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have a scientific value.
These are occasions
a good learner
would not miss.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Edgewater Square.

North Side market on fire due to inventory shortage

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Chicago's North Side resale housing market is on fire this spring because of a shortage of single-family home inventory and near record low mortgage rates.

"Buyers are lining up for open-house showings, and brokers are seeing multiple offers above asking prices," noted Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty.

A recent West Town single-family home open house attracted more than 20 potential purchasers. Benson noted that one serious buyer bid up the sale price to \$990,000 from \$949,000 for the contemporary-style 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath home.

"Two trends dominated the North-Side market during the first quarter of 2021," said Mary Jo Nathan, who compiles the quarterly Chicago North Side Market Report for the Charese Team at Compass Roscoe Village. "Demand for homes was exceptionally strong in almost every category, so multiple offers became the norm. Single-family homes

are in extremely short supply."

First-quarter North Side home sales reached their highest level since 2007, with 2,315 transactions closed in a highly competitive market, she said.

Combined sales of detached and attached homes on the North Side were up 32.4% compared with the first quarter of last year. The median sales price gained 3.4%, rising to \$377,500.

The North Side Market Report tracks home sales in nine neighborhoods: Edgewater, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

"The inventory picture for single-family homes is reasonable in three areas: Near North, Lincoln Park and Lake View, but elsewhere properties are scarce," Nathan said.

Overall, single-family home sales during the quarter totaled 208 units, an increase of 14.9% over the first quarter of 2020. The median sales price for those homes was \$1,047,500, an in-

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Zoning request denied for Chicago Joe's site

Ald. Matt Martin [47th] last week denied the application to rezone the site of the former Chicago Joe's restaurant, 2250-2256 W. Irving Park Rd., to allow the construction of a residential development with eight luxury condos and 16 parking spaces.

Martin noted the lack of support for the project by the Northcenter Neighborhood Assoc. and Northcenter Chamber of Commerce in declining to support the proposal. The two groups pointed to the lack of commercial space, lack of density and affordability as reasons for their opposition.

The groups claimed that this zoning change - if approved - would not have contributed to

the community's goals for Irving Park, that are to support more local businesses, and more residential density on arterials to support local businesses.

The family-run restaurant that opened in 1988, closed in 2019 due to the economic shutdown and statewide restrictions on indoor dining. The owners then put the property up for sale, selling it to Landrosh Development.

Landrosh's now rejected proposal called for a new 53'-tall building featuring duplexes on the ground floor and including 16 parking spaces, two per condo unit. The condos would sell for about \$1.1 million.

Year after boasting of sharp COVID crime reductions, CPD faces reality

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago Police Supt. David Brown marked his first anniversary on the job April 22 — just in time to face whipsawing year-over-year crime statistics that are returning to normal levels after being artificially suppressed by COVID lockdowns and closures in 2020.

Citywide crime reports are up 11% in recent weeks compared to the same days last year when COVID restrictions set in, city data shows. Some police districts are seeing crime increases of 40% or more.

Credit taken

Eleven days after Illinois' stay-at-home order was announced March 20, 2020, CPD issued a glowing report on the department's performance during the preceding month.

The CPD's press release noted a "36% decrease in murders and continued reductions in burglaries, thefts and motor vehicle thefts drive overall crime down for March." It then boasted of "a 10% reduction in overall crime citywide for March compared to the same month" in 2019.

The department seemed to take full credit for the crime reduction in its statement, giving no indica-

tion that crime reports might have been down due to unprecedented restrictions on day-to-day life.

Then, at the end of April 2020, the department again boasted of "a 30% decline in overall crime citywide for April compared to the same month last year, with reductions in nearly every crime category." Again, police brass never suggested that the performance was due to anything other than their crime-fighting strategies.

It remains to be seen how — or if — CPD will explain a sharp increase in crime that the city is seeing one year after COVID arrived.

Returning to normal

Between March 20 and April 13 this year, murders are up 26%, shooting cases are up 38%, criminal sexual assaults are up 47%, carjackings are up 52%, and motor vehicle theft is up 24% compared to the same days in 2020, city data shows.

Burglaries and thefts are down this year compared to 2020 as more people stay home during the day and fewer reports of retail theft and CTA crime are recorded.

CPD's 1st (Central) District, which patrols areas like the Loop, South Loop, and Bronzeville, re-

corded 18% more crimes reports during the March 20 – April 13 period this year.

The 18th (Near North) District, covering River North, Streeterville, the Mag Mile, and part of Lincoln Park, is up 17%. The Lakeview-based Town Hall District is up 5%. The Rogers Park (24th) and Lincoln (20th) Districts are each up 12%, according to city data.

One of the most significant increases has been seen in the Shakespeare (14th) District, where overall crime reports are up 40% in recent weeks. Shakespeare officers patrol neighborhoods like Logan Square, West Town, and Wicker Park.

Of course, it's only natural that crime stats will rise when compared to COVID-affected numbers. But the police department's failure to acknowledge the pandemic's effect during its public statements last year raises questions about how it will explain away the increases — or if it will offer any explanation at all.

And the data shows violent crime categories like murder, shootings, and carjackings are up in recent weeks even compared to the same time in pre-COVID 2019. That won't be easy to explain away, either.

New Goose Island development emerges as another is abandoned

BY KATIE ROENIGK

The Onni Group has released its plans for a new development on N. Halsted St. on Goose Island, according to a multiple media reports, including from Lukas Kugler for Chicago YIMBY.

The project will feature traffic and infrastructure improvements, including widening N. Halsted St., enhancing bike lanes and pedestrian crossings, and upgrading traffic signals.

The Planned Development application for the development has yet to be filed, Kugler wrote, and the project will need to go before the Chicago Plan Commission, zoning committee, and Chicago City Council.

Phase 1 of the project is expected to commence after demolition of the Greyhound Bus facility, which is anticipated in early 2022.

The Halsted Point development will be located at the southern tip of Goose Island, bound by N. Halsted St. to the west, W. Hooker

St. to the north, and the Chicago River to the south and east.

Split into four phases, the proposal will produce up to 2,650 residential units, office space, retail space, and a hotel. Almost 1,500 parking spaces will be

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located on site, mostly underground, and 20% of the units will be designated as affordable and be located onsite, interspersed between buildings and unit types.

Phase 1, located on the northwest corner of the site, will include a 46-story mixed-use tower with ground-floor retail space as well as 508 residential units, including 102 designated as affordable.

Commercial space on the lower floors will include approximately 17,200 square feet of space for an expected grocery store, with a remaining 7,100 square feet of

undesignated retail.

Expected to commence construction in the first quarter of 2022, the approximately \$5.9 million building will take 24-30 months to complete.

Retail will face N. Halsted St. and south into the site.

The tower is being designed and planned for condos, but rentals are being considered.

Phase 2 will be located on the northeastern corner along the Chicago River. Split into two structures, this phase will produce a 30-story mixed-use building and a 56-story mixed-use tower rising 299' and 584' respectively. The phase involves 1,035 dwellings, with 207 earmarked as affordable.

Commercial space will include a potential daycare spanning approximately 5,400 square feet, with 3,000 square feet of retail remaining.

The project also will result in 350 linear feet of riverwalk for the development.

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The promise of spring



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Unless you're living in your own private bunker, you've probably heard that the Governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, acquiesced to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's request for calling up the National Guard before the verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder trial in Minneapolis.

No such request was made when we had several riots under a Republican president, some months ago. Many feel that it was a classical blunder on the mayor's part.

She is desperate, now, to get something right, might as well ask for help. She knows how to raise the bridges. Always a sign of a Chicago spring. Or an early frost.

This portion of the new spring has always been filled with promise for me. I have zucchini blossoms, heirloom tomatoes, juicy corn-on-the-cob, and fresh figs to thank for that, anticipation of their fresh arrival as we near summer, they will burst forth to display themselves with great delight.

That's the promise part. Nothing seals the kiss of the season more than a cooks' dreams come true.

Nothing wrecks the promise of the present more, however, than the death of children. Chicago has been confronted by such mayhem and it freezes us all. The gunning down of a seven-year old in Roman Square shatters the city's spirit. Before that there was the toddler shot in the road rage incident. And tomorrow it will be the shooting of [fill in the blank].

Distractions can be hard to find. Cooking helps.

Have you ever purchased the blooms of the zucchini squash? They are delicate and labor-intensive vittles to produce. I won't cook them anymore at home for more than two people.

The kosher trattorias of the Jewish neighborhoods in Rome,

fabulous zucchini blossoms abound on every menu for a short time. Egg battered and stuffed with anchovies and cheese, fried quickly, and eaten while drinking the best white wine.

In season they are easy to find. It is simply cooking this large flower that challenges every good cook. There should be a crunch to the petal, and a pungent runny tang to the fine cheese you use inside the flower. Just the right saltiness from the good anchovy used to stuff as well, like juicy white anchovies. Not very oily or salty. Stand over them as you sauté. Serve asap. Mazel tov. They're better than truffles. They say spring in every bite.

The Chicago Police shooting and death of 13-year old Adam Toledo has the city on edge. So many details that ring alarms. Many feel manipulated by the media, seeming to shape the scenario in such a way as to explode community emotions. Only the discipline and structures of families in Little Village and the demonstrative faith of people appears to keep further violence at bay.

Locals ask hard questions as to why a 13-year old is running the streets at 2 a.m.

The bleak clouds are getting harder to scatter in this Chicago spring. In the middle of the pandemic people need to have some calm and peace. Otherwise what's the alternative?

Food is one way to sublimate. It's not always bad.

Don't get me started on the heirloom tomatoes. No food could be simpler or more pleasing. You just need robust, old-fashioned tomatoes. Ground salt. Finely minced garlic. Superb olive oil, the best you can afford, some balsamic vinegar and crunchy bread. There is no finer food to start a meal.

I like to bring heirloom tomatoes with me when I go out to dine. Carry them in your briefcase. All you need are the trimmings. Just ask the waiter to oblige. Bring enough from your farmers market to share with your dinner guests. High acid content in the tomato is important. Salt and good cheese indispensable. A plate of these is a pledge of harmony and grace.

Harmony and grace are getting harder and harder to find in Chicago. The pandemic has laid us flat. Threats and missteps by

the mayor have removed a general feeling of well-being.

We Americans are so strange. We adore our corn for the most part, judging every kernel for flavor, juiciness, firmness, crunchability and sustained farm flavor. It's all in the kernel. White or yellow. Whatever secret recipe you use to cook the ears.

My mother was convinced that you had to use milk to boil the cobs. As we drove around America, viewing our national terrain and farmlands, she would always comment on corn we saw growing. Especially in Iowa. She'd say, "It has to be knee-high by the fourth of July."

That was the sum total of mother's agrarian philosophy. But she wasn't wrong.

Corn that tall by early July meant it was part of a healthy crop. Well cared for by an intelligent farmer, all the right procedures followed and nature co-operated.

What's better than American corn-on-the-cob, especially off the grill, with melted butter swimming around each ear, salt glistening all over? Only homemade potato salad comes near.

I like to make garlic butter and baste the cobs while cooking.

I could live on these two Yankee foods all summer. Simple. Overpowering flavor. Like a U.S history tableau.

Is it enough to turn us toward the light? I believe it is. Can it revive our broken sprits from shattered dreams and destroyed sense of purpose. I think it can. Corn feasts are family feasts. And each feast is the chance to renew our willingness to give everyone a break. Take a chance on a buddy. A bro. A valued soulmate, one cob at a time.

But it is the delicate, elegant earthy taste of a fresh fig that carries the very breath of summer.

Since the time of the Romans, discerning eaters have relished the sweet, firm grandeur of fresh fig. Sweet, ripe and mystical. Like no other food. The holy book of Islam calls it "The fruit of heaven," and rightly so. There is something divine about a fig that only tasting it can display.

Spanish missionaries brought the fig to California in the 18th century. Hence the Mission fig of California fame. The fig is who it says it is. Best eaten raw. After dinner. The earth's dessert. The simplest sweet. Robust and unmatched for its texture, taste and flavor. Its evocative declaration is for summers, fulfilled in the fig eating.

On a cobbled street in Rome or a quiet trattoria in the USA, nothing lifts the veil of winter more than the harmony of figs.

Was there ever a time when we needed to lift winter's veil more completely? It's like reading Shakespeare, listening to his lyricism. His rhyme. His free verse English.

Figs display a sense of humanity in their texture and sweet purpose, giving us a time to savor something smaller than ourselves.

Mayors and governors, like presidents, must stand wide-eyed before the masses. The quizzing public hungry for answers. Tired of past obstructions. Refuzniks demanding a resolute set of answers to the shattered conditions of human tragedy and error. But sensitive to the tender side of being human. Zucchini blossoms by blossom. Heirloom tomato by heirloom tomato. Corn cob by cob. Fig by fig. Always a sign of a Chicago spring. Not a chance of snow.

YOU ASKED: Someone enquired who becomes mayor if the seated mayor resigns. Well, there is a special designated member



VP Walter Mondale.

of the City Council for the task. First, the replacement mayor is named in the law itself. For us that replacement is **Ald. Tom Tunney** [44th].

NO FINER SPOKESMAN: Former 47th Vice President **Walter F. Mondale** died at 93 in Minnesota. He served his nation with a

gentlemanly Bonhomie, a splendid Midwestern sense of courtly decency.

Of course at first glance he is the product of the America of his generation. But I believe he was more. I also believe that he

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Walking a mile –or 40—for cancer research



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

On May 1, DePaul Univ. sophomore Kiara Pauli will begin a 31-day, 40-mile fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society (ACS) as part of its Cancer Research Month 40 Mile Walk Challenge.

Pauli will be steppin' out around town in honor of her grandmothers, Carolyn Pauli, an 82-year-old, two-time breast cancer survivor, and, Mary Jane Davis, who passed away from blood cancer.

This isn't Pauli's first time raising funds for cancer, yet it is the first time she has done it on her own, as an adult. As a young girl however, the now 20-year-old participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure a few times with her family.

"When I was younger, I didn't really understand what we were walking for," said Pauli. "It was cool meeting survivors and their families, and being connected, and celebrating their journeys and struggles they've overcome and people who passed away. Then my grandmother passed away, and I realized how important it was to do that."

A lot of people aren't aware of how big of an impact cancer has on everyone, said Pauli. It's just a matter of educating ourselves and becoming aware, she said.

"It's very important," said Pauli. "A lot of people end up struggling alone. It's a bigger issue -- people don't know until it affects them personally."

Pauli is a short sprinter on the

Sound of Silent Film Festival available in-person, online

There will be two ways to attend the 16th annual Sound of Silent Film Festival this year.

In-person performances, limited to 100 people per night, will take place at 8:30 p.m. Friday (The Ephemeral Orphanage) and Saturday (The Silent Treatment) at the VIN312 parking lot, 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave.

A virtual presentation will be available one week later, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8.

The festival features new short silent films in various genres, screened with newly composed musical scores performed live.

"We source the films through a global call, commission the composers and our wonderful musicians bring it all to life," organizers said.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$20 for one show, \$30 for both. For more information call 773-334-3650 or visit www.acmusic.org.



(Left) Kiara Pauli with her grandparents Harold and Carolyn Pauli. Carolyn, 82, is a two-time breast cancer survivor. (Right) Kiara's grandmother Mary Jane Davis, who passed away from blood cancer.

DePaul women's track team. I've not met her in person, but I assume she's in good shape. Although the 40 miles should be somewhat easily achievable for her, it still will be an effort.

"Forty miles seems like a lot but if it's broken down into 30 days, it's doable," said Pauli. "I want to challenge myself, spread the message it's important, and I want to challenge you too. I think it will be fun," she said. "I'm very excited."

Actually, I think it will be fun too. That's why I have also joined the challenge.

I'll walk in honor of my parents, Janet and Sid, and my BFF Pearl Pam, who died in January from brain cancer. I'll walk in memory of my Uncle Steve Branson, and my dear, lifelong friends Rich Dennis, Doug Gibson and Paul Haney. And I'll walk in memory of all the others who've been loved and lost.

I'll walk in honor of all the survivors out there, those who every day are fighting as hard as they can to stay alive and who live with the uncertainty of what tomorrow might bring. And yes, I'll walk for myself and my husband.

The challenge came along at the right time for me. I've been restless at home, feeling unproductive and just kind of meh. Then I saw the fundraiser info and figured it was the perfect opportunity to get

some exercise and do something positive in my life for a cause that's near and dear to my heart. And, like Pauli said, the walk is doable, as is raising the \$200 that ACS has set as a goal.

I don't know anyone whose life has not been somehow affected by cancer in one way or another. This year, there will be an estimated 1.9 million new cancer cases diagnosed and 608,570 cancer deaths in the United States. Every dollar raised from the walk will make a "massive" difference, according to the ACS folks.

Meanwhile, Pauli, who originally hails from Peoria, has really been wanting to explore Chicago. This is her chance. Finally.

"The weather is getting nice, I'll get a U-Pass, go to the lakefront and beach and just walk," said Pauli. "I'll get to know the city a little better."



be sure to try it. She is celebrating her 21st year in business and her down home cooking and kitschy decor is more than likely the reason peeps just keep coming. Here's wishing Pauline another couple of decades -- at least -- in business.

Ah, feeling groovy... now that I'm fully vaccinated, I'm not as paranoid about going out into the world any more. One of the first stops on my Get Out and Go Tour was the Rogers Park Center for Massage Therapy (RPCMT) 6934 N. Glenwood Ave.

Also in business for 20 years is the incredible Karen Werner, who melted away my troubles and cares -- for a little while at least. Werner gives the best massages, hands down (pun intended). It's the reason I've gone to her for many years.

Werner recently re-opened after being closed for the last year. She is thrilled to be back in action. Although Werner is not currently taking new clients, keep her on your radar for in the future when she is.

When businesses are still thriving after 20 years and they've also survived a pandemic, there's a reason why. I know why the RPCMT has made it: Because Werner is a gem.

Welcome back.

Sounds like a good plan to me. Please wish us luck. Or better yet, join us. Because together, we can make a difference.

Pauline's peoples... that Pauline Henning, owner of Pauline's, a restaurant at 1754 W. Balmoral Ave., is so darn clever.

When customers started coming in and removing social distancing signs on tables and sitting themselves down where they weren't supposed to, what did Pauline do to stop it and keep them safe? Well, she very cutely dressed up a couple of mannequins and sat them down at the booths instead. Problem solved!

If you haven't been to Pauline's,



Karen Werner

Let's play ball, on a Friday night

Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] has aided in getting a City Hall favor for the Chicago Cubs, allowing them to host a rare Friday night baseball game against the Miami Marlins under the lights.

The alderman agreed to support the effort in order to allow the team to recover after playing a 6:10 p.m. game against the Mets in New York City on June 17. After the Mets game, the team must

then return to Chicago to play the Miami Marlins. The June 18 game was originally scheduled for 1:20 p.m. at Wrigley Field. Moving the game back gives the team a little more time to rest. Tunney introduced the one-time resolution in City Council on April 21.

Presently there is a prohibition against night games at Wrigley Field on Fridays. Moving the start time would get the team six more

hours to prepare for the game.

Ald. Tunney also supported a Friday night game in 2017, to give the Cubs more rest before a game against the rival Milwaukee Brewers following a Thursday night game in Pittsburgh. The Cubs are currently allowed up to 43 night games annually, but have to get City Council approval for any Friday night games.



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Police Beat...

Cops warn Uptown residents about carjacking pattern

Police issued a community alert for the Uptown neighborhood April 20 after investigators linked two recent carjackings to the same offenders. A third incident is also believed to be related to the crimes, but the victim in that case did not file a police report.

In the first carjacking, two hijackers pushed and battered a food delivery driver in the 5000 block of N. Kenmore around 5:30 p.m. April 15, according to a CPD report. The offenders took the man's keys and drove away with his silver Toyota Corolla.

Then, at 2:14 a.m. April 18, two men beat and carjacked a victim in the 4900 block of N. Broadway, the alert said. The offenders fled with the man's brown Toyota Scion.

About ten minutes later, another man called 911 after two suspected carjackers displayed a handgun and tried to open the doors of his car near Ainslie and Kenmore. The offenders could not get the doors open and then sped away in the car that was taken minutes earlier on Broadway, according to CPD records. However, police did not file a report for the carjacking attempt because the victim left the area.

A city license plate reader detected both cars traveling southbound on Lake Shore Dr. at Chicago after each carjacking, records show. According to the alert, the suspects are two Black males between 18- and 20-years-old who stand 5'-6" to 5'-8" tall and weigh 140 to 160 lbs. They were wearing black and red hoodies.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three investigators at 312-744-8263 about community alert #P21-3-053.

17-time convicted felon sentenced to 3 years for stealing blind musician's guitar

A man who's amassed more than 80 criminal cases in Cook County under at least 20 different aliases has been sentenced to three years in prison for stealing a blind man's guitar at the Jackson Blue Line CTA platform.

Maurice Williams was out of prison for just 16 days when he allegedly stole the visually impaired musician's guitar and hopped on a train around 3:30 p.m. on March 7, 2020.

The guitarist, Juan Hernandez, frequently plays for money on CTA platforms downtown. He told the Chicago Tribune, "Jackson Blue Line has become increasingly dangerous. When I'm playing, the same people are asking around for money, spare change and just hanging around, so I don't feel safe in that spot."

Police accessed CTA's sprawling surveillance camera system and tracked Williams to a train on the

Near West Side. They arrested him and returned the guitar to the victim.

Williams allegedly stole Hernandez's livelihood just days after being released from prison where he served half of four concurrent sentences for theft, records show.

He was accused of stealing iPads, cell phones, and credit cards from restaurants in Uptown in those cases. With time served before trial and Illinois' standard 50% "good behavior" sentence reduction, Williams walked out of prison on Feb. 20, 2020. He went almost 16 whole days without being charged with another felony.

Package room burglar sought in Lakeview East

Police are looking for a man who's forced his way into a pair of Lakeview apartment buildings over the past week to steal packages and other items. The break-ins occurred on the 400 and 500 blocks of W. Oakdale during overnight hours, according to the alert.

Police said the man used a screwdriver to force his way through the buildings' front doors and then entered storage rooms where packages and other items were kept.

The burglar struck on the 400 block of W. Oakdale at 3:48 a.m. Friday, April 16, and on the 500 block of W. Oakdale around 4:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 18, police said.

According to the alert, he's a Black male between 30- and 40-years-old who stands 5'10" to 6' tall and weighs about 180 lbs. He wore a yellow vest with white stripes, a face mask, and gloves, police said.

Anyone with information about the man can contact detectives about crime pattern P21-3-054 at 312-744-8263.

Man gets 7-year sentence for Boystown carjacking caught on video

A Chicago man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for throwing a 61-year-old woman from her vehicle during a carjacking in the Boystown neighborhood in May 2019.

Gary Johnson, 30, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated vehicular hijacking of a senior citizen in an agreement with prosecutors. The state dropped charges of unlawful restraint and two counts of aggravated battery in the deal. Judge Peggy Chiampas oversaw the case and said Johnson would receive credit for the 693 days he spent in jail before pleading.

Prosecutors said Johnson pulled the woman from her car as she waited for a family member outside of Charlie's Chicago, a nightclub at 3726 N. Broadway around 2:30 a.m. on May 12, 2019. Johnson sped from the scene and crashed the woman's 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix a short time later as cops tried to pull him over in the 3000 block of N. Clark St., police said.

Surveillance video provided to this reporter shows the victim sitting in her car at a bus stop located in a CTA turn-around at 3724 N. Broadway. A man is seen stepping out of the bus stop and walking around the back of the woman's car. He opens the woman's driver's door, pulls her from her seat, and throws her from the vehicle, causing her to fall to the pavement as a witness looks on.

State records showed that Johnson was wanted by the Illinois Dept. of Corrections at the time of the carjacking for failing to abide by the terms of his parole in a gun case. Johnson's new parole date has not been set.

Woman carjacked in Loop as CPD says hijackings are down 70%

A woman was carjacked outside her workplace in the Loop April 21, according to a CPD report. The hijacking came just four hours after Chicago Police Supt. David Brown tweeted that monthly carjackings "are down 70% in Chicago since Jan. 1."

Wednesday's victim, age 34, was sitting in her parked car on the 200 block of E. Lower Randolph when a man tapped on her window with a handgun and ordered her out of the vehicle, CPD spokesperson Sally Bown said.

The woman, who was not injured, got out and ran away while the offender drove off with her red 2012 Honda Civic, according to Bown. Police said the suspect is a Black male in his 20's who stands about 5'-11" tall. He was wearing a gray hoodie.

Earlier on Wednesday evening, Brown claimed the city's carjacking reports are down 70% since January "while total arrests have nearly tripled."

CPD data shows the department logged 45 hijackings during the first thirteen days of April, the most recent dates for which information is available. By comparison, the first 13 days of March logged 39 cases, while February saw 67 and January racked up 96, according to the data.

Nonetheless, carjackings are still being reported at a faster pace than last year. Through April 13, reports are up 36% for the month compared to the same period last year. There were 84 hijackings last month compared to 57 in March 2020.

Chicago police have announced dozens of arrests in carjacking cases this year. The vast majority of arrests involve juveniles. Brown praised "our partners at the county, state and federal levels, along with our community partners" for the surge in arrests.

Rogers Park offender arrested in Dec. 2019 carjacking

Geraldo Reza, 30, of Rogers Park, has been arrested and charged with one felony count - Vehicular Hijacking - Aggravated Firearm, and one felony count - Robbery - Armed with Firearm.

Reza was arrested 10:50 a.m. April 21, in the 1700 block of W. Juneway Terrace by the CPD Vehicular Hijacking Taskforce and the Cook County Fugitive Apprehension Team. Reza was identified as one of the offenders who, at 11:50 p.m. Dec. 2, 2019, in the 4400 block of S. Mozart St., pointed a gun at a 42-year-old male victim, forced him from his vehicle, then stole the victim's vehicle and personal belongings.

Reza was placed into custody without incident and charged accordingly.

Car thief steals pizza driver's SUV, and her daughters, in Lakeview

Car thieves stole a pizza delivery driver's car with two of the victim's children inside April 22 in Lakeview, according to a CPD report. When the offender realized he stole a couple of kids in addition to the car, he let them out a couple of blocks down the road. No injuries were reported.

Police said the driver, a 33-year-old woman, left her car running with her two daughters inside while she made a delivery on the 1300 block of W. Wolfram around 8:10 p.m. While she was out of the car, a green minivan pulled up, and a man got out. He climbed

into her Honda CR-V and drove away — with the woman's 11-month-old and 12-year-old daughters inside.

The thief pulled over on the 1500 block of W. Wolfram so the kids could get out of the car, according to police. He then sped away northbound on Ashland, the CPD report said. Cops reportedly found the stolen Honda crashed and abandoned near 47th Street and Dearborn in the Grand Crossing neighborhood around 8:30 p.m. CPD did not release descriptions of the suspects. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Gunman shoots victim after knocking on their apt. door in Rogers Park, police say

A man was shot April 24 when he answered a knock on the door of his girlfriend's apartment in Rogers Park. Police officers at the scene said they found a cash counter and ammunition magazines for rifles inside the apartment. Police say no arrests have been made.

The victim, 35, told police a gunman began shooting at him when he opened the apartment door on the fifth floor of a building in the 1500 block of W. Howard around 10:49 p.m. Bullets struck the man in his thigh, arm, and buttocks, a CPD report said. An ambulance took him to St. Francis Hospital in serious condition.

Officers who responded to 911 calls of shots fired reported hearing gunfire inside the apartment building as they arrived. But surveillance video reportedly shows the apparent gunman leaving the building and escaping eastbound in a maroon Hyundai Tucson moments before CPD showed up.

Investigators found several shell casings on the fifth floor. There was a bullet hole in the apartment door, and one round flew through a window that faces Howard Street, an officer said. Another bullet hole was reportedly found in a nearby stairwell.

The gunman was described as a heavyset Black male who wore a black hoodie, blue gloves, and a face mask. Police said the victim does not have a history of contact with CPD. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Theft from autos in Gold Coast, Lincoln Park

Police are warning residents in Lincoln Park and The Gold Coast of reported thefts of catalytic converters and spare tires from parked vehicles. In each incident, the offender(s) cuts off and removes the catalytic converter or spare tire from the victim's vehicle. The location of these incidents include the 1300 block of N. Lake Shore Dr., Wednesday, April 7, in the early morning hours; 2100 block of N. Magnolia Ave., Thursday, April 8, in the evening hours; 2000 block of N. Seminary Ave., Saturday, April 10, in the afternoon hours; 2200 block of N. Lincoln Park West, Tuesday, April 13, in the morning hours; 1700 block of N. North Park Ave., Tuesday, April 13, in the morning hours, and on the 1700 block of N. Sedgwick St., Thursday, April 15, in the morning hours.

Anyone with information on these crimes may call the Bureau of Detectives - Area 3 at 312-744-8263.

Car thefts

Police are warning residents of Old Town, Lincoln Park, Streeterville and River North of recently reported motor vehicle thefts. In each of the incidents, the victims' vehicle is parked, unoccupied, and or running with the keys in the ignition. While the victim is away from their vehicle, an offender will approach, enter and drive off with the vehicle.

Incidents include one on the 200 block of E. Ohio St., Friday, April 9, in the evening hours; 1600 block of N. Wells St., Saturday, April 10, in the

afternoon hours; 1300 block of W. Belden Ave., Wednesday, April 14, in the morning hours, and on the 0-100 block of W. Grand Ave., Thursday, April 15, in the afternoon hours.

Man charged with attempted murder in LSD shooting that left 22-month-old critical

Prosecutors on Thursday approved attempted murder and other charges against a Far South Side man in connection with the April 6 shooting that left 22-month-old Kayden Swann critically wounded during a road rage incident on Lake Shore Dr., police said.



Deandre Binion

discharge of a firearm, according to a CPD media release. He is scheduled to appear in bond court Friday.

Police arrested Binion this week after he was identified as the person who fired shots into the car Kayden was riding in shortly after 11 a.m. on April 6, the media statement said.

One of the rounds struck Kayden in the right temple, resulting in a brain injury that left the boy intubated and medically sedated. Kayden this week moved out of the pediatric intensive care unit at Lurie Children's Hospital and is said to be on a "positive trajectory."

Kayden's grandmother was in the front seat of their car, driven by Jushawn Brown, 43, her then-boyfriend, when the road rage incident unfolded on northbound Lake Shore Dr. near Soldier Field.

Cops say they found a gun in Brown's pants pocket after he arrived at Northwestern Memorial Hospital with Kayden and the grandmother following the shooting. Prosecutors charged him with unlawful use of a weapon on April 8.

According to prosecutors, Brown exchanged words with another driver in a dispute over a lane change, and the other driver pointed a gun at Brown. At that point, Brown took out his own gun and placed it on his lap while driving, an assistant state's attorney said.

As Brown sped away, the other driver fired shots at his car. One of the bullets went through its back window and struck Kayden. Brown crashed into another car at Monroe St., and a passing motorist took Kayden, Brown, and the grandmother to Northwestern.

While police were speaking with the grandmother at the hospital, she told officers that Brown was carrying a firearm. When cops asked Brown if he had anything he shouldn't have, he allegedly admitted to having his "protection." A loaded 9-mm handgun was found in his pants pocket, according to prosecutors. He is not charged with firing any shots during the altercation.

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Armed robbers hit stores in Lakeview, Old Town

Police are investigating the weekend armed robberies of a Lakeview smoke shop and a Walgreens in Old Town. The hold-ups are not believed to be connected.

Most recently, a man displayed a handgun and robbed the Walgreens at 1601 N. Wells around 7:12 a.m. April 25. The offender demanded unspecified items from the 20-year-old cashier and fled, according to Officer Anthony Spicuzza.

CPD surveillance video shows the gunman running across North Ave. and into an alley after the

hold-up. There, he changed clothing behind a construction site and fled southbound on LaSalle St., according to police records.

He is described as a thin Black male who stands about 6'-3" tall. Footage shows him initially wearing an olive green jacket with the word KANIN written on the front and a blue Chicago Bulls hat. He discarded those items in the alley and was then seen wearing a light gray sweatshirt, a black t-shirt, and a black knit cap.

Late Saturday night, a man robbed the American Vapor

Shop, 917 W. Belmont, according to police. The offender robbed the store and its employee before escaping on a train from the nearby Belmont CTA station just before midnight, officers said.

Investigators believe the man was part of a group that took part in a series of otherwise minor incidents in Lakeview and downtown on Saturday night. He is described as a 6'-3"-tall Black male who wore a camouflage puffy coat, white Nike gym shoes, and faded jeans.

— By CWBChicago

Ruben Roman freed from jail, State's Attorney's Office: 'No Comment'

BY BOB ZULEY

With the one month anniversary of Adam Toledo's tragic death approaching, the sole proximate cause of the 13-year-old's death has been released from Cook County Jail. Roman Ruben, 21, a convicted felon already on probation, was released after a \$40,000 bond was paid by a community organization, the Cook County Sheriff's Dept. disclosed on Monday, April 19. Roman's alleged connection to Toledo's death was reported in the last edition of this newspaper.

Roman, from the Edgewater Glen area, attended Helen Peirce Elementary School on W. Bryn Mawr Ave. according to a CPS source. His area addresses include the 1400 block of W. Elmdale Ave. according to records maintained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office, and on the 5900 block of N. Paulina St., according to the Evanston Police Dept. after his 2019 weapon arrest in Rogers Park.

Roman was being held on a \$150,000 bail for charges related to events leading up to Toledo's death on March 29, and a \$250,000 bail from a probation violation stemming from his April 2019 arrest in Rogers Park by Evanston police in which a 9-mm handgun was recovered.

As previously reported, Toledo accompanied Roman as Roman opened fire on a passing vehicle in the Little Village neighborhood on March 29. Responding police observed the two resulting in Roman being captured and Toledo being fatally wounded. A 9mm handgun was recovered. Roman denied knowing Toledo, although he did furnish a fictitious name for the boy. Police bodycam video later showed Roman reclined and

asleep in the rear seat of a police vehicle.

Roman was placed on electronic monitoring after his release was facilitated by the Chicago Community Bond Fund, a group that pays a bond amount for arrestees that are unable to pay their own. Kesia Reynolds, Transitional Executive Director, told CBS Chicago.

"We often prioritize cases that are connected to social justice movements -- especially the movement to end police violence. We made the decision to post bond for Mr. Roman because we are aware that the city will continue to use him as a scapegoat for the killing of Adam Toledo, which was committed by the [CPD]."

The decision to release Roman was the subject of a critical editorial in the Chicago Sun-Times on April 22, titled, "Adult who apparently led Adam Toledo astray belongs behind bars pending his trial," finding that Roman, "...appears to be a clear and genuine threat to the community. Roman is not charged with any crime, such as murder or aggravated sex assault, that clearly would have allowed [Judge Susana] Ortiz to deny him bail."

Roman is not charged with felony murder which is allowed under Illinois law which holds that a person may be charged with first degree murder even if they did not actually kill the victim or commit the murder. Asked for a clarification on a possible upgrading of charges against Roman, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office responded, "We are unable to comment on a pending investigation." Regarding Roman's release from custody, they continued, "...the judge makes the final determination on what happens to the defendant, including whether that

individual is a threat to public safety or can be released from custody with bail conditions. As it relates to an offender who is on probation or in violation of bond for an arrest on a new case, we will file a petition to violate that probation or bail and the judge decides to set bail or detain."

Already this year, 18 Cook County Jail felony detainees have been charged with firearm cases such as shooting at someone or murder/attempted murder after being released from custody while charged in another pending felony case.

The extended repercussions from Toledo's death are beginning to be felt as Roman has largely escaped personal responsibility. The Chicago City Council has now taken under consideration a resolution honoring the life of Toledo. A call by Latino lawyers and community leaders will ask the U.S. Dept. of Justice to investigate Toledo's shooting death, as detailed by the Chicago Tribune. The officer who fatally shot Toledo was interviewed by Cook County prosecutors, according to the Chicago Tribune. Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy was put on leave after he "failed to fully present the facts" in Toledo's shooting, the Office stated.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is considering requiring officers to get approval from a supervisor before initiating a foot pursuit of a criminal suspect. "No one should die as a result of a foot chase," Lightfoot said. Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] observed, "Of course that raises obvious problems. In the time it would take to do that, the person you're supposed to be chasing is actually long gone. The point would be moot by then."

Waguespack proposes reinstating cap on third-party restaurant delivery fees

Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd] wants to reinstate the cap on third-party restaurant delivery fees that the Chicago City Council approved during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 15% cap on third parties like DoorDash recently expired, but Waguespack has introduced a proposal to bring it back "in order to help our local restaurants and workers, as well as consumers."

"Third party delivery fees were gouging consumers and damaging the reputation and bottom line of local restaurants as well, adding upwards of 30% fees to every bill," Waguespack said. "The cap of 15% helped."

According to Fran Spielman with the Sun-Times, Waguespack's reinstated third-party fee cap would be identical to the one the council approved last fall, prohibiting food delivery companies from charging restaurants "any combination of fees, commissions or costs ... greater than 15% of the food dispensing establishment's monthly net sales

processed through" the service.

Waguespack did not include an expiration date on his proposed ordinance but said he would like it to remain in place through the fall, Spielman wrote.

"Restaurants are still suffering through a lot of different issues," Waguespack said. "Even the ones that are starting to reopen are having a very hard time even finding staff. There's basically a drought of restaurant workers right now. And I've had a couple more just close. We're just trying to find different ways to help them out."

He also is considering a proposal to waive some annual license fees for restaurants, Spielman wrote, though Waguespack said the council hasn't had "lengthy discussions" about that topic.

Illinois Restaurant Association President Sam Toia said he is speaking with the city about ways to "streamline" permitting for another expanded outdoor dining season that includes streets, sidewalks and adjacent parking lots, Spielman's article notes.

Letter to the Editor

Red, Brown and Blue beats

Every 'L' line should be a police beat. Two plainclothes police should be on a train on every line at all times each line is running. They shouldn't just sit for the whole ride looking like "us." They should spend a lot of the time walking through the entire length of the train, enforcing the normal rules of the CTA and the pandemic masking rule, as well as dealing with violent crime. They shouldn't stop with jawboning violators, but make arrests as needed. Though changing cars

is now illegal except in an emergency, this is recent; many Chicagoans remember when in their youth they did this as a "rite of passage." Many rule-breakers on the 'L' now change cars as part of their modus operandi.

There are surveillance cameras in all 'L' cars and stations. These should be monitored when they're operating, by people who can and will dispatch police promptly to the scene of law-breaking.

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displayed those cherished traditions in the expansive service he gave to the nation. His roots in the egalitarian soil of Minnesota gave him a luster and shine that was attractive to the people of the state. He served as Minnesota attorney general, a task that is low on ceremony and high on expectations for civil order and constructive government.

That political laboratory has long since evolved into a new understanding. But its role in American Democracy was enhanced by men like Mondale. Its significance has not been fully detailed.

Mondale engaged the voters beyond Minnesota. Complex national history and international conflicts laid heavy burdens on each man. I believe it cost each the presidency. Though Mondale's added role in diplomacy was an elegant lesson in international trust and friendship for the nation. The kind that can only come with the personal touch. The liberal tradition of American politics had no finer spokesman than VP Mondale. Salute his work whatever party you favor. He polished our nation's image with soft-spoken intelligence and pride. Rest in peace.

LINCOLN LIBRARY: Illinois Gov. **J.B. Pritzker** has appointed **Gary Johnson**, former president of the Chicago History Museum, to chair the Lincoln Library and Museum Board in Springfield. Johnson has been a member of the board since 2019. The governor now looks forward to Johnson's leadership to make the Lincoln Library and Museum a top destination for the nation. Johnson is a respected scholar and administrator with all the strengths to make his new post a great success.

PEACE IN THE STREETS: Chicago attorney **Dan Balanoff** with **Ald. Andre Vasquez** [40th] working to organize a mo-



Anna Mednick



Mamie Walton, Sherrill Bodine and Laurie Borse.



Mark Wagner and Shelley Howard.



Rick Eddington and Sylvia Perez.

ment of reflection and commitment to work together for increased violence prevention in the City of Chicago.

SERVICE CLUB: Spring is finally in the air, and the Service Club is holding the Spring Hat Luncheon Friday, May 21, at The Woman's Athletic Club. For reservations call 312-220-9600.

ART 77: Suddenly flush with spare cash, Chicago will turbocharge its public art budget by 15,000% as part of a new \$60 million cultural recovery program. It's the city's largest support plan for the arts sector in years. Art 77 refers to the City's 77 neighborhoods.

STEAKHOUSE NEWS: Gibson's Steakhouse co-founder and chairman **Steve Lombardo** plans on opening restaurants in Arizona, Texas, Washington, D.C. and Florida.

SMILING EYES: **Emmett Joyce McHugh** has at last been introduced to the world and it's love at first sight. Grandpa, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, **James C. Kenny**, and wife, **Grandma Margaret Kenny**, are thrilled at the splendid addition to their Kenny Construction crew.

FORE: Congrats to **Richard Robin** for winning the club championship in his flight by three strokes and scoring a 79 on



Richard Robin



Michael Nouri and Sherry Lea Fox.



Lilia Chacon

the second day of the tournament at Tamarisk Country Club in Palm Desert, CA.

WHO'S WHERE: Thrilled that Maestro **Stanley Paul** has returned from the desert and dined in Old Town with **Shelley Howard**, **Robert Murphy** and **Cheryl Larsen**... TV's **Whitney Reynolds** at Amelia Island, Fernandi, FL... **Julie Barrish**, Fox 32 newsy **Sylvia Perez** and Back Nine's **Rick Eddington** spooning luscious pasta at Ciccio Mio on Kinzie... New Mexico newsy **Lilia Chacon** fishing in the Rio Grande and reeling in the big ones... **Honey Jacobs Skinner** with four bros, **Tom, Bob, Jerry** and **Jim** at Jacobs Family wedding in Lake Mary, FL... **Sarah Q. Crane** having caviar for the dinner at Marchesa... another grand dinner in the pickled pine library on Lake Shore Dr. with **Laura de Frise**, **Edmund Lester**, **Steven Rugo**, **Sophie Bross** and **Lyssa Piette** with hosts **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** ... **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Pat Maxwell** and **Lorelei Knutson Beaucaire** at Las Ventanas in Cabo San Lucas...

Cook Country Treasurer **Maria Pappas** celebrating **Paul Iacono's** birthday at Le Petit Paris, Chicago, then later, on WVON with "Black Houses Matter," wondering if you have a claim to any of the Treasurer's \$79 million dollars... **Mamie Walton** and **Sherrill Bodine** at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with designer/ friend **Laurie Borse** ... Farmhouse's **Ferdia Doherty** and wife, the Art Institute's **Nora Gainer**, and their children, **Beibhinn**, **Aonghus** and **Maude**,

living at the Drake Hotel following a disastrous pipe burst at home... Beverly Hills, CA, reunion, **Sherry Lea Fox** and actor **Michael Nouri** (All My Children, NCIS) ... **Julius DeBruhl Lewis** and **Jay** at Renato's in Palm Beach... **Pam Lombardi Wenzel** and sister, **Myra Reilly**, with birthday girl **Susan Regenstein**... wishing a happy birthday to martini maker, Gibson's Steakhouse's legendary, **Mark Wagner**... congrats to **Anna Mednick** on her acceptance to stately Colgate Univ.

BOOK DEDICATION: Excitement filled the air when **Rose Marie O'Neill** received her copy of **Turtle Bunbury's** "The Irish Diaspora, Tales of Emigration, Exile and Imperialism," published by Thames & Hudson. The work, just out, is dedicated to her, a heroine of Irish culture.

LOVE'S SHADOW: Hard to believe it's two years since **Mary Lynn Cooney** and **Alexandra Lyons Cooney** each went to God. Their love here is still fresh among us. Especially on **Thomas Cooney**.

CHEEZE IT: Who's the lady with the mansion plagued by rodents? She called the exterminator, says they sent a lad who's so beautiful he should be in films. She must still be seeing mice in the middle of the night. That's when the exterminators truck is parked on her street.

Until you go to Kentucky and with your own eyes behold the Derby, you ain't never been nowhere and you ain't seen nothin!
- *Irvin S. Cobb*
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FMV RL II LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BRANDON MEDOW AS EXECUTOR OF ESTATE OF ROSS MEDOW, UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, OR DEWISEES OF ROSS MEDOW, IVY MEDOW, BRANDON MEDOW, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PHEOBE MEDOW, ATLANTIC MORTGAGE & INVESTMENT CORP., CITY OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 20 CH 5444 Property Address: 1958 W. Morse Ave. Unit C Chicago, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE Sheriff's Sale No.: 210015 PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to a judgment of fore-closure entered by the Court in the above cause on April 14, 2021, the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will sell the property described below to satisfy said judgment, as follows: (a) The name and address of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Adam Rome, Greiman, Rome & Griesmeyer, LLC, 205

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West Randolph St., Ste. 2300, Chicago, IL 60606. The telephone number is 312-428-2743. (b) The common address and legal description of the real estate to be sold is as follows: PIN: 11-31-214-054-0000 Commonly Known As: 1958 W. Morse, Unit C, Chicago IL (c) A description of the improvements of the real estate: single family condominium unit. (d) The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale. (e) The time and place of the sale is as follows: May 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, LLO6, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (f) The terms of the sale are "as is" for certified funds, requiring that the successful bidder deposit ten percent of the bid at the time of sale and the balance with the sheriff or associate judge within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, plus interest at the statutory judgment rate and any unpaid portion of the sale price from the date of sale to the date of payment. (g) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are or shall become a lien upon the real estate, but if not yet due, that may become due and payable, special assessments, applicable rights of redemption, encumbrances, easements

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lated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport,

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Walter Payton College Prep defeats Phillips JV Squad 21-14

BY JACK LYDON

This COVID delayed and shortened season came to a merciful but satisfying end Saturday afternoon for the Walter Payton College Prep Grizzlies against a junior varsity squad put together by CPS powerhouse Phillips Academy High School Wildcats. The Grizzlies put together a 21-14 win against a very talented Wildcats squad.

Short and unpredictable though it was, this season showed us one can play simply for the love of the game. It showed us how enjoyable the simple chance to play can be.

Payton was scheduled to play Solorio Academy on Saturday afternoon. But Solorio had to cancel the game for non-COVID related reasons. Injuries depleted its team to a point where the coach did not feel it was safe to play a game with so few players.

"We were not supposed to play Phillips," Payton coach Craig Knocke said.

"Monday Solorio informed us that they would not be able to play this weekend. So CPS sports [administration staff] did a great job finding us an opponent that we could [play]."

"This is not Phillips' number one squad. They played last night."

Phillips' first team played Taft High School April 23. Rebounding from a 30-0 defeat at Loyola the preceding Friday, the Wildcats defeated a tough and talented Taft team 26-21.

"This [Phillips] team has got twice as many varsity players [as we do]. So the kids that didn't play in the Taft game played us," said Knocke.

"Phillips is a great program. The kids

who are not starters on this team, will be next year. They have some really good players."

Everybody rips CPS. But the coaches, players, staff and administration found a way for the young men to play a football game when it could so easily have just called it a season.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Grizzlies punted the ball back to the Wildcats. Payton senior linebacker and running back Joe Savaiano, who will play college football next year at Washington Univ., picked off at quick slant from Phillips junior quarterback Avante Savage and returned the ball into Phillips' territory.

After a clutch third down catch by sophomore wide receiver Charlie Newton, senior running back Jack Dawson took the handoff at the five-yard-line and ran it into the end zone for the games' first score. Senior kicker Thomas Melecio added the point after.

On the first play of the second quarter, Payton added to its lead with a 60-ish yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Eamon Glascott to senior wide receiver Danny O'Connell to push the Payton lead to 14-0.

There was no quit in Phillips talented junior varsity. Quarterback Avante Savage took a keeper up the middle and down the left sideline with 1:49 remaining in the second quarter to keep it close. Phillips added the two-point conversion making the score 14-8.

But the half was not done, Payton received the kickoff. On the second play,



The Grizzlies and Wildcats played for the joy of the game, not a championship.

Glascott dropped back to pass.

"Basically, it was a slug—slant go. I was able to get past the defender, it was a perfect throw. That's what we work on in practice. It clearly paid off," Payton sophomore wide receiver Charlie Newton said after the game.

He has a gift for understatement.

Newton bolted past the cornerback and got a few steps on him. Glascott's pass was indeed perfect, dropping right into Newton's outstretched arms on a dead sprint. Newton dodged the free safety coming over in coverage and raced toward the goal posts, adding a little flip into the end zone at the goal line which could not have made his coaches too happy.

Payton 21-8 at the half.

Phillips came out of the half a different team. The found energy they did not have in the first half. With this newfound energy, they moved the ball up and down the field on Payton but could not punch it in.

Late in the third quarter, Payton fumbled a handoff to the running back. Phillips line-

backer Jason Cannon Jr. picked up the ball and raced it into the end zone drawing the Wildcats to within a touchdown.

The teams traded long drives throughout the fourth quarter as the time ticked away.

Inside the last minute, Phillips marched the ball down to the Payton three-yard line. On third-down at the three, Phillips quarterback Savage fumbled the handoff to running back Rayshaun Thompson but then recovered the ball.

On fourth and goal from the four, with the game on the line, Payton linebacker Savaiano broke up Savage's pass to Phillips wide-out Cohen Waters Jr.

Payton went on to win 21-14.

"It's awesome to go out with a win. Not many seniors can say that. It's either a state playoff loss or something of that nature. To end the season on a win is really special to me. [This] was a makeshift year. We only had three games," said Payton quarterback Glascott.

"But I love coming out and playing football. High school football is the best. This is a great group of guys that might not be the biggest, fastest, strongest guys but these kids have a lot of heart."

Both teams, their coaches and even CPS sports administration just wanted the play. No championships. Nothing really to play for except for the fun of it.

It was fun. This COVID season showed us the love of the game. Win or lose. Let's just play.

Refreshing.

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Cost is approximately \$11 million, and the phase is expected to last 24-30 months, with a start date yet to be determined.

Phase 3 will produce the majority of the development's open space and a 55-story, mixed-use tower rising 584'. The building will hold 640 residential units, including 128 designated as affordable.

Retail space on the ground floor will encompass 18,800 square feet.

The third phase includes 853 linear feet of riverwalk and 109,400 square feet of open area for the planned market plaza.

The \$7.3 million phase is expected to take 24-30 months for construction, with a start date undetermined.

The final phase will be located along N. Halsted St., on the southwestern corner of the overall site. Expected to hold the final building, the new construction will consist of a 28-story mixed-use tower that will rise 303'. The structure will hold 2,150 square feet of ground-floor retail, 107,500 square feet of office space, and a 247-key hotel.

Open space in this phase will include the final 132 linear feet of riverwalk and a community dog run.

The \$3.6 million final project will complete the development.

The developers will pay approximately \$28 million in fees including payments to the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund, Adopt-A-Landmark, Local Impact Fund, and Industrial Corridor Conversion Fee, according to Kugler's report, and no tax increment financing will be requested or used.

Project abandoned

While Onni makes progress, Ryan Ori with the Chicago Tribune reported that another developer – jointly Nexstar Media Group and Riverside Investment and Development – is abandoning plans to build 1.2 million square feet of offices and a

310-unit apartment tower nearby at 700 W. Chicago Ave.

Instead, brokers are looking for tenants to lease the 120,000-square-foot former Chicago Tribune distribution building on the seven-acre site, Riverside CEO John O'Donnell told Ori. But the COVID-19 pandemic has left a record level of vacant office space in downtown Chicago: Ori wrote that the downtown area ended 2020 with a record 15.5% vacancy, or 21.4 million square feet of offices that aren't leased, according to commercial real estate brokerage CBRE, which estimates the vacancy rate could climb as high as 20% or more by the end of 2022 due to COVID-19.

O'Donnell said he expects the warehouse space to be leased, likely to a company seeking last-mile distribution space near a large number of households just north of downtown.

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crease of 6.9%. Average market time fell 54 days to 103 days.

Nathan reported that the inventory of existing single-family homes for sale on the North Side at the end of the quarter fell 32.1% compared with the same time last year.

Sales of single-family properties were especially strong in Lincoln Park, where 49 sales represented a 63.3% increase. The median sales price rose 35% to \$1,785,000. Lincoln Square and North Center also posted solid sales increases.

In four of the nine North Side communi-

ties there were less than 10 single-family listings on the market on April 1.

Strong demand for condos

Demand for attached homes, which are primarily condominiums but also include townhomes and co-ops, was also strong. Unit sales of attached homes were up 34.5% for the quarter to 2,107 units, with a median sales price of \$345,000, which was a 1.5% increase.

"It was good to see attached home sales increase on the Near North Side, where the market slowed when some buyers seemed hesitant to purchase high-rise units during the early months of the pandemic," said Nathan. "After three consecutive quarters of falling sales, the Near North Side attached market registered a 3.5% increase in the first quarter of this year."

Attached-unit sales were up in all nine North Side areas, led by gains of 60.2% in Edgewater, 57.7% in Lincoln Park and 53.1% in Uptown.

Pricing delivered more uneven results, with the median price falling slightly in Uptown, Lincoln Square, North Center, Lake View and Near North. Median prices rose 35.9% in Rogers Park, 17.8% in West Ridge, 14.5% in Edgewater and 7.1% in Lincoln Park.

Mortgage rates at 2.97%

On April 22 benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan rates slipped to 2.97% from 3.04% nationwide, reported Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago, the 30-year fixed loan averaged 3.33%. Lenders are charging an average of 2.29% on 15-year fixed loans. A year ago, the 15-year fixed mortgage average was 2.86%.

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