

The moment you are old enough to take the wheel, responsibility lies with you.

— J. K. Rowling

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Law firm owned by Lincoln Square pot shop owners has banked nearly \$33 million in city legal settlements

BY PETER VON BUOL

The law firm owned by one of the partners of the planned Botavi Wellness recreational marijuana store, 2301-05 W. Lawrence/4748-56 N. Oakley Blvd., has collected nearly \$33 million in attorney fees from the city of Chicago through settlements, according to a story published in March by the Cook County Record news site.

Through an analysis of city records going back to 2010, Cook County Record reporter Jonathan Bilyk found the law firm of Loevy and Loevy, 311 N. Aberdeen, has brought at least 111 successful lawsuits against the city of Chicago. Most of these suits allege either police misconduct or Freedom of Information Act violations.

For those cases, the Loevy firm collected a minimum of \$32.9 million in attorney fees from the city. These settlements were approved by the Chicago City Council. Ald. Matt Martin [47th],

in whose ward Botavi Wellness will be located, was among those who approved settlements.

According to information posted on the website of Loevy and Loevy, attorney Jon Loevy, who is a co-owner of Botavi Wellness, has won jury verdicts of at least \$1 million in more than 20 separate jury trials. A dozen of these trials, the site adds, had jury verdicts which exceeded \$5 million. On six separate occasions Jon Loevy has won jury verdicts of at least \$20 million. His largest verdict was for \$238 million, in Cook County.

In his article, Bilyk also notes the close connections the law firm of Loevy and Loevy has to the non-profit Chicago-based Exoneration Project. Eight attorneys from the firm are among the 13 total staff members listed on the Exoneration Project's website. Debra Loevy, a partner at the Loevy firm, serves as the Exoneration Project's executive director. Loevy attorney Russell Ainsworth

is also listed as a founding member of the Exoneration Project.

In his article, Bilyk said 2022 was a particularly lucrative year for Loevy and Loevy.

"In 2022, [the] Loevy firm represented more clients who collectively amassed more than \$42 million in settlements from the city. The data posted by the city's Law Dept. does not reference any specific fees paid by the city to the Loevy firm from those settlements," wrote Bilyk.

The Lawrence Ave. location of Botavi Wellness is not without controversy. Ordinarily, by city ordinance and state statute, pot shops are not to be located in close proximity to schools and churches, but two pre-schools/ kindergartens are located mere steps away.

This newspaper had measured the distances with two witnesses. Ladybug and Friends, located just east at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave.,

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This rendering shows a proposed new plaza at the north end of the Ludlow Typograph Building on Clybourn. Courtesy of GREC Architects

Financing secured for Ludlow Typograph Building rehab

The developers of the landmark Ludlow Typograph Building in Lincoln Park got their money. Annexation, LLC, has lined up about \$48 million in financing to help with the rehab of the former industrial building they purchased in 2021 for \$15 million.

Once completed the block-long building, located on the doorstep of the massive Lincoln Yards mega-development, will become a mixed-use development at 2032 N. Clybourn Ave.

According to their landmarking application, the building was designed by architect Alfred Alschuler in 1913 in the Prairie Style for the Ludlow Typograph Co., known for their letterpress machines that utilized bronze handset mats with a broad range of sizes.

Eventually shifting towards rubber stamp production, the company departed the building

long before they shut down in the 1980s. The three-story, 140,000-square foot building is now in line for a major renovation. Work to be done includes a facade restoration bringing it closer to its original design with new doors, ornamentation, masonry tuck-pointing and a new rooftop deck. A small parking lot at the northern end of the site will be converted into a seating plaza with potential for a food and beverage service.

The interior will include some 19,000-square feet of ground floor commercial space and perhaps a rooftop bar. The middle floors will hold 121 residential units, a decrease from the originally planned 136 units. City regulations will require that 20% of those units will be affordable. All future residents will have access to multiple outdoor terraces, and a co-working space.

Chicago's largest co-living development nears completion in Lincoln Park

BY REJORUNALS.COM

Chicago-based Developers Structured Development announced the opening of a model unit at Post Chicago, a 10-story, 431-bed co-living community, the first of its kind in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood and the city's largest co-living development.

Located at 853 W. Blackhawk St., the property will be operated by tech-driven co-living and residential property operator TripLink, which provides quality and modernized housing solutions across the United States.

Designed for students, corporate transferees and others in search of flexible, turnkey housing, Post Chicago offers 107 residential units whose bedrooms, between two and four per unit, are fully furnished and individually leased, with rents starting at \$1,375 per month.

Co-living residents share access to a furnished living room, kitchen and in-unit washer/dryer, as well as a bathroom for those who don't have their own en suite bath.

TripLink, which currently operates over 8,000 beds nationally, will manage and lease the property, with an on-site resident services coordinator who will help organize group activities. Cable and high-speed internet are included



The 10-story Post Chicago, 853 W. Blackhawk St., is located next to Chicago's second-largest retail district, the Clybourn corridor.

in monthly rents, and residents also benefit from weekly cleaning service, a community app and full suite of building amenities, including a fitness center, lounge areas for working and socializing, a rooftop deck with grilling stations, bike room with repair station and package room. There will be 43 paid parking spaces available for resident use.

In addition to the co-living units, Post Chicago will offer 19 conventional unfurnished apartments in studio and two-bedroom layouts, with monthly rents starting at \$1,799. Those residents will also have full access to building amenities and programming.

Post Chicago is the second of

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Chicago's proposed new school district map a gerrymandered mess

Petition deadline is July 1 for Nov. 2024 election

The proposed map the Chicago School Board Districts released, as well as the provision of the current bill establishing the new "temporarily hybrid" school board in Chicago appear to be gerrymandered.

While most of the North Side seems pretty compact, areas on the West and South Sides are a gerrymandering masterpiece.

The very statute calling for the establishment of these districts mandates that they be "compact," but that principle, in classic Illinois map-making fashion, has once again been ignored in some areas. It appears the proposed new map is an exercise in political power.

For instance, District K resembles a worm starting from Marquette St. on the South Side and squirming north through 12

neighborhoods to Goose Island, Cabrini Green and River North on the North Side. To its east is District M that stretches through 13 neighborhoods north and south from Marquette St. on the South Side north to the West Loop and River North on the North Side.

Additionally, a key recent change, submitted by State Rep. Kam Buckner, was to remove any requirement of City Council approval of Mayoral appointments to the Board.

Also, a change put in by State Sen. Rob Martwick allows the Board itself, not the Mayor or City Council, to fill Board vacancies.

With the School Board election pushed to Nov. 2024, candidates must submit their signature petitions nearly a year before the

MAP see p. 16

Is flying Swiss the only way to experience civilized air travel these days?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've been fascinated recently by a commercial on Netflix about travel First Class aboard Swissair flights from the U.S. to Geneva.

The commercial stars some super skinny, athletic looking American in blue jeans who points out all the details of the elegant Swiss accommodations aboard the flight... "\$700 below business class," he says.

The long rows of single spacious seating along the windows in the cabin. The privacy screen that shadows passengers in seclusion. And the elegant dishware, linens and tableware for sophisticated Swiss passengers' dining.

It all creates a lost image of flying long years ago. When civility appeared everywhere and few people crowded the travel cabin. No herd of other passengers at any price.

This is streamline cabin service in the skies with simplicity, room to stretch out and high cuisine.

That's the ticket. Can't imagine a tenement full of screaming Swiss children, or a public housing block of teen gang Swiss youth.

No, this Swissair jet is just like back home in Switzerland. Fabulous cheese and palate-pleasing wines. The food getting better and better. Just like the secret Swiss bank accounts. The atmosphere in

the cabin is rarified. Gentrified. It's an introduction to a fresh, new Europe. There's everything here but a yodel.

One can appreciate the reason and intelligence of the deep thinking Swiss, and their passion to breathe the refreshing alpine air of calm living. Maybe being people of world-class neutrality really does enliven you.

Maybe the Swiss really are transformed by peaceful coexistence.

I flew first class to Vienna and back a few Christmases ago through Heathrow. For most of my time, it was combative. Not so much space on the very comfortable British Air jet I flew on, but on the ground. Terminals clogged with travelers. There is little civility left to sweeten the deal anymore.

Airports are hellholes. People dress like tramps to fly, and act accordingly. You can see just how disconcerted the airline gets with passengers. Rude. Crude. Feeling entitled, with few social manners left to ease the downward spiral.

We can look upon this measure of human ability as a roadmap of human opportunity, in an era of lost refinements and forgotten shared values. Often in the commercial rush to fill each seat when flying, the most basic of good judgments are the first rules of travel to disappear.

On my travels to Vienna, I was still recuperating from a knee injury which forced me to wear a knee brace and rely on airport services to transport me to my gates because of restricted walking. The Austrian ground transport was brilliant and efficient. From one end of the airport to the other I was courteously moved with patience and a friendly touch.

Compliments to Heathrow service at Terminal 5. I had some extra ground time before my flight out of Heathrow. There, too, ground personnel moved me with intelligence and kindness. The agent driving my transport vehicle insisted I had plenty of time to visit the first-class lounge, which was the spacious, modernist former Concorde

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I had plenty of time to sip some great complementary Champagnes in the lounge. I appreciated the



1949 SwissAir poster by Donald Brow.

club atmosphere at the lounge bar, a significant room of elegance and modernity. The chilled high-end sparkling Rosé was just the thing to calm me down. The addition of some fine John Ross smoked salmon made for the perfect pre-flight snack.

When my transport agent returned to pick me up they instructed me that they used a floor beneath street level to carry passengers all the way to the gates without having to navigate the crowds of travelers of foot. It was a well-organized subterranean journey out to the tarmac.

I was delighted to learn that reasoned thought had gone into the care of British Air passengers' ground transport in London.

But all the way back to O'Hare I wondered what must have misfired so acutely to make air travel so terrifying. So brutal. So uncivilized. So dehumanized.

Was it the long lines that travelers face when attempting to pass through security?

Was it the dehumanizing long lines that precede travelers being scrutinized and strip searched before boarding their plane?

Was it adding up the financial challenge where it seems every seat is a different price based on travel availability? All these restrictions without much room to rearrange travel plans?

It seems the more I cogitate about these air travel issues, the more they appear to be the metaphor for real life. The bright hopes.

The unplanned lack of opportunity to expand success and achievement. The rigid confines of motion. The simple failure to even get three seats together in a row. The rush to avoid tardy travel. No large seat mates. People with babies and scary-looking terrorists types.

The micro-world of airports and airplanes seems tailor-made for our hopes and fears. The prospect of getting away from everyday life, the risk of the relaxed world of holiday travel and the journey to new and exotic destinations should be enough to lift the human spirit to pure delight.

But for unfamiliar rules governing safe air travel. The restrictions and scrutiny governing foreign travel. The conditions regarding luggage weight, prompt on-time scheduling arrivals mixed with weather conditions for on-time travel and airport closures to heighten anxieties regarding ease of travel movement that

easily raise anxieties and confusion for travelers.

It's not easy to reduce these fears. Even if you're Swiss. But first-class travel does have the ability to calm the soul. At least those fears concerning babies, corpulent travelers, wine quality, the ability to snooze and sitting next to a movie star in the sky.

Sometimes you take the breaks you can get. Even from the Swiss.

RICHARD HOWARD HUNT DAY: Illinois First Lady **MK Pritzker** hosted a cocktail reception at the Governor's Mansion on April 24, to honor the great American sculptor, **Richard Howard Hunt**, a Chicago treasure. A proclamation honoring him declared that in Illinois that day was Richard Howard Hunt Day.

DE PAUL: **Mark Turcotte** is now distinguished writer in residence (Poet) at DePaul Univ. He's a voice of music and rhythm.

MANGE, MANGE: A favorite Italian eatery from years past on Grand Ave., Oggi Trattoria, has now returned to 1461 W. Chicago Ave., where sons of founder **Samuel Padillia, Isaac and Sam**, have returned to open the family business in a great new space. A beautiful well-equipped addition to the neighborhood. Top class crunchy

calamari and the baked clams rank among Chicago's best. The pastas are superb. Generous cocktails and good wine by the glass. Crowded on our Friday dinner visit. Friendly staff and superb lemon butter cream cake for dolci.

MORE DOPE: **Ald. Scott Waguespack** tells us there is an important meeting tonight over a potential new pot shop in Roscoe Village, within stumbling distance of Lane Tech and DePaul College Prep high schools. ReNu LLC is seeking to sell dope at 3215-25 N. Western Ave. In order to do so, they are required to hold a community meeting and convince a lot or parents this is a good idea.

EMMY NOMINATION: Big congrats to TVs **Tamron Hall** on her fourth Emmy nomination.

MORE RADISHES: While radishes have roots beyond Southern Germany, Oktoberfest has inspired many to try white German "Bierrettich." **Ron Eberle**, son of a Bavarian immigrant, was first introduced to spiraled white

radishes by his Opa in the 1970s. Since then, Ron has shared his family's recipe for white radishes with many friends, always to the same delight and surprise. Learn how to make this salad garnish the main event for a refreshing snack with a beer and pretzel at DANKhaus in Lincoln Square 7 p.m. Friday night, during his Kulturküche:



Richard Howard Hunt

Radi cooking class.

LINCOLN ACADEMY: The **Rogers Family** deeply honored as papa, Ariel Investment's **John Rogers, Jr.** received Illinois' most distinguished honor, the Lincoln Academy Laureate Award, as for-

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Cook County prosecutor quits after 20 years

‘This State and County have set themselves on a course to disaster, I will not raise my son here’

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 20-year veteran prosecutor walked out of the Cook County state’s attorney’s office for the last time on May 5.

Jason Poje, a long-time felony trial attorney for the office, entered his two-week notice on April 21. But before he moved on to the next chapter of his life, Poje sent a goodbye email to 85 colleagues late Friday afternoon.

In his farewell, Poje extended thanks and appreciation to his colleagues. And he explained why he decided to leave the office — and the state. Here’s what he wrote:

After 20 years, I always kind of figured an email like this would start with “It is with a heavy heart that I leave...” The truth is, I can’t get out of here fast enough.

Let me start with the positive. There is not a single day that has gone by that I have not felt truly honored to work with such an incredible group of people who spent every waking hour on behalf of victims. This opportunity has been a gift for which I have no words to explain the extent of my gratitude.

My partners, our Victim/Witness advocates, our Investigators, our support staff, the police officers and detectives, time after time I see each of you putting everything you have into helping people we encounter on the worst days of their lives. So often I see our personal lives, and indeed at times our own well-being, set aside just to do a little bit more on that last case for that last victim. It’s been nothing short of inspiring not as a lawyer, but as a person.

And yet, I’m leaving. Why could that be? The simple fact is that this State and County have set themselves on a course to disaster. And the worst part is that the agency for whom I work has backed literally every policy

change that had the predicable, and predicted, outcome of more crime and more people getting hurt.

Bond reform designed to make sure no one stays in jail while their cases are pending with no safety net to handle more criminals on the streets, shorter parole periods, lower sentences for repeat offenders, the malicious and unnecessary prosecution of law enforcement officers, overuse of diversion programs, intentionally not pursuing prosecutions for crimes lawfully on the books after being passed by our legislature and signed by a governor, all of these so-called reforms have had a direct negative impact, with consequences that will last for a generation.

Many years ago my family found a nice quiet corner of the suburbs. Now my son, who is only 5, hears gunfire while playing at our neighborhood park, and a drug dealer is open-air selling behind my house (the second one in two years). If it were just me to consider, I’d stick it out. I’ve been through stupid State’s Attorney policies before. But this Office’s complete failure to even think for a moment before rushing into one popular political agenda after another has put my family directly in harm’s way.

The current people in charge of this state, including the [State’s Attorney’s Office] suffer from a fundamental misunderstanding... we live in a society with adversarial court and criminal justice

processes. Defense attorneys, legal aid clinics, Public Defenders, defendant advocate groups...they fight like hell to protect the rights of criminal defendants. And they should. Their work is as noble as

it’s because any true prosecutor recognizes the importance of this balance, and that they will not be permitted to be a prosecutor under this administration.

I will not raise my son here. I

the task you have before you, but you have my utmost respect for carrying on. I hope one day you are successful at returning some kind of common sense and security to our communities.

Thank you all so much for this opportunity to serve. I will treasure every moment of this chapter in my life. Be safe, be well, fight hard.

Jason F. Poje,
Assistant State’s Attorney

Poje is not the first state’s attorney staffer to put their departing thoughts in writing.

Natosha Toller, the office’s well-respected chief of criminal prosecutions, announced her sudden departure in an email last February. High-profile supervising prosecutor James Murphy followed her out the door in July after firing off an email that reflected on the office’s mission and offered a blistering appraisal of Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx.

Foxx herself announced last month that she will not seek reelection in 2024.

The unavoidable consequences are what we are witnessing in real time, an increase in crime of all kinds, businesses and families pulling up stakes, and the bodies piling up; the whole time with a State’s Attorney who insists that there is nothing to see here, and if there is it must be someone else’s fault.

ours. But we have an obligation to fight like hell on behalf of the People. It should go without saying that this must be done ethically and evenhandedly. When both sides vigorously defend their positions, a balance is reached between protecting rights while preserving some sort of order and safety. Once we start doing too much of the defense’s job, once we pull our punches, once we decide that it’s worth risking citizens’ lives to have a little social experiment, that balance is lost. The unavoidable consequences are what we are witnessing in real time, an increase in crime of all kinds, businesses and families pulling up stakes, and the bodies piling up; the whole time with a State’s Attorney who insists that there is nothing to see here, and if there is it must be someone else’s fault. And then they wonder why they cannot retain experienced prosecutors or even hire new ones...

am fortunate enough to have the means to escape, so my entire family is leaving the State of Illinois. I grew up here, my family and friends are here, and yet my own employer has turned it into a place from which I am no longer proud to be, and in which my son is not safe.

To everyone in the trenches in the State’s Attorney’s Office and in law enforcement, my one regret is that I cannot be at your side anymore as you continue to fight the good fight. I do not envy

New state Rep. Huynh to join Levy meeting

The Levy Center Village, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave., will be holding their next virtual meeting via Zoom, at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 24. Freshman State Rep. Hoan Huynh will be their guest speaker, providing updates on state legis-

lation pertaining to older adults.

The Zoom meeting ID is 892 3319 7681, and the passcode: 998880.

Those who choose to attend by phone may call 312-626-6799 and use the same meeting code.



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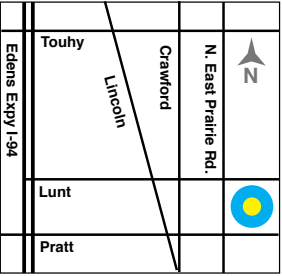


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Two more residential conversion projects along former LaSalle St. financial district

On Friday, May 5, The City advanced two additional office-to-residential conversion proposals as part of the “LaSalle Street Reimagined” [LSR] initiative. The announcement underscores the City’s plan of transformation of LaSalle St. from a former world financial center into a mixed-use, mixed-income residential corridor.

LSR seeks to refill the former financial district by repurposing the corridor’s massive commercial vacancies as housing and neighborhood-oriented retail.

The effort has already resulted in three other re-use projects for historic buildings that will create more than 1,000 new apartments, including more than 300 affordable units that will be assisted with Tax Increment Financing [TIF] taxpayer cash.

In April, the two other TIF applications were submitted to the departments of Planning and Development [DPD] and Housing [DOH]. Celadon Partners and Blackwood Group are proposing to create 247 apartments within 105 W. Adams St., including 185 units to be made available at affordable rates for a total project cost of \$178 million. And Golub & Co. and American General Life Insurance are proposing to create 349 apartments within 30 N. LaSalle St., including 105

units to be made available at affordable rates for a total project cost of \$143 million. All five TIF applications are under review by DPD and DOH and will undergo an underwriting process prior to presentation to and approval.

The five re-use proposals, if approved by the Community Development Commission and City Council, would collectively represent nearly \$1 billion in corridor spending. Taken together, these projects make up the largest office-to-affordable residential conversion effort yet to be announced in the United States. Of the more than 1,600 planned units, more than 600 new affordable units are slated to be added to the LaSalle St. corridor. The work hopes to reduce commercial vacancies along the corridor by nearly 50%.

LSR priorities also include \$5 million in taxpayer funds to revitalize vacant storefronts with neighborhood-serving retail uses. Those funds will go to the buildout of approximately 20 retail spaces as cafes, restaurants, grocery stores, or related amenities along the corridor.

A tour of vacant storefronts will be held on June 7. Grant applications will be accepted starting Sept. 1, with up to \$300,000 available per project.

Bright spots exist in Chicago’s gloomy North Side market



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

There may be a few bright spots in the generally gloomy outlook for home buying on Chicago’s North Side in 2023, according to a new market analysis.

The bad news is March was the 13 consecutive month of year-over-year home sales declines in Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview, North Center, the Gold Coast and Near North Side.

“Historically low inventory and listing levels and rising mortgage interest rates continue to be the two major obstacles to a residential real estate turn around,” noted Realtor John Irwin, co-author of Baird & Warner’s April 2023 Market Analysis with broker Jackie Lafferty.

“However, rising real estate taxes, crime, unemployment and stock market losses have all contributed to this complex market,” Irwin said.

On the positive side, the Baird & Warner Market Analysis outlined the following four emerging trends:

• **Market Perception:** Perspective home buyers need to understand that the North Side market



has been on a four-year rollercoaster ride, Irwin explained.

“We have experienced dramatic highs and lows in the past four years—from the COVID Crash of 2020 to the record-breaking rebound in 2021 and back to a more normal market in 2022,” Irwin said. “The first six months of



John Irwin

2023 may continue to show sales decreases when compared with 2022.”

For market clarity, analysts at Baird & Warner ask home shoppers to look back to the “normal” 2019 for a more “positive” outlook on the future. “That comparison shows there are still a significant number of homes being sold today,” Irwin said.

• **Home Prices:** Traditionally, low-inventory markets can inflate home prices to dangerous levels, causing home buyers to worry. “Despite many multiple offer transactions and low market listing times, Chicago home prices have remained fairly stable in comparison to other parts of the

country,” Irwin noted.

Last month, home prices actually declined 1.2% when compared with April 2022. “There are still a lot of homes being sold and most reflect reasonable market value, and not an inflated price forced by low inventory,” Irwin said.

• **Mortgage Rates:** The panic of triple-digit interest rate increases is beginning to subside a bit. “While mortgage rates are affecting most buyer demographics, many younger home purchasers have known nothing but interest rates in the low 2% or 3% range, so they are in a state of shock when faced with loans in the 6%-to-7% bracket, or higher,” Irwin said.

On May 4, Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans averaged 6.39% nationwide, down slightly from 6.43% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging an average of 5.27% for 30-year fixed loans.

Despite rates currently hovering in the mid-6% range, Sam Khater, Freddie Mac’s chief economist, said “home buyers are acclimating to the current rate environment.”

Baird & Warner analysts forecast that higher mortgage rates are going to rule the market for a while. “While higher rates do impact buying power, purchasers are realizing that they are not married to their mortgage, and they can always refinance when rates drop,” noted Irwin.

• **Rent Versus Sell:** The Baird & Warner report also noted a new trend that is impacting listing inventory. Some existing homeowners are choosing to rent their property rather than sell it.

“These rental homes usually have mortgages in the high 2%-to-low-3% bracket,” noted Irving. “With rents rising, they can transform their property into an income-producing investment and a hedge against inflation.”

However, Baird & Warner analysts warned that homeowners need to be aware of all aspects of being a landlord before they take on this responsibility.

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

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Venezuelans being bused to the Mag Mile, Inn of Chicago now a migrant shelter

State officials call for federal cash due to open border

Last Thursday, Chicago reporter William J. Kelly sent Mayor Lori Lightfoot a parting gift when he exposed that the city is now using the Inn of Chicago Magnificent Mile, 162 E. Ohio St., as a new migrant shelter.

Kelly is the same reporter who Lightfoot barred from a City Hall press conference on crime in 2022.

Kelly posted a report as he was denied entry to the hotel while at the same time, other people were seen entering the property. The hotel's website claims "The Inn of Chicago welcomes guests of all abilities," though they also claim to have closed in 2020 due to the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown.

Kelly spoke with workers at the Inn of Chicago, requesting additional information about the status of the hotel, but the employees quickly told him it was closed and he was not welcome because he wasn't a "resident" at the hotel. The entire heated exchange was caught on camera.

The boutique hotel, located a half-block off Michigan Ave., is now being used as a migrant facility.

"This is right off of Michigan Ave.," said Kelly during a TV interview Friday morning with FOX News. "We already have the retailers fleeing due to violent crime. Tourists obviously have flatlined in the city of Chicago. Hotels are struggling, and this luxury hotel is apparently being used to house migrants."

"The city of Chicago isn't talking about this at all, so Chicago residents are being kept completely in the dark," he continued. "We really have a ticking time bomb here, something... tragic could happen at the hotel. Something could spill out onto Michigan Ave. We are entering Chicago's notorious murder season, and we already have an out of control crime problem. The police are understaffed, and our



(L) The Inn of Chicago Magnificent Mile, 162 E. Ohio St., is a new migrant shelter. (R) Last week the 24th District Police Station in Rogers Park had as many as 33 adults and children staying in the lobby while awaiting placement in another refugee housing space. The field house at Leone Beach Park in Rogers Park is also still being used as a refugee housing center.



Photo courtesy 49th Ward office

new mayor doesn't seem to have a plan."

Kelly reported that most of the hotels residents are Venezuelan migrants. Most crossed America's wide open southern border illegally fleeing criminal and economic chaos in Latin America due to political and economic strife.

Chicago has also been forced to use other properties at migrant shelters as well, including police stations, Chicago Park District field houses, YMCA facilities, and Chicago Public School and library buildings. At last count, over 200 refugees are now living in various police stations lobbies city-wide.

On May 4, a bus brought a load of migrants to stay at the Leone Beach Park field house in Rogers Park. The Tribune reported that Lourie Hasbrook, of St. Gertrude Church, stood outside the field house with a backpack of children's underwear and crayons, but wasn't allowed in the building. "It's appalling," she said.

"I've heard the conditions here are bad, but I don't know that they're worse than the police station where everyone was just on the floor against walls."

Media and volunteers have been banned from entering the building.

Just last week, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's plan to house some of the city's surging population of migrants at a former high school in the South Shore neighborhood was met with boos and derogatory shouting from angry residents who were left out of the decision and planning process.

With thousands more migrant refugees expected to arrive in the coming weeks and months, one wonders what other facilities will be used to house them?

Some city and state lawmakers are warning that the strain of providing health care and other services for migrant refugees will overwhelm Illinois' health care and overall budget.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said since August, the state has provided \$240

million for arriving migrants being transported from places like Texas. "To make sure that we were providing the services necessary," Pritzker said. "We're talking about shelter, we're talking about food, we're talking

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about health care."

The Illinois Immigrant Impact Task Force released a report examining various issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities, sharing recommendations the state can take to improve services to immigrants. The task force identified 13 issues in the legislation ranging from citizenship assistance, business development,

education access, discrimination prevention, immigration detention, COVID-19 relief, language access programs, and more.

"We believe that Illinois can be a model for the rest of the country in supporting immigrant communities," state Rep. Aaron Ortiz said. "By following many of the recommendations outlined in this report, we can ensure that every Illinois resident has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our state's vibrant communities."

A recent report by the Illinois Dept. of Health Care and Family Service shows that it will cost about a billion dollars to provide health care to refugee migrants in 2024. The report estimates for 2024, there will be an additional 108,000 refugee immigrants needing care, far exceeding earlier estimates.

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Curtain falling on Robert Falls’ three-decade run as Goodman Artistic Director



(L) Brian Dennehy (left) rehearses with Robert Falls (right). *Photo courtesy Goodman Theatre* (R) Former Goodman Theatre Artistic Director Robert Falls. *Photo by Liz Lauren*

The Tony award-winning Falls, who announced in 2021 that he would step down last year, reflects on his career at Goodman Theatre and the legacy he leaves for Chicago theatre.

BY MIRA TEMKIN

The highly acclaimed, Tony award-winning Artistic Director of Goodman Theatre, since 1986, is giving up the reins soon. Robert Falls announced in Sept. 2021 that he would step down at the conclusion of the Goodman’s 2021/2022 season. He is now directing his fourth Chekhov play at the Goodman.

During his three-decade tenure in Chicago theatre, the 69-year-old Falls has

directed more than 30 major productions and produced or co-produced more than 200 plays and 100 premieres on Goodman, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and other local stages.

Most recently, he directed Rebecca Gilman’s *Swing State*; William Shakespeare’s *The Winter’s Tale*; *We’re Only Alive for a Short Amount of Time*, a musical by David Cale; *Pamplona*, a play about Ernest Hemingway that starred Stacy Keach; Arthur Miller’s *An Enemy of the People*; *2666*, a stage adaptation of Roberto Bolano’s internationally-acclaimed novel; and Eugene O’Neill’s *The Iceman Cometh*, which featured Brian Dennehy and Nathan Lane.

And that’s just Chicago. His Broadway production of Elton John and Tim Rice’s

Aida, a musical based on the opera, continues to be produced around the world.

His last production at the Goodman is *The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov, which Falls adapted and directed. He chose this play, he says, because next to Shakespeare, Chekhov is his favorite playwright.

“Chekhov wrote four major plays, and this was his last play before he died in 1904,” said Falls. “I had already directed *The Seagull*, *Three Sisters*, and *Uncle Vanya*, Chekhov’s other major plays. I wanted to share *The Cherry Orchard* with the city of Chicago. This masterpiece still ranks as a human comedy with tragic overtones. It just seemed like an appropriate choice.”

Favorite actor to work with?
Falls has worked with hundreds of ac-

tors over the years. His favorite, he says, is Brian Dennehy, who passed away in 2020. In 1999, both Falls and Dennehy won Tony Awards for *Death of a Salesman*. They collaborated on several theatre productions during Falls’ tenure, including *The Iceman Cometh* in 2012.

“We had been able to share each other’s personal and artistic growths,” said Falls.

Greatest achievement?

Though his contributions to Chicago theatre have been extensive, Falls considers moving the Goodman from The Art Institute of Chicago to 170 N. Dearborn St. in 2000 to be his greatest accomplishment.

“This new, state-of-the-art theatre and education complex created an institution with our artistic associates, where they

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can grow and thrive,” said Falls. “We built a space for performers while creating a transformative theatre experience for our multi-generational audiences.”

Advice to actors?
Mentoring young actors who are starting their careers in Chicago is important to Falls.

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City announces new campaign to promote performing arts

Campaign will encourage people to experience live theatre, music, comedy and dance performances at venues

One of the biggest victims of the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown was live theater venues. Even after the lockdown was lifted, by and large, audiences have not returned to live shows in numbers suitable to sustain them.

Now, Choose Chicago and the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE], in partnership with industry groups, announced the launch of a new campaign to encourage people to again experience live theatre, music, comedy and dance performances in Chicago.

The new campaign, titled Go Live Chicago, reminds people that the experience of attending an in-person performance cannot be replicated at home. Through the campaign, which runs now through the end of June, people will be encouraged to #GoLiveChicago and visit any of Chicago’s world-class performing arts venues.

“With this campaign we are working closely with our performing arts partners to remind [people] of the magic of live performances,” said Lynn Osmond, CEO of Choose Chicago.

The campaign is being launched with the support of performing arts industry groups across Chicago, including the League of Chicago Theatres, See Chicago Dance, Chicago Independent Venue League, Afri-

can American Arts Alliance and the Chicago Latino Theater Alliance.

The campaign will be built into Choose Chicago’s leisure marketing campaign, and will feature paid advertising, targeting locals and visitors from the suburbs and nearby regions.

The launch comes as the performing arts sector that was hit hard by the pandemic continues to recover. DCASE has provided the industry with financial grants for marketing and audience development and a new resource guide. DCASE and Choose Chicago are continuing to collaborate with the performing arts community on additional promotional support to amplify the launch of the fall season.

To learn more about the campaign, visit GoLiveChicago.org.

“Chicago’s performing arts sector is one of the greatest in the world. With this call-

to-action campaign we seek to inspire our neighbors and visitors to get back in the habit of experiencing live shows,” shared DCASE Cmsr. Erin Harkey. “[We are] grateful to our partners for rallying together to [support] this important message and drive ticket sales. Our live performances are nothing without audiences.”

“There is a story for everyone on our Chicago stages, where unique, in-person experiences are waiting to be discovered in theatres in every neighborhood and the suburbs,” said Heidi Thompson Saunders, League of Chicago Theatres Board Chair. “Theatre is a vibrant part of the cultural life of Chicago, and we want to remind everyone of the joy found in collective experiences. The League encourage audiences to reengage in live events and inspire all Chicagoans to see a play.”

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(Left) The Honor Flight Chicago is quite an operation. There are over 110 veterans scheduled for the May 10 flight. (Center) Jim Defibaugh, Jon Kos and Erik Godvik (in sunglasses). (Right) Erik Godvik in 1966.

April's cancelled Honor Flight Chicago remounted today

BY ERIK GODVIK

The first Honor Flight Chicago since the end of the COVID pandemic shutdown departed Chicago this morning, flying off to Washington D.C.

The flight was originally ready to go on April 5 and was on the runway awaiting takeoff when a change in the weather caused a ground hold for an hour.

Because of the high winds, lightning and severe weather, the packed jet was sent back to the gate and sat there for another two hours.

After the long delay, it was decided to cancel the flight because there just would not be enough time left to complete the activities that were scheduled for the group in Washington DC. The organizers felt that it was not fair to give the veterans an experience that was anything less than what was promised.

This writer is on that flight today.

Our particular flight is a one-day affair, starting at 4 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m., to Midway Airport where the vets will be greeted by family and friends and fellow vets.

Welcome Home! There are Honor Flights underway from a number of locations in the United States.

The Honor Flight Chicago is quite an operation. There were over 110 veterans scheduled for the April 5 flight and an equal number for the May 10 flight.

On April 5, when the vets arrived at Midway Airport, we were immediately put in wheelchairs even though my friend and I could walk perfectly fine. But they were geared for going from one station and line to another, so the wheelchairs were actu-

ally a good idea.

We would have been standing for hours and I ain't as young as I used to be, and marching has lost its appeal.

There were about 200 volunteers when we got to Midway. Some were active duty personnel, but most were volunteers. They pushed our wheelchairs from one station to another, where we got shirts, pins, IDs and a bag for incidentals.

The May 10 flight will include the 10,000th veteran that Honor Flight Chicago will be sending to Washington D.C.

We were checked in at various stations to confirm our identity. They gave us identification badges and also name cards we could exchange with our fellow vets if there was someone we wanted to keep in contact with.

The IDs were hung around our neck with a colored lanyard that indicated what bus we would be on when we got to D.C. My lanyard was blue. My buddy's was red, so even though we went to Midway together, we would be on different buses in D.C. Better to meet new acquaintances and share stories.

The Vietnam experience was not one that was shared by most vets with others. They did not share them with civilians and they did not share them with other vets in most cases. The Vietnam Vets returned to an ungrateful nation responding to an unpopular war. It was a time to get on with the rest of your life. This was not WWII. Korean vets were treated differently but not necessarily

better, ... Korea was the forgotten war.

On the plane, before we were called back and the flight was canceled, I talked with fellow vets, something I had not really done for a long time. Most of the war stories told were not about actual combat but about other things, often humorous.

I had served in the 1st Infantry Division from May 1966 to May 1967. I served in war zone C northeast of Saigon, primarily near Lai Khe and Phu Loi. I was a Combat Medic with Company C, 2nd Battalion 2nd Infantry Regiment C/2/2.

That was relatively early in the war. Before Tet and before the country realized that the war was not going exactly as we had been told.

But enough about war... how about a little more about Honor Flight Chicago and the great things they are doing for the

veterans.

The May 10 flight will include the 10,000th veteran that Honor Flight Chicago will be sending to Washington D.C. That is impressive.

I understand that one of the veterans will be a 99-year-old WWII veteran. There will be about 15 Korean veterans as well. This is the 15th season for these flights and the average age for Korean veterans is 90 and for Vietnam veterans it is 77.

I am looking forward to this flight and will do a follow up report in these pages about the activities in D.C. upon my return.

If you are interested in learning more about Honor Flight Chicago, are a veteran wanting to sign up, or in making a donation, visit www.honorflightchicago.org.

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Police Beat...

Cleaning crew finds cache of guns, ammo, and drugs in vacant Ravenswood apartment



CPD’s 20th District tweeted this picture of the seized items. *Courtesy of Chicago Police Dept.*

An apartment complex cleaning crew made a wild discovery as they cleared out a unit in Ravenswood on May 2, according to Chicago police. It happened around 8:30 a.m. in the 1800 block of W. Argyle. Officers responded to the building to handle a call of found property in a residence, a Chicago police spokesperson said. When they arrived, they found “multiple firearms, [ammunition] magazines, and suspect narcotics,” according to the spokesperson.

A picture of the cache tweeted by the Lincoln 20th District showed a shotgun, three rifles, three handguns, a stack of cash, boxes of ammunition, and several ammo magazines, including two high-capacity drum-style magazines. Police inventoried the property, but no arrests have been made, CPD said.

Rogers Park man killed his girlfriend, possibly in a dispute over \$80

A Chicago man beat his girlfriend to death inside his Rogers Park apartment on May 1, possibly because she used \$80 of his money to buy unprescribed Xanax pills, prosecutors said.



Judge Susana Ortiz held Fostelle Hymon, 26, without bail during a bond hearing on Wednesday afternoon. Hymon called 911 at 5:48 p.m. Monday and reported that his girlfriend appeared to be overdosing in his apartment on the 1700 block of W. Estes, officials said. Police officers found her dead on the couch and quickly suspected that she had been murdered.

Investigators determined that Hymon’s 41-year-old girlfriend arranged to meet someone to buy the Xanax very early May 1, and she transferred money from his CashApp to hers so she could pay for it, prosecutor Anne McCord said during the hearing. Surveillance video showed her leaving Hymon’s apartment at 1:40 a.m. to make the purchase and returning about 30 minutes later. According to McCord, the video shows that Hymon was the only person who entered or left the apartment between the time she returned and the time Hymon dialed 911.

According to McCord, Hymon’s neighbor reported hearing a man’s voice repeatedly yelling, “Where’s my money?” and loud stomping and banging noises between 9 a.m. and

10 a.m. May 1. Building surveillance cameras captured Hymon leaving his apartment with blankets, a comforter, jeans, and other items and washing them in the building’s laundry room shortly before 1 p.m., according to McCord. Later, she said, he could be seen cleaning the washer and dryer themselves. “I clean the whole building,” Hymon interjected before his defense attorney advised him against speaking out. In fact, Hymon is a part-time maintenance worker for the building, McCord acknowledged. She said video showed him taking rubber gloves, a towel, spray containers, and a plastic bag from a maintenance closet to his apartment. A black garbage bag that Hymon tossed down a trash chute contained a shirt with suspected blood stains, according to McCord. Possible blood stains were also discovered near the couch where the woman’s body was found, on a bathroom counter and sink, on a living room wall, and on an air conditioning unit. DNA testing of those materials is currently underway, according to McCord.

Chicago cops took Hymon into custody for questioning Monday evening. During an interview, he told officers that he slapped his girlfriend and told them she hit her head on the air conditioning unit, McCord alleged. But the medical examiner determined that the woman suffered extensive injuries in a violent assault, including broken ribs, a fractured larynx and hyoid bone, contusions across her face and body, and lacerations of her liver, kidney, and spleen. Hymon has no criminal background, McCord said. He is charged with two variations of first-degree murder.

Woman shot in Lincoln Square

A 27-year-old woman was shot in Lincoln Square on May 7, Chicago police said. The woman was on the street, either in or near her parked car in the 2400 block of W. Gunnison, when someone began shooting at her around 4:44 p.m. She suffered a gunshot wound to her right forearm, but several other rounds hit her nearby car, according to police and witnesses. EMS took the woman to Swedish Hospital for treatment. Some witnesses reported seeing a man run from the scene and escape in a black SUV, but police have not publicly confirmed that information or provided a description of the gunman. The woman is the first person shot in the Lincoln Square community area this year. Lincoln Square, which stretches from Bryn Mawr Ave. to Montrose Ave. and Ravenswood Ave. to the Chicago River, includes all or part of several neighborhoods, including Ravenswood, Bowmanville, Ravenswood Gardens, and, of course, Lincoln Square. According to the city’s Violence Reduction Dashboard, Lincoln Square had four shooting victims by this point in both 2021 and 2022.

Man tried lure girls into an SUV in Rogers Park

Police are warning about a man who tried to lure two girls into an SUV in Rogers Park on May 1. The girls were walking in the 7300 block of N. Ashland when the man pulled up in a newer model white Jeep Cherokee around 9:05 a.m. He pulled to the curb, stopped, and leaned over to speak with them through the passenger window, according to an alert from Chicago police. He asked them if they wanted a ride, but the girls declined and continued walking. The driver approached them again in the 7000 block of N. Ashland, according to police. “Are you sure you do not want a ride?” he asked.

Woman shoplifted cosmetics worth \$27,000 from Ulta Beauty stores

Prosecutors say a woman worked with an accomplice to steal cosmetics worth more than \$27,000 during three shoplifting raids on Ulta Beauty stores in Chicago. Destiny Jackson, 25, made some news three years ago when she allegedly ran from a carload of shoplifters that crashed on the Magnificent Mile. Now, officials say she took hordes of merchandise from the Ulta stores in three raids last year. During a bail hearing on May 5, prosecutor Rhianna Biernat said Jackson and an accomplice walked into the Ulta at 4140 S. Pulaski on July 26 and walked out with \$11,020 worth of goods. A loss prevention officer recognized Jackson from previous incidents, she said. On October 13, Jackson and an accomplice allegedly took \$10,010 worth of products from the beauty chain’s location at 2754 N. Clybourn in Lincoln Park. She returned to the Pulaski location with a partner on November 28

and stole another \$6,657 in merchandise, Biernat alleged. The stores’ surveillance cameras captured footage of all the incidents. Biernat told Judge William Fahy that Jackson was convicted of retail theft twice last year and once in Wisconsin in 2020. She was also convicted of aggravated battery of a merchant in 2020 and auto theft in Indiana last year, according to Biernat. At the time of the Ulta allegations, Jackson was on parole. She also has a pending felony case for aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, Biernat said. For the Ulta allegations, Jackson is charged with three felony counts of retail theft. Private defense attorney Joshua



Destiny Jackson

Fearful of the man, the girls fled into a nearby school, according to the CPD alert. Eugene Field Elementary School is located on the 7000 block of N. Ashland. Police said the man is White, 50 to 60 years old, and clean-shaven. He’s heavy-set with a “distinct double chin” and has a crew cut. He wore a gray collared shirt and a black coat during the incident, police said. Anyone with information that could help police solve the case can contact detectives at 312-744-8261 regarding case #JG-244548.

Bank robber sprays irritant on North Side

One person was taken to the hospital after a bank robber sprayed a chemical irritant inside a Chase Bank on Chicago’s North Side on May 2. Authorities have not announced any arrests in connection with the hold-up, which occurred at the company’s 6155 N. Western Ave. branch in West Ridge around 9:49 a.m. The robber handed a note demanding money to a teller and claimed to have a bomb and a gun, but nobody saw a weapon or device, officials at the scene said. After getting an envelope of cash, he placed the money inside a binder and fled. An officer who reviewed surveillance video said he appeared to be about 5’-6” tall, 185 to 200 lbs, and in his 40s. He wore a black hat, a white short-sleeved shirt, black pants, black shoes, and a surgical mask. The man was described alternately as White, Hispanic, and Middle Eastern. During the robbery, the man sprayed mace or pepper spray inside the bank, causing people to cough and suffer irritation. A Chicago Fire Dept. hazardous materials response team was seen at the bank. EMS transported one person to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for treatment, officials said.

On probation for beating an EMT unconscious, shoplifter stabbed Target security guard with large kitchen knife



Roman Butler

A Chicago man on probation for beating an EMT into unconsciousness attacked a Target security guard with a large kitchen knife, causing a wound so large, it required 20 stitches to close, prosecutors said. Judge William Fahy held Roman Butler, 27, in lieu of a \$10,000 bail payment during a bond hearing May 1. Butler entered the Target at 1 S. State St. around 9 a.m. April 30 intending to steal a phone charger, Assistant

State’s Attorney Alexander Konetzki told the judge. Store security guards stopped Butler as he prepared to walk out with the item, and Butler agreed to accompany them to the store’s booking room, Konetzki continued. But when they reached the security office, Butler refused to go inside. He began throwing shoplifted items out of his backpack, and the security officers told him to leave, said Konetzki. Instead of leaving, Butler pulled a large kitchen knife from his waistband, removed it from its sheath, and charged at two of the guards, Konetzki said. The blade slashed the arm of a 25-year-old security officer. Butler charged at the guards again but finally put the knife away and tried to leave, but he became trapped in the revolving door, according to Konetzki. Chicago police officers found him stuck inside the door when they arrived. A CPD officer applied a tourniquet to the security guard’s arm to slow blood loss until a Chicago Fire Department ambulance took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Konetzki called the knife wound “very deep.”

Butler’s defense attorney said that he has been homeless for 10 years. He is charged with burglary, aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, and aggravated assault. Last October, a judge sentenced Butler to two years probation for aggravated battery to an EMT. In that case, Konetzki said, first responders took Butler to a hospital after he behaved erratically on the CTA. While a student EMT tried to treat Butler’s unspecified physical injuries, Butler kicked him in the head and body so many times that the EMT lost consciousness, Konetzki said. Butler continued to kick him while he was down, causing him to suffer a concussion. Judge Fahy ordered Butler held without bail for violating probation in that case until the judge who handled it can review the new allegations. Should Butler become eligible for release, Fahy said, he must go on electronic monitoring.

Man robbed near Millennium Park while giving money to homeless person

Two men face felony charges for allegedly trying to rob a man who stopped to give money to a homeless person near Millennium Park. One was convicted last year of robbing a man on the Red Line. Prosecutors said the victim was giving money to a homeless person in the 100 block of N. Michigan around 1 p.m. April 30 when Tracey Watson walked up and asked, “Where’s your bread?” “Get your bread,” added Watson’s

Kutnick said Jackson has been on electronic monitoring in the aggravated battery case since last month. She’s preparing to go to work for a security company, he said. The judge ordered Jackson to pay a \$2,500 bail deposit and to stay on electronic monitoring while the Ulta cases are pending. In March 2020, prosecutors said Jackson was one of five people who ran from a car that crashed near the north end of the Magnificent Mile. Police had linked the vehicle to a series of high-end shoplifting mob incidents in the area. All five occupants were arrested to face charges. Jackson, whom police allegedly found walking down Lake Shore Dr. after she changed clothes in a gazebo at Oak Street Beach, was accused of stealing five hoodies and sweats worth \$1,760 from the George Greene store at 49 E. Oak St.



Mugshots Tracey Watson (left) and Demetrius Robinson.

alleged accomplice, Demetrius Robinson. Watson went through the victim’s pockets but only found a lighter, Assistant State’s Attorney Alexander Konetzki said during the men’s bond hearing May 1. After Watson’s effort came up empty, Robinson patted the victim down, but he didn’t find anything either, according to Konetzki. Robinson punched the victim in the face, cutting his lip, said Konetzki. Chicago police officers arrived moments later and arrested Robinson and Watson, who were still nearby. Konetzki said a surveillance camera recorded the entire incident. Both men are charged with attempted robbery and misdemeanor battery. Robinson is also charged with felony possession of a controlled substance because police said they found about a gram of suspected heroin on him. Watson has three felony and seven misdemeanor convictions in his background, Konetzki said. His attorney said he’s a father of two but currently lives in a shelter and volunteers to help the homeless. Robinson was convicted of robbing a CTA passenger and burglary last year. He is taking classes with the hope of completing his high school education, according to his attorney. Judge William Fahy ordered Watson to pay a \$2,500 bail deposit and Robinson to pay a \$5,000 deposit to get out of jail. They must go on electronic monitoring if they post the money. CWBChicago reported on the robbery and burglary cases that Robinson was convicted of last year. In February 2021, prosecutors charged Robinson with burglary for allegedly burglarizing a Lakeview apartment building’s package room. Just five months later, while on bail for the burglary, prosecutors said Robinson and an accomplice robbed a man on the Red Line near Thorndale. They demanded the victim’s money while punching him in the face and body and took his phone, credit cards, and headphones. Robinson pleaded guilty to the

125 day sentence for man who punched, threw dog in Lincoln Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

The man caught on video as he punched and tossed a dog in Lincoln Park last autumn has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor cruelty to animals.

But Jose Cartagena's legal troubles are not over. He failed to show up in court after being released on his own recognizance, and cops said he had a gun in his vehicle when they caught up with him a few days before Christmas. That case, a felony, is still pending.

Cartagena entered his guilty plea to animal abuse on Friday before Judge Daniel Gallagher, who sentenced him to 125 days. The sentence was offset by the time Cartagena spent in jail since being arrested the second time in December, according to court records.

Surveillance video showed Cartagena punching the dog while holding it up on its rear legs by the collar before loading it back into a minivan on Sept. 22, 2022,



Jose Cartagena abusing dog on video in 2002 and mugshot at right.

in the 1900 block of N. Maud.

The abuse went largely unnoticed until Lincoln Park resident Paul Conrad released the footage in October, hoping someone would recognize the man.

"If someone is going to act like that to an animal, how does he behave toward children and other adults who cross his path?" Conrad asked during an ABC7 interview.

Conrad's efforts paid off within days. Chicago police arrested Cartagena on Oct. 9 after someone spotted him and his van at an

animal care facility in Avondale.

A woman at a veterinary appointment at MedVet, 3305 N.

"It's about this dog for me, but also about the 95% of us who are good people standing up to the 5% dirtbags," said Paul Conrad.

California, saw Cartagena in the lobby and called the police. He was there to get treatment for his dog.

According to social media post by Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation, the dog, Zeus, had cancer and was euthanized before police arrested Cartagena.

"It's about this dog for me, but also about the 95% of us who are good people standing up to the 5% dirtbags," Conrad said after police arrested Cartagena.

But a judge signed an arrest warrant when Cartagena didn't show up for court a few weeks later. Chicago cops took him into custody on Dec. 21 after he made a left turn across three lanes of traffic in the 300 block of W. Chicago Ave., according to CPD records.

While searching Cartagena's vehicle, police allegedly found a loaded .38 Special revolver between the two front seats. Prosecutors charged him with felony unlawful use of a weapon.

He remained in the Cook County jail until a relative posted a \$750 bail payment, court records show.



Police seek suspect in attack, robbery on Loop CTA platform

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police released CTA surveillance photos of a man they say attacked and robbed a passenger at the Washington-Wabash Green Line station April 29.

The robber approached the victim on the station platform at 29 N. Wabash around 12:49 a.m., according to an alert from the Chicago Police Mass Transit Unit. The alert said they "engaged in a physical altercation," and the offender eventually won control of the victim's property.

In one of the images, the robber and victim appear to be brawling as they lie on the station floor.

Police did not release any details about the victim, but the initial 911 call about the attack said he was a 25-year-old man.

The suspect is believed to be between 30 and 45 years old, 6 feet to 6'-4" tall, and 195 to 200 lbs, according to the alert. His winter cap says "CHICAGO" across the front.

Tips can be shared with detectives by calling 312-745-4443. Refer to case number JG-241346.

Biker intentionally struck Chicago Fire security guard, dropped a gun at the scene

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man riding a four-wheeler intentionally ran over a security guard near the Chicago Fire TV film set on May 4, according to witnesses and a Chicago Police Dept. report.

Witnesses said four or five men on ATVs repeatedly tried to enter the set as the cast and crew worked on an empty lot across from the Chicago Fire Department Academy in the 500 block of W. Taylor around 5:30 p.m.

Security officers stopped the cyclists from entering several times, but one of the riders "became enraged at security for not being allowed on set and purposely accelerated" the ATV, striking a 60-year-old male security officer, a CPD crash report said.

The rider either fell or was pulled from the Yamaha 450R and dropped a handgun at the scene, a CPD spokesperson said. The rider abandoned his four-wheeler, jumped onto one of the other ATVs, and all of the bikes left the area. Neither police nor witnesses who spoke with us reported any shots fired.

EMS transported the injured security officer to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries that were not life-threatening, a Chicago police spokesperson said. According to the traffic crash report, he suffered a laceration to his left leg and was in good condition.

A film crew member told this reporter that four teens on mini-bikes and four-wheelers began circling the movie set around 5:15 p.m.

Unlike other recent incidents involving Chicago Fire filming locations, the crew member felt that the bikers were intentionally targeting the production, which was supposed to be the last day of filming for the season.

Earlier in the summer, bullets

from a rolling gun battle flew into the Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the West Side and dam-

panies had been unable to find enough off-duty cops to handle the work.

The city requires "police supervision" for some filming activities. That supervision usually comes through a city program that lets studios hire uniformed cops on their days off. But, the source said, fewer cops are volunteering, putting productions in a bind.

aged trailers used by the Chicago Med television series. No injuries were reported, and police did not believe the show or the studio were the intended targets.

Days later, top Chicago police executives ordered several neighborhood patrol districts to send some of their cars to secure movie sets across the city. At the time, a CPD source said the district resources were being diverted mainly because the production

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Chicago's film community was stunned one year ago after the director of the Chicago Film Office was brutally beaten by three men who robbed him outside his

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home.

Police said the incident began when Kwame Amoaku found the offenders rummaging through his car and confronted them around 7:46 a.m. March 30, 2022. The men started beating him with "various objects," then fled in a vehicle, a CPD spokesperson said.

But they returned to the scene moments later to beat and rob Amoaku before leaving a second time. More than a year later, no arrests have been announced.

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THE DEAD ONE COMPLICATES

Local cancer survivors speak out at Colorectal Cancer event

The inspirational Chicago Blue Hope Bash gathering will be held 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie St. The event underscores the importance and need to talk about and fundraise for colorectal cancer prevention measures, patient support and research advancements to help end the disease.

It is part of a nationwide series of events from the leading nonprofit, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance.

The evening will feature stories from cancer survivors, including the event's speaker, two-star Michelin Chef Thomas Lents. The event will be emceed by cancer survivor Terri Hemmert, host of WXRT Chicago and a member of the National Radio Hall of Fame. For more information visit ccalliance.org/bhbchicago.

Colorectal cancer is highly preventable with timely screening, yet it is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths for men and women combined. It has become the deadliest cancer among men under 50, and the disease is rising in younger generations, with researchers predicting that it will become the leading cause of cancer death in men and women ages 20-49 within the next decade.

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mer Obama White House Chief, **Desiree Glapion Rogers**, and daughter, **Victoria Rogers**, cheered him on.

TROUBLE TROUBLE: Investors in Gold Coast steakhouse Maple & Ash are suing the restaurant's management group, saying it violated its operating agreement. Well we all knew this was coming. The **David Pisor vs James Lasky** saga won't stop. Nothing good comes in feuding. Just dissolution.

MAXWELL STREET: On Sunday, May 28, Chicago's iconic Maxwell Street Market returns for the 2023 season and runs every Sunday through Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL SKYLINE: So delighted to hear from a fan of our papers and column, **C. W. Graul**, reading our latest in Krakow, Poland, with friends attending the Krakow Marathon. Superb food there.

VEGAS BOUND: Fans of songstress **Barb Bailey** are so excited that she has a show in Las Vegas at Maxan Jazz, Thursday, May 11, with **Dakota Horvath** and her crew.

WEDDING BELLS: Newlyweds, **Sidney** and **Danielle Prospere**, were overwhelmed by applause and best wishes from a room full of Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill diners, many of whom were moved to tears like this columnist, when we learned that they had just been married. An elegant ring for the bride was quickly placed on her finger. They looked like a Polo ad come to life. Maitre d' **Cory Garner** had helped the groom line everything up.

WHO'S WHERE: **Zurich Esposito** Galopogos turtle shopping at the conservancy center in Ojai, CA... **Sarah Tuohy** in the Eternal City of Popes and Caesars and loving the lively life of Romans... Trinity Irish Dance founder **Mark Howard** and mom, **Agnes Howard**, enjoying the company of their pal, **Sting** (aka **Gordon Sumner**)... Chicago actor comedian **John T. O'Brien** glad for all the attention he's getting from funny buddy **John Mulaney's** in new Netflix special, both are St. Ignatius College Prep alum... **Paula Borg** and husband, **Tom**, having a Tufano's Italian feast before attending a con-



John Rogers, Desiree Glapion Rogers and Victoria Rogers.



Sting with Agnes Howard.



Zurich Esposito and turtle.



Danielle and Sidney Prospere.

cert at St. Ignatius College Prep where son, **Ben**, is a bright star...

Rose O'Neill dining at Erie Cafe with guests, Irish Fellowship Club's **Kathy Taylor** and garden designer **Mark Steinke**... **Kate Junkins** received the 2023 Fairfield Univ. Health Studies Award for her research in the field of genetic breast cancer... Maryville's **Father Jack Clair** and former U.S. Bishops Conference labor leader **Father Clete Kiley**, at Gibson's to toast their former pupil, **Raul Reyes** after his busy election year running for Alderman of the 14th Ward... **Blase Foria** at the Clayton Plaza Hotel in Clayton, MO, for a weekend in St. Louis... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Juliana Marie** cheering the White Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field... **Don Moseley**, **Phil Ponce**, **Ann Ponce**, **Judy Woodruff**, **Carol Marin**, **John Palfrey**, **Newton Minow**, **Martha Minow**, and **David Apatoff**, all renowned major Public Television contributors in broadcast journalism, law, and the arts... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** at the Irish American Hall of Fame Dinner at the Irish Heritage... Happy Birthday media lady **Anne Kavanaugh**... Beloved Chicago chef, **Ina Pinkey**, was celebrated on her 80th birthday by Chicago's food community, led by **Rodney Alex** and chefs of wonderment and devotion to a woman of great generous living... **Lucia Adams** in France at the Palace of Avignon, once home to the Bishops of Rome in exile... **Carolyn** and **Dave Richter** in Holland for Kingsday in Amsterdam... **Megan Addington** is in Frederikshavn, Denmark for prep school World Cup floorball... **Robert Dobnick** and recent birthday boy **Chadwick Godfrey** made an art sojourn to Milwaukee with some palsee-walsies to see "Art in Bloom," at the fabulous museum by **Santiago Calatrava**... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** at Dodger stadium in Los Angeles... Great news at Erie Cafe for its legions of fans, **Ross Ortega**. The genial host has returned after a lengthy absence and has brought back that "clubby" sense of recognition and welcome... Nice to see



An Irish Cottage by T. J. O'Gorman.

Circuit Court Judge **Lawrence Flood** dining at Tufano's and greeting other familiar diners, first rate gentleman... Also at Erie Cafe, gal about town **CC Shea**, who decorated a large array of front booth tables for her girlfriend's birthday dinner gathering, her stunning candles and botanicals brought the bounty of the garden in on every inch of the cafe... and so sweet of famed architect **Lucien Lagrange** to stop by our table for a chit chat, love this Frenchy, his wife **Melinda Jankovich LaGrange** was at the Lyric Opera... So delighted to hear the news that my neighbor, **Gabrielle Drutchas**, has been accepted at Oxford Univ., her parents, **Grantland** and **Kristan Doll Drutchas**, are beaming.

LEGAL DEPARTURE: This year marks the final year of Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Administrator **Jerome Larkin's** stewardship of the agency. He is retiring at the end of this year, having served since 2007 and having worked at the ARDC for 45 years. His leadership, together with that of the Supreme Court, has been one of the reasons the agency is at the forefront of lawyer regulation in the nation. On the discipline front, there were 4,359 requests for investigation received by the

ARDC concerning 3,257 lawyers in 2022. The Court disbarred 12 lawyers in 2022, placed 48 lawyers on suspension, and censured

three lawyers.

CHIEF JUDGE: **Sheila McNulty** was recently sworn-in as Chief Federal Immigration Judge in the United States in April. Many of her Chicago-based family were present in Washington DC for the event. They joined other family from across the country. Judge McNulty received a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 from Miami Univ. of Ohio and a Juris Doctor in 1991 from New England School of Law. Her office provides overall program direction and establishes priorities for approximately 600 immigration judges located in 68 immigration courts. She is a Winnetka girl at heart. A proud graduate of Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity.

GARDEN ART EXHIBIT: Join me, **Tom O'Gorman**, in our garden and studio on Saturday and Sunday, May 13-14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1059 N. Winchester St., near Damen and Division. 312-735-8101. Great discounts. Large inventory. Go to my instagram page to see the full collection ([thomasogormanart](https://www.instagram.com/thomasogormanart)).

Happy Mother's Day!

Over the years I have learned that motherhood is much like an austere religious order, the joining of which obligates one to relinquish all claims to personal possessions.

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The Trial of Socrates May 22

Is the great philosopher Socrates guilty of impiety and corrupting the youth? Or is he merely encouraging free thought?

The National Hellenic Museum [NHM] is bringing back its popular Trial of Socrates 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.

At this live event, nationally renowned attorneys and judges will take on ancient Greece's most famous court case: The People vs. Socrates.

Actor and The Second City alum John Kapelos will portray Socrates. Prosecution attorneys Robert A. Clifford (Clifford Law Offices), Dan K. Webb (Winston &

Strawn) and Sarah King (Clifford Law Offices) will present the People's case against Socrates.

Defense attorneys Patrick Collins (King & Spalding), Tinos Diamantatos (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP) and Julie Porter (Salvatore Prescott Porter & Porter, PLLC) will present the defense of Socrates.

Tickets are now on sale. Early Bird tickets are \$80 until April 30, with single tickets increasing to \$100 on May 1. Student tickets are \$50. Attorneys can register for CLE credit on site. For more information visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org/trial or call 312-655-1234.

Letters to the Editor

No more nuclear reactors and their waste

The Illinois House is expected to vote this week on SB 0076, which would allow new nuclear reactors to be built in Illinois. The Illinois Senate has already passed the bill. New reactors cannot be built soon enough to offset climate change, will increase the radioactive waste that we have no safe way to store. And as existing plants are not economically feasible (without taxpayers bailing them out), they will divert resources from developing sustainable energy.

Construction of new plants was halted for lack of a disposal site for the radioactive waste, which has been piling up for decades in temporary storage near the reactors. Illinois already has more nuclear reactors and more radioactive waste than any other state.

The reactors we have now are not profitable. Over the last five years, Illinois has guaranteed \$3 billion in bailouts to Exelon, paid for by residents on their electricity bills. We have the highest rates in the nation.

Exelon lobbied for the legislation so it can build small modular nuclear reactors, which do not substantially differ from the reactors we have now and cannot be expected to be economically more feasible. They will, however, generate even more radioactive waste and require higher electricity rates for Illinois consumers to pay.

Environmentalists also believe that SB 0076 opens the door for all the other states in the nation to ship their radioactive waste to Illinois. Some Illinois legislators believe SB 0076 and new reactors will create jobs and boost the state's economy and tax revenues. Studies show that sustainable energy technologies (like solar power) create eight times as many jobs per kilowatt-hour (KWH) as nuclear.

Please contact Gov. Pritzker and members of the House to urge the defeat of SB 0076.

*Ellen L. Credille
Rogers Park*

Is Chicago in decline?

Is Chicago is going down for the count? It seems no amount of smelling salts will revive it.

Chicago costs 24% more than the average American city. Water, sewer and garbage fees cost the average homeowner \$1200 per year. Property taxes have doubled in the last decade. Sales taxes are among the highest in the nation.

Crime is rising. Don't believe it? Then ride the CTA's Blue Line back from O'Hare, or the Red Line downtown. Alone. At night.

(Actually don't do that, I don't need that on my conscience.)

Carjacking was hardly even a thing 10 years ago. Shooting and homicide numbers are indecent. Remember when Kim Foxx said she was going to concentrate on prosecuting violent crime? LOL. Good one.

A majority of Chicago Public School students failed the last basic skills test, and 90% cannot read or do math at their grade level. Our public schools cannot educate our children at the minimum level to hold even city jobs.

Fifteen years ago, the Chicago Police and Fire Departments started allowing suburbanites/out-of-towners to take the exams to be hired for respectable middle

class jobs. Now they, and the Chicago Transit Authority, cannot hire enough people. Young people today are passing on those now thankless jobs; and the existing staffers are leaving quick as they can.

How can middle class parents support their families if they can't find good private sector employment? Food processing, manufacturing and financial services have left, or are packing up now to leave. We can't all be hired on at Google or drive for Uber. Factories have been replaced by loft apartments. Insurance, banking and the futures and commodities exchanges can all work from home online. We're actually converting the formerly famous Financial District's skyscrapers into subsidized housing.

You cannot run a successful economy on video gaming, sports betting, dope dispensaries, fast food franchises, nail salons and Peloton bike gyms.

And you can't rent a moving truck to save your life.

Is anyone driving to Florida? Can you get me as far as Tennessee? I'll pitch in on gas.

*Mike Sullivan
Avondale*

Friends of the River Day May 13

Friends of the Chicago Rivers is hosting their annual volunteer riverfront clean up 9 a.m. to noon May 13.

Local volunteers are asked to join in to clean up the Chicago and Calumet Rivers.

There are over 70 different sites from the Loop north to Rogers Park where people can volunteer. Volunteer projects on Chicago River Day include trash collection, removing invasive vegetation, sprucing up river-edge trails, planting native seedlings and more.

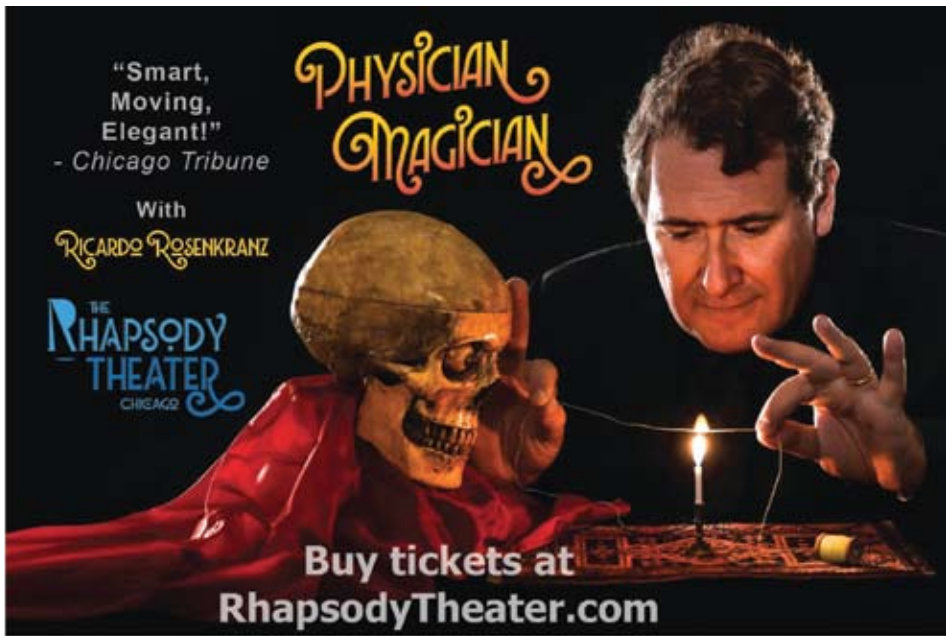
The river system provides habitat for all sorts of animals from migratory birds to beavers, mink, turtles and over 75 species of fish, and litter remains a stubborn problem.

To volunteer visit www.chicagoriver.org. Every participant must register individually, anyone under 18 requires a guardian to sign them up, the minimum age to participant is eight years old. Volunteers are responsible for getting to the site on their own. The clean up proceeds rain or shine.

Senior Citizen law enforcement classes

Sadly, Chicago's senior citizens are frequently targeted by Chicago's criminal class and scanners. The Cook County Sheriff's Office and the 18th District police are hosting a series of Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy classes at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St.

The classes will be held 10 a.m. to noon, May 24, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, and will explain how seniors can protect themselves from crime, including scams, identity theft, and con games and how to keep safe. Registration is required, call 312-981-3389.



Three cars burned in Rogers Park, cops eye links to Albany Park vehicle fire

STORY AND PHOTO
BY CWBCHICAGO

An arsonist set three cars on fire in Rogers Park on May 3. Now, Chicago police are trying to determine if the crimes are related to another vehicle that was intentionally burned earlier in the day in Albany Park.

Police officers and the Chicago Fire Dept. responded to a vehicle fire in the 1300 block of W. Chase around 9:30 p.m., a CPD spokesperson confirmed. When first responders arrived, they found two other cars were also burning.

A Nissan Rogue, a Kia Niro, and a Chevrolet Aveo were all damaged in the area of Chase and Sheridan, Chicago police said.

On May 4, the Rogue was still parked on the street with a hole



A Nissan Rogue sits in the 1300 block of W. Chase on May 4. It was one of three vehicles that burned near the intersection the night before.

burned through its hood, its back window busted out, and a handwritten note taped to the rear passenger window.

“Someone set my car on fire...” the note read. “Geico Insurance inspector scheduled... Waiting for them to contact me so I can

tow! SORRY!”
A CWBChicago reporter who went to the scene saw a freshly-burned sofa and cabinet at the mouth of an alley next to the Jarvis Red Line CTA station. Dispatch records show that fire was reported just before 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

Also under investigation is an intentionally-set car fire in the 4500 block of N. Avers.

In that case, a man was seen setting fire to a Mazda3 parked near Haugan Elementary School around 1:14 a.m. May 3, a police spokesperson said.

The fire spread to a Honda that was parked nearby, police said, but no injuries were reported.

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charges in exchange for concurrent three-year sentences from Judge Michael Hood last year. He received 361 days credit for time spent in custody before sentencing and a 50% reduction for good behavior.

Two 15-year-olds among group that robbed Boystown smoke shop at gunpoint

Two 15-year-old boys were among eight people who robbed a Boystown smoke shop at gunpoint on May 7, Chicago police said. The robbery is the latest in a string of similar robberies and thefts at businesses, mostly smoke shops, since May 5 in Lakeview East and nearby Uptown.

A little after 2 p.m. Sunday, about eight young males entered Halsted Smoke Shop, 3448 N. Halsted, and one of them punched the store's 24-year-old employee in the face multiple times, a CPD spokesperson said.

After that, some members of the group displayed firearms as they all loaded merchandise into bags and backpacks.

Chicago police officers located the two 15-year-olds in the 3700 block of N. Fremont, along with some of the store's products. Both boys are charged with felony robbery, and one is also charged with misdemeanor battery, according to the CPD spokesperson.

The rest of the group escaped, including some who jumped on the CTA Red Line.

Police are also investigating at least four similar crimes at other stores over

the weekend, beginning around 7:45 p.m. Friday at 7 Heaven Smoke Shop, 4077 N. Broadway. About five young males entered the store, loaded merchandise into bags, and battered the cashier when they confronted them.

The two primary offenders were Black and 14 to 15 years old, with one wearing a red hoodie and the other a white hoodie, an officer at the scene said. The group fled south on Broadway.

Three cases were reported on Saturday evening.

At around 6:30 p.m., a group of young males jumped the counter at Wrigley Smoke N Style, 3934 N. Sheridan. They began stealing merchandise and threw a bottle at the store's 38-year-old employee, who confronted them, police said.

The bottle cut the man's face, and he was taken to Thorek Hospital for treatment, according to a CPD spokesperson.

An officer said the group consisted of Black males in their teens, with two wearing red hoodies and another in a tan long-sleeved shirt. They all carried backpacks, which they used to haul stolen merchandise.

The same group raided a convenience store next to the smoke shop and then continued north to the 4000 block of N. Sheridan. There, they stole products and tried to steal the register at Roots Smoke & Vapor Shop, according to a CPD report.

Other than the two boys charged with Sunday's robbery in Boystown, no charges have been filed in any of the incidents.

20 years for man who sexually assaulted 3-year-old in Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's restroom

Christopher Puente, the Chicago man accused of sexually assaulting a 3-year-old girl inside a restroom at the former Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's in Feb. 2020, has been sentenced to 20 years, according to court records.

Puente, 37, pleaded guilty to predatory sexual assault of a child under the age of 13 before Judge Stanley Sacks on April 28. Sacks ordered Puente to submit DNA for indexing by law enforcement and said Puente would have a post-prison supervised release period of three years to life.



Christopher Puente

the girl into the restroom because he had to help her brother, who had an accident. Puente lured the girl into a stall directly next to where her father and brother were located and locked the door.

Prosecutors said he put the girl on his lap, removed her pants and underwear, and sexually assaulted her. He used his hand to muffle the girl's cries for help, but her dad heard the commotion, looked over the top of the stall, and saw what was happening.

The father couldn't open the locked stall door, so he grabbed his daughter's legs and pulled her out from under it, officials said. He immediately called the police, but Puente was gone when officers arrived.

Puentes would later tell investigators that he was "f*cked up and thinking dirty" when he assaulted the girl, prosecutors alleged.

Chicago police released surveillance images of the attacker to the public, and cops arrested Puentes

within hours after he refused to leave a condo building's parking garage in the 500 block of N. Dearborn. Arresting officers immediately recognized Puente as the man who detectives were seeking in the sexual assault and noticed he was wearing the same clothing as the attacker.

Four days before the McDonald's attack, Puente was arrested for groping a woman and pushing her to the ground near State and Grand, according to CPD records. He was charged with misdemeanor battery and released on his own recognizance within seven hours.

Prosecutors dropped two kidnapping charges in their plea deal with Puente.

Motor vehicle theft

The police are alerting residents of recently reported attempted motor vehicle thefts. In each of the incidents, an unknown offender(s) forces entry into the victim's vehicle during the morning hours and peels the steering column in an attempt to steal the victim vehicle. These incidents include one on the 900 block of W. Belden Ave, Sunday April 23; on on the 300 block of E. Ohio St., Sunday April 23, and in the 900 block of W. Armitage Ave., Sunday April 23.

Anyone with information on these crimes may call Bureau of Detectives – Area 3, at 312-744-8263 and reference JG234105, JG234114, JG234259 and P23-3-031 (CA).

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7114SM (Leslie Murdock)
3523X and 6619X (Edward Lahood)
4524X (Elbert Hatley)
8219A and 7161SM (The Wine Guide, LLC.), for public sale on May 30, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Cash only.

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage located at 730 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 312-876-2000, is opening lockers:
8201SM- Hodges Roman, Kamla
6100W- Mitchell, Dave (Renewed Mind)
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A spring migration bird walk with Scott Judd and John Cawood will be held 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13 (rain date, May 14).

Guests will learn more about birds and birdwatching as May is a great time to see birds as they migrate through Chicago.

Then at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28, there will be a conservation work day in the Oak Savana and Sand Prairie.

Guests will help steward Rogers Park's local ecologies at Leone Beach. All workers will meet at the Leone Beach Park fieldhouse. The Park Advisory Council will provide gloves, tools, and instruction and plants. Check the weather beforehand and dress accordingly.

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“We want neighbors and visitors to have as many transportation options as possible. These bike racks greatly improve short-term bicycle parking on Clark St. and Lincoln Ave. In addition to the functionality, we love the design and are excited to welcome cyclists to Lincoln Park,” said Kim Schilf, CEO of the Chamber.

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grants ages 42 and older.

“When they’re crossing the border and they realize they have health conditions, they know there is one state to come to when you have health issues,” Syverson said.

Syverson warned when the COVID-era policy Title 42 allowing immigrants to be quickly expelled lifts this week and the U.S. border opens up even more, Illinois will be inundated. He said

if the Biden Administration is going to allow immigrants to flow over the border, then federal taxpayers should pick up the tab. “If they are going to keep the border open, then they should be paying for those costs, not asking Illinois taxpayers to put aside programs for the disabled, seniors and our own residents to provide high quality health care for people from other countries.”

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
OLD NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,

-v-
VERNON L. CHAPMAN, OLD NATIONAL BANK,
6619 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 08774

6619 N. SHERIDAN #305
CHICAGO, IL 60626

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6619 N. SHERIDAN #305, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-402-038-1012

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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).

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Case Number: 2022 CH 08774

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,

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-v-
DANIELA SANCHEZ, 7227 NORTH RIDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ELENA DUMITRESCU, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANA RICHARDS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANA RICHARDS (DECEASED)
Defendants
2022 CH 08252

7227 N RIDGE BLVD, 1B
CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 2, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7227 N RIDGE BLVD, 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60645

Property Index No. 11-30-323-065-1004

The real estate is improved with a condo/town-

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title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v-
EDMUNDO AGUILAR, CAROLINE VOZA AGUILAR, 448 WRIGHTWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 09541

450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE #1
CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE #1, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-28-309-034-1005

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house.
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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Case # 2022 CH 09541

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LOANCARE, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v-
CAROL A. FOLKMAN, EDWARD J. FOLKMAN, 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST PRIVATE RESIDENCES, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 10282

2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 1105
CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-209-010-1116

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$220,538.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-051840.

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Attorney Code. 65582

Case Number: 2022 CH 10282

TJSC#: 43-1032

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Case # 2022 CH 10282

13219104

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SHARON KARLIN AKA SHARON KARLIN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SHARON KARLIN AKA SHARON NANCY KARLIN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF SHARON KARLIN AKA SHARON NANCY KARLIN, DECEASED, BRUCE KARLIN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF MARILYN GOLDSMITH, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARILYN GOLDSMITH, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF MARILYN GOLDSMITH, DECEASED, CRAIG GOLDSMITH, FLORIE LONG, GLEN HARTMAN, PLAZA ON DEWITT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 04776

260 E CHESTNUT ST., UNIT 1811
CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 3, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 260 E CHESTNUT ST., UNIT 1811, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-03-222-023-1193

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$222,671.42.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-051840.

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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(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).

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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1646595.

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Attorney File No. 1646595

Attorney Code. 40387

Case Number: 22 CH 04776

TJSC#: 43-956

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Case # 22 CH 04776

13218907

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,

-v-
CHANG H. KIM, MI HUI KIM, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 4269

1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F
CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite

Back Home: Polish Chicago open at History Museum May 20

Through the lens of Chicago’s Polish communities, North Sid-ers may experience the journeys immigrants have taken to get to the city, the ways they have estab-lished themselves in its neighbor-hoods, and the duality of feeling a deep connection to two places at once.

Back Home: Polish Chicago opens at the Chicago History Mu-seum, 1601 N. Clark St., on Sat-urday, May 20. The exhibit fea-tures more than 90 artifacts and documents as well as more than 100 reproduced photographs to help tell the story of the Chicago area’s Polish communities from the mid-1800s to today. Visitors will explore personal narratives, music, community involvement, as well as art installations from five local Polish artists.

For more information visit www.chicagohistory.org.

Chicago has had a long re-lationship with Poland and its people. Poles appeared in the frontier settlement of Chicago as early as the 1830s. The formative migration, however, began some 20 years later and culminated with the creation of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in 1867. Over the next 60 years, Chicago’s Polonia

expanded across the cityscape.

Polish immigrants originally flocked to at least five distinct Chicago neighborhoods, which housed heavy industry, attract-ing the so-called new immigrants from southern and eastern Eu-rope. Through most of its history, Chicago has been the location of the largest “Polonia,” a term de-picting a Polish diasporic commu-nity. It housed and still houses the headquarters of all major Polish American institutions. Chicago’s Polish-language newspapers had an impact well beyond the city’s borders. In villages in Poland, Chicago seemed synonymous with the United States.

Polish Chicago’s growth began in earnest after 1850. By the time of the Civil War, approximately 500 Poles had created a small community on the Northwest Side.

The Polish settlement along the North Branch of the Chicago River grew quickly. Many Polish Catholics attended St. Boniface Catholic Church, 1358 W. Chest-nut St. Here they met hostility from some of their German pa-rishioners who did not want their priest to attend to Polish religious needs. In 1867 the Polish com-

munity created its own Roman Catholic parish, St. Stanislaus Kostka, 1351 W. Evergreen Ave., just a few blocks north of the Ger-man parish.

By the end of the 19th century, Polonia constituted the core of an almost institutionally complete ethnic community, with the par-ishes providing the base for much of this community development, along with institutions such as fraternal organizations, news-papers, and schools. Most of the large national fraternal located their headquarters near the inter-section of Milwaukee, Division and Ashland. This neighborhood quickly developed as the national capital of the American Polonia.

Today, more than 60 whol-ly Polish or Polish-dominated Catholic parishes, along with nu-merous Polish National Catholic churches, are located in Chica-goland. Polish business people, politicians, educators, and even mobsters have joined the ranks of Chicago’s elite. Several Pol-ish Catholic high schools edu-cated the city’s children across the North, South, and West Sides. Polish nuns taught generations of Chicago’s children, not all of them Catholic or of Polish descent.

Panel discussion on Ukraine May 17

The Polish American Chamber of Commerce [PACC] and the In-ternational Trade Club of Chica-go [ITCC] are hosting a panel to address Ukraine’s reconstruction after the war. The luncheon will be held noon to 2 p.m. Wednes-day, May 17, at Servcorp - Chi-cago, 155 N. Wacker Dr.

The event is open to the gen-eral public. The purpose is to raise awareness about how American and European companies can connect with Ukrainian compa-nies to prepare this reconstruc-tion effort. It is estimated that the cost of reconstruction and recov-ery in Ukraine has grown to US \$411 billion.

ITCC, PACC, and their part-ners will offer keynote speaker Serhiy Koledov, Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago. The ses-sion, “Ukraine: From War to Re-construction,” will set the stage by sharing information and prac-tical insights.

Panelists will discuss and ad-

dress questions from the audience on the latest information on war’s impact on Ukraine’s commerce and economy, and the role of the international community in the rebuilding of Ukraine.

They will also offer a synopsis of current and anticipated sectoral needs and opportunities, with the immediate/on-going vs long-term reconstruction priorities, and the financial aspects and effective strategies of doing business in Ukraine.

The panel will include Ron-ald Given, Moderator, Secretary, ITCC; Michal Rzeznik, Polish Investment and Trade Agency; Monica Toporkiewicz Interna-tional Trade Specialist US Dept. of Commerce; Justyna Regan, Principal, Miller Canfield; Ross Lund, CEO Pro Export Food, and Yuriy Ostapyak, COO, Logistics Plus, Inc.

The cost is \$45 for Non-Mem-bers. For more information and tickets, visit <https://itcc.org>.

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“Chicago is a city committed to theatre with more than 150 com-panies,” he says. “Many actors have begun their careers in Chi-cago, and it has taken them well beyond this city.”

He says actors must take every opportunity that comes their way. “Find a theatre that meets your interests and get involved,” says Falls. “Make it happen.”

His legacy?

What Falls considers his legacy are the long-term relationships he formed with the community, as well as supporters of the arts and political leaders such as Mayor Richard M. Daley.

“Being a part of the team with my producing partner, Roche Ed-ward Schulfer, Executive Direc-tor and CEO of the Goodman, is what I consider my greatest con-tribution to this imposing institu-

tion,” he said.

Falls says his successor at the Goodman, Susan Booth, will take the theatre in exciting new direc-tions. As for Falls, he’s hoping to continue directing and is looking forward to new collaborations with his friends and colleagues.

“Theatre is my life,” said Falls.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
LEE M BERENBAUM, KAREN BERENBAUM,
HAWTHORNE COURT TOWNHOME CONDO-
MINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 01241
1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 9, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-20-414-019-1067
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-(1).
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Attorney File No. 351264
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 01241
TJSC#: 43-1733
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 01241
13219319

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ALEXA K SINDELAR A/K/A ALEXA K KOST A/K/A ALEXA KENNEDY SINDELAR, CRAIG SINDELAR A/K/A CRAIG ANTHONY SINDELAR, THE BANCORP BANK, YESTERYEAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 09067
4215 NORTH PAULINA STREET APT 2C
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4215 NORTH PAULINA STREET APT 2C, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-18-410-039-1008
The real estate is improved with a condominium with no garage.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale with-

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out any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
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Attorney File No. 22-125511L_839158
Attorney Code. 61258
Case Number: 22 CH 09067
TJSC#: 43-1366
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Case # 22 CH 09067
13219660

Real Estate For Sale

OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 09481
712 W CORNELIA AVE #3
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 712 W CORNELIA AVE #3, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-302-029-1006
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney File No. 14-22-07222
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2022 CH 09481
TJSC#: 43-633
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Case # 2022 CH 09481
13219162

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITYMORTGAGE INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
GEOFFREY CHERRY, AKA GEOFFREY E. CHERRY, ISLANDCAP, LLC. 500-502 WEST ROSCOE STREET CONDOMINIUM, INC.
Defendants
2022 CH 06033
502 WEST ROSCOE STREET, UNIT 3N
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit 502-3-"N", as delineated on survey of the following described parcel of real estate (hereinafter referred to as parcel): Commonly known as 502 WEST ROSCOE STREET, UNIT 3N, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-307-040-1010
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$212,822.05.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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is 67 feet from the future pot shop. Adler Schools is also very close, at 2239 W. Lawrence, 218 feet away. Both are located less than 500 feet from the planned location of Botavi.

When a city zoning official was asked why Botavi could deal drugs out of a new 6,585-square foot pot shop so close to these schools, his response was preschools and kindergartens are not actually considered schools, under city ordinance.

“As defined by city ordinance, Ladybug and Friends and Adler School, both of which are located less than 500 feet from the planned Botavi Wellness, are not considered schools,” said Victor Resa, manager of the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA].

According to Resa, city ordinance defines a school as a facility which educates children attending state-mandated grades. Kindergarten and pre-school are not state-mandated grades.

The city’s zoning board of appeals had approved Botavi’s location at its Dec. 16 meeting.

The four-person ZBA is an un-elected panel appointed to five-year terms by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and confirmed by the city council. The mayor picks the chair. It operates within the city’s Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] and its board makes decisions about appeals to rulings from the city’s zoning administrator. Its decisions are final, subject only to court review.

Pursuant to Section 17-3-0207-AAA (1) of the city’s Zoning Ordinance, an adult use cannabis dispensary can be located no closer than 500 feet from a school. State law calls for 1,000 feet of distance between pot retailers and schools.

But a second application in Lincoln Square was also approved on Dec.16, and it is mere steps from not one, but two schools.

The rear window of the proposed pot shop literally looks into the rear playground of Lady Bug and Friends nursery school. The school is right across Oakley Ave. from the new pot shop.

Adler School has been located in Lincoln Square for more than 56 years and offers pre-school and an all-day Kindergarten. It also offers educational programming for grade-school children.

Also located nearby is St. Matthias Ele-

mentary School, 4910 N. Claremont, which is 804 feet away from the proposed pot shop’s front entrance. Two of the schools are located well-within the 500-foot Chicago limit, and all three facilities are located less than the State of Illinois required 1,000 feet away.

But in a letter dated July 20, addressed to John George of Ackerman LLP, and signed by Patrick Murphey, Zoning Administrator for the DPD, states “according to our records and the information provided with your request, there are no schools within 500-feet” of the Lincoln Square pot shop, despite a nursery school being located right across the street.

An attorney working for George was contacted by a St. Matthias parent and asked why Botavi had decided to locate a facility so close to the three schools. The response from that attorney was that those educational facilities are not considered as such as defined by the City of Chicago.

Ald. Martin “decided to approve the zoning change request from B1-1 to C1-1 to allow the applicant to apply for a business license to open a recreational cannabis dispensary in the strip mall,” according to information that is posted in the development section of his website.

Last year, Jon Loevy, had donated generously to the campaigns of Ald. Martin and Eileen Dordek, who was at the time a candidate for the 13th State District of the Illinois General Assembly.

This newspaper contacted Martin’s office to ask him about the appearance of impropriety in his accepting thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from a business requesting a zoning change to sell pot, but no one at his office responded to our questions.

Since 2018, Loevy has been one of the most successful, and profitable local recreational pot dealer operators in Illinois. In fact, Loevy and Mitch Zaveduk - his partner - could be referred to as “big corporate pot.” Loevy’s company currently operates 11 marijuana shops in Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Utah. Another location is planned for Benton Harbor, MI. The company plans to open 10 stores throughout Illinois.

Loevy, along his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated \$40,200 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. These include Ald. Martin, who has received \$6,500, and Elaine Dordek,

who received \$32,200. Dordek lost to Hoan Huynh in the 13th Illinois House District primary.

Currently, Botavi Wellness has a provisional license from the state of Illinois. Final approval is still pending. State Rep.

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election. That policy appears to benefit only those with set political organizations already in place, like the Chicago Teacher’s Union.

Most average citizens who may want to run for the School Board may not realize just how early the petition process begins and ends [July 1], thereby keeping them off the ballot in favor of connected political insiders.

The new school board will eventually have 21 elected members, creating one of the largest school boards in the nation. Elected members will be phased in starting with the Nov. 2024 election, when 10 members will be elected and 11, including the board’s president, will be appointed by Mayor Brandon Johnson, a former Chicago Teachers Union paid organizer.

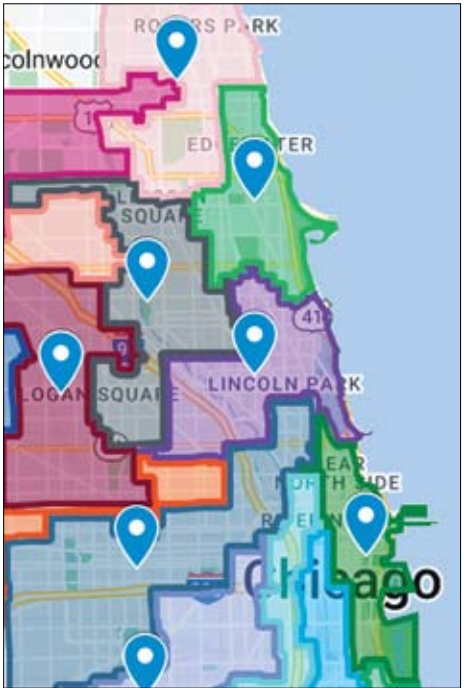
By Jan. 2027, a fully elected board will be in place. The school board will then have staggered elections, with half the seats up for election every two years.

Any promises of electoral reform by limiting the amount spent on school board races has never appeared in the bill. These races were sold to residents as being for the parents to decide, but the way the system has been set up will favor those with money and election foot soldiers already in place.

On the North Side, general district boundaries are:

- District C: Rogers Park, and odd parts and portions of Andersonville, West Ridge, Arcadia Terrace, Budlong Woods, Bowmanville and Ravenswood.
- District D: Edgewater, Uptown, and

Huynh [13th] was contacted by this newspaper about the status of Botavi’s license, and asked if he supports final approval. While his office acknowledged they received this newspaper’s email, they did not provide a response by deadline.



The new school board map is relatively compact on the North Side. The election will occur on Nov. 2024 election, but petitions to run are due July 1, 2023.

parts and portions of Andersonville, Lakeview, and Ravenswood.

- District J: North Center, and parts and portions of Lincoln Square, Roscoe Village, Albany Park, North Park, Logan Square and Palmer Square.
- District I: Lincoln Park, Wrigleyville, and parts and portions of Lakeview, Bucktown and Wicker Park.
- District N: Near North, Streeterville, and the Loop.

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three residential buildings totaling 487 units to be completed in a mixed-use, mixed-income development, Wendelin Park, bounded by Blackhawk, Dayton and Kingsbury streets on the Near North Side. The others include The Seng, a recently opened, 34-unit all-affordable condo development (the first of its kind in Chicago) and The Foundry, a 27-story, 327-unit market-rate rental tower scheduled to open in early 2024. All three residential buildings are centered around the new 26,000-square-foot Wendelin Park, which is being privately developed by Structured as a public amenity with a nature play area, dog run, community garden and gathering areas.

Located next to Chicago’s second-largest retail district, the Clybourn Corridor, Post Chicago is within walking distance of the

NEWCITY shopping center, also developed by Structured, and near Whole Foods, Apple, Crate & Barrel, The Container Store, Target and other national brands. Nearby entertainment options include the AMC 14, Steppenwolf Theatre and Second City, as well as numerous restaurants.

Wendelin Park is adjacent to the new Wild Mile, Chicago’s first floating eco-park, and other recreational offerings, including Lincoln Park Movement, the 43,000-square-foot climbing gym also built by Structured; iFLY Skydiving; DICK’s Sporting Goods; and REI Lincoln Park, which backs up to the river so customers can test out kayaks and canoes.

Residents are also steps from the North/Clybourn Red Line CTA station, just a 15-minute commute to Downtown Chicago. The location also offers quick access to the Kennedy Expy. and Lake Shore Dr.



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