful cooking blog, *mommachef.com*, which offers recipes with six ingredients or less that can be prepared in six minutes. This gives people the confidence to learn how to cook, she said.

Last Tuesday, the scrumptious dinner menu consisted of Sloppy Joe's, brown rice, baked butternut squash, mixed green salad, and fruit salad with a coconut milk yogurt to pour over it. And, in celebration of the Jewish holiday Purim last week, dessert was hamantaschen, which are Purim pastries, and they were specially prepared by students at Ida Crown Jewish Academy.

"I change it up," Nochimowski said of her menus. "I try not to serve the same thing for two months."

You don't have to be Jewish to attend this

mouth-watering delight of a meal. In fact, the dinner averages 60 to 70 guests each week and Nochimowski cooks for 100, so head on over!

"Everyone is welcome," said Nochimowski. "People come from all religious backgrounds, ethnicities. The majority are elders but we do have some young."

Doors open at 5:50 p.m. and close at 6:15 so being prompt is imperative as the evening ends at 7 p.m. Besides an amazing meal, guests also receive a bagged lunch for the next day, and they get to take home leftovers. Nothing goes to waste, as everything is recycled in one way or another. Food is donated from various grocery stores and bakeries, including Tel Aviv Bakery on Devon Ave. That night, in lieu of leftover food containers, each guest received a bag of fun Purim goodies, also provided by the students at Ida Crown.

It's a win-win for Nochimowski and attendees, who come from near, and a little far.

Bob R. has come from southwest Evanston "quite a bit," for dinner. "It's nice," Bob said. "It's a nice, social thing too. You're with people you know and are friendly with. They're really nice people there."

"I think the food is great," said Robert L., also from Evanston and on his sixth visit. "I come for the food and the camaraderie."

"I like it, how they are presenting is very good, and the variety is good," said Evelyn, who lives nearby.

Besides eating a wholesome hot meal, the social aspect of the evening also attracts locals. "It's a fun communal thing, there's a community and then there's these nice women," said Chia, a West Rogers Parker who was wearing a sweatshirt she had picked up from the coat pantry that Nochimowski set up this winter. "People are talking, socializing."

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Chicago-based Hanno Weber & Assoc. created the Court House concept several years ago for the City. Designed to be developed in groups of four



units on two side-by-side 25-by-125-foot city lots, the Court Houses can be built today at a cost of about \$200,000 each, not including the land, and could be marketed to home buyers for a retail price of \$240,000 to \$250,000.

Is less really more?

Many Chicago homebuyers passing on the McMansions

Stroll down any side street in the Lincoln Park and Lake View neighborhoods and you will see lots of “McMansions”—those gaudy multi-million-dollar homes that have taken over two or three 25-foot city lots.



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

They were built on tear-down sites that formerly were occupied by humble frame homes, 2-flats and 3-flats once owned by blue-collar families who were gentrified out of the neighborhood.

Read the real estate listing: “Retro-Victorian or modern architecture, 10’ tall ceilings, two or three fireplaces, butler’s pantry, wine cellar, giant “open-concept” granite and stainless-steel kitchen with adjoining family room. A big deck with bridge to a second garage deck for entertaining.”

But how much house do you really need? Chicago’s rising wealthy class want it all. They consider 5,000 square feet a small house. Why not 10,000 square

feet if you can afford it?

This writer lives in a newer 4,000-square-foot home on the North Side, and over the past few years—after the kids moved out—it was apparent that there are rooms we rarely use. A fireplace we never light. A view we never enjoy.

Apparently, the McMansion-fad nationwide is starting to fade, especially among empty nesters. Profit-oriented new home-builders, who are always sniffing the winds of change, are targeting smaller, more affordable houses in 2019—the new normal on construction sites, predicted Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Assoc. of Realtors.

“As builders shift towards lower-priced homes—since labor, land and material costs are rising—they can easily find buyers,” Yun noted. “Building McMansions will be problematic in the future.”

One of the big complaints in Chicago is the shortage of affordable abodes. We are not talking about “Tiny Homes,” the trailer-like dwellings with less than 500 square feet of living area. What’s wrong with a 1,400-square-foot 3-bedroom single-family home or

duplex with 2 baths?

With thousands of city-owned vacant lots sitting unused on the South Side and West Side, perhaps our next mayor should focus on incentives to lure builders and young first-time buyers to affordable smaller homes in these areas.

Affordable urban in-fill homes

The time has finally come to use some “good old-fashioned common sense” to design and build affordable, energy-efficient houses for urban in-fill lots, said urban architect Hanno Weber, co-designer of the “Court House,” an innovative design planned for the thousands of vacant in-fill lots that dot the city.

Weber, who was an adjunct professor at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is a principal of the Chicago-based Hanno Weber & Assoc. Architecture/Urban Design, created the Court House several years ago for the city’s Dept. of Housing and Dept. of Environment. The plans likely are gathering dust in a closet at City Hall.

Ideally designed to be developed in groups of four units on



Energy efficiency also is achieved through a heat pump system for heating and cooling the houses, with supplemental gas heating in winter. “In addition, solar panels on the south side of the steeply sloping roof, unshaded by adjacent houses, are capable of generating 6,000 Kilowatts per year,” said Hanno Weber.

two side-by-side 25-by-125-foot city lots, Weber said the Court Houses can be built today at a cost of about \$200,000 each, not including the land, and could be marketed to home buyers

for a retail price of \$240,000 to \$250,000.

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View a site plan for a cluster of Court Houses, and you’ll see four attached single-family homes with steeply pitched roofs each built on an outside corner of the two lots, like Medieval carriage houses grouped around a protected 30’-by-30’ courtyard.

“The central courtyard is key to the design of the Court Houses,”

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Riverfront scrap iron company gets OK to move

The final step to complete the move of General Iron out of Lincoln Park in 2020 was cleared by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals last week, allowing the scrap iron recycling firm to move its operations to a new location at 11600 S. Burley Ave.

Located in the city for more than 110 years, General Iron is merging its operations with Reserve Management Group (RMG), a diversified provider of electronics refurbishment and recycling, scrap metal processing and brokerage services. The alliance resulted in transitioning General Iron's operations to RMG's current location on the southeast side of Chicago.

The partnership will make a substantial investment in building a new, state-of-the-art facility, which covers more than 175 acres along the east side of the Calumet River, at S. Burley Ave.

and 116th Street. The transition, including construction of an enclosed, high-tech metal shredder, is expected to be completed in 2020.

During the transition, operations and management will continue at General Iron's current location on the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Marilyn Labkon, President of General Iron said, "General Iron looks forward to a new state-of-the-art facility in a new location." The company says that upon relocating, General Iron will terminate operations at its current location, which comprises approximately 21.5 acres of some of the hottest prime real estate in Chicago today.

"The departure of General Iron creates the opportunity to create sorely needed public open space as well as a natural buffer between our community and the towering

Lincoln Yards development," said Ald. Michele Smith [43rd].

We urge "Mayor Emanuel to add the North Branch Park and Preserve to his legacy by taking steps to protect our area from additional massive development at the General Iron site. The General Iron site is almost half of the size of the Lincoln Yards development," said Smith.

While the city has yet to include a solid commitment to create a park as part of the \$1.3 Billion publicly-funded TIF at this location, "there is plenty of time for this to happen before a scheduled vote in April," said Smith. "I believe, as do several Aldermen and both Mayoral candidates, that it would be even wiser to delay any action on the largest TIF in Chicago history until the new City Council, and new Mayor, can thoughtfully review the issue."

Four North Side Schools part of CPS expansion

Hawthorne Elementary School, 3319 N. Clifton, Salazar Elementary School, 160 W. Wendell St., McPherson Elementary School, 4728 N. Wolcott Ave., and Senn High School, 5900 N. Glenwood are all part of programmatic expansion that Chicago Public Schools has focused mostly on the South and West Sides.

Nearly 17,000 students in 32 schools across the city will receive parts of a \$32 million investment to expand programs such as IB, STEM and Dual Language.

Hawthorne will receive funding for Personalized Learning programs, Salazar will receive funding for Dual Language programs, and McPherson and Senn will receive funding for International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. McPherson is also receiving a Gifted program that will support 30 kindergarten students next

school year and add one grade level each year until the program spans from K-8.

In a March 19 announcement, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CPS CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson said that nearly 17,000 CPS students at 32 schools across the city will gain access to high-quality programming next school year as part of a \$32 million program expansion.

Other North Side schools who may have applied but were rejected were supposedly given objective rationale by CPS pointing out areas of improvement needed to ensure successful program

implementation in the future. CPS claims they are committed to working with any school interested in re-applying for programs during the next application cycle, which will begin later this year.

The CPS said that 80% of the program resources were reserved for low income communities. Schools were reportedly selected based on an evaluation process that included community and parent engagement, a needs assessment, interviews with school staff, letters of support from their community, and approval by each school's Local School Council.



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Grant Park looking for board members

The Chicago Park District is calling a meeting to accept nominations for the Grant Park Advisory Council [GPAC] 6 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Maggie Daley Park Field House, 337 E. Randolph St.

Elections will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, also in the Maggie Daley Park Fieldhouse.

The GPAC Bylaws state that a voting member must have attended three of the Advisory Council meetings within a 12 month period immediately preceding the meeting at which the voting is to occur (March 28, 2019, June 19, 2018, February 28, 2018); and attended at least the two previous PAC meetings immediate preceding the meeting at which the voting is to occur (June 19, 2018 and March 28, 2019).

Not for sale

Old Town School's Lincoln Park building taken off the blocks

The Board of Directors and officers of the Old Town School of Folk Music have decided against selling its landmark 15,000 square foot building at 909 W. Armitage Ave.

In Oct. of 2018, the music schools leadership surprised school staffers and students with the news of the proposed sale of the historic old Aldine Hall, which has been used by the school for over 50 years.

While the school's flagship facility is now located in Lincoln Square, it was the Lincoln Park building - and the events and activities that took place inside of it - that helped to create the school's reputation and mold the facility into a beloved North Side institution.

When then-executive director Bau Graves made the announcement he said the sale would help create an endowment fund that would "secure the future of the

school in perpetuity." He also cited high overhead and dwindling enrollment for the decision.

Graves has since taken a leave of absence from the Old Town School for health reasons. In February the school announced that it had appointed Chicago business executive Jim Newcomb as its Chief Executive Officer. Newcomb said he will serve as CEO through June 30, 2020.

Expected or not, the backlash was swift and sudden by users, supporters and friends of the school whose emails, letters, petitions and rallies demanded that the Board postpone the sale.

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Strongest mom expecting biggest baby in the neighborhood

Lincoln Park Zoo expecting new rare black rhino in May

You think your baby is cute? There is something cute and big coming out to the Lincoln Park Zoo this May. Their 13-year-old female eastern black rhinoceros name Kapuki is pregnant.

The zoo confirmed the pregnancy March 21 using fecal samples collected by animal care staff and then processed and analyzed by scientists at the Davee Center for Epidemiology and Endocrinology [DCEE] at the zoo.

The pregnancy is a result of a breeding recommendation from the Eastern Black Rhinoceros Species Survival Plan [SSP] that cooperatively manages the Association of Zoos and Aquariums [AZA] population. SSP Breeding and Transfer Plans are informed by genetic analyses conducted by

the AZA Population Management Center and its adjunct scientists. Using these data, the zoo's female rhino, Kapuki, was recommended to breed with 33-year-old male rhino, Maku. The calf is expected to arrive in May at Regenstein African Journey.

"Measuring hormones from fecal samples we were not only able to confirm pregnancy, but first, were able to understand when Kapuki was ovulating and inform animal care decisions and timelines for introducing Kapuki to the male rhino, Maku," says DCEE's Rachel Santymire.

The potential of a successful calf means much more than a cute face at the zoo. "A birth represents preservation of a critically endangered species that faces a lot of challenges," says Curator of Mammals Mike Murray. "We remain cautiously optimistic that



Eastern black rhinos are a critically endangered species due to poaching for their horns.

Kapuki, as an experienced dam, will know just what to do."

Kapuki and Maku had previously been successful in producing offspring as with the case of the birth of King in 2013. As part

of an SSP recommendation, King was transferred to Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo in Nov. 2016.

In preparation for this arrival, the zoo has included some of ex-

pectant mother Kapuki's favorite things on its wish list such as apples and hay as her diet increases throughout pregnancy and nursing. Supporters can assist the zoo in purchasing a rhino-sized scale in order to weigh the calf as it grows.

Gestation for black rhinos is about 15-16 months with offspring weighing around 85 lbs. Typically, black rhinos are a solitary species that only come together to breed. When full grown, eastern black rhinos can stand up to 12' long and 5' tall at the shoulder, and can weigh up to 3,000 lbs. Eastern black rhinos are a critically endangered species due to poaching for their horns which are believed to have medicinal benefits despite being made of keratin – the same material that makes up human hair and nails.

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Payton likes the salad cucumbers, while Lorraine, her son Daniel, and her fiancé Jay called it "positive and encouraging and different from most soup kitchens."

"I thought the food was awesome," said Jay.

One guest, Elizabeth said she hopes they continue throughout the Summer, while another attendee, Aaron, liked the good food and nice people.

There may already be plenty of nice people there working, but they can always use more. Anyone looking for a volunteer opportunity? If you're age eight and up, they'll put you to work! (If you'd like more info, email soupkitchen@congkins.org)

Seven adults and six kids or more are put to work each week. The adults help in the kitchen as everything is cooked the day of. The kids serve food, make lunches, set tables, fill water pitchers and also perform other tasks, said volunteer coordinator Karen Ecanow.

"It's always nice to be able to give back," said Ecanow, who also drives in from the 'burbs. "I think we have a consistent group, we get to know them and I feel satisfied filling a need."

West Rogers Parkers Shira, 14, and her sister, Shana, 11, were

volunteering after being brought in by their bubbe, Miriam.

"It's nice," said Shira. "It's a nice kindness for everyone." Shana thought it was "really fun."

Nochimowski's son, Tal, 10, was there for his fifth time volunteering. He's really proud of what his mom is doing.

"It feels really amazing that she did something really nice and is helping the poor and giving food to people who need food," said Tal.

The soup kitchen was "a project that we jumped at," said K.I.N.S. Rabbi Leonard Matanky. It's one of only three Kosher programs such as this, with the others being at The Ark and the Jewish Federation, the rabbi said.

"It's so very important to be able to provide core Jewish values," said Rabbi Matanky. "To see the volunteers and people, it's heartwarming, powerful and a true expression of the Jewish community."

"The Orthodox and K.I.N.S. has always been open to everyone," said Rabbi Matanky. "It's very important to us that people feel welcome and at home. This fills our lives with the opportunity and joy of mitzvah."

Gimme shelter... The same evening of my Tuesday at the soup kitchen, a small community meeting was taking place regard-

ing a women's addiction recovery home, St. Anne's, 1715 W. Chase Ave.

St. Anne's is a long term recovery home where women struggling with addiction can stay and work on their recovery from six months up to one year. The non-profit is seeking to expand from eight beds to 15 with a plan that would not include construction but would require a zoning change -- a Special Use Permit actually -- for the bed increase.

Ald. Joe Moore [49th] has yet to make a decision whether or not he will support the expansion when it goes before the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. But as there have been no problems with St. Anne since it opened in 2017, I suspect he will give his support.

There were a few minor, non-contentious questions at the meeting, but most people supported the expansion. Ald. Moore said he would consider all comments and make a forthcoming decision. He also offered to let alderman-elect Maria Hadden speak, as she had also attended the meeting. She declined to speak, but did voice her support.

"After researching the history, speaking with neighbors and hearing the concerns met last night, yes, I am," Hadden said.

It's getting hot in here... things are heating up and getting a little testy in the 43rd Ward, where incumbent Michele Smith is in a runoff with challenger Derek Lindblom. Oh the snarky emails going back and forth between neighbors after one long-time community leader sent out an email supporting Ald. Smith and did not make it clear he was speaking on behalf of himself rather than his group! But as one person said, anyone who knows this leader and what he has done for the neighborhood, "Knows that he sent the message with the best of intentions."

Calm down folks! It will soon be over. Taking a shot at this person - who epitomizes the mantra of leading by example, "is like taking a shot at the Dali Lama or Gandhi," said one neighbor.

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Standardized student test continues under new name

BY JIM VAIL

The new Illinois state standardized test for 3rd – 8th graders is officially named Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The test was adopted March 11 in the Chicago Public Schools and the rest of the state.

But one education watchdog group is calling this test ZombiePARCC, because the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has adopted the controversial Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers test [PARCC] for one more year under a new name.

The PARCC test resulted in angst and pushback when they were launched in 2015. An opt-out movement last year resulted in a bill passed in the state house to give students and parents the right to opt out of a test many considered unfair and not productive.

School officials criticized the long hours of PARCC testing, and complaints from parents mushroomed into the opt-out movement.

According to the education advocacy group Raise Your Hand [RYH], the original four-year contract Illinois had with the global education company Pearson for PARCC tests ended last year. In January, ISBE approved a one-year contract with Pearson to administer what is essentially the PARCC (the format is the same). ISBE tried to hire another testing vendor, DRC, to produce a multi-year hybrid assessment of new content and PARCC content, but Pearson successfully protested the way ISBE calculated its pricing versus DRC's.

CPS uses its own NWEA assessment each spring to determine student and teach-

er evaluations. This test comes in addition to many other tests that prompted the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] and other education advocacy groups to fight back against the overwhelming use of standardized tests. Indeed, RYH, the CTU and other advocacy groups are again now suggesting a boycott of the testing.

According to the ISBE PowerPoint presentation on this new test, "ISBE will continue to use 100% PARCC content and forms built to the standard of the PARCC assessments for the next two years."

"No matter what the vendor or the name of the test, in a state that is \$7 billion below funding all schools adequately, every penny spent on experimental, expensive testing, potentially used for high-stakes decisions is a penny that's not going to actual high-quality education," RYH stated in a press release. "We encourage parents to have their child refuse state testing."

However, the stakes are high against those who refuse to take the test. CPS said schools will suffer consequences such as a drop in ratings and federal funding could be cut off.

The new IAR test is mandated by the federal government.

The contract for PARCC was for four years starting in 2015, but every state dropped the test.

According to RYH, some states use some

PARCC questions on their test. Illinois is using PARCC questions from one vendor, New Meridian, and has a separate contract to administer and score the test.

The IAR is slightly shorter than last year's PARCC, but it will be the same format. The state plans to compare PARCC and IAR scores, and by 2021 IAR will have results returned in days or weeks instead of in months (NWEA results are immediate).

Illinois also requires schools to administer the SAT test to all 11th graders to comply with federal mandates for annual high school testing. Illinois is also requiring districts to administer the

PSAT in 9th and 10th grade to use for state school accountability ratings.

Even though their scores won't count for school ratings, students new to the US will also be required to test no matter their English fluency.

Schools that do not have at least 95% participation rate will not be able to receive the top rating from the state, while students who opted out are counted as not having met expectations. School ratings are only tied to additional funding. RYH stated that the federal government still never penalized any state or district for low participation rates. However, teachers who organized boycotts were targeted and some fired.

IAR tests will be scored by computers, including essays and extended responses. RYH stated that computers rely on superficial features and statistical patterns to score answers and cannot meaningfully evaluate a child's performance level.

"Standardized tests are primarily a measure of the wealth of the population a school community draws from," RYH stated. "If high-stakes decisions like school closings, teacher ratings and student promotion were to be based on IAR, these policies would become even more damaging to the students being served at the most under-resourced schools."

But in an open 2018 letter to school superintendents, the Illinois Superintendent of Education Tony Smith defended the PARCC, saying "Illinois will continue to use and build on the core features of PARCC that make it the highest quality accountability assessment available in the U.S. The days when rote memorization and recall could prepare students for college and career are long gone. PARCC is presently the only large-scale assessment to "fully meet" all federal accountability requirements, setting the standard for item quality, removal of bias in testing, and meeting universal design. This initial work will serve as our foundation for continuous improvement."

This spring's version of the test, which is tied to Common Core standards, will be about two-thirds as long, and most students will take an online test.

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Rose O'Neill, artist Peter Axelsen, journalist Bill Zwecker, realtor Meg Nagle, restaurateur Joe DiBuono, Hector Gustavo Cardenas, the Bears' Virginia McCaskey, the Blackhawks' Rocky Wirtz, Sara O'Connell, Regan Burke, Pat Toney, Jack and Pat Brickhouse, the late Bill Gainer, Sox left fielder Minnie Minoso, bartender Floyd Saunders and magician Marshal Brodien.

BEST CITIES IN 2019: A superb feature in "Time Out Chicago" has writer Morgan Olson ranking cities around the world in "48 Best Cities in the World to Visit in 2019." All based on their appeal for food, drink, sites and sounds. Comfort for the traveler is critical, but so is ease of getting around, finding really stunning eats and rubbing elbows with friendly locals. These kinds of features are always flawed, but they demonstrate what people are looking for. And they show how much people like what they've found. New York City was travelers' number one destination in the world. But Melbourne, Australia was strong at number two and it's not the country's largest city. Chicago, not surprisingly, was number three, of anywhere in the world. Apparently we are known for our fabulous array of food and restaurants, ethnic cuisines,

top notch breweries and very friendly natives. We are more than deep dish pizza and Italian beefs. Where else made the list? Well, London is four, Paris is nine and Lisbon 19. Dublin is 25, Miami is 27, Porto is 28 and Vienna is 34. This is all good, but not surprising, news for old Chitown. Three is very good.

SAVED FOR NOW: Chicago fire-era mansions in River North saved again from demolition — for now. Preservationists hope to include the buildings in a proposed Near North Side historic district. These buildings at 42 E. Superior, 44-46 E. Superior, are part of an important preservation battle. But is the FBI asking what happened to the \$49 million in Chinese money that was invested to build a high-rise at the location?

NO ONE BETTER: Bill Gainer, a wise and erudite of Chicago, died last week. My friend for 42 years. Humane politics in his blood and a houseful of children spilling all over his home. Rich in stories, song and gab. All of stunning intelligence. A spouse of wisdom in Gerry Gainer, who shared a soul. And the best of Chicago in his humble, generous, soft ways. An Irishman who balanced conscience and pragmatic resolution. Up a telephone poll, behind a desk or sipping rare whiskies from the old country. Easy, conspiratorial and always

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ready to walk with neighbors, the needy, and Prime Ministers. Bill went to God last week, a moment in time chosen like no other. And "we shall not see his like again."

SAY IT ISN'T SO: The rumors are flying. John Damas, the remarkable GM at Gibson's Group's Luxbar is reportedly heading for greener pastures. We're heartbroken. No one ever had a better friend than Johnny. Well-liked. Nice manner. And tall. We've always been huge fans. Best of luck, John. He hosted many art exhibitions for Adam Umbach and this writer.

OPERA OPERA: Get your tickets for Pimpinone by Telemann March 30 - April 2 at the Studebaker Theater by Haymarket Opera Company.

THEATER ON THE LAKE: Jammed. Packed. Overflowing. Spilling out the doors. Just some of the comments about the greatest surprise St. Patrick's get-together in town on Parade Day. John Wrenn and Susan Nicholls, congrats.

SIR JOHN RICHARDSON: Picasso's biographer dies at 95. He was impeccably filled with a humanity and grace that was uplifting and charmed. Sir John Richardson was a friend of gentle artistry and enormous historical significance. His lifelong friendship with Pablo Ruiz Picasso opened all doors on the Spanish painter, who delighted in their friendship that provided Richardson access and opportunities no other had. His three volume biography of Picasso is the essential work on the painter. Richardson was THE man of art for the time in which he lived. Bridging life and love and art. What gifts he unleashed for us. We are poorer for his leaving. Rest in peace, friend.

A PINCH TO GROW AN INCH: Janet Owen hosting a birthday lunch for her niece Caitlin McCarthy with Georgina Lopez as guest at Woman's Athletic Club with a fab coconut cake.

OH BABY: Art Institute's Nora Ann Gainer is with bro-in-law Patrick Griffin and new mom, sister Sheila Gainer Griffin, for the birth of Geraldine Gainer Griffin at Northwestern's Prentice Women's Hospital. 100,000 welcomes, Geraldine. Cead mile failte!

SAN PATRICIO: Cynthia Olson adding glam and intellect to St. Patrick's Day celebrations in her artsy winter recluse in San Miguel, in the mountains above Cuernavaca, Mexico, in a Brit colony as if Graham Greene were still holding court.

WHO'S WHERE? Jane Yount and her mother, Helen Taaffe, almost 100, in Milwaukee for two hours with Michelle Obama getting their political batteries juiced up... Tim Fofas and Kelley Decker in Oxford, England, visiting colleges, libraries an ancient pubs... D Graham Kostic is feeling fantastic with Chance Woodward in Amsterdam... Gibson's Kathy O'Malley Piccone is at Sloan Park Chicago Cubs Spring Training, Mesa, AZ... Pat Arbor out and about over St. Patrick's Day, looking well, rested and at peace, even making an appearance at the Loyola U. board



Jane Yount and mother, Helen Taaffe.



Bill Gainer



Georgina Lopez, Caitlin McCarthy and Georgina Lopez.



Sylwia Wilczynska



Cynthia Olson

ter O'Axelsen took care of us. They had 270 for lunch. Yes, two Irish Whiskies before noon. Medicinal. With treasured pals Lynn O'Graham, Meg O'Nagle, Col. Paul O'Malarik III and Lyssa O'Piette. Serenaded by Shannon Rovers pipes and drums. A sea of green. Basket of scones.

SYLWIA WILCZYNSKA: The Chicago Couturier was honored and excited to be showing HER collection during the Glitz & Glamour fashion show for The Silver Lining Foundation at the Peninsula on March 4. Looking fabulous were Bobbi Panter with Kimberly Gleason and Jolanta Ruege with Gloria Dattulo Hafer.

GOODMAN THEATER: "[SWEAT] deals with the heartbeat of America... I know that sounds like an old Chevy commercial, but that's really what it is all about," says director Ron OJ Parson. Running through April 14.

OBE: Downton Abbey actor Jim Carter, (Carson, the Butler) 70, recently received the Order of the British Empire, OBE, from Charles, Prince of Wales, for his services to drama. And Lesley Hornby, the fashion world's "Twiggy," received her 'Damehood.'

TOP PIZZA: Chicago's Best Pizza... Pauli Gee's, 2451 N. Milwaukee Av., in Logan Square. The finest pizza I've tasted in a long time. Like Rome. Unlike anything you have had.

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The 2019 Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] speakers series kicked off last week focusing on local culinary and media experts telling their tales, starting with Steve Dolinsky, the "Hungry Hound" at ABC-7 News.

Dolinsky, back before SOAR by popular demand, spoke for 45 minutes on his new book, "Pizza City, USA: 101 Reasons Why Chicago Is America's Greatest Pizza Town."

The event was held March 20 at Labriola Chicago, 535 N. Michigan Ave., where Dolinsky proclaims their deep dish "one of the best in Chicago." He went on to explain how Chicago has 10 unique styles of pizza, twice as many as New York City.

Dolinsky discussed his adventures in Chicago pizza as he did research for his new book. Over a three month period Dolinsky says he dined at 185 Chicago pizza restaurants to come up with his

list of the 101 best ones, "sometimes dining at 3 places a day." He said his children mostly benefited from his research leftovers and credited his local yoga studio for helping him to get through his personal marathon of pizza eating.

The noted food writer suggests pizza fans always dine in as opposed to doing carrying out and home-delivery of pizza, as time

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spent in a box with steam changes the texture of the pizza crust in a fresh cooked pie. He also said that while America's favorite pizza topping is pepperoni, in Chicago the clear favorite is hand-pulled sausage.

SOAR, Dolinsky and his wife Amy Dordek Dolinsky will be hosting a pizza bus tour 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 that includes stops for pizza at three locations, tickets are \$90, seats are limited. For more information call 312-280-2596.

Women in Business, learn from Lincoln Park's top entrepreneurs

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2019 Sharing Success: Women in Business Panel featuring some of Lincoln Park's top entrepreneurs and executives, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 at Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

From owning your own business to climbing the corporate ladder, attendees may find inspiration and practical professional advice during this panel and net-

working event, open to anyone interested in boosting their career. The panel features stylist and salon owner Edda Coscioni (Salon Edda); shop owner and buyer Esther Fishman (Art Effect); bank president Amy Lemar (Wintrust Bank Old Town); and restaurant

and special event general manager Susan Nicholl (Theater on the Lake).

Tickets are on sale now for \$20. For more information or tickets, call 773-880-5200 or visit lincolnparkchamber.com.

Foundation signs Loop lease for youth services

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Dept. of Fleet and Facility Management introduced an ordinance in City Hall March 13 authorizing the execution of a 10-year lease agreement for the downtown After School Matters [ASM] location.

The lease at 66 E. Randolph St. will support office and programming space for young people from around Chicago.

Besides this Loop location, ASM has two other neighborhood-based locations supporting a partnership to provide mentoring and out-of-school time opportunities to young people from neighboring communities and throughout the city. ASM currently delivers more than 1,400 after-school and summer programs that serve more than 18,000 teens each year in schools, parks, libraries and community organizations across the city.



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Fashion coming to History Museum



lywood, Silver Screen to Mainstream will feature clothes on display from major designers like Chanel, Valentina, Howard Greer, Adrian, Paul du Pont, Schiaparelli and Alix (later known as Madame Grès). Spanning 2,100 square feet, the exhibit will feature 30 ensembles from the museum's permanent collection. Most of the garments are by American designers, including Chicago designers Paul Dupont, who dressed Ruth Page, Blum's Vogue and Martha Weathered.

The exhibit will look at how Hollywood fashions from those decades influenced everyday Americans who were coping with massive changes during the Great Depression and World War II.

Some of the outfits were worn by Chicago women. They, like other Americans, were able to experiment with fashion more easily and cheaply during the '30s and '40s due to the emergence of the zipper and manmade textiles, according to the museum.

The exhibit runs through Jan. 20, 2020, at 1601 N. Clark St. The exhibit is included with regular museum admission, which is \$19.

Fashionistas take note, you will find no dreary, long lost bridesmaids dresses at Silver Screen to Mainstream, an exhibition opening April 8 at the Chicago History Museum that shows off Hollywood's glamorous clothes of the 1930s and 1940s.

Showcasing fashions from Paris, New York, Chicago, and Hol-

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Police Beat....

Two carjackings reported in Lincoln Park

Police are investigating two carjackings reported just blocks away in the Lincoln Park neighborhood Sunday and Monday. No one is in custody.

Most recently, a man told police that four black male teenagers forced him to open his vehicle's door and get out of his car in the 2300 block of N. Cleveland around 1 a.m. March 25.

One of the teens took the man's gray Subaru Impreza with a license plate that begins with V930. The victim said thousands of dollars worth of surgical equipment was in the stolen car's trunk. The other three offenders fled the area in a dark colored SUV.

The two stolen cars were last seen heading east on Belden and then north on Lincoln Park West.

Earlier, a 48-year-old man was punched in the face and carjacked as he stood outside his vehicle Sunday in Lincoln Park, police said.

The victim was standing near the rear of his vehicle in the 2100 block of N. Lincoln Park West around 9:45 p.m. when three offenders pulled up in a stolen gray Dodge Journey bearing a license plate that begins with BB97, according to officers on the scene.

Two men exited the Dodge Journey and repeatedly punched the victim in the face before they took the keys to his 2015 Jeep Cherokee and drove away with it. The stolen car, which bears a license plate number beginning with Z252 and has Uber stickers in the windows, was last seen heading south on Lincoln Park West.

The offenders who got out of the car to confront the victim were both black males—one wearing a red hoodie and the other wearing a gray hoodie, the victim reported. A third man drove the stolen Dodge Journey.

Police said the victim was not seriously injured, and he declined ambulance services.

Lakeview man hospitalized - beaten and robbed by five offenders on Red Line

A 42-year-old man is listed in fair condition after being beaten and robbed at knifepoint by five offenders on a CTA train at the Belmont Red Line station Monday, police said. No one is in custody.

Police said the victim and his attackers were on a northbound train around 2:30 a.m. when the group physically attacked the man and took his phone, money and leather jacket. The victim got off the train at the Belmont station where police and an ambulance were called to assist.

The suspects are five black men between 18- and 25-years-old. One of the men wore a puffy black jacket, and another wore a red hoodie, the victim said.

A police spokesman this morning said the victim is hospitalized at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Another Lakeview robbery

Police are investigating an afternoon robbery March 24 in the Lakeview neighborhood. A woman told police that she was robbed in the 800 block of W. Diversey around 3:30 p.m. by a group of people who were armed with a handgun.

Man gets four-year prison sentence for carjacking Tribune reporter on 18th birthday

A man who "celebrated" his 18th birthday by carjacking the Chicago Tribune's overnight crime reporter has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Noriyhea Evans and another man were celebrating Evans' legal adulthood early on Dec. 4, 2017, when they approached a car in the parking lot of a Bridgeport Dunkin' Donuts. The paper's 29-year-old crime reporter was sitting in the car, waiting for a story to break.

Police said Evans knocked on the car's window and ordered the woman out of the car. Evans and another man



Noriyhea Evans

After the robbery, the three got into a light blue four-door vehicle that fled northbound on Mildred Ave. with a fourth person.

The victim said the robbers were two black females and a black male.

Awaiting trial for robbing grocery store, woman robs another grocery store

A Chicago woman who's accused of robbing a Lakeview grocery store last week was free on bond at the time—awaiting trial for a similar robbery attempt of a grocery store in Bucktown, according to court records.

Jewel-Osco employees told police that Amarilys Del Rio, 33, of the Austin neighborhood entered their store at 3400 N. Western around 2 a.m. March 15 and began stealing merchandise. When the workers confronted Del Rio at the store's exit, a struggle broke out, and Del Rio said, "I'm going to stab you with my knife," while displaying what may have been a nail file, police said. Del Rio spat in the face of a 59-year-old Jewel worker and headed toward the doors saying, "I am going to get my gun and pop the f*ck out of this place," the employees reported.

Police caught Del Rio nearby in possession of a laser pointer, batteries, and a probiotic supplement, according to court records.

Prosecutors charged her with felony robbery, felony aggravated battery of a merchant, felony retail theft with a prior conviction, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Mary Marubio ordered Del Rio held without bail.

Court records show that Del Rio was ordered held without bail last autumn after she was charged with two felony counts of aggravated robbery for allegedly threatening to stab employees who tried to stop her from stealing \$1,247 worth of merchandise from Mariano's, 2112 N. Ashland.

Judge Travis Richardson later reduced Del Rio's bail to \$10,000, which allowed her to go free by posting a bond of \$1,000. Bail in the November case was revoked by Marubio in light of the latest allegations against Del Rio.

"Flyer boy" phone thieves are hitting downtown diners hard

Chicago police are once again warning people about "flyer boys" who steal phones from unsuspecting victims in restaurants and other locations downtown while posing as charity fundraisers.

The thief has hit at least seven times

then climbed into the Tribune-owned Chevy Malibu and sped away.

Two days later, police spotted Evans driving the stolen car the wrong way in the 4600 block of N. Ravenswood. Evans and two juveniles were taken into custody after a short pursuit.

Last Thursday, Evans pleaded guilty to vehicular hijacking and received a four-year sentence from Judge James Obbish. Evans was also ordered to serve a concurrent four-year term for possessing a stolen motor vehicle and a concurrent two-year sentence for escaping from electronic monitoring. Evans received 478 days credit for time served. The plea deal also called for prosecutors to drop a felony unlawful restraint charge and for Evans to pay a fine of \$807. He is expected to be paroled on Oct. 16, 2020.

since March 11, according to an alert from Area Central investigators. His technique is simple: He approaches victims as they sit in restaurants or in a library with their phone on the table during afternoon hours. Opening the conversation with a request for a charitable donation, the man then places flyers or a newspaper on top of the victim's phone while going through his charity pitch. When he's done, he lifts up the victim's phone along with the papers and leaves the building.

Police have identified seven recent cases linked to the suspect: on March 11 in the 100 block of S. Wabash, the 300 block of S. Wabash, and the 100 block of S. Michigan; March 13 in the 100 block of W. Lake; and March 22 in the 100 block of N. Wabash and the 100 block of N. State.

The suspect is described by police as a black male with a dark complexion who stands 5'-10" to 6' tall.

New details emerge in Sound-Bar shooting

New details of the Sound-Bar nightclub shooting emerged during a bond hearing Friday for the man who prosecutors say killed the club's doorman and injured the bar's co-owner during a shooting earlier this month.

In the moments before Armond Williams, 37, of Villa Park was charged

with murder and attempted murder, an assistant state's attorney laid out the state's version of what happened outside the long-running River North club shortly after midnight on March 8.

Prosecutor James Murphy told the court that trouble began on Feb. 28 when a man arriving at Sound-Bar took exception with the way he was patted-down by security at the club's entrance. That man and Williams went back to Sound-Bar on March 8 and got into an argument with doorman Thurmond Bailey, 28, and other members of the bar's staff, Murphy said.

The prosecutor said the fight escalated, Williams punched Thurmond, and Thurmond then pulled out a gun. That prompted Williams to pull out his own gun and fire four rounds, before he handed the gun to another member of his group. That man fired nine more rounds, striking Bailey again and injuring club owner Mark Jurczyk, according to the state.

Police have identified the second shooter, but he has not been arrested or charged.

Bailey was able to return fire, but no one was injured by his shots, Murphy

said.

Williams' attorney said he has a concealed carry license and the club's employees did not wear clothing that identified them as security personnel.

Judge Michael Clancy ordered Williams held without bail.

Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson issued a summary closure order of Sound-Bar on March 12. Since then, club owners have been working with city officials to develop a "Nuisance Abatement Plan" that would allow them to re-open the bar.

An initial hearing on the closure was held March 20th. A staff member for local Ald. Brendan O'Reilly [42nd] said in an email to constituents this week that negotiations were underway to create an operating plan and avoid a "contested hearing."

Home invaders batter Boystown man; Cops eye possible pattern

At least three residents of the Wrigleyville and Boystown neighborhoods have come face-to-face with intruders during early morning hours since March 20, according to police. One of the burglars claimed to have a gun. And another incident just two blocks away on Saturday morning turned into a home invasion as two intruders attacked the victim in his own home. Here is what we have learned:

A Boystown resident called police around 12:15 a.m. on Saturday morning after two men broke into his home and attacked him in the 700 block of W. Cornelia.

The victim, 27, said he was in his home when he heard loud banging noises at his front door. That's when he realized that two unknown men were inside his home and a fight broke out, according to police. The victim suffered a cut to his forehead but declined medical attention.

Police said the offenders escaped with an iPhone after attempting to get some computer equipment. The victim described the intruders as two black men in their 20's who wore surgical masks. One is about 6' tall, 160 lbs., and wore a green winter jacket. The other is also about 6' tall, and he wore a dark winter coat with fur around the hood or collar.

The case has been classified as a home invasion. In earlier cases:

- Around 5:30 a.m. March 20, a Wrigleyville man reported that a burglar entered his home and claimed to have a gun in the 900 block of W. Cornelia. The victim told a local neighborhood watch group that he heard footsteps outside his bedroom around 4 a.m. and he yelled, "who is there?"

The burglar replied "John from the third floor," which the victim knew was incorrect information. The victim slammed his bedroom door shut, and the offender hit the door with his hands, saying that he had a gun, according to the neighborhood watch post.

"An 8-year-old 22-inch TV" was taken, the man said.

Police classified the incident as a non-forcible burglary, which indicates that no doors or windows were broken to enter the home.

- At 4 a.m. on Friday, a Wrigleyville woman who lives in the 3800 block of N. Clark St. was awakened by two men who entered her home through a first-floor window. No one was injured, and no property was taken.

Streeterville robbery spree grows as tourist is held-up at gunpoint

A visitor from Venezuela was robbed at gunpoint as she sat in her car in the Streeterville neighborhood early on March 23, according to police reports.

Two men approached the 24-year-old woman in the 900 block of N. Dewitt and opened her car doors around 12:55 a.m. One of the men then pulled out a handgun and took the woman's cash, phone, and credit cards before

speeding off in a black SUV.

The woman told police the robbers were two black men between 20- and 25-years-old who wore dark clothing.

Investigators believe the robbery may be related to a series of three hold-ups that were reported in Streeterville and the Loop on Thursday evening.

In those cases, one to three men approached victims on foot and took valuables by force before fleeing in a black Ford SUV bearing a license plate that begins with BB71.

Thursday's robberies were reported in the first block of N. State; the 200 block of E. Superior; and the 200 block of E. Grand, according to a community alert that was issued Saturday morning by Area Central detectives.

The three offenders are black males between 18- and 25-years-old, according to the alert.

Anyone with information about the hold-ups may contact Area Central investigators at 312-747-8380 about pattern #P19-1-080.

Gunday Funday: A look at how the courts have handled some recent gun cases in Chicago

How seriously do Cook County judges take firearms offenses in Chicago? Here is a look at some recent arrests and a few recent court resolutions:

- Employees at Big Wig Taco, 770 N. LaSalle, called the police to report that a man had climbed onto one of their tables and pulled out a handgun at 4:30 a.m. on Feb. 25. The workers alleged that Spencer Slawinski then told one of them to hide the gun for him, but an employee said, "I want nothing to do with it, and you need to go," police said in a report.

Instead, Slawinski allegedly ran into the kitchen and hid the firearm under a bag of onions. An employee escorted an arriving police officer into the kitchen to retrieve the gun while other officers questioned Slawinski and placed him in custody, police said.

Slawinski was charged with felony unlawful use of a handgun; misdemeanor possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner's ID card, and two misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest. Judge John Lyke released him on a recognizance bond.

- Police were called to the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel March 23 after a housekeeper reported finding a handgun on a guest room nightstand. Officers were taken to the room to observe the gun and then hotel staff put the cops in touch with the man who rented the room, Darius Denning, 30, of Indianapolis, according to court records.

Officers said they met with Denning outside the hotel where he told them that he knew housekeeping was in his room and had found a gun. Denning reportedly told officers that he is a convicted felon (although not a "violent" one) and he brought the gun from Indianapolis where it was given to him as a gift by his ex-girlfriend after they broke up.

Prosecutors charged Denning with being a felon in possession of a weapon. Judge Stephanie Miller set bail at \$20,000. He can go free by posting a 10% deposit bond.

- Joshua Gills, 20, was sentenced to two years of "first offense gun probation" and 50 hours of community service by Judge Timothy Chambers in exchange for pleading guilty to one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Police said they found Gills with a handgun in his jacket near the scene of a "shots fired" call last June in the



On March 15 this fish sculpture was taken off its mountings and hauled away, and now there is a \$50 reward for its return.

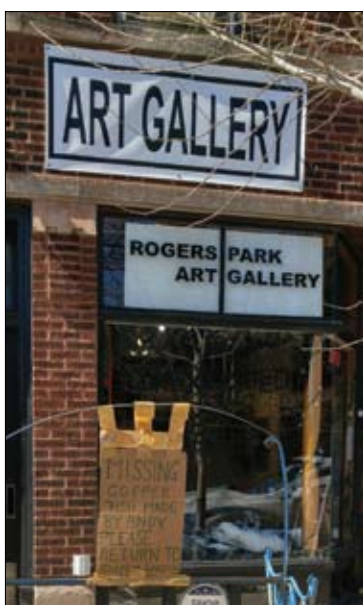
Fishnapping in Rogers Park

Sculpture swiped in broad daylight

A sculpture of a fish that was put on display in Rogers Park in 2011 has gone missing, and a witness says he saw two men unbolting it from its mount in broad daylight.

For eight years passers-by of the Rogers Park Art Gallery, 6902 N. Glenwood, paused for reflection before a beloved little sculpture garden on the block. One of the sculptures was part of an ornate display mounted on a large flower box on the sidewalk. On March 15 that sculpture was taken off its mountings and hauled away, and now there is a \$50 reward for its return.

The sculpture garden, and missing fish, are all the works of artist Andy DeLarosa, who died in Oct. 2016. At 2 p.m. on March 15 a four-foot fish sculpture was stolen from amongst all the sculptures at the gallery. A wanted sign now hangs where the fish once



Rogers Park Art Gallery, 6902 N. Glenwood.

hung.

The theft was reported to the police, but as the piece is made out of wood, suggestions by some neighborhood sleuths that a metal scrapper might have taken it for recycling seems unlikely. It is covered in copper-colored scales.

A passing witness reported to the gallery seeing two Mexican or Latino-looking men unbolting it from its base on the day of its theft.

"The fish had just been re-

habbed a year ago and was in pretty good shape," says gallery owner Eileen Burns. "I was so hurt by the theft, because since Andy's death I take care of all his sculptures." While she doesn't own the pieces, Burns is in charge of the maintenance and upkeep of DeLarosa's sculpture garden, and said that a few attempts have been

"I was so hurt by the theft, because since Andy's death I take care of all his sculptures," said gallery owner Eileen Burns.

made to take bits and pieces off of some of the works, and that other people have come by and left art inside the garden too. The sculpture garden is composed of sculptures made with found objects.

While being interviewed, Burns asked a person walking by if he had "seen her fish, someone took it?" Thanks to social media, news of the fish caper is spreading throughout the community. So if it is in another person's hands, and they put it on display, fans of the artists and garden are hoping someone will report back on its whereabouts.

Guaranteed Rate HQ under scrutiny for urging positive employer reviews

BY ROXANE ASSAF-LYNN

By the looks of it, Guaranteed Rate is a dream job. Their Glassdoor page header is a video showing an exposed-brick open layout with rows of computer screens and 20-somethings interacting collegially. A snappy soundtrack escorts you to a gourmet chef, bartender, acupuncturist, yogi, and masseuse. The work day ends on the roof with cushy patio seating, cocktails, laughter, and the Metra train sailing by on the Ravenswood track.

It's no wonder Chicago Inno gave it the "Coolest Company" award in 2015. The year before that, and for the fourth time in five years, Guaranteed Rate was recognized by the Chicago Tribune as one of "Chicago's Top Workplaces."

But in a deeply researched Wall Street Journal (WSJ) study on companies soliciting five-star reviews from their employees, the North Center-based Guaranteed Rate mortgage lender showed a sudden spike to the positive – following a rash of damning commentary.

Glassdoor, one of the largest online job recruitment sites in the world, publishes anonymous reviews of 900,000 employers globally. Guaranteed Rate's employee satisfaction score on Glassdoor had plummeted to 2.6 out of 5 stars in the Summer of 2018 from 3.5 the year before. Last Summer's reviews complained of management "lying" about pay and benefits, long hours without proper overtime pay, and a company that is "disorganized" and "stressful." Titles

read, "Worst professional experience of my life," "Stay away if you value your happiness," and "Terrible. Disregard the fake positive reviews!"

The WSJ report concluded that the 240 five-star reviews posted in September and October of 2018 were the result of a campaign by Guaranteed Rate CEO Victor Ciardelli enlisting employees to post top ratings on Glassdoor. His own approval rating had nosedived from 75% to 43%, then spiked to 83% in the Fall. Meanwhile, there had been only 20 five-star reviews for Guaranteed Rate in the entire eight months prior.

Internal company emails read aloud over the phone to the WSJ asserted a "collective responsibility to provide positive feedback," and implored, "Please complete a Glassdoor review with a strong five-star rating for us."

But are they fake simply because they were solicited by the boss?

A 2014 blog entry on Glassdoor for Employers entitled "Encouraging Employee Feedback Do's And Don'ts" suggests that a direct ask is all in a day's work. "Your HR department should be responsible for inviting the company as a whole to leave reviews on Glassdoor," it reads, also advising employers to target new hires and managers specifically in their solicitations. "We even include handy templates that can be copied and pasted into e-mails."

While this newspaper's calls were returned by the PR department at Guaranteed Rate, the spokesperson declined to comment.

Dine Out For Life returns in April

Dining Out For Life is an annual, international fundraising event involving the generous participation of volunteers, corporate sponsors and restaurants. In exchange for donating a percentage of the event day's sales, restaurants are included in a city-wide marketing campaign designed to increase customer traffic and promote TPAN's mission.

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800 block of N. Kingsbury.

• Jorge Romero, 27, was sentenced to two years probation and given credit for 172 days spent in jail after he pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon before Judge Neera Walsh.

Last August, Romero was hospitalized for six days after being shot in the stomach in the 5000 block of W. Addison. Upon being discharged by doctors, police arrested him, and prosecutors filed gun charges against him because he was still in possession of a handgun when police found him bleeding out on the street six days earlier.

• Ronnel Spencer was found not guilty on three felony firearms charges in a bench trial by Judge Lauren Edidin.

Spencer, 28, was accused of being armed with a handgun while trying to shoplift from an H&M store at 840 N. Michigan Ave. in Nov. 2017. Police reported that they were escorting Spencer to H&M's loss prevention office

when he tossed a loaded .38 caliber handgun as they walked through the accessories department.

But after hearing the evidence, Edidin found entirely in Spencer's favor.

Weapons charges filed after gunfire erupts near *another* River North nightclub

Gunshots were fired near a River North nightclub March 17, just days after nearby Sound-Bar was shuttered by the city following a shooting that killed that bar's doorman and injured its owner on March 8.

Around 2:50 a.m., witnesses leaving a nearby nightclub reported hearing seven to 10 shots fired in the 400 block of N. Orleans, police said. Officers later found shell casings in the street on Orleans.

A police spokesperson said witnesses reported seeing Isaiah Ayala, 32, of Aurora and another person get into a black Nissan Rogue that sped from the area moments after the shooting. No one specifically said that they saw Ayala firing shots, however, police said.



Isaiah Ayala

Officers in the Loop located the Nissan Rogue about five minutes after the shooting in the 300 block of W. Randolph. Police searched the vehicle, recovered a handgun, and placed Ayala into custody, the spokesperson said.

Prosecutors charged Ayala with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Sunday's gunfire was reported as River North Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] is renewing his calls for the Chicago Liquor Commission to wield a firmer hand with nightclubs and bars in the area.

Following the Sound-Bar shooting, Reilly said, "problem clubs, in aggregate, are degrading the quality of life in River North. Every weekend we witness criminal activity around these venues and most weekends fights are reported as well. Police resources are

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stretched thin at this time of night, with so many late hour venues. I'm incredibly frustrated that the city's 'due process' for problem liquor licenses protects club owners at the expense of neighbors."

Judge sets bail at \$1,000 for man accused of seriously injuring Trump Hotel guard

A man who's accused of seriously injuring a Trump International Hotel & Tower security guard will be able to go free by posting a bail deposit of just \$100 even though he was accused in Nov. 2018 of beating a woman with a metal baseball bat.



Craig Echols

Police said two hotel security guards—ages 61 and 26—intervened after Craig Echols, 23, began smoking in the lobby, damaging furniture, and drawing on a pillar with a permanent marker around 2:30 p.m. March 15. Echols then battered both guards, causing the older one to fall and suffer a broken finger, torn ligaments in his right knee, a fractured cheekbone, and facial trauma that required 17 stitches to close, according to court records.

Damage to the hotel lobby was estimated at \$2,500.

Prosecutors charged Echols with two felony counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer, felony aggravated battery of a victim over age 60, and felony criminal damage to property. Judge Stephanie Miller set bail at \$1,000 and ordered Echols to remain on electronic monitoring. He can go free by posting 10% of his bail amount.

Echols received the lenient bail terms despite skipping court dates after he was accused of beating a 39-year-old woman with a baseball bat last November, according to county records.

Police responded to Echols' apartment building on Nov. 26, 2018, to handle a "battery-in-progress" call. Cops approached the apartment where the incident was reportedly unfolding and announced their presence.

At that point, a woman emerged from the apartment carrying a bloody baseball bat. Her face and head were covered with blood, cuts, and contusions, police said. The woman reported that Echols had beaten her with the bat. Echols—whose hands were bloody, according to police—countered that the woman swung the bat at him, so he disarmed her and struck her with it in self-defense.

The woman also alleged that Echols choked her about a week before the alleged bat incident, causing pain in her neck.

Echols was arrested, but the woman did not cooperate with prosecutors in the preparation of felony charges, police said. As a result, the state only charged Echols with two counts of misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor theft.

The woman's lack of cooperation led the state to drop all charges against Echols on Jan. 17.

Double-shooting on Argyle leaves one man critical, second grazed

Two men were shot when a gunman opened fire outside of an Uptown restaurant on March 19. No one is in custody.

Witnesses said the two men were in a small group that was standing outside of Family House Restaurant, 1007 W. Argyle, around 8:15 p.m. A man in the group then pulled out a handgun and began shooting as the rest of the group ran from the scene. One victim was critically injured, the second was grazed, according to police and witnesses.

Police said a 27-year-old man was shot in the chest, groin, both legs, and right arm. A 23-year-old man was grazed on his jaw. Both victims were being treated at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Witnesses reported hearing about six shots as the group broke up and its members ran from the area.

The critically-injured man was found outside an apartment building near Argyle and Sheridan. The other man was found a short distance away.

Officers who reviewed police surveillance camera footage said the gunman was a black man, possibly in his 20's, who wore black pants and a black hoodie with a logo on the front. He was last seen running west on Argyle.

Two men charged with murder of an off-duty officer in River North

Menelik Jackson, 24, of the 1900 Block of E. 170th Place., South Holland, and Jovan Battle, 32, of the 2100 block of S. Albany Ave., have been arrested in connection with Saturday morning's slaying of off-duty Officer John P. Rivera, 23, and the critical wounding of another 23-year-old man in River North. The two have been charged



Menelik Jackson

with one felony count of first degree murder, three felony counts of attempt - first degree murder, and resisting/obstructing/peace office.

Jackson and Battle were arrested for the March 23, shooting in the 700



Jovan Battle

block of N. Clark at approximately 3:25 a.m. The offenders were identified as the individuals that fired into a vehicle fatally striking an off-duty Chicago Police Officer and critically injuring a 23 year old male.

Rivera and a friend were shot as they sat in Rivera's car with a second off-duty CPD officer and a female friend after leaving Stout Barrel House, 632 N. Clark St., around 3:30 a.m. The entire incident was captured on at least one city POD camera. The offenders were reportedly directed to Rivera's car by a vagrant who was walking in the area.

About an hour before the shooting, police were called to a nearby McDonald's to handle a report of 10 Hispanic men on a party bus who were fighting with two black men.

CPD expresses no urgency after mob forces cop to release handcuffed suspect

A Chicago police officer was forced to release a handcuffed drug suspect on Sunday afternoon when a group of people surrounded the cop and implied that he would be shot if he did not let the man go.

But on March 19, the department was displaying no sense of urgency in addressing the issue or re-capturing the man who ran away with a pair of handcuffs still binding his wrists.

CPD's Office of News Affairs confirmed the specifics of the incident but declined to release the name of the suspect who escaped because he was not in custody, there was no warrant for the man's arrest, and no investigative alert had even been issued for the escapee.

This reporter subsequently learned the 31-year-old man's identity through a police source. The West Side resident has been to prison repeatedly for narcotics, most recently in 2010, according to state records. His identity was

further confirmed via a police report that listed him as the "escaped arrestee."

Scanner audio captured an officer's account of what happened at the scene: "Ten people surrounded me, indicating that they had firearms. And one person pulled him away from me, holding his waist, indicating that he would use a firearm against me."

Officially, the police department on Tuesday would say only that police officers saw a driver commit a traffic violation in the Austin neighborhood shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday and they conducted a stop of the vehicle.

"After he was stopped, the driver exited the vehicle and began to discard bundles of suspected narcotics to the ground," the department said in a statement. "Officers were able to detain the subject, but after police began collecting the bundles of suspected narcotics, the offender began to struggle with [officers], thrashing his body around. Police attempted to subdue the offender, who began to kick and strike" the officers.

The department continued: "A crowd gathered around the police, some retrieving the discarded suspect narcotics, others approaching the officers, yelling at and threatening the police. Gunshots then were heard in close proximity to the incident, putting officers in further fear of their safety. The offender was able to make good his escape with the help of subjects from the crowd."

This newspaper contacted the police department's chief spokesperson to learn more about the department's efforts to capture the suspect and identify members of the group that allegedly threatened to kill the police officers. He did not respond to our email.

Lakeview robbers take man's phone, car

A man was jumped and robbed of his phone, computer, and car March 19 in the Lakeview neighborhood. Police are trying to determine if the incident is related to a similar robbery that was reported about an hour earlier in West Town.

The Lakeview victim was walking in the 2900 block of N. Greenview around 5:40 a.m. when two offenders emerged from a small vehicle, approached him with a handgun and announced a robbery. The man turned over his phone, wallet and car keys to the robbers who then used his keys to steal his red Buick Encore SUV and a laptop that was inside, police said.

Police said the vehicle, bearing a license plate that begins with AG69, was last known to be heading east on the Kennedy Expy. around 6 a.m.

According to the victim, the offenders were a Hispanic man and black man with dreadlocks.

A robbery with some similarities to the Lakeview incident was reported at 4:30 a.m. in the West Town neighborhood, according to Chicago police.

In that case, a 34-year-old man was walking in the 2200 block of W. Ohio when four or five Hispanic men approached him. One offender pulled out a handgun with an extended magazine and announced a robbery. The group took the victim's phone, wallet, and car keys and then used the keys to drive away with the man's silver 2014 Toyota Camry, police said.

No one was injured in either robbery, according to police

Livery driver carjacked in River North

Two men carjacked a livery driver at gunpoint in the River North neighborhood March 18, police said. No one is in custody.

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TEST from p. 7

page, teachers weighed in on the problems with over-testing in the city.

“It is absurd,” one wrote. “Weeks are wasted on testing and then teachers are required to spend more weeks on analyzing the data from testing. It takes away weeks of valuable instruction time as well as planning time for teach-

ers. It is so unfair and stressful for students and teachers.”

Another teacher said the testing was one reason she pulled her child from the public schools and put her into a Catholic school. Private schools do not have to administer the IAR test.

“I feel like I am always assessing and so do the kids,” wrote another teacher. “They even ask are you working with us today or

Teachers wrote about testing anxiety that affects not only the younger kids, but the older and smarter ones who might go down a few points, still far above grade level, but are told, “You did not make your goal.”

assessing us? This shouldn’t even be a concern to 5-6 yr. olds.”

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younger kids, but the older and smarter ones who might go down a few points, still far above grade level, but are told, “You did not

make your goal.”

Chicago teachers are allowed to opt out of the beginning and middle of year NWEA assessment since the end of the year is the only one used for district assessment, as well as some other tests that they must vote on at the end of the school year.

POLICE BEAT from p. 12

ton when two offenders approached him around 9 p.m. One of the robbers pulled out a handgun and took the victim’s phone as they forced the man from the SUV. Both offenders then climbed into the vehicle and sped away westbound on Walton and then southbound on Franklin, the victim reported.

Police said the stolen car bears livery plate 9928LY. The victim described the offenders as two black men wearing ski masks. They stand 5’-5” to 5’-7” tall and weigh 130 to 140 lbs. One offender wore a gray hoodie and carried a silver handgun.

Rash of car battery thefts

Police are warning residents of Uptown of recent thefts from autos that have occurred. In these incidents, the victims parked their vehicles near their homes and when they returned

to their vehicles, they discover that their car battery had been stolen.

Incidents include one on the 800 block of W. Lawrence Ave. on March 12-13, between 10:08 p.m. – 8:52 a.m.; the 5200 block of N. Magnolia Ave. on March 12-13, between 7:35 p.m. - 6:35 a.m.; 5200 block of N. Magnolia Ave. on March 12-13, between 8:25 p.m. - 1:06 p.m., and the 5600 block of N. Wayne Ave. on March 13-14, between 9:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Other thefts from cars occurred in the Lincoln Bend community. In these motor vehicle thefts, both vehicles are work/panel vans. Vehicles were left locked and parked on the street. Incidents include one on the 2700 block of W. Berwyn Ave. on March 16-17, between 7 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., and another on the 5600 block of N. Lincoln Ave. on March 17, between 1:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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LESS from p. 4

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“The basic house-print of two rooms on three levels separated by a straight-run stair, offers a dwelling envelope that can be rotated to face the sun,” Weber said.

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and gives form to a central utility core housing duct work, flues and vents,” he said.

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2004-HE9; MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-HE9; Plaintiff, -v- JAY JERNSTROM; CYNDA JERNSTROM; THE WRIGHTWOOD BURLING PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; PARK’S PLUMBING & SEWER, INC.; AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION DBA AAMES HOME LOAN UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 18 CH 8906 Calendar 6 PUBLIC 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, May 7, 2019 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. 14-28-302-053-1031. Commonly known as 2608 NORTH BURLING, UNIT #3, 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. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125, 18-02609 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I3116484

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Real Estate For Sale

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Book talk April 13 on 1919 race riots

The Edgewater Historical Society will be hosting a book discussion on Chicago's 1919 Race Riots 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Edgewater Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

In July of 1919, Eugene Williams swam across an invisible line at one of Chicago's white beaches, and was hit by a stone that killed him. When a white police officer refused to arrest the

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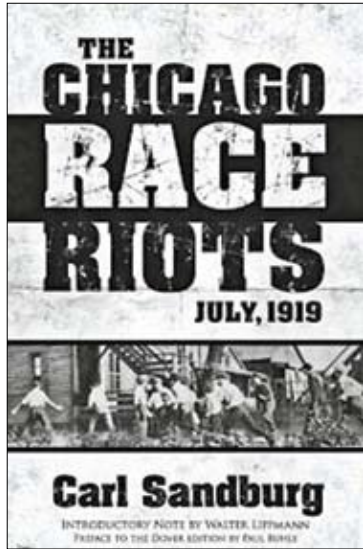
man who had thrown the stone, violence at the beach spread to the city and lasted a week, ending only when the Illinois National Guard was called out.

Up for discussion will be the books *City of Scoundrels* by Gary Krist; *Red Summer*, by Cameron McWhirter, and *The Chicago Race Riots*, by Carl Sandburg.

For more information call 312-742-1945.

That 1919 race riot was a major racial conflict of violence committed by ethnic white Americans against black Americans that began on July 27, 1919, and ended on Aug. 3. During the riot, 38 people died (23 black and 15 white) and over 500 were injured. It is considered the worst of the approximately 25 riots during the Red Summer, so named because of the violence and fatalities across the nation. The combination of prolonged arson, looting and murder made it the worst race riot in the history of Illinois.

The sociopolitical atmosphere of Chicago was one of ethnic tension caused by competition among many new groups of European immigrants and migrants coming north from the South and Appalachia. Thousands of blacks from the South had settled next to neighborhoods on Chicago's South Side, near jobs in the stockyards and packing plants. The Irish community had been established first, and fiercely defended their territory and political power against all newcomers. Overcrowding and increased African American militancy by World War I veterans contributed to the visible racial frictions. Also, a combination of ethnic gangs and



police neglect strained the racial relationships.

Chicago Mayor William Hale Thompson may have exacerbated the riot when he refused to ask Gov. Frank Lowden to send in the National Guard for four days, despite Lowden ensuring that the guardsmen were in Chicago and ready to intervene.

Although future mayor Richard J. Daley never officially acknowledged being part of the violence, at age 17 he was an active member of the Irish Hamburg Athletic Club, which a post-riot investigation named as instigators in attacks on black Americans.

Community alert on scam

Neighbors beware, a variety of letters are being sent to homes and businesses on the North Side stating that you should call or go to a web page in order to win or sign up for something. Do not respond and just hang up. The Illinois Attorney General office web

site www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/onlinescams has information on how protect yourself from scams and report any scams via telephone at 877-382-4357. Also call 911 to report the scams.

Navy Pier job fair

Navy Pier is set to host their Annual Job Fair 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, in the Crystal Garden.

The job fair will feature opportunities with Navy Pier and its on-Pier partners in retail, restaurants and attractions.

Most opportunities are for seasonal work through the summer of 2019. Interested individuals must register to attend. For more information call Sofia at 312-595-5003.

Street, sidewalk closures for One Chicago Square

Residents, pedestrians and those who drive downtown should be advised that Power Construction will soon be closing all four sidewalks along Chicago, Wabash, Superior, and Dearborn.

Although fencing is already in place for the sidewalk closure, pedestrians still have access to the sidewalk, but should exercise caution when walking by the construction site. Once a protected pedestrian walkway, with an overhead canopy, has been established in the curb lanes, the sidewalks will be fully closed.

The Curb Lanes along Chicago, Wabash, Superior, and Dearborn will remain a No Parking/Tow Zone throughout the project, to allow for demolition, and then the protected pedestrian walkway.

Resident should not be alarmed by the presence of Chicago Fire Dept. [CFD] personnel, equipment, and trucks along Dearborn, between Superior and Chicago, over the next week. CFD will be commencing training exercises in the three abandoned buildings on the Dearborn frontage.

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Please refer to file number 17-083391.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC</p> <p>2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301</p> <p>Bannockburn, IL 60015</p> <p>(847) 291-1717</p> <p>E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com</p> <p>Attorney File No. 17-083391</p> <p>Attorney Code: 42168</p> <p>Case Number: 17 CH 8430</p> <p>TJSC#: 39-1075</p> <p>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.</p> <p>13115919</p> <p>272727</p>	<p>tion by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. 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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/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.</p> <p>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. 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Letter to the Editor

Will Clark-Devon streetscape project get it right?

It's said that "The goal of [the Clark-Devon streetscape] project is to improve pedestrian and traffic safety while creating a welcoming entrance to the Rogers Park, Edgewater, and West Ridge Neighborhoods."

I don't know why any Community Area needs a "welcoming entrance." They didn't in the past. They're not deliberately separated by green parks or buffer zones. The lines are invisible. Regardless, I want to know why West Ridge was in this list. It doesn't begin on Devon until the center line of Ridge Blvd. - two bus stops away. The railroad tracks are a lot closer, but still,

about 1/2 block away. It's bad enough that many news organizations refuse to even use the name West Ridge, insisting on calling it "West Rogers Park" - which is a moniker a developer gave to it decades after it was officially West Ridge. The part of Edgewater between Clark and Ridge just south of Devon is called "Edgewater Highlands" and I don't think the residents would like it to be called West Ridge, any more than we want visitors to mistakenly think that West Ridge begins at Clark St.

*Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge*

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navigate city licenses and other bureaucracies. This writer noted a bit of irony in that statement because the Internet itself has devastated the brick and mortar businesses with empty storefronts littered all over America's large cities.

"I tell them you are successful if you are making a profit," Cappleman said. He then made his pitch that he encourages small businesses to connect with Uptown United, the forum's sponsor.

The moderator phrased the education question from the viewpoint of loss - what to do about the fact that the Chicago Public Schools just lost another 10,000 students.

Both candidates touted their connections to the local schools - Cappleman said he helped McCutcheon Elementary School get funds to build a gymnasium and advocated to restore a music teacher at Courtney School; while Lalonde said she helped

change the administration at Uptown Uplift, which despite teaching social justice is also under-enrolled. She said housing affordability is the reason children are leaving the schools.

Cappleman countered that he would advocate for students at Uplift who pursue a teaching career be eligible to attend Truman College and Northeastern Illinois Univ. for free.

What to do about city corruption?

"I pledge to not take donations from real estate developers or machine candidates," said Lalonde, adding she favors increased transparency and limiting outside employment.

Ald. Cappleman said he voted for increased oversight of the City Council from the Inspector General, "but unfortunately it was watered down."

He said he does not want any outside employment and he's opposed to the aldermanic prerogative.

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Harold Washington, the first - and only - African American mayor elected in Chicago.)

Vasquez is a community organizer who works as a marketing account manager with a mobile telephone operator.

Ald. O'Connor is perhaps the essence of the Chicago Machine. After first being elected alderman in 1983, he has served as the unofficial City Council floor leader for the last two mayors, helping to pass business friendly legislation, such as TIF deals and privatization of the parking meters.

The candidates did differ on several issues.

Vasquez supports a financial transactions tax, a real estate transfer tax, and a progressive income tax.

(The city and county both already collect a real estate transfer tax.) O'Connor said he does not support a financial transactions tax or progressive income tax.

Vasquez supports rent control, while O'Connor is against rent control.

Vasquez said the mayor and commit-

The issue of whether or not aldermen should have side jobs at all was not answered by either candidate. Ald. Burke was indicted for shaking down a business in his ward, demanding that they use his law firm's real estate services.

The question about the \$900 million Lincoln Yards TIF was also phrased according to the business perspective. It was not whether a tax payer subsidy should have been given to a wealthy developer in a North Side neighborhood that is not blighted (which is what TIF's were created to do), but what did the candidates think about this megaproject?

tee chairs should be limited to two terms, while O'Connor said he would not support those limits.

If he wins the runoff, Vasquez vowed to stick to a self-imposed three-term limit. O'Connor said he's open to term limits if the City Council drafted a measure for him to review.

Ald. O'Connor supports the new police and fire academy, while Vasquez is against it.

They do agree about legalized marijuana and the hoped for tax revenue to help city finances.

"In all that time, all those decisions that have been made have hurt you," Vasquez said, addressing the audience. "Every time your property tax goes up it's because losses of public revenue sources that this council voted for. We have an opportunity to actually change the way this city works."

The 40th Ward includes parts of Lincoln Square, Bowmanville, Ravenswood, West Ridge, Edgewater and West Andersonville.

Monday night's forum was co-organized by the League of Women Voters and several other community and neighborhood associations.

Cappleman reiterated that he voted against the project. He is not opposed to giving tax payer money to the developer for Lincoln Yards development, but rather thinks the process went too fast and did not support affordable housing enough. He also felt heat from protests in his community to not support the TIF tax giveaway.

Lalonde slammed the alderman for making it all a charade that he opposed the deal because as the City Council Zoning Chairman he could have prevented the vote.

"I would challenge Marianne any other way to stop this," he countered.

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