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— Dalai Lama

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Is TIF money being wisely spent at struggling Uplift High School?

City's moratorium on school closings ends in 2025

Those who have driven east on Wilson Ave. may have noticed construction is underway at Uplift High School, 900 W. Wilson Ave.

The school is getting an extensive rehab courtesy of property tax money taken from the Wilson Yard Tax Increment Financing District [TIF]. Reportedly the beautification efforts will include new fencing, benches, and replacement of concrete and landscaping.

But Uplift's dwindling student population numbers open up a larger question of whether the building, and school, are worth the additional investment.

Uplift High School has a student population of under 100 students, and in 2022 The Chicago Tribune asked if the community and CPS can save the school from being a 'failed experiment.'

The Trib. article said that Uplift Community High School is seen as a "pillar" of Chicago's Uptown neighborhood by parents and former students. In 2022 Sophomore Shyan Donley said the school has opened doors for her through field trips, social justice organizations and "experiences ... that can impact your future."

But the school today stands in a precarious position, and may be targeted for closure in 2025. Presently there is a moratorium on school closures until 2025.

The school has garnered a reputation for its poor quality, both for teachers and students, with accusations of financial misman-



While the city is using TIF funds to improve the site, Uplift High School today stands in a precarious position, and may be targeted for closure in 2025. Presently there is a moratorium on school closures until 2025.

Photo courtesy Uptown Update

agement, and the aforementioned severely under-enrolled student body, and very high teacher turnover.

According to Chalkbeat Chicago, more than half of the district-run schools in Chicago's shrinking school system are under utilized, with 10 more campuses landing on that list for a total of 253 under-enrolled schools, according to Chicago Public Schools [CPS] data.

CPS data shows that of CPS' 478 stand-alone "traditional" or non-charter, non-contract schools, one third of them - 150 - are less than half-full. The 20 most-empty CPS schools are only 5 to 25% full - most with depressing educational outcomes. CPS has experienced a steady loss of student population for 20 years. CPS has lost more than 100,000 students in those last 20 years. Of that, more than 60,000 left in the last decade, and more than 40,000 of those in just the past five years

alone.

In 2000, CPS enrollment stood at more than 430,000 students. Today, just slightly more than 330,000 students attend CPS - and there is a consistent decline of as many as 10,000 public school students each year.

Uplift High School now sits high up on the list of Chicago's under-utilized schools.

While Uplift was founded with the expectation its student body would primarily come from Uptown, it's not designated a neighborhood school by Chicago Public Schools [CPS]. As it is not a selective enrollment school, it has no attendance boundaries.

As of Oct. 2023, Uplift High School had a student population of 98 student, according to Illinois Report Card. A Wirepoints Illinois study claimed there were only 55 active student at Uplift.

In 2022 the official student

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CTA unveils renderings for rehab of the Western Brown Line Station

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] unveiled renderings and plans to spend \$19 million to modernize the Western Brown Line station and bus turnaround, bringing the station back to a state of good repair for the Lincoln Square community after years of neglect by the CTA.

The CTA has engaged with the community to get residents' feedback including at a meeting 6 p.m. May 29. During this meeting CTA provided scope details based on feedback provided by the community.

To perform this work, occasional weekend day line cuts between Kimball and Western will be required. There will also be temporary bus stop relocations while the bus turnaround is being rehabbed. Details of any service impacts will be shared with customers once details are finalized.

Work is anticipated to continue through late 2025.

As part of the rehabilitation, new Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] doors will be added to the main entrance on Western Ave. Beginning this summer, crews will begin work on track structure painting, platform rehabilitation, and roof replacement.

The station will also feature a new bus boarding island and canopy structure for customers to use while waiting for one of the several routes that connect through the station. Sidewalks will be replaced in front of the station and lighting will also be upgraded along the walkway between the station and Lincoln Ave.

Upon completion of the project, riders may have smoother access to the station thanks to the new sidewalks.

The rehabilitated station interior will also feature new accent lighting that highlights a segment of the Berlin Wall on display. The CTA will also be refinishing the

floors and interior walls, replacing the elevator cabs, stair treads and risers as well as constructing a new customer service assistance kiosk.

On the platform level, the concrete platform edge will be replaced. Repairs will also be made to the existing concrete platform, handrail, and platform canopy.

The Western station provided nearly 700,000 annual rides last year, and offers connections to five bus routes: #11 Lincoln, #49 Western, #49B North Western, #X49 Western Express and #81 Lawrence.

Established as part of the original construction of the Ravenswood branch in the early-1900s, the current Western Brown Line station was rebuilt in 1920 and underwent a major renovation in 1979-1981 to be made fully compliant with the ADA.



Building proposal for 4006 N. Sheridan Rd.

Community meeting over new building at 4006 N. Sheridan

The 46th Ward office is hosting a virtual community meeting for neighbors to learn more about the proposal to develop 4006 N. Sheridan.

The meeting will take place via Zoom 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6. To register visit: bit.ly/4006sheridan.

The site currently houses the Holiday Club, El Palmar, and Roots Smoke Shop, as well as multifamily rental housing. Catalyst Real Estate intends to develop the site into a 7-story, 92-unit residential building with two commercial spaces on the ground floor.

While the property will create 92 new residential units and two new commercial units, it will pro-

vide off-street parking for only 38 vehicles, a ratio of only about .40 parking spots per new unit. Located in a high density, highly congested area on the North Lakefront, those new tenants who do not secure parking spots will find locating vehicle parking quite difficult.

This is a by-right development, which means that no city or aldermanic approval is needed to move forward.

The site is already zoned B3-5, which allows for a residential building of the proposed height and density.

The proposal requires variations and a special use permit which are decided by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Lane Tech wins CPL City Championship 5-3 over Kenwood

BY JACK LYDON

It didn't look good for the Lane Tech Champions late in the City Championship game on May 20 at Wrigley Field. Kenwood Bronco's senior left-hander Kevari Thunderbird was rolling. He had held the Champions scoreless, giving up only two hits through five and a third.

Thunderbird hit his pitch count limit with one out in the sixth. It looked bleak for the Champions after Kenwood senior left-hander and center fielder Khamaree Thomas took over for the Thunderbirds, promptly striking out two Champions to keep the shut-out going.

But Lane's head coach Sean Freeman, channeling his inner Jason Heyward, gathered his team during a long delay before the Champions came to bat in the top of the seventh. Not the rain from the Heavens like in Cleveland for the Cubs, but an injured umpire stopped the game for an extended period.

Freeman rallied his group for one last chance at the City Championship on the big stage.

"I mentioned the 49ers vs the Ravens when the lights and the Ravens ended up coming back. I said we are going to do that right here. It ended up being great."

With one out, junior short-

stop Ted Greco walked. Stand-out freshman Sebastian Wilson crushed a double to right center advancing Greco to third. Senior Ethan Borggren singled to left scoring Greco.

Then it was Tyler Trapp's turn. The junior second baseman struggled early in the game with two errors and a strikeout.

"It was a change-up just perfectly down the middle in my perfect spot and I just did everything I know," said Trapp. He crushed it over the centerfielder's head to score Wilson and Borggren.

Just that quick, the game was tied. Tyler celebrated at second base, reminiscent of the Cubs' Anthony Rizzo in the 10th inning of the seventh game of the 2016 World Series.

Keeping it going, Champions outfielder Henry Owens walked on four pitches. Champions' sophomore third baseman Ronan Owens crushed a long sacrifice fly to right field advancing Trapp the third.

Then Henry Owens stole second. With two out and men on first and second, catcher Elias Padilla singled scoring two runs giving the Champions a 5-3 lead with the Broncos still to bat in the bottom of the seventh.

Winning pitcher senior Oliver

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Go find some good focaccia, let it charm and revive you



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Chicago is abuzz with sun and warm breezes, just the formula for lifting the level of outdoor urban dining.

You'd think it was Florence or Paris. Actually more like Rome thanks to the extraordinary availability of crunchy homemade focaccia bread served up in better restaurants of fine Italian cuisines, the ones with revered kitchens where real cooking takes place.

Focaccia is a traditional Italian family loaf of bread. Yeast bread. Simple. Easy to concoct. Quickly mixed. Lots of olive oil in the dough. Baked and served warm from the oven.

Crunchy and mystically soft for a yeast bread that requires no kneading. It is currently the secret star of Chicago's most refined Italian menus.

I've alluded to it in past columns, but after my marathon of fine birthday lunches and din-

ners, I was moved to culinary tears by the almost poetic quality and variety of available focaccia. High-end, almost ceremonial. A food ritual of hypnotic luxury.

This is not your bread basket variety. Focaccia now carries its own culinary celebrity. And price tag. Here are four inventive loaves to tempt your taste buds and expand your foodie appreciation and knowledge for Chicago eating.

Lula Cafe on Kedzie Blvd. in Logan Square. Jason Hammel's celebrated food temple bakes up an individual loaf of focaccia for dinner time only. Arriving right from the oven. Six inches of baked glory topped with roasted onions and a nest of fresh herbs. Raw parsley, dill and basil. High-end textures. Flavor is robust. So is the price tag of \$14. But well worth it. I've never shared a nibble. It's all for one. I especially like it while eating Alabama oysters. Not a crumb goes to waste.

Then there's Tortello, the fresh house of pasta. An inventive kitchen on Division St. near Wood. They host a fabulous pavilion facing their restaurant front in which you can watch them make the pasta doughs on the menu. Pastas are from heaven. So is the focaccia. Once again this is a fabulous loaf that comes from the oven crunchy and warm. Served with a dish of whipped ricotta cheese and fresh honey. Sweetly extraordinary on the bread. Intoxicating. I order it right away so it is a part of everything I eat. Once again, not cheap at \$10. But so well prepared. Generous and refined.

Chef Tony Pirolo has created an intoxicating focaccia for the diners at Piccolo Sogno at Halsted and Grand. The crunchy focaccia here actually arrives ironically in a basket. Its soft texture is only rivaled by its flavor whose origins are found in the fresh rosemary that is generously laden in every piece. The high-

est quality of olive oil is imported from Italy's best. What looks like a perfume bottle of rich balsamic vinegar is imported from Sicily. This focaccia was literally created for the mixture of these two elegant potions. Piccolo Sogno's focaccia is enjoyed on every table at no charge. All part of the high-end Italian cuisine maintained by Tony and co-owner **Ciro Longobardo**.



Focaccia is 1/2" to 1" thick with a light crust on the top and bottom. It's often described as "flatbread" or "Italian flat bread."

Via Carducci on Division St. at Winchester in Wicker Park serves a focaccia that you might find at any family table in Rome. Crunchy, salty, buttery. With a savory inclusion of San Marzano tomato. Rich and sweet. Perfect for dipping in olive oil and Parmesan. The herbal hints of rosemary bring a crash of luxurious tastes. Of course this focaccia is baked in-house. Owner/boss Giovanni Scaldo is proud of his focaccia and keeps his eye on the splendor of the quality and layers of flavors. No charge for this splendid bread.

The variety of these outstanding breads is, I believe, a great metaphor for Chicago. I have nothing but criticism for the inept, politically foolish leadership currently shattering Chicago's public sense

of trust and safety. The recent rash of daytime beatings and assaults on State St. in the Loop has been videoed in all its mayhem. The random unchecked violence borders on the incompetent for Mayor Brandon Johnson and our Cook County prosecutors. Several other daylight beatings are clearing the streets. And a shooting at Eataly, the Italian food emporium, had the busy food and wine center closed for two days.

The mayor's office is trying their hardest to keep a lid on the truth. Reality be damned.

Nobody there has any private sector experience, and they have no idea how hard it is to run an independent retail storefront business or restaurant.

What can we do?

Go find some good focaccia. Let it charm and revive you. Then over-tip the staff heartily. And keep us loving Chicago and the nearness of great bread.

AHOY: Last week the city lifted half of the DuSable Bridge to let some boats pass from river to lake. Like the swallows returning to Capistrano, our sailboats are returning to their harbors.

CHICAGO STARS: The 30th Communicator Awards has recognized the "Candid Candace - The Podcast" as a winner of the "Award of Distinction." Congrats to **Candace Jordan**, a real Chicago Star, plus other legends honored by the Dream Awards, **Gene Chandler** (Duke of Earl!) and **Hosea Sanders** of ABC7 news Chicago also recognized.

SAD FINISH: The end for Renaldi's Pizza on Broadway in Lakeview, 1973-2024. They once were kings.

TITANIC EXHIBIT: Recent water damage, ironically, shuttered the RMS Titanic Exhibit at Old Orchard. Creepy.

REFINED PEACE FOREVER: Grateful to longtime Chicago architecture critic **Blair**

Kamin for the heads up about the passing of Chicago architect **Ben Weese**, a founding member of the influential Chicago Seven architects who revolted against the modernist orthodoxy of **Ludwig Mies van der Rohe** and his followers. Ben was a true Chicago original—warm, witty, down-to-earth, iconoclastic, and the rare possessor of both a great eye and a great heart.

MUSIC MAN RIP: Steve Albini, Chicago's "go to" music studio magic man is still greatly mourned by the famous and the unknown in music. He was once paid \$100,000 to produce Nirvana's "In Utero" album. But he turned down large future royalties because he thought it was immoral and "an insult to the artist." His life and stunning career here in Chicago brought international focus from rock stars and music industry icons. They say he treated brand new bands like stars. Everyone was a headliner to him. His human achievement was a life well lived. He will remain a legend in the music industry and in Chicago's soul.

MET GALA: Designer **Tom Ford** and Broadway star **Hugh Jackman**, both single, appeared very cozy, as well as chic, at the off the charts fundraiser for the Met Costume Institute, probably best dressed guests of the evening. Tongues were wagging.

SIR RINGO: Ringo Star has been knighted by **King Charles III**, giving him a noble title and the right to be known as "Sir Richard Starkey."

THE LOUVRE: After a six-month restoration, **Eugène Delacroix's** famous painting "Liberty Leading the People" returned to the Louvre. Conservators reportedly uncovered surprising details, like the true color of Marianne's dress, which is gray with subtle

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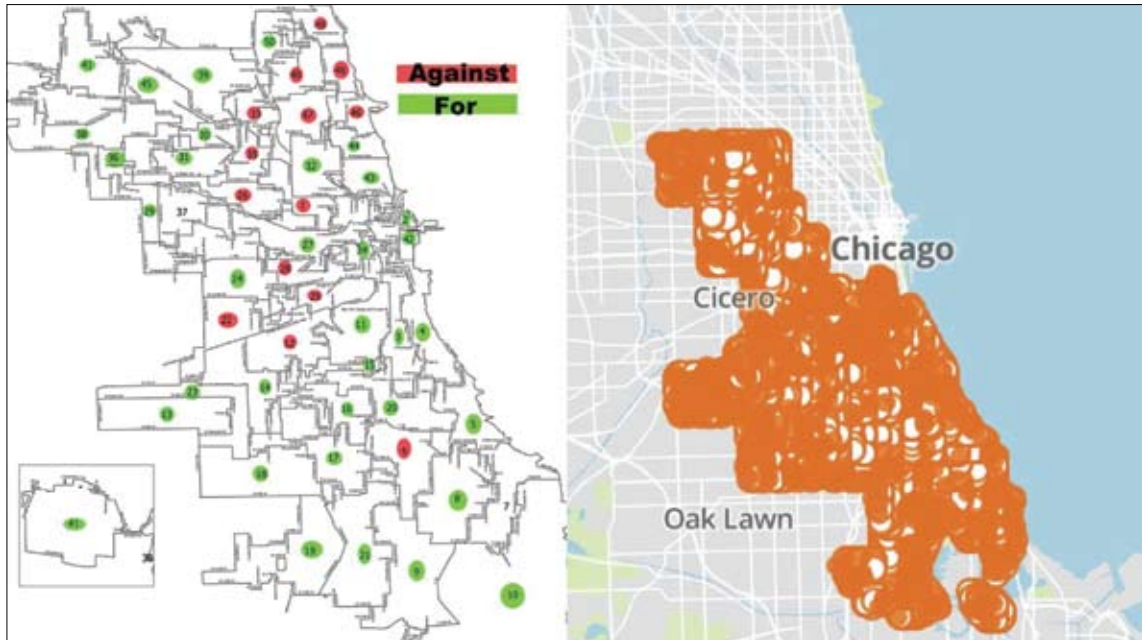
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Pro-ShotSpotter order passes City Council in a landslide, but why don't North Side aldermen want South Siders to have it?



Wards represented by aldermen who voted against the ShotSpotter order are seen in red, those in favor in green. Two aldermen did not vote. At right: A map showing the locations of every ShotSpotter alert in the system's history. Images courtesy ShotSpotter hit map via City of Chicago Data Portal

BY CWBCHICAGO

On May 22 the Chicago City Council delivered a clear message to Mayor Brandon Johnson: We want ShotSpotter to stay. Aldermen voted 34-14 in favor of keeping the gunfire detection system and gathering more data about its performance.

Incredibly, most aldermen voting in support of Johnson's cancellation of ShotSpotter represent areas that don't even have the devices.

Meanwhile, aldermen who represent neighborhoods with the most ShotSpotter activity largely voted to keep it.

It's an awkward political situation in which aldermen representing some of the city's safest neighborhoods appear to be telling colleagues in less privileged wards that they can't have a public safety tool they want.

The order requires Johnson to provide aldermen with an array of ShotSpotter data before the

devices can be removed from any ward.

Wednesday's vote was overwhelming, with enough aldermen voting in favor of the action to overrule a mayoral veto. But there are serious questions about whether the order can actually force Johnson to enter into a contract to continue ShotSpotter services beyond its current termination date in November.

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Apologizing for the criminal? Illinois set to change 'offender' to 'justice-impacted individual' in state laws

BY CENTER SQUARED

In the book 1984, author George Orwell defined the idea behind what he called "Newspeak" - that is, as language must become less expressive, the mind is more easily controlled. Through his creation and explanation of Newspeak, Orwell warns the reader that a government that creates the language and mandates how it is used can control the minds of its citizens.

Illinois legislators have passed legislation that would change the word "offender" to "justice-impacted individual" in state law, a move Republicans say disrespects victims of violent crime.

Orwell believed that totalitarian systems control language in order to prevent their citizens from expressing or thinking rebellious

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Taxpayer TIF funding proposed for two North Side parks

The Chicago Park District would get taxpayer funding to improve recreational facilities at two North Side parks through Tax Increment Financing [TIF] funding proposed to City Council May 22.

Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., would receive \$400,000 from the Western Avenue North TIF district to pay for construction of three pickleball courts, new benches, and the rehabilitation of an existing sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits.

Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Rd., would receive \$400,000 from the Western Avenue South TIF district to support the resurfacing of four tennis courts.



by Don DeBat

The Home Front

Like a fresh breath of spring air, home sales on Chicago's North Side rebounded in April, spinning out of a three-month nose dive.

Combined April 2024 existing home sales volume for Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center increased by 13.4%, according to the May North Side Market Analysis, co-authored by Realtors John Irwin and Jackie Lafferty of Baird & Warner.

"All of our comparative market analysis categories had positive results for April, but varied by neighborhood and price point," Irwin noted. "While the local and national economic news continues to vary almost weekly, the market seems to be moving in the right direction."

A recent easing of 30-year fixed mortgage rates below 7% obviously is helping buyers stay in the game.

On May 23, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that 30-year fixed-rate home loans nationwide averaged 6.94%, down from 7.02% a week earlier. A year ago, those fixed loans averaged 6.57%.

"Spring home buyers received an unexpected windfall last week, as benchmark 30-year mortgage rates fell below the 7% threshold for the first time in more than a month," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Total inventory of both new and previously owned exist-

ing homes is up," Khater said. "Greater supply coupled with the recent downward trend in rates is an encouraging sign for the housing market."

Freddie Mac also reported that 15-year fixed loans averaged 6.24%, down from 6.28% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 5.97%.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

Baird & Warner's May monthly

prices in April 2024 rose by 17.5% in three of the four neighborhoods. The increases ranged from 6% for Near North to 21.6% for North Center. Lincoln Park was the only neighborhood to report a decrease in home prices at -4.3%.

April home prices varied by price point. There was no change in homes priced under \$500,000, while homes priced between \$500,000 and \$1 million increased 3.8%. Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million dropped -5%. Homes priced above \$2 million declined -4.2%.

increased 31.8% and were driven by the Near North Side and North Center. Lincoln Park and Lakeview both reported decreases.

• Listings. Inventory levels dropped an additional 6.9% in April 2024 versus April 2023, but this did not have the negative effect on home sales that we saw in March.

The April listing decreases varied by neighborhood with Near North Side dropping only 1% and Lakeview dropping by 23.7%. Looking at inventory levels by price point, homes listed under \$500,000 reported a 5.7% increase, while homes priced over \$500,000 had decreases.

• Strong buyer demand. Showing requests and attendance at open houses in the past three months remain strong. Many buyers are looking for homes in "turnkey" condition.

"Updated kitchens, bathrooms, flooring and paint colors are very important, as many buyers do not want to do the updates themselves," Irwin said. "Sellers should consider the needed renovations before they list their homes."

Gazing into Baird & Warner's crystal ball, Irwin said: "The market is improving but there are many twists and turns. Buyers and sellers should do their homework before moving forward."

A couple of years ago, during COVID, experts said the market was "crickets"—meaning it was dead. Now, maybe it's starting to jump like cicadas.

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market analysis detailed the following real estate comparatives in four neighborhood areas—the Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center.

• Home sales. April's home-sales volume results were driven by a 41.5% increase on the Near North Side. Lakeview and North Center had single-digit increases, while Lincoln Park reported a 10.1% decrease.

Sales also increased in homes priced under \$1 million and over \$2 million. However, sales of homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million dropped 13.5%.

• Home prices. Median home

"Traditionally, low inventory levels significantly drive-up prices, but this has not been the case on Chicago's North Side," Irwin noted. "While year to date prices have risen 9.4%, they are lower than the Chicago suburbs and many cities across the country."

Despite low inventory levels, buyers are still very price conscious and would rather wait for new homes to come on the market than over-pay because of low inventory levels, Irwin said. "Pricing must reflect the true value of the home," he said.

• Under contract. Homes that went under contract in April 2024

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Conversation with German Ambassador May 31

Interested parties may join the Chicago Council on Global Affairs 11:30 to 12:15 p.m. Friday, May 31, for a conversation with German Ambassador Andreas Michaelis and Ambassador Fay Hartog-Levin, for a discussion of the US-Germany partnership and how both countries are working together to navigate geopolitical challenges.



German Ambassador Andreas Michaelis

The talk will be held at the Chicago Council Conference Center, 130 E. Randolph St. To RSVP, visit <https://globalaffairs.org/>.

As longstanding allies, the partnership between the US and Germany is characterized by political, economic, and security ties, as well as shared strategic interests. The discussion will examine how are the US and Germany work together to respond to the conflict in the Middle East; China's growing influence, and how the US, Germany, and their NATO allies navigating the unpredictable security landscape in Europe.

Lakeview / Roscoe Village aldermanic forum June 20 for businesses only

The Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an aldermanic forum 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20 that will include Aldermen Scott Waguespack [32nd], Bennett Lawson [44th], Angela Clay [46th], and Matt Martin [47th].

This event will take place at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport Ave., and may give businesses the opportunity to hear directly from their local representatives about local issues that might matter to them, like

the loss of commercial parking in the community due to addition of privileged bike paths, the increased congestion on Belmont Ave. after the addition of many new transportation obstacles, and the upcoming master plan for Lakeview.

Registration is required, visit <https://forms.gle/hBcTe88QYE5-H1jU18>. Those who would like to submit any questions are requested to submit them to the chamber by June 14. This is event is only for businesses not residents.

ACM gets go-ahead for new Clark St. facility

The city and local alderman have decided to approve the request for a zoning change from RS-3 to B3-1 at 4116 N. Clark to allow Access Contemporary Music [ACM], the prospective tenant, to operate a music school for children and adults as well as a small venue for classic and jazz music.

ACM is a local non-profit organization with multiple other locations throughout the City.

As part of this proposal, ACM will sell concessions that include alcohol, at the facility that used to be a 7-Eleven store.

Ald. Angela Clay [46th] said that she will lift the existing

liquor moratorium on Clark St. from Byron to Berseau to allow ACM to apply for their liquor license.

After the mandatory one-year lift, Clay says that she will lay the liquor moratorium back down. Should any business on that corridor apply for a liquor license during the one year, she says she will consult the neighborhood organization before supporting or denying the license. Clay has also requested that ACM provide a plan of operations for their license that restricts service of liquor to ACM concerts; liquor will not be served outside those events.



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Police Beat...

Cops look for two in connection with robberies at Lake, Clark-Division Red Line CTA stations



CPD detectives say these two people robbed victims aboard the Red Line this week. Investigators are trying to identify them.

Chicago police are looking for a woman who committed two robberies on the Red Line last week. They're also looking for a man who helped her commit one of the crimes.

According to a police bulletin issued May 25, the people seen in these CTA surveillance images robbed a victim at the Lake Red Line CTA station, 188 N. State, around 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. The victim was on the train when the duo mugged them and fled the scene.

Police said the suspect in blue is a woman, and the suspect in black is a man, both about 18 years old.

The woman committed a second robbery about 40 minutes later at the Clark-Division stop, according to a second CPD alert. Once again, the victim was on the train when they were mugged around 8:10 p.m.

Anyone with information about the pair can contact CPD's Mass Transit Unit at 312-745-4447. The first robbery's case number is JH276310. The second robbery, in which the woman worked alone, is JH277134.

Police seek info on two men with beaming smiles who mugged a CTA passenger



Police say these happy fellows mugged a CTA passenger in River North.

Police are looking for two men with glistening smiles who are responsible for mugging a CTA passenger in River North.

In surveillance images released by CPD on May 26, the men appear to be smiling widely on a train platform, although it's unclear if they were happy about robbing someone or simply giddy with the prospect of doing so.

Police said the victim was on a Red Line CTA train at Grand when the men robbed them around 6:55 p.m. May 25. The suspects are between 18 and 23, according to CPD.

Anyone who has information about them can call the mass transit unit at 312-745-4447 regarding case #JH278829.

Man robbed CTA passenger at gunpoint, then tossed the pistol into the Chicago River

Prosecutors say a man has admitted to robbing a woman at gunpoint at the Grand Red Line station and then tossing his gun into the Chicago River. Billy Cokley Jr., 25, was identified as the robber because he presented his state ID when he sold some of the woman's belongings, officials said.

The victim, a 25-year-old South Loop resident, was waiting for her train when Cokley confronted her with a gun around 7:38 p.m. May 2, a Chicago police report said. He took her iPhone, MacBook, wallet, and bookbag, then fled the scene, according to the report.



Billy Cokley

Officers followed the woman's phone location to an EcoATM, a kiosk that buys used electronics at Ford City Mall. They recovered her phone and learned that the man who sold it to the ATM used Cokley's state ID to complete the transaction. Surveillance video from the EcoATM confirmed that Cokley was the person who sold her phone, officials said.

Cokley admitted to the robbery, to selling the woman's property, and to throwing the firearm he used in the robbery into the river, according to court filings.

Judge Antara Rivera detained Cokley at the state's request.

Woman shot on Goose Island as cops dealt with a flood of 911 calls

A woman is in good condition after being shot on Goose Island May 26, according to Chicago police.

In a short media statement, CPD said the 25-year-old "was outside when an unknown offender began firing in the direction of the victim." A bullet struck her in the back of the head, but her injuries appeared to be minor, and a person familiar with the matter expected her discharge quickly.

Police were handling a disturbance involving a large group of people in the 600 block of W. Scott, not far from Goose Island, when the shots were fired. Officers at the disturbance reported hearing shots fired, and that was followed by a 911 caller who heard the gunfire near Cherry and Division streets.

The local police district was in a "backlog," meaning no cars were available to investigate the gunfire. The 911 call was still on the list of pending assignments at 3:11 a.m., approximately 19 minutes after the gunfire.

Police said the victim arrived at Rush Hospital in a car with visible bullet holes. After learning that a woman had been injured, officers went to the 800 block of W. Division and found between 16 and 20 shell casings in the street, an officer said. Cars had run over the casings by then, making their evidentiary value questionable.

Cops were told to be on the lookout for the gunman's car, a gray Jeep, possibly a Cherokee or Wrangler.

So far this year, nine people have been shot on the Near North Side. That includes a Chicago police officer and a suspected burglar who exchanged gunfire near the Magnificent Mile on Jan. 8.

Three shot in Uptown

Three people have been injured in two separate shootings in Uptown May 23 and 24, police said.

The first two victims, both men, showed up at Weiss Hospital after someone shot them in the 5000 block of N. Winthrop around 8:31 p.m., according to Chicago police. They told the officers that they were driving southbound when someone opened fire on them.

One victim, 40, received a graze wound to the back of the head, and he declined medical attention after dropping off the other man. The second victim, 43, was in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the neck. He was transferred to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Police said in a media statement that both victims were "very uncooperative and refused to answer any questions about the incident."

The second shooting occurred around 12:41 a.m. May 24 inside Buttercup Park, 4901 N. Sheridan, according to police. Officers found a 53-year-old woman in the park with a gunshot wound to her foot.

She told police that someone traveling in a white SUV fired the shots. She was taken to Weiss Hospital in fair condition.

So far this year, seven people have been shot in Uptown. That compares to three victims at this point last year and five victims during the same period in 2022.

Second man charged with bank app robbery scheme on the Mag Mile

Authorities have charged a second man with robbing people along the Magnificent Mile by hijacking their banking apps and transferring large sums of money without permission. We told you about Lamar Smith being charged in connection with two of the crimes last month. Now, prosecutors say 21-year-old Kyir Walker worked as Smith's accomplice.

Chicago police warned about similar crimes on the Mag Mile and Lakeview in January. Men who claimed to be raising money for a children's charity or "bucket boys" took control of victims' phones to transfer a small donation via banking apps, but they actually transferred far more money.

CPD warned that robbery teams were known to work outside the Nike Store, 669 N. Michigan. And that's where officials said Smith and Walker targeted two men on separate dates.

On March 20, a 20-year-old Gold Coast resident told police that two men took his phone as he accessed his Chase app outside the Nike Store. Smith blocked the victim from taking his phone back while Walker transferred \$500 from the victim's bank account, a CPD report said.

Smith and Walker worked with a third man as they targeted a 37-year-old Uptown man at the same location on April 6, prosecutors claim. He told the police he was walking when three men asked him for donations. He agreed to transfer \$5 to their cause, but officials said Walker snatched away his phone after he unlocked this Bank of America app.

Walker Zelled \$2,000 from the man's account to an account with a woman's name, according to his CPD arrest report. The woman's name resembles an email address associated with the account that allegedly received the victim's money on March 20.

The second victim told police that he continued to receive text messages from the robbers, "taunting" him for being suckered.

According to the report, the victims identified Walker in photo line-ups. Detectives forwarded his information to cops in the Lakeview-based Town Hall 19th District so they could keep an eye out. Officers assigned to the area for a recent Cubs game arrested Walker in the 3500 block of N. Clark.

Prosecutors asked Judge Charles Beach to detain Walker to assure the

public's safety. Beach nixed that idea and released Walker with a nighttime curfew instead. He is charged with two counts of robbery.

Edgewater: Man shot, seriously injured at exact same address where two were shot earlier

After two people were shot as gunmen fired more than 40 rounds in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore on May 22, local Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] did the same thing every alderman does after a shooting: She sent an email assuring residents that "this incident is believed to be isolated."

The old "isolated incident" phrase is meaningless, of course. Virtually all shootings are "isolated" unless an active gunman is roaming around town.

As of this writing, Manaa-Hoppenworth has released no statement after another person was shot overnight at the exact same address as the May 22 victims.

Police responded to the 6000 block of N. Kenmore at 12:44 a.m. after receiving calls of shots fired. They found a 48-year-old man with a gunshot wound to his torso, according to CPD. Officers located one shell casing at the scene.

In a press statement, police said the victim "was uncooperative with details." He's in fair condition at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

On May 22, two men were shot and seriously injured at the exact same location, 6002 N. Kenmore.

Officers responded to calls of shots fired at 7:56 p.m. and discovered dozens of shell casings in the alley, estimating a total of 40 rounds fired. But the victims were not there when CPD arrived. They jumped into a Chevy Traverse, and a third man drove them to Swedish Hospital for treatment. The men were later transferred to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Police said a 23-year-old man shot in the chest was in serious condition. A 20-year-old man shot in the shoulder was in fair condition.

Investigators found the Chevy Traverse abandoned outside the hospital. Surveillance video showed its driver running away after dropping off the injured men.

So far this year, seven people have been shot in Edgewater. The neighborhood had five shooting victims for all of last year. It had six as of this date in 2022.

Man who opened fire on cops in downtown Chicago gets 40 years

The man who opened fire on a Chicago police officer in downtown Chicago was sentenced to 40 years in prison on May 22.

Two men who were in the car with Edgardo Perez struck plea deals. But Perez rejected the state's offers and took the case to a bench trial earlier this year. Judge Aleksandra Gillespie found him guilty on all 10 counts, including four counts of attempted murder. Gillespie rolled all ten counts into a single count of attempted murder and sentenced him to 20 years. Then, she added a 20-year sentencing enhancement for using a firearm during the crime.

Officials said Perez was the front-seat passenger in a freshly hijacked Honda Accord when Chicago police officers stopped the vehicle near Columbus and Lower Wacker Dr. around 8:48 p.m. Jan. 26, 2022.

An officer's bodycam was rolling as he approached the Accord's passenger side on foot and ordered the vehicle's occupants to show their hands, prosecutors have said. The footage allegedly showed Perez firing a handgun toward the officer at close range.

Prosecutors played the officers' bodycam footage during Perez's trial. Perez even took the stand, with an officer who observed his testimony saying Perez claimed he was "too drunk to know what he was doing."

A nearby surveillance camera captured the traffic stop in its entirety.

A closer look at the camera footage shows smoke emanating from the passenger window toward the officer. Prosecutors said in 2022 that Perez fired a gun through the closed passenger-side window, sending shards of glass into the cop's eye. While the bullet did not strike the officer, he was treated at Rush Hospital for eye injuries. Another officer was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for a rapid heartbeat.

Two other officers immediately opened fire on Perez, who was struck in the chest, arm, and leg. A bullet also grazed his forehead, leaving a long, red divot that was visible in his mugshot.

Less than a year after the incident, two other men who were in the car with Perez pleaded guilty to felonies. The driver, Noel Centeno, pleaded guilty to possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and the man in the car's back seat, Jesse Sanchez, pleaded guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, according to court records.

Six years for concealed carry holder who shot her 'friend' during argument in Rogers Park

A concealed carry license holder who shot her friend during an argument in Rogers Park has been sentenced to six years in prison. Ashley Gomez, 32, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery by discharging a fire-



Ashley Gomez

arm in exchange for the sentence from Judge Jennifer Coleman. She must serve 85% of the time before being eligible for release. Gomez and the victim had been friends for more than ten years when they began arguing in a car with a few companions around 3:20 a.m. July 10, 2022.

As the argument heated up, Gomez pulled out her gun and pointed it at the 29-year-old victim, prompting the woman to "criticize" her for pulling out a weapon, a prosecutor said during an initial court appearance. Gomez put the weapon away, saying she didn't need a gun to fight the woman, and the two began to physically fight inside the vehicle, officials said.

Gomez eventually pulled the gun out again, pointed it at the other woman's thigh, and pulled the trigger, according to prosecutors. Gomez and some of the car's occupants fled, and the driver took the victim to a hospital for treatment.

Prosecutors initially said the victim believed Gomez was drunk and high on pot at the time of the shooting. Her defense attorney at the time disagreed, saying Gomez was neither drunk nor high, "unlike the victim."

The Illinois Dept. of Corrections has scheduled Gomez's parole for Aug. 27, 2027.

10-time felon gets five years for robbing Streeterville 7-Eleven



Orlando Manning

Orlando Manning is now a 10-time convicted felon after pleading guilty to robbing a downtown convenience store and then escaping from electronic monitoring while awaiting trial. Chicago police had an easy time identifying Manning because he accidentally left his state ID card at the crime scene.

Manning and an accomplice who remains unidentified, partly because he didn't leave his ID at the

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Two men had guns at busy North Side parks

BY CWB CHICAGO

At least two men were charged with having guns at city parks—one at Millennium Park and the other at North Avenue Beach. One man is on parole, the other is also accused of having a variety of narcotics, and both are charged with Class X felony armed habitual criminal.

In addition to the arrests, a man was shot at Montrose Beach.

Keith Williams, 36, of Streeterville, reacted nervously when he saw police conducting bag checks at North Avenue Beach May 18, according to a CPD report.

With a bag draped over his shoulder, Williams allegedly told the checkpoint cops, "It's only beer," before turning and walking away from the checkpoint.

Police said Williams ran into

traffic and bolted onto the baseball field in Lincoln Park. They arrested him there and recovered his bag, which, according to his arrest report, did not contain a single beer.

It did, however, contain a loaded 9-millimeter handgun, 12 grams of suspected cocaine, 51 suspected Xanax pills, and 20 strips of LSD, his police report said. Officers allegedly found a bag of suspected ketamine in his sock and noted he was carrying \$1,980 cash.

Court records show Williams has been convicted of the manufacture-delivery of heroin five times, with four of those coming in 2009.



Keith Williams

In addition to armed habitual criminal, he is charged with armed violence and four narcotics counts. Judge David Kelly rejected the state's detention petition and sent Williams home on an ankle monitor.

Anthony Berberena, 32, was arrested in the Loop May 19. Police said witnesses reported an altercation in Millennium Park and pointed toward Berberena, saying he had a gun.

Berberena made eye contact with the cops and ran out of the park onto Randolph St., according to his arrest report. Police arrested him a few moments later and picked up a black object he



Anthony Berberena

allegedly dropped as he ran.

The black object turned out to be a sock—a sock that contained a loaded pistol, the arrest report said.

Judge Antara River detained him on charges of armed habitual criminal and possessing a defaced firearm. He is also being held on a parole violation warrant.

Records show he received six years for a gun case in 2020 and was paroled last May.

In another gun case, Berberena was shot by someone on May 17, 2016, and ran away to get help. However, he left a pistol at the shooting scene, which police linked to him through fingerprints, according to a CPD report. He received a seven-year sentence for that.

Avoiding rogue towing scams in Chicago

Those who are involved in a traffic accident in Chicago have another thing to worry about, your crash makes you an easy target for a predatory scheme called "rogue towing."

Rogue towing is when unsolicited tow trucks arrive at accident scenes and rush you into signing a form that requires thousands of dollars in payment to retrieve your vehicle. Rogue tow trucks claim they were sent by your

insurance, roadside service, or the police, but to a large extent they are lying. Rogue tow truck drivers listen for accidents on police scanners to target their next victims.

Tow fees are based on mileage, and any tow job of less than 5 miles should cost between \$50 and \$125. Over 5 miles, rates can run as high as \$275. They should never run into thousands of dollars.

To avoid falling victim to rogue towing, never accept a tow from a tow truck you did not call. Demand a tow truck that arrives at an accident scene prove they have a vehicle locator license with the Illinois Commerce Commission—the license must match the information printed on the side of the tow truck.

Crash victims should also take photos of the tow truck driver, the truck itself, including the license

plate.

Accident victims should not sign a pre-tow disclosure form that has blank spaces in the payment section. Demand that the tow truck operator fill in all lines and provide a total for all fees. Then take a photo of the pre-tow disclosure form after signing it.

In severe cases, call 911 if a tow truck driver is harassing you.

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thoughts, writing 'If thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought.' Orwell believed that the language used was necessarily vague or meaningless because it was intended to hide the truth rather than express it. This unclear prose was a "contagion" which had spread to those who did not intend to hide the truth, and it concealed a writer's thoughts from himself and others.

House Bill 4409, which passed both houses on May 21, would also add Illinois Dept. of Corrections representation to the Adult Redeploy Illinois [ARI] oversight board, but it also changes the word "offender" to "justice-impacted individuals." Republicans on the Senate floor said the name change could cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

The ARI program aims to reduce crime and recidivism at a lower cost to taxpayers through community services as an alternative to prison. Proponents said the ARI program is successful in reducing crime and that it has eligibility requirements, specifically individuals in the program have to be first-time offenders.

State Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, urged lawmakers to vote no.

"Over and over again, we keep changing the name of how we are referring to those who have entered into criminal activity and each time we make that change, each agency has to make that change on every one of their documents. Right now in the Dept. of Corrections, there's multiple changes that have been made and it's costing thousands and thousands of dollars just to do a name change. Why is it necessary to make the name change?" Bryant said May 21.

"There seems to be this rush to take away all accountability for people who commit crimes. If a person is going to get on the right path, they have to know they did something wrong. This apologizing for the criminal, the person who chooses to commit crimes to the detriment of our victims, the people who don't choose to be victims of crimes, is absolutely incredible," said State Sen. Steve McClure.

State Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, encouraged members to not get hung up on the name change because the program oversight board could use more representation.

"We're adding the DOC, adding Human Services, Sangamon and Cook County adult probation and two members who have experienced the ARI system as offenders or as justice-impacted individuals," Peters said.

Republicans said the focus shouldn't be on what they called the "poor offender" but rather on the victims of violent crimes. State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, brought up how the Prisoner Review Board released Crosetti Brand, the man who killed 11-year-old Jayden Perkins in Edgewater a day after his release. He said Brand wasn't a justice-impacted individual but

rather an offender.

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McClure asked Peters, the bill's sponsor, if the bill also sought to change the word "victims." McClure also asked what the term justice-impacted individual

meant.

"That means someone who has been impacted by the criminal justice system and is an individual," Peters said. "We [in this bill] don't mess with anything in regards to the term 'victim,' we just change the word 'offender' to 'justice-impacted individual.'"

The bill passed both the House and Senate and can be sent to the governor for further action.

Illinois legislators are also pushing a bill that would change the crime known as "armed habitual criminal" to "persistent unlawful possession of a weapon." They apparently believe people convicted

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Hate webinar June 4

Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th], Cmsr. Nancy Andrade of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, and officers from the Chicago Police Civil Rights Unit will be hosting a virtual discussion on curbing hate crimes in Chicago, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. To register visit www.50thward.org/CHIVsHate for a meeting link.

City officials will discuss CHI vs Hate, new legislation which might help Chicago residents report and track hate crimes and non-criminal hate incidents that may lead to violence.

Attendees can learn how to report discrimination, hate, and bias incidents in Chicago and hear from the experts about how 911 or 311 calls go from report to action.



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William Friedkin and Sherry Lansing.

William Friedkin Way street naming ceremony June 10

At 1 p.m. on June 10 a street dedication will take place in Edgewater at Ardmore and Ridge Ave. to celebrate the arts and honor William Friedkin, a Senn alum who went on to be a director, producer, and screenwriter.

Born Aug. 25, 1935, Friedkin was an American film, television and opera director, producer, and screenwriter who was closely identified with the "New Hollywood" movement of the 1970s.

He died at 87 on Aug. 7, 2023. He is perhaps best known for his work on the Oscar-winning film "French Connection" in 1971 and "The Exorcist" in 1973.

Friedkin's grandparents, par-

ents, and other relatives fled Ukraine during a particularly violent anti-Jewish pogrom in 1903.

After graduating from Senn High School, Friedkin began working in the mail room at WGN-TV and within two years he started his career doing live television shows and documentaries.

Supporters will gather outside Senn High School for the William Friedkin Way street naming ceremony, followed at 2 p.m. by a public celebration at Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., for a discussion about the arts with former Paramount CEO Sherry Lansing, Friedkin's wife.

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hints of gold, not yellow as previously assumed. The painting, symbolizing the July Revolution and French ideals of freedom, had accumulated grime and was discolored by layers of varnish over the years.

TUESDAYS ARE FOR BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: The Chicago Black-crowned Night-heron Project meets 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Tuesday for the Rookery Roost, an informal gatherings of volunteers station outside the Lincoln Park Zoo, at 2045 N. Lincoln Park West. Guests will count, learn about, and celebrate Illinois' only remaining breeding colony of Black-crowned Night-herons.

The event is held rain or shine, unless there are severe weather - wind/lightning - warnings and the effort is lead by **Amy Lardner**. No RSVP is required. For more information write to aklardner@gmail.com.

HEALING HOPE: **Elizabeth Gorecki** worked tirelessly for four years in medical school in Dublin and has now accomplished her dream. She is officially Dr. Elizabeth Gorecki and her boyfriend, who also passed with honors, is officially **Dr. Andrei Feldiorean**. The whole family, along with aunt **Kathy Taylor** are going to graduation in Dublin.

FREE JOFFREY BALLET: The Joffrey Ballet has announced the programming for the Joffrey for All free performance, which will feature a mixed repertory program in Millennium Park by Joffrey Company Artists and students from the Joffrey Academy of Dance Community Engagement programs. The program is comprised of a series of performances by choreographers from around the globe, including **Cathy Marston, Justin Peck, Yuri Possokhov, Christopher Wheeldon**, and 2024 Winning Works Choreographer **Manoela Gonçalves**. The All free performance kicks off with family-friendly movement classes featuring partner organizations, including the Poetry Foundation and Ensemble Español, starting at 4:15 p.m. on the lawn, followed by the mixed rep program at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 16. For more information, visit joffrey.org.

CARAVAGGIO AUTHENTICATED: A newly discovered, missing **Michelangelo di Caravaggio** painting was discovered in Spain and will go up for auction. "Ecco Homo," shows the Christ at his scourging, but will first go on exhibit at the Prado Museum in Madrid on May 27. The owner's identity has not been revealed. The painting is sure to bring millions in the auction sale.

LOVE IN THE AIR: Congratulations to **John P. Walcher** and **Ellie Sethness** on their wedding at St. Clement Church in April with **Monsignor Ken Velo** presiding. A life of happiness and hope all your days.

ILLINOIS ALUMNI: Alumni President **Michael Harring** led the Fountain dedication honoring the dynamic president of the Univ. of Illinois Alumni Association, **Jen Dillavou**, who passed away last year.

SKATE AWAY: Skate into Summer at Lake Shore Park for a free roller skating party 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Lake Shore Park, 808 N. Lake Shore Dr. All ages are welcome, and a limited amount of skates will be available to borrow. For more information call 312-742-7891.

SURPRISING MOMS: Yes. That was columnist Candace Jordan and Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** passing out flowers, deodorant, hairspray, muffins and other goodies to moms on Mother's Day on Michigan Ave. near the Water Tower.



Chef Bill Kim and mom, Sue Kim.

WHO'S WHERE: **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** at Hotel Corallo in Sorrento, Italy... **Dan Balanoff** visiting Chandler, AZ... **Diane Abt** in Manhattan spotted a stunning piece of familiar sculpture, New York's **Anish Kapoor** Bean sculpture... **Tom Skilling**, retired WGN meteorologist is returning to Woodstock as Pridefest Grand Marshal of their parade... Sisters **Emma** and **Sophie Thompson** joined as their mum, **Phyllida Law**, was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)... **Paul R. Iacono** leading friends to the exotic island of Sardinia, among them **Sherry Lea Fox, Frank N. Jeffrey** and **Todd Hatoff**... **Cliff Carlson** Irish American News publisher (one of my bosses) in Albuquerque, NM, where oldest grandson just graduated college, proud of him sticking it out during trying times... **Dr. Rose Gomez** relaxing with her feet up in the Swiss Alpine breeze... **Maureen Canty** with niece, **Saoirse Canty**, who has a summer job at Chicago's Galway Arms... **Takara Beathea-Gudell** creating jewelry that boggles the imagination for beauty and style in her Hyde Park gallery... **Joseph P. Kennedy III**, Special Envoy to Northern Ireland, spoke at the City Club... Law enforcement's **Rick Barrett** has participated as a rider in the Police Unity Tour in Washington, DC, since 2011. As the oldest rider in Chapter 4, he's now completed his last Tour... **Debi Catenacci**, the "Biscotti Chef," and **Sherrill Bodine**, romance writer, attracted rave reviews for the Hat Lunch at the Ritz, but Sherrill took "Best of Show"... **Mark O'Malley** and violinist wife, **Patricia Treacy**, seeing **Bruce Springsteen** in concert in Dublin after Irish drinks with **Bill** and **Bernie Daley**.

NEW IVIES: Boston College in Massachusetts, Georgetown Univ. in the District of Columbia, Northwestern Univ. in Illinois and the Univ. of Notre Dame in Indiana have all been added to the new list of additions to the Ivy League of Schools, citing bet-

ter organization, more reasonable environments, and healthier competition for admissions. But these colleges may offer students a better shot at admission and just as good an education.

MOTHER'S DAY MOTIONS: Former TV newsy **Mary Laney** delighted to have both sons in town. One brought flowers, the other brought his pup... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** toasting mom, **Lyndsey White**, at the Women's Athletic Club... young Chicago actor **Nate Buescher** and friends, celebrating mom, **Theresa Buescher**... **Lois**

Dal Santo Harring enjoying Mothers Day out with all her babies... **Sarah Tuohy, Tom Hackett** and **Tom McGuire** gathered together their Deceased Mother's Club for deeply nostalgic remembering... The **Addingtons** gathered at their Tortoise Supper Club on State St. celebrating mom, **Megan**... Chef **Bill Kim** said **Sue Kim**, his mom, has been one of the most influential people in his life. She taught him how to cook, and has always been his biggest fan and supporter... **Richard** and **Linda Robin** and **Neal** and **Jason** gathered for a country club dinner...

The **Goggins** gathered at Lake Geneva with **Megan, Sandy, Claudia** and **Kerry Goggin** saluting all the great moms... **Lula Cafe's** Chef **Jason Hammel** waxed eloquent in an elevator about his wife **Amalea Tshilds** and her passion looking for hope and light in the world... **Sherman Kaplan** and the fam feasting and honoring mom, **Eileen Kaplan**... **Kathy Bell Bartholowmay** and her mom, Chicago journalism icon, **Carol Kleiman**, honored by her boys, **Joey** and **Charley**... **Laurie Baker Lawlor** turning the table filled with love to have all her assortment of **Bakers** and **Lawlors** around her... **Eddie Burke Jr.**, wife **Jackie**, and daughters, in from Florida, so the whole family was in town for mom... **Desiree Glopion Rogers** loved seeing her momma and family in New Orleans... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** with her mom, **Georgia Leese**, treating her to Hershey Felder's "Monsieur Chopin" at **Jeanne Gang's** exquisitely designed Writers Theatre... **Lindy Fleming McGuire** says her bucket is full cuddling with **Eleanor** and **Brooke**... **Hugo's Flavia Magdalin** with mom, **Marie Claire De Bartoli**, saying she's a great "Mamie" to **Celia, Coco** and **Christian**, the grandkids... **Isabel Taylor** in Dublin with mom, **Pennie Taylor** embracing it all... **Jill Justic Cress** in Naples, FL, celebrating with mom, **Jane Justic**... **Courtney Thompson** and her bros, **Peter** and **Patrick**, remembering their fabulous mom, **Patricia Daley Martino** and grandmother, Chicago's longtime First Lady, **Eleanor "Sis" Daley**.

CHIPPER: **Bruce Springsteen** was spotted at Leo Burdock's Fish & Chips eatery near Dublin, the Christchurch location, ahead of his spate of Irish concert gigs.

I was rich, if not in money, in sunny hours and summer days.
— *Henry David Thoreau*

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Letters to the Editor

Hitting all the bases

Great article [May 22] in the newspapers by Don DeBat. He really hit all the bases! Great inset on the Fern Hill poem, too. Was wondering when someone would pick up on that.

The past three years have certainly not been an idyllic experience for Old Town neighbors facing demolition, mega construction, property rights and zoning value erosions, quality of life disruption and historic building destruction. Lot of harms and all for Big Money.

Congratulations and thank you.

*Timothy J. Carew
Old Town*

The Battle for Old Town

Your articles, 'The Battle for Old Town' [May 15 and 22], chronicle an effort by some residents to stop the construction of a high-rise in Old Town, with the opposing group citing density and incompatibility with neighborhood character as primary reasons they oppose the new high-rise.

Perhaps their opposition would come across as more authentic if there were not six existing high-rises in the picture accompanying the article. Their insistence that an additional high-rise is not compatible with neighborhood character falls flat when many of the opponents themselves live in existing high-rises near the proposed new one.

*Alec Schwengler
Ravenswood*

End of life care options

Many years ago, my father was dying in agonizing pain from colon cancer. When I visited him, he would often say, "If I had a gun, I would ask you to kill me." His prescribed medication was ineffective. His suffering was unbearable for him. No one should have to suffer in so much pain with no other options. If medical aid in dying had been available at that time, I have no doubt he would have chosen it, with the support of his family.

Ten states and Washington, D.C. currently have this option. The states where medical aid in dying is legal are California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. It has been legal in Oregon since 1997. A pain-free death should not depend on your zip code. Years of data show that there are more than enough requirements in place to prevent misuse of the law.

Medical aid in dying is only available to adults 18 years of age and older. It is approved for terminally ill adults who have a prognosis of six months or less to live. Two medical providers must agree that the

U-visa should be eliminated

Regarding the story on the U-Visas [May 22], they should be eliminated.

Originally, it was decided that if a number of people were using illegal drugs, and one had a problem which required his companion to call 911 for medical help, the person making that call would not be prosecuted for his own use of illegal drugs. This saves lives, but is an ad hoc decision. It doesn't mean the person who made the 911 call couldn't be prosecuted for his own use of illegal drugs in the future.

Eventually it was extended to illegal aliens who reported crimes. This too makes sense, but is also a one-time decision. It doesn't mean the illegal alien can't be prosecuted for being here illegally in the future.

Now there are a number of jurisdictions who have flipped this "sanctuary" concept to the decision to not prosecute illegal aliens for their own outlawry of being here illegally, and order their law enforcement personnel to cooperate in this concealment.

All victims of crime in the USA deserve the same attentiveness from law enforcement and the court systems, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Elimination of the U-Visa would eliminate one incentive for crime, and the waste of government resources to deal with the phony robbery schemes.

*Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge*

patient is capable of making the decision to use medical aid in dying (or any other healthcare decision), and is not being coerced. The patient must be able to self-ingest the medication.

According to a 2023 Impact Research poll, 71% of Illinois voters support medical aid in dying. Terminally ill adults should be able to make their own end-of-life care decisions based on their values and priorities in consultation with their doctor, their loved ones, and their faith/spiritual leaders if they have any. Without this option, many terminally ill people will suffer needlessly at the end of life, instead of dying peacefully.

Legislators in Springfield are considering passing the End of Life Care Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act (SB3499), which would make medical aid in dying legal and accessible in Illinois.

More information can be found at CompassionAndChoices.org/Illinois

*Judy Ishii
Rogers Park*



Montrose Bird Sanctuary stewardship workday June 8

Chicago birders are invited to join the stewards of Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary at the Magic Hedge, 150 W. Montrose Harbor, for a workday at one of the top bird watching spots in the country.

The workday will be Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

From removing invasive plants to planting native ones, picking up trash to collecting seeds, this North Lakefront natural area is in need of a helping hand to ensure it continues to support the countless birds

and people that visit and rely on it.

No experience is necessary. All necessary tools, equipment and instruction will be provided. Please dress for the weather and wear long pants and close toed shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Volunteers are encouraged to bring plenty of water and sun protection.

For more information, or the RSVP, write to Site Steward Alycia Klauenberg at akluenberg@gmail.com.

AARP to host meeting on inter-generational living

The first American inter-generational co-housing projects were built in 1991.

Currently, there are more than 100 of these communities in the country, about 20 more are under construction, and there are another 120 to 150 or so in the planning stage.

The trend is catching on, and North Side AARP is hosting a community meeting on the subject 12:30 p.m. June 4, at Lake View Presbyterian Church, 716 W. Addison St., lower level.

Before people look in detail at senior co-

housing — what it is and what it can be — it is good to know something about what intergenerational co-housing communities are.

Gail Schechter, executive director on H.O.M.E., will be the guest speaker. She has been working to provide housing for seniors and low-income person, and has the experience of operating several inter-generational housing buildings.

Those who choose not to attend the meeting may attend via Zoom, for more information email northsideaarpcommunitygroup@gmail.com.



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WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13, 30 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13, 70 FEET TO THE ALLEY; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13, 20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 170 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1844 W ESTES AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-201-022-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$94,468.96. 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.

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chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1675330. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 601 E. William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 1675330 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 23 CH 03219 TJSJC#: 44-797 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 # 23 CH 03219 **13244513** 292929 -----

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222222 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WINSTON TOWERS NO. 2 ASSOCIATION Plaintiff(s) vs. BRIGITTE KENNEDY-KAMMEIER A/K/A BRIGITTE KENNEDY-HAASE; THE JASON PHILIP M. SURDAM TRUST DATED JUNE 18, 2013; UNKNOWN OWNERS & NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s) Case Number: 2023 CH 04078 Sheriff's No: 240020 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on June 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm, in Room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Address: 6833 N. Kedzie Ave., Unit 302, Chicago, IL 60645 Improvements: a condominium unit in the condominium association known as Winston Towers No. 2 Association Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of

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not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: Attorneys Info: Jamie L. Burns, Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **13243806** 151515 -----

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the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-20-01835 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2020 CH 02684 TJSJC#: 44-1294 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 # 2020 CH 02684 **13244744**

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100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 6240 North Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-113-019-0000 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$372,137.94 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC, No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 22-104101L Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 22-104101L **Case Number: 23 CH 08465** 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 OB-

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TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 292929 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2017-FRE2; Plaintiff, vs. SHARON A. RINALDI; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 2221 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: UNITS 4601 AND B-200, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0011020878, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY TY, ILLINOIS. P.J.N. 14-21-101-054-1681; 14-21-101-047-2503. Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit 4601 and B-200, Chicago, IL 60613. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001302.22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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intercountyjudicialsales.com **13244171** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- THE ROSE M. GUERRERO REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2010, 5040-60 NORTH MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, AURORA NEELY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROSE M. GUERRERO REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2010 Defendants 2022 CH 02846 5056 N MARINE DR APT C3 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 19, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5056 N MARINE DR APT C3, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-407-022-1146 The real estate is improved with a single family 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 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

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fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-02157 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 02846 TJSJC#: 44-768 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 02846 **13244357** 222222 -----

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292929 ----- 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 17, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1089 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$398,997.99. 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

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-01310. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 22-01310 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 22 CH 4269 TJSJC#: 44-1253 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 22 CH 4269**

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 632 W. WRIGHTWOOD AVENUE, #3E, P-22 AND P-40, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-305-064-1003 (#3E); 14-28-305-064-1042 (P-22); 14-28-305-064-1060 (P-40) The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$95,734.38. 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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

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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact EGAN & ALALLY LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 South Clark Street, Suite 2120, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 253-8640. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. EGAN & ALALLY LLC 20 South Clark Street, Suite 2120 Chicago IL, 60603 312-253-8640 E-Mail: clerk@ea-atly.com Attorney ARDC No. 59515 Attorney Code. 59515 Case Number: 2023 CH 06784 TJSJC#: 44-846 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 06784 **13244435** 222222 -----

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OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants 22 CH 08440 2744 N GREENVIEW AVENUE 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 12, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2744 N GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-29-301-037-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$761,041.41. 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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

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fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1659013. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 601 E. William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 1659013 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 22 CH 08640 TJSJC#: 44-713 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 22 CH 08640 **13243965** 151515 -----

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OFFENDER from p. 7

of "armed habitual criminal" are getting bad reputations based on the name of the crime.

"It really comes out of the re-entry space where people who don't live in this world as we do [as state legislators] see the title of the offense and think it means something much more nefarious than it really does mean," said Rep. Kelly Cassidy, whose district includes Uptown, Edgewater, and Rogers Park. She is also a House sponsor of the bill that would reclassify offenders as "justice-impacted individuals."

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

scene, jumped the counter at 7-Eleven, 600 N. McClurg, around 3:25 a.m. on Sept. 4, 2022, officials said.

While the accomplice gathered cigarettes, Manning allegedly ordered the cashier to open the register, prosecutors said. The woman refused. He grabbed her when she refused to hand over the cash, but she broke free and alerted a co-worker, according to officials.

With no cooperating employees to rely on, Manning tried to open the register himself but failed, prosecutors said.

Cops responded to the store and found Manning's ID lying on the floor. Prosecutors said it fell out of his pocket when he jumped the counter.

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Police included Manning's picture in a photo line-up, and the cashier identified him, giving prosecutors the last piece of evidence they needed to file charges.

Last week, Manning pleaded guilty to robbery of the 7-Eleven and received a five-year sentence from Judge Pamela Stratigakis. He also pleaded guilty to escaping from electronic monitoring and received a concurrent two-year term.

His five-year sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior and further reduced by 571 credit days earned while on electronic monitoring and in jail. He's scheduled to be paroled in April 2025.

Manning had been discharged from parole the month before the 7-Eleven robbery after serving time for three

robberies and aggravated battery to a police officer. Before that, he was convicted of robbery in 2018 and 2007, as well as animal torture in 2015 and manufacture-delivery in 2010.

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However, the vote could give Johnson political cover to sign a new deal by allowing him to say he is listening to what the people want.

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population was 84 students; 2021 - 103 students, in 2020 it was 121. Pre-pandemic, the student population in 2019 was 160, and 241 in 2018.

But the fact is that CPS is experiencing an extended period of disenrollment system-wide, losing its status as the third-largest school system in the country. The problems at Uplift may be just a small part of the overall broad and systemic failure of CPS to achieve its core goal of educating students.

The physical capacity of the Uplift High School building is 912 students, but the target population was set at 460 students. Presently the school's population sits somewhere between eight-percent and 10.7% of adjusted space utilization and CPS considers it to be "underutilized" in capacity. Uplift is the only North Side school with a space utilization rate that has fallen below 10%.

In comparison, the 2023 student popu-

lation for Nicholas Senn High School was 1,682 students, Lakeview High School 1,287, Northside College Prep had 1,041 students, and Carl Schurz High School had 2,174 students.

With the school's innovation lab with 3D printers and laser cutters, to the athletics building with a pool and multiple workout rooms, to a makerspace where students can explore sculpting and woodworking, the school's full-service health center and other services, tens of millions of taxpayer dollars are spent supporting the school's mission.

Uplift's stated mission is that of an early college STEAM High School [science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics]. The goal is to "provide a relevant student-centered curriculum focused on STEAM and social justice, creating an academically nurturing environment that promotes critical and creative thinking, instills pride and respect for others and self, and equips all of our students to become leaders of tomorrow."

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Evans stayed in for the bottom of the seventh. Strike out swinging by Kenwood's Damaurion Butler. One out. Kenwood's Jimmy Downs struck out swinging as well. Two down.

Kenwood's clean-up hitter, senior first baseman Savion Flowers chopped a ground ball to first base. Ethan Borggren grabbed it beating Flowers to first base. Wrigley erupted in celebration. The Champions came rushing out of the first base dugout onto the field. Hats and gloves flew into the air. Players ran into center field in celebration.

Foul ball

After things settled down a bit. Sean Freeman walked out through the infield telling his team that the umpires had ruled

the grounder a foul ball. The game would go on.

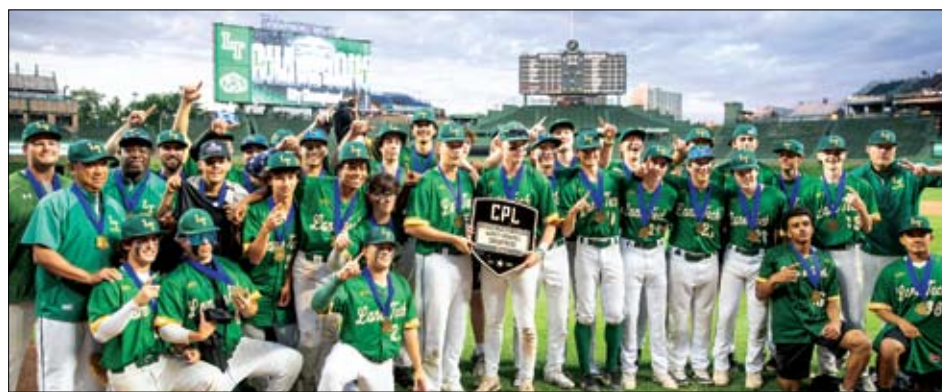
With Flowers back in the box and Evans back on the mound, Flowers hit a high fly ball to left. Champions' senior Grant Leff gloved it.

This time it was over.

The Champions won the Chicago Public League City Championship at Wrigley Field for the second time in three years. A second celebration ensued.

Of Kenwood pitcher Kevari Thunderbird, Freeman could not say enough. "He is a great pitcher. I tip my cap to him. He was the best player on the field today for the duration of the game. I knew that once he hit the limit, if we could get him there, our odds would obviously go up a little bit," said Freeman, not a man given to exaggeration.

Lane Tech's players showed a maturity



Lane Tech Champions win the CPL City Championship at Wrigley Field for the second time in three years.

well beyond their years. Frankly, the Thunderbirds had them well under control for most of the game. Even when he got in a jam, as he did in the third and fourth, he got himself out of trouble with strikeouts.

"We were trying to work the counts as deep as we could. We knew that he would be pulled after 115 pitches," Trapp said. Trapp exhibited more of the special baseball maturity. Having committed two errors early in the game, Trapp stayed in the game mentally and physically.

"I just let the errors stay in the past. I can't change the past. I just keep looking toward the future, toward my next opportu-

focus, making up for the lack of breadth in coursework and activities. Experts say that approach can work — but the plan needs to be more than a shallow rebranding gimmick, and one that families and educators rally around."

If CPS's enrollment trend is not reversed, declining revenue from the state coupled with substantial fixed costs—primarily in union personnel and building maintenance—will inevitably force CPS and individual schools to make difficult budgetary decisions starting next year.

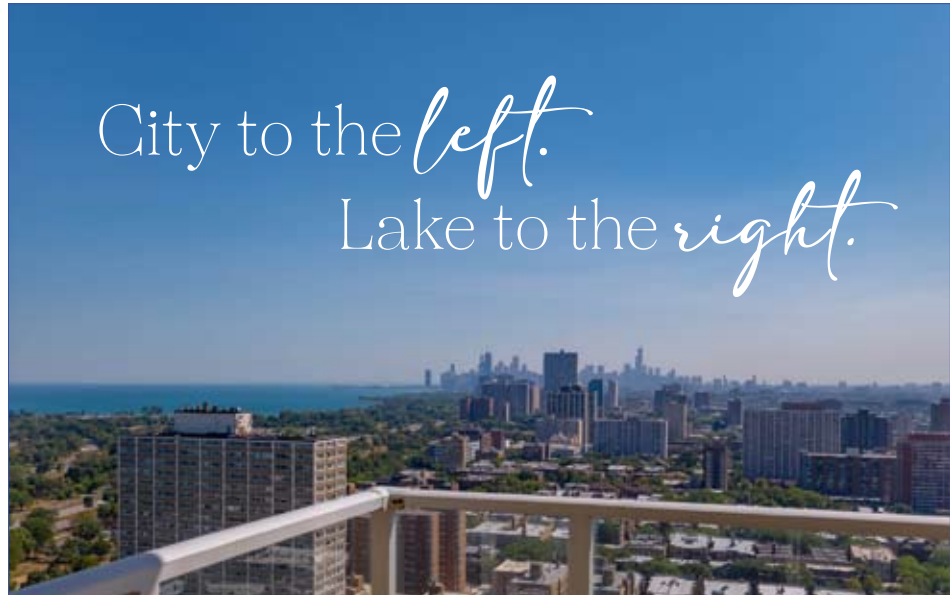
A Chalkbeat analysis found that about 95% of CPS high schoolers living within the attendance boundaries of schools with fewer than 250 students don't choose that school. This appears to be the case with Uplift High School, where the city is again pouring more taxpayer dollars into a shrinking entity that in the coming year, may be shuttered.

nity," Trapp said.

Next opportunity for Lane is the IHSA playoffs that start Wednesday.

Senn girls softball team Conference Champs

The Senn High School girls softball team finished the season as North White champions with a 14-4 record. The team was lead by head coach Anthony Colston, and freshman pitcher Audrey Lebovitz who was named to the White Conference All City team.



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