

Chicago is not the most corrupt American city. It's the most theatrically corrupt.
— Studs Terkel

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Why this newspaper may be killed off

Well it's been nice knowing all of you, our readers. The end is near.

This newspaper, and all of your news, content and social media choices, are now being preyed upon.

We've all heard the talk about Artificial Intelligence [AI] and thanks to our colleague Justin Kerr of the McKinley Park News, we know that trouble is not only on the horizon, it is already upon us.

Kerr published a story last week in his newspaper explaining, "Why I'll quit publishing the McKinley Park News."

Like many local community content providers, we provide free news coverage, reporting, and community support. We've published tens of thousands of local news stories over the decades on topics usually covered nowhere else. Neighborhood news with appeal that often reaches a granular level.

And now that information is being used to destroy our business model. It's AI... it is literally an existential threat to media across the globe. And it's feeding on this

content right now. And that of the Chicago Tribune, Sun-Times, and New York Times. Even your Facebook page, eBay, Shopify, Squarespace and your child's TikTok feed are all being abused by AI. It's no longer a future threat, these things are happening right now.

Content producers across the globe are suffering from unauthorized access and use of their copyrighted content for training of automation systems and machine learning algorithms. That content is being integrated into large language models, and other technologies, currently falling under the rubric of "AI."

We are all literally training AI how to replace what we ourselves do. Those Big Tech AI applications are sucking up all this information 24/7 and learning, always learning and growing smarter on our efforts.

For us, we've been working hard to build this newspaper into a "sustainable" local news business: an enterprise that can support the livelihood of a neighborhood journalist. But all of this

means nothing if AI is allowed to steal from us.

That's right, "steal." They're vacuuming up content from media on your block and around the globe, learning from it, and then repackaging it for their own commercial uses.

You know what may save this newspaper you're reading right now? We're still print-focused, and our online news is only provided as a PDF file. That's right, what's old is new again. Paper and ink is the new 'hot.' And AI is not happy about it. Not one bit. And neither are Google, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft or Amazon. Being in print is now

subversive, we're going rogue. (Although there are several startups trying to sell software that attempts to make content collection from PDFs easier for AI.)

This newspaper's goal has never been to track, collect and sell personal online data from our online readers.

Content producers across the globe are suffering from unau-

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Triple shooting Sunday, Lakeview's third shooting incident since May 25

BY CWBCHICAGO

As recently as May 24, no one had been shot in Lakeview this year. Since then, five people have been shot, including three in a single incident early May 28. All of the shootings have occurred just off a half-mile stretch of Broadway. Yet, Chicago police sources say there is no known connection between the crimes.

Sunday's shooting appears to have been a shootout between an unknown number of people near the intersection of Broadway and Barry around 12:50 a.m. Officers at the scene said that one of the victims appeared to be simply passing by when the shooting occurred.

Officially, a Chicago police media statement said, "The victims were walking on the sidewalk when shots were fired." No arrests have been made.

Here's what we have learned: Police responded to reports of shots fired in the 600 block of W. Barry, just outside Stella's Diner, and initially discovered two gunshot victims.

Near a Mariano's parking structure, a man who appeared to be in his mid-20s was critically wounded with two gunshot wounds to his chest.

A 22-year-old man with a gunshot wound to his leg was found in the 3100 block of N. Broadway.



Crime scene tape marks the shooting scene outside Stella's Diner on the corner of Barry and Broadway in Lakeview.

An officer at the scene said he was not cooperating with the investigation.

Moments later, a 32-year-old man who suffered a gunshot wound to his back approached officers at the scene. He was passing by when the shooting started, catching him in the crossfire.

Shell casings of different calibers, baseball hats, and a hoodie littered Barry Ave. Several parked cars were struck by bullets.

Additional casings and a firearm were found in a parking lot next to Maison Marcel, a French cafe at 3114 N. Broadway. That's just a few steps from where the uncooperative shooting victim was located.

A second gun was found in an apartment building courtyard in the 600 block of W. Wellington.

After the dust had settled, a woman approached police to report that her black and white Sheepadoodle had bolted when the gunfire began. An officer radioed that the 65-pound black and white dog was last seen near Belmont Ave.

On Sunday, this reporter happily reported that the Sheepadoodle was found around 7 a.m.

"Her paws are a little raw but she is unharmed and safe," beamed the dog owner.

Four nights, three shootings

Sunday's shooting was the third since May 25 in Lakeview East and Boystown.

William Hair, a 35-year-old Lincoln Park man, was shot and

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The proposed UMI pot shop, 2550 N. Lincoln Ave.

Community meeting June 1 over Lincoln Ave. pot shop permit

MariGrow, Inc. is hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at the Apollo Theater,

2550 N. Lincoln Ave., in hopes of being awarded a special use permit to sell recreational pot at 2573-81 N. Lincoln Ave. under the UMI brand.

The meeting will be an in-person community event where UMI, the applicant, will seek community approval for a special use permit for a cannabis dispensary at the former Salt n' Pepper Diner location across from Jonquil Park.

Grab your seat, patios open, City to loosen al fresco dining rule

On May 24, Mayor Brandon Johnson introduced an ordinance to establish a long-term version of Chicago's Expanded Outdoor Dining [EOD] program. Chicago's EOD program expired at the end of 2022 after providing support to hundreds of restaurants throughout the pandemic.

When the ordinance expired, the city went back to enforcing pre-COVID rules and regulations, established in 2017, that severely cut back on space that could be allocated toward outdoor dining.

The ordinance introduced last week would create a long-term EOD program that incorporates feedback and lessons learned from the past three years, that saw a massive societal shift, and cultural change, as customers demanded more outdoor dining options.

The proposed new rules may allow eligible restaurants and bars to continue to responsibly operate on the roadway immediately in front of or adjacent to their establishment. If approved, the EOD would establish an Outdoor Dining Street Permit to allow businesses with a valid Retail Food Establishment, Tavern, or Consumption on Premises- Incidental Activity liquor license to expand operations. To improve accessibility, the new permit would allow restaurants to also operate in curb lanes adjacent to the licensed premises. Full street closures would continue to be allowed for groups of three or more businesses. Permits would be valid from May 1 through Oct. 31 on an annual basis, and establishments would be required to follow all rules and regulations.

The proposed EOD program will be administered by the departments of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection [BACP] and Transportation [CDOT]. Before May 24, they were enforcing the old rules, and writing tickets



The City's proposed new al fresco dining rules may allow eligible restaurants and bars to continue to responsibly operate on the roadway immediately in front of or adjacent to their establishments.

and issuing fines to dining establishments who violated the new - old - rules. The city did not say if they planned to overturn those tickets and refund those fines.

Once the changes were implemented in March, the food service industry lobbied City Hall to allow them more outdoor dining options that create customer satisfaction and add to the character of a neighborhood.

"Outdoor dining has proven critical to restaurants in neighborhoods across Chicago," said Mayor Johnson. By introducing this ordinance, "we are sending a signal to local restaurateurs that they are valued members of our city's culture and business community and that my administration is here to support in any way we can."

"The previous success of the EOD Program has led us to reimagine outdoor dining spaces," said BACP Cmsr. Kenneth J. Meyer. "We must evolve to meet the needs of small business, and creating a long-term outdoor dining program is a solution that benefits businesses and consumers."

RFK's ideas and ideals have not been lost by the bullet



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

At the moment I think we may need a new strategy for coping with the unexpected deaths of friends.

Or is that too Irish?

Some wonderful Chicagoans have died in the past two weeks. Famous, as well as infamous. But friends none the less, and I can feel the unexpected grief creep into my soul.

Of course my lifetime of Catholicism is an enormous spiritual and philosophical help. And while I have 100,000 years of legit poetical indulgences to help me out, lowering the temperature of purgatory, it's the sad melancholic loneliness, right now, that makes things so complex and awful.

I know we will all be safe and sound, again, without the need for Chicago mayoral elections in heaven, never giving up on the promise that good things are coming. Even at the ballot box.

But I'm looking for comfort right now. Some relief from the exasperation and genuine fear of real life and death.

I'm not talking about the death of my cat. Though I know what a trauma that is.

With everyone around me, I am traumatized by the ease and swiftness of the death of others.

My sister, Mary Regina, and I are very glib in our conversations about death and life. Why wouldn't we be? We're Irish?

That's no brag. More an acknowledgment of how conditions for us have always been over the past two millennia since the Bronze Age. Like our nearness to the earth. Our closeness to the sea. Our isolation on Europe's Western edge. Our thousand-year struggle with a ruthless warring neighbor, and the wild experience of unbridled nature.

Salt water in our hair. All of which draws us deeply into the mystical core of human existence.

And we are brave. So we engage death. Find the humor and whimsy in death. Even poking our noses where they don't belong. You know, our constant reference to the bottom lines of death and life.

What can I say. Where do I run when death is on the horizon? How do I scan the site lines of urban living for clues to the true glimpses of the unfolding and passing of human life?

Well, 55 years after the death of New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, I still grieve the gentle, heroic soul to which young liberal America clung, for healing and reason.

So I am once again posing such questions.

Looking back I remember long travels through Wisconsin in the months preceding the state's primary in 1968. Knocking on the doors of unknown Milwaukee Braves fans. Disillusioned human beings. Each one with their smiles of recognition after announcing we had come from Sen. Kennedy. They told us that our presence on their front porch was a natural consequence of the RFK personality. Remember, there were no such things then as social media. Or cell phones. There was a distance among us which we just took for granted.

But half a century later that is all so changed. There is a great global closeness. A nearness that takes us more naturally into one another's living. And dying.

I saw some recent photos of Sen. Kennedy's children. All grown up and becoming grandparents themselves. The Senator's widow, Ethel Skakel Kennedy, is still living, now in her 90s. A bright woman of politics and parenting. A super grandmother of dynamic proportions.

Sen. Kennedy still seems to me to be a soul that America could always use as an ace in the hole. A bright, reasoned third son of creative thinking and poetic vocabulary. A child of privilege who only saw the responsibility of paying back the privilege. A man who always saw power more reasonably wrapped in creative service and

grounded moral citizenship.

RFK, as he was affectionally known, was an exhaustive floor-trudger. Someone who is left to do the detailed lifting to make things change.

True for him in the Justice Department, the White House, the U.S. Senate and finally the U.S. Presidential campaign trail.



Sen. Robert F. Kennedy

Hard to imagine how stirring his words were when spoken in the chilled context of the late 1960s.

Only he could empower the dead words of Greek poets and philosophers to melt the ice of history and a frozen humanity. Only RFK could squeeze out a vibrant life in the shadow of grief upon the death of his celebrated brother John Fitzgerald Kennedy. He left our world before laptops, cell phones, cable TV, Watergate, Nixon, Trump, 9/11, Pope John Paul II, Bill Clinton, the Good Friday Accords and King Charles III. Would RFK even recognize our world?

I think he would. He would easily recognize the issues that fuel every global power struggle. He would see familiar faces of anger, greed, hunger and powerlessness. He would quickly recall the tricks and brutality of the selfish, the self-serving, international cheaters whose goals of economic and political domination are unleashed in crippling realities of racial aggression and international isolation.

RFK would never forget the haunting image of humanity's brutes. So I'd like to believe the civilized citizens of the world would not forget the life and example of RFK.

We could definitely use him now. His sharp, young mind. His selfless generosity in serving the nation. His ability to name the reality of aggressors, thieves, international

menaces and those without the capacity to work and live for peace.

Perhaps he could mend the disastrous fate of the European Union. The racial shambles of American politics. The moral brokenness of Florida and the need to reshape the constitutional luster of the U.S. Supreme Court.

But his ideas and ideals have not been lost by the bullet. Just someone of genius to string them together high in the hearts of Americans.

Perhaps it is our duty to make them real in Chicago, or San Diego, or Boston, New York, or Camden, Maine.

Can we not breathe spirit into the words of patriots before they die on a hotel kitchen floor? I believe their sound has the power to lift us from the heartache of death and the grief of great loss.

"Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

EAMONN VAUGHAN:

The sudden death of **Eamonn Vaughan**, founder of the Vaughan Hospitality Group (Corcoran's, Emerald Loop Grill, Chicago Brewhouse, Vaughan's Pubs in Lakeview and the Northwest Side,) a well-run and favorite collection of Irish pubs, has shocked the 52-year-old's legions of friends and fans.

A native of Ireland, from the County of Cork, he became a symbol of wide immigrant achievement and success.

A valued board member of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago, Eamonn was the hard-working father of two. Generous, gregarious and deeply spiritual. His support of important Chicago issues and causes went beyond the borders of his Irish origins. His death is a great loss to Chicago. His quiet nobility was always an easy door to pass through. One not often offered by the successful or corporate Chicago bosses. PAX TECUM.

FLIGHTS OF ANGELS: **Grace Barry**, former head of the Economic Club of Chicago, best friends with Chicago's First Lady **Maggie Daley**, has died at 82. The life-long Chicagoan was often criticized for her ties with the Daley family which some felt gave her unfair advantage. She was a bold Chicagoan, raised in Beverly and friend of Chicago's most powerful politicians. But she was also a dynamic Chicago booster, a scholar who always had the city's best in-

terests at heart.

CAVE AB HOMINE UNUS LIBRI: **John Aubrey**, 89, was a man of books. He cherished their content and their creative power over history. And the manner in which they altered how we perceive the world. For almost half a century John dutifully cared for some of the world's most treasured volumes at the Newberry Library. There he was the keeper of the famed Edward Ayer Collection, a position of intellectual privilege and Renaissance abilities. His world was rarified, but filled with the life of the book. Rest easy, good scholar.



Grace Barry

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL: The radio show just turned 70 and deserves Chicago's highest accolades for seven decades of the music that heralded the American Labor Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Anti-War Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. The show has been on a non-stop quest for the gritty, homespun, alternative lyricism that has always been the artistic glue of American Left Winged ideals. Or in just one word, it's a celebration of the words and music of **Win Stracke**; the behind the scenes plotting of **Studs Terkel** and the leaders of liberal America. **Rita Jacobs Willens** and husband, **Bernie**, their founding crew would be amused to discover the Saturday Night jamboree at 9 p.m. still lives. Famed folksinger **Phil Ochs** sums it all up in his tune "When

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Help for struggling homeowners

Pappas initiative leads to historic property tax reform

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, who issued two studies last year that found gross inequities in the state's property tax code, spearheaded the passage of groundbreaking legislation that would help homeowners who fall behind on their property taxes and close loopholes tax investors have exploited at the expense of local governments.

Pappas' Property Tax Equity Legislation — now a collaborative effort with the Chicago Community Trust philanthropic organization — was passed by the Illinois General Assembly on May 24.

The legislation would cut in half the onerous interest rate charged in Cook County for late property tax payments. That interest rate would drop from 18% a year to 9% a year. That change will save struggling property owners between \$25 million and \$35 million a year, with most of those savings benefiting Black and Latino communities.

State Sen. Ram Villivalam and state Rep. Kam Buckner were original sponsors of the legislation.

Slashing the interest rate was a core recommendation from "Maps of Inequality: From Redlining to Urban Decay and the Black Exodus," a July 2022 study by the Treasurer's research team.

"The vast majority of property

owners who fall behind on their property taxes are in predominantly Black and Latino communities," Pappas said. "These changes will prevent millions of dollars of generational wealth from being stripped from these households. Property tax law must be made more fair and our legislation does that."

Another significant piece of the bill would overhaul the state's system for selling unpaid property taxes to private investors by closing a series of loopholes that they have exploited for years. These "tax buyers," mostly hedge funds, private equity firms and real estate investors, have drained about \$40 million each year from governments that serve predominantly Black and Latino communities.

Those recommendations stem from a study the Treasurer issued in Oct. 2022, "How Wealthy Investors are Making Millions Exploiting Illinois' Property Tax Law."

Illinois law requires that unpaid property taxes be offered for sale to private investors. These tax buyers pay the taxes and receive a lien against the property. Most owners redeem the taxes, repaying the tax buyer with interest, plus court costs and fees. If they don't pay up, the tax buyer can go to court to take ownership of their property.

However, most tax buyers do not want to own the property, so they use loopholes they helped

write into a section of the property tax code known as "sales in error" to overturn the sale, often citing frivolous or insignificant reasons. If the sale is overturned, tax buyers get all of their money back from local governments, typically with interest. The property is returned to the delinquent property tax roll.

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Using sales in error, tax buyers in Cook County have received refunds totaling about \$277.6 million, including at least \$27.7 million in interest, during a seven-year period from 2015 to 2022. Of that money refunded, about 87% was siphoned from local governments serving predominantly Black and Latino residents, impacting schools and public safety.

A third piece of the bill would make it easier to move abandoned residential properties back onto the tax rolls and into productive use more quickly by making changes to the biennial Scavenger Sale, which began in 1943 and is used only in Cook County.

The Scavenger Sale, a last-ditch

auction of chronically delinquent properties, is a failure, Pappas said. The new law would allow local governments to take control of properties if they are not purchased in the Annual Tax Sale. Government could clear liens more quickly and put the properties into the hands of people and organizations to develop them.

"This is without a doubt, the biggest property tax reform legislation Illinois has had in decades," Pappas said. "We thank Sen. Villivalam and Rep. Buckner for sponsoring and guiding

legislation that will help to ease the financial burden on property owners and restore our neighborhoods."

The property tax reform legislation was drafted by Pappas' office following the release of the two studies by her research team last year. Pappas put the team together nearly two years ago to investigate flaws and inequities in the sprawling and complex property tax system. The Pappas studies can be found at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Taxpayers on the hook for Soldier Field shortfall

The COVID lockdown is the gift that keeps on giving... or perhaps more accurate, taking. For the second year in a row, Chicago hotel taxes pledged to repay Soldier Field renovation bonds will fall \$9 million short of what's needed for debt service this year.

That leaves the city taxpayers on the hook to cover the gap as tax receipts continue to lag as tourists and conventioners are not yet filling local hotels in high enough numbers to cover the debt payments, even as those debt payments are due to escalate in the coming years due to higher interest rates.

A current refunding is expected next year using existing authority to push out the final maturity by one year to 2033, which would

ease some of the pressure on city coffers, but new authority is needed for a more comprehensive solution, says one key official.

"I think the longer term fix is to look at legislation that would allow us to extend the debt," Frank Bilecki, Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Chief Executive Officer told the Illinois Bond Buyer.

When the city of Chicago agreed to help fund a \$660 million rebuild of the stadium in 2001, it did so by having the state stadium authority sell \$399 million in construction bonds. (Additional city costs raised the total public price tag to \$432 million.) To pay these off, the state extended a 2% city hotel tax that was originally used to build the new stadium for the White Sox in 1991.

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Landmark status approved for Old Town home

On May 24, Lincoln Park’s famed Clark-Netsch House was designated as an official Chicago landmark by City Council.

Located at 1700 N. Hudson Ave., the modern, two-story home was built in 1974 as the residence of its designer and architect, Walter Netsch, and his wife, Illinois politician Dawn Clark Netsch.

Featuring progressive, geomet-

ric structural patterns, the building is the only residential building Netsch designed throughout an illustrious career that produced many globally renowned institutional and commercial structures.

The landmark designation will protect all exterior elevations of the building, as well as its overall spatial volume, from alteration or demolition.

Landmark status proposed for Epworth Church

The former Epworth United Methodist Church complex in Edgewater would be designated as an official Chicago landmark under a recommendation forwarded to City Council on May 24 by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks.

Located at 5253 N. Kenmore Ave., the complex includes a church building erected in 1891 and a three-story community house addition erected in 1930.

Considered a rare example of fieldstone architecture in Chi-

cago, the church was designed by congregation member Frederick B. Townsend with an exterior comprised of granite boulders. Local firm Thielbar and Fugard designed the community house.

The final religious service was held in the church in 2022. Currently owned by a private company, the complex is expected to be converted to residential uses.

The landmark designation would protect all exterior elevations of the complex from alteration or demolition.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

Chicago borrowers riding a rocket as rates head for stars



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The “warp speed” mission of the Star Trek Enterprise is the best way to describe mortgage-rate hikes that have impacted the Chicago housing market over the past year.

Comparing a 14-month period in 2022-2023 to the previous 35 years, an analysis of recent Federal Reserve Board [Fed] actions shows that interest rates have skyrocketed 4.88%. That’s faster than in any other time in recent history.

Over the past year, Fed chairman Jerome Powell—the economy’s Captain Kirk—has aggressively raised the federal-funds rate to fight inflation. On May 3, the Fed raised its funds rate a quarter of a percentage point to a range of 5% to 5.25%. The effective rate is a weighted average of interest banks charge to lend money to each other overnight.

Here is the Fed’s 35-year analysis of the most rapid federal-funds rate shifts since 1988:

- Rates skyrocketed 4.88% in the 14-month period between March 2022 and May 2023.
- Interest charges zoomed 3.96% in the 24-month window between June of 2004 and June 2006.
- Rates spiked 3.23% in the 14-month period between March 1988 and May 1989.
- Interest charges rose 2.67% in the 12-month window between February of 1994 and Feb. 1995.
- Rates slowly inched upward 2.03% in the 36-month period be-



The Fed’s relatively mild quarter-point rate hike on May 3, was influenced by a variety of factors based on how select indicators have shifted since the first hike in March 2022.

tween Dec. 1988 and May 1989.

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The following numbers show how the Fed has started to win the battle to control inflation between March of 2022 and March 2023:

- The year-over-year inflation rate fell from 6.8% to 4.2%.
- Annualized Gross-Domestic-Product growth plummeted from 7.0% to 1.1%.
- Over-the-month change in employment declined from 414,000 new hires in March 2022 to 236,000 jobs added in March 2023.

So, the statistics show that economic growth slowed significantly over the past year, but inflation still is above the Fed’s 2% target.

However, analysts say “turbulence in the banking sector” caused by recent bank failures also is cause for concern, as tighter credit conditions will likely weigh on economic activity.

The only good news for prospective home buyers is the Fed

may have temporarily pressed the pause button on future interest-rate hikes. Recently, Powell said the Fed would “determine the extent to which additional policy firming may be appropriate.” Earlier statements over the past year always forecasted future rate hikes.

Home-loan rates now at 6.57%

On May 25, the Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that average benchmark 30-year fixed home loans nationwide rose to 6.57% from 6.39% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year loan average was 5.10%. Fifteen-year fixed mortgages averaged 5.97% on May 25, up from 5.75% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year loan average was 4.31%.

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

Borrowers who shop around may find better deals, according to Rate Seeker.com. For example, on May 26, First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 5.832% on 30-year fixed rate home loans with a 20% down payment. The bank charges a loan origination fee of \$615.

“The U.S. economy is showing continued resilience which, combined with debt ceiling concerns, led to higher mortgage rates this week,” said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac’s chief economist. “Dampened affordability remains an issue for interested home buyers and homeowners seem unwilling to lose their low rate and put their home on the market. If this predicament continues to limit supply, it could open up an opportunity for builders to help address the country’s housing shortage.”

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thorized access and use of their copyrighted content for training of automation systems and machine learning algorithms. That content is being integrated into large language models, and other technologies, currently falling under the rubric of “AI.” Kerr called it the “Large Larceny Model.”

Imagine Kerr’s despair — “but not my surprise — when I discovered the McKinley Park News had seemingly been hoovered en masse into multiple large language models, all without asking permission, providing notice, or offering any remuneration,” he told his readership last week.

“In case you don’t know, large

language models (or “LLMs”) grab monstrous amounts of content from the Internet to build human-seeming responses based on the statistical chances of word relationships. They’re the basis for a new way users will interact with interfaces, as well as the seed for an arms race among the biggest players and upstarts in the tech industry, supported by billions of dollars in profits and funding.”

However, not a cent of this money is going to local news publishers like this newspaper, the McKinley Park News, or New York Times, despite the reliance on our content to build and power these commercial products and services. “It doesn’t matter that we’re just a tiny part of the whole: Given the uniqueness of our content, I’ll bet any McKinley Park neighborhood AI query will rely on the McKinley Park News to provide an answer,” said Kerr.

And now, Big Tech will be driving all web traffic, eyeballs and audiences away from the content producers, and toward the the AI future, as we unknowingly trained them to do our jobs.

AI’s theft of our content will allow its users to stay inside its interface. There’s simply no reason to visit a local news website anymore: “Hey AI, tell me all about the top stories the [fill in your favorite news site] reported on this week.”

So not only is our content being stolen, it’s then being used as the basis of products and services that directly compete against us, and all media, all the while attracting massive funding, monetization and revenue that we’ll never see. “Even the thieves’ customers will be able to easily launch products that directly compete with us,

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS built from our own content and labor,” notes Kerr. How is this fair, legal, or in any way sustainable we ask?

So now robots will replace us?

Stretching beyond theft of our content is theft of our expertise. The language, editing and context used to present the news not only represent untold thousands of hours of our human labor, but are also the result of a career’s worth of hard-won expertise and knowledge applied to this project and business.

In much the same way that a for-profit writing school can’t use our content without authorization as the basis of their curriculum, so also shouldn’t an AI robot or any automated process swipe our ex-

cal news outlets. It’s simply not a topic under consideration.

Even worse, many institutions and news enterprises are wholeheartedly embracing, adopting and advocating for AI technology without any attempt at considering ethics or ensuring they’re not using products and services based on stolen goods. Everyone seems to be either floundering or complicit.

Of course, government is way behind the times on protecting local news from this theft. The U.S. Copyright Office uses an antiquated standard to let publications bundle content into “serial” editions that offer qualified copyright protection for all the material within. “However, websites

may power competitors who sell advertising directly against us in our own market: another example of how our stolen content will be used against us.

Still, people are behind this theft. It’s no coincidence that some of the biggest companies investing in and launching AI are also some of the biggest names in online advertising, including those who corruptly manipulate all ends of the online advertising marketplace via a cross-industry monopoly that should have been broken up long ago by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

“One of the fallacies of the media’s reporting on AI (and other new technologies like blockchain) is falling prey to the tech industry’s masking itself in obscure terminology and assigning blame to the technology itself, instead of the people behind it,” notes Kerr. “It’s people making these decisions to research, develop, market and sell products that include stolen goods.” Stolen from this newspaper, from the McKinley Park News and seemingly all others. “It’s OK because we’re stealing from everyone” is no excuse.

A motto of tech and business bros is “move fast and break things.” For businesses that profit from pirate AI, one of the things they are breaking is local news, including businesses like ours, maybe forever. Thieves will never do the right thing, and we cannot count on the tech industry to police and regulate its own AI use. They’ve already shown us, many times over, they are not to be trusted.

From what we’ve seen thus far, the tech industry’s response to concerns about AI theft have ranged from proposals to bully all publishers into a corporate-controlled licensing regime, to having to add a new tag to our web pages or else AI will steal them from us. “Solutions” like this are both unfair and unacceptable. “I’m infuriated about the current state of affairs, and I’m ready to fight,” says Kerr. And he is. He has contacted other publishers and creators who want to fight as well. That includes us. And we’ve started getting like-minded publishers around town, in the state, and other allies across the nation together for action.

“If this situation is not remedied, there will be simply no reason for me to continue publishing the McKinley Park News, writing neighborhood journalism, or trying to launch my own local news business,” said Kerr. “Everything I publish will be stolen and used against me in rival interfaces and products I’ll never be able to compete against. That’s why I’ll have to quit publishing if things don’t change.”

The same applies to countless other independent publishers and media outlets across the globe. If AI is allowed to steal from us, AI will destroy us, including things we value and rely on like local news. We are all victims of larcenous AI and the people behind it.

There’s certainly plenty of money to be made in advertising. That’s how newspapers used to make most of their money before Google and Facebook came along and robbed them of that revenue stream.

pertise by training itself on the editorial soundness of our content.

“It makes me sick to my stomach to think about human copy editors who will be fired from newsrooms because they can be replaced by automated processes trained in part on our excellent and consistent grammar,” said Kerr. “I might even be putting myself out of a future job by publishing my own content and sharing my own expertise, assuming AI is allowed to continue stealing all of it.”

Yes, us too, Justin. And so too our own readers and neighbors who perhaps make a living over the Internet.

It’s no surprise that local news outlets are strapped for revenue, and content syndication is a well-established and often fruitful strategy to support operations and profits. By stealing content, large language models rob content producers of all past, current and future licensing opportunities and revenue toward classic content syndication, as well as new paid services like training AI or whatever other solutions we’d care to develop based on the output of our human labor.

It’s going on right now, today, and will be again tomorrow. It’s literally perpetual theft.

This applies to not only the LLMs themselves, but also to every one of their customers, who will be able to employ our content and expertise for their labor benefit without remuneration or credit to creators. The theft lasts forever. The LLMs are only going to keep getting bigger and building on what they’ve already created. Content and expertise from all publications are now being used without authorization. And will be for decades, supporting ongoing profits and benefits for others, but providing nothing for this, or Kerr’s publication.

Unfortunately, Kerr notes that his initial research on accessible legal options is grim. This is a “new frontier” for law, so neither media attorneys nor their legal institutions have seemingly developed approaches or practice for dealing with these problems (although our research and outreach is continuing).

Likewise, legal and journalism institutions seem to have completely missed the ball on this fundamental problem with AI and how it’s going to destroy lo-

are explicitly excluded from this protection: It’s only something enjoyed by print. I’d apparently have to register each individual online news article — at a cost of \$95 each, plus all the labor to manage filing — to get direct copyright protection,” notes Kerr. “There’s neither time nor money for this at a tiny micro-local news outlet like the McKinley Park News.”

“In addition to the media law firms I’ve contacted being gunshy about what seems to be a straightforward tort, many of them are automatically disqualified as potential resources, since they’re already doing business with the giant tech firms selling LLM services based on stolen content, including ours.”

In a reply to one of the lawyers who had to turn him down, Kerr said “I would encourage you and your colleagues ... to consider the caliber of clients you represent and how their actions with support from firms like yours may perpetuate harm and inequity, including and especially for local news.”

Kerr’s technical options to fight this are as grim as his legal ones. Right now, all of Kerr’s news is free and available to the public, and it attracts good and growing traffic. “Even keeping most of our content and features available at no cost, removing our news from public access would kill our traffic, audience and community. It would be especially bad for our advertising revenue.”

Make no mistake, “advertising must be a primary part of a local news revenue strategy. Analysis of the likely number of paid subscribers we could attract, given our audience and coverage, is not nearly enough to fund a neighborhood news business,” Kerr said.

There’s certainly plenty of money to be made in advertising. That’s how newspapers used to make most of their money before Google and Facebook came along and robbed them of that revenue stream. For AI startups, advertising is one of its biggest attractors of funding as investors salivate at AI’s ad monetization potential.

However, just like all the other money going to AI now and in the future, independent publishers like this newspaper or the McKinley Park News won’t see any revenue from AI advertising. Indeed, AI’s theft of our content

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On cusp of Pride Month, health officials worried about Monkeypox surge in Chicago

BY PETER VON BUOL

As the number of local cases of the Monkeypox virus (also known as Mpox) continues to rise, on the cusp of Pride Month, local public health officials have expressed concerns the virus will explode in the summer months, as it did last year.

Symptoms include a painful and uncomfortable rash or sores, which are often accompanied with flu-like symptoms. The virus can result in severe disease requiring hospitalization particularly in persons with other health conditions or those who are immunocompromised.

So far, most of the local cases are among those already vaccinated against the virus and seem to be displaying milder symptoms this time.

Spread through prolonged skin contact, the disease can occur in anyone. However, last year, health officials found it had spread rapidly among men who have sex with men.

In a written statement, Dr. Alison Arwady, MD, Cmsr. of the Chicago Dept. of Public Health [CDPH], says Mpox spreads from the time symptoms appear until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed

over the sores. Typically, she adds, this takes about 2-4 weeks.

Howard Brown Health, a local non-profit healthcare and social services provider serving the LG-BTQI+ community, has identified a resurgence in cases of Mpox at its North Side health facilities.

Last year, a significant increase of cases was reported shortly after the Chicago-based International Male Leather competition. Health officials are worried the same will occur this year. This year's competition occurred May 25 through 29, at The Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave.

While the event prohibits discrimination based on "age, race, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, personal beliefs, fetish interests, or religion; non-consensual physical contact, unwelcome sexual attention or deliberate intimidation, threats, stalking," there is nothing in the events Code of Conduct that demands Mpox vaccinations, or asks participants to take efforts to prevent the spread of Mpox, or any other sexually transmitted diseases.

In the nearly three months before April 17, the CDPH had only reported one new Mpox case,

which had been diagnosed at a Howard Brown clinic. Last week's new case rate was the highest in Chicago since early Nov. 2022 and was the highest weekly new case rate in any US region so far this year.

"We urge sexually active members of our community to receive the Mpox vaccine. For example, unvaccinated people [who had attended the] International Mr. Leather at the end of May should receive their first dose of the Mpox vaccination as soon as possible," said Dr. Patrick Gibbons, Chief Medical Director of Howard Brown Health. "The more people who get vaccinated, the better protected the LGBTQI+ community will be from another outbreak of Monkeypox this year."

Public health officials around the world have expressed concerns about Mpox being spread by those who attend sex clubs and bathhouses. However, city health officials have told this newspaper there are no plans to use a public health order to inspect or close any of the facilities associated with the spread.

Anyone at risk for Mpox who has not been previously vaccinated should call to schedule a vaccination appointment as soon

as possible at any one of Howard Brown's nine medical clinics. Patients can also seek care at Howard Brown's walk-in clinics at its 55th St. (Hyde Park), 63rd St. (Englewood), and Sheridan (Uptown) locations.

According to Howard Brown spokesperson Wren O'Kelley, anyone experiencing symptoms indicative of Mpox should contact a Howard Brown Health facility at 773-388-1600 to arrange prompt testing. For more information on prevention, symptoms, vaccination, and treatment, visit howardbrown.org/mpox.

The virus was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. Despite having been named "monkeypox," the actual source of the disease remains unknown. African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people. The first human case of Mpox was recorded in 1970. Prior to the 2022, Mpox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries, but the current outbreak is not linked to a current African outbreak.

Lawmakers look to end 'common carrier' exemption for ride-share companies

Uber, Lyft to face same liability as taxicabs

BY NIKA SCHOONOVER
Capitol News Illinois

Ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft would be subject to the same level of liability as other forms of public transportation under a measure moving through the General Assembly.

House Bill 2231 would classify ride-shares as "common carriers," meaning the companies can be held liable, rather than just the drivers, for accidents or injuries to passengers. Currently in Illinois, "common carriers" include taxicabs, railways and elevators, among others.

But the state's 2014 Transportation Network Providers Act specifically exempted ride-share companies from being deemed "common carriers." The law stated ride-shares, defined as Transportation Network Companies, and their drivers "are not common carriers, contract carriers or motor carriers, as defined by applicable State law, nor do they provide taxicab or for-hire vehicle service."

An amendment to HB 2231 would deem that common carrier exemption "inoperative" as of Jan. 1, 2024. The amended version passed the Senate on partisan lines last week, sending it back to the House for a concurrence vote. A previous version passed the House on partisan lines in March.

Under the amended HB 2231, the entire Transportation Network Provider Act would be repealed on Sept. 1, 2028, extending its review period from one

year to nearly five years.

Bill sponsor State Sen. Robert Martwick, said the amendment changed some opponents' positions on the legislation to neutral. Lyft, in particular, has shifted its stance as a result of the amendment, Martwick said.

"They had asked for a delayed effective date instead of being effective immediately... and that moved them to neutral," Martwick said in an interview.

Uber, on the other hand, still opposes the bill. The company this week sent a letter to Jaime Harrison, Democratic National

"We know that planning for the Convention is already well underway, and we don't want you caught off guard if the availability of on-demand transportation is less than anticipated as a result of the new law," Josh Gold, senior director of policy and communications at Uber, wrote in the letter.

Committee Chair, in light of the DNC's decision to hold their convention in Chicago next year.

Uber's letter claimed the measure could increase costs for riders and increase eligibility requirements for drivers, despite no mention of this in the legislation.

The company also claimed the common carrier classification could increase ridership costs and create unspecified "barriers" for drivers joining the company.

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The Chicago Park District [CPD], along with local arts organizations, performers and community members, has announced the 11th season of Night Out in the Parks. The free event series is accessible to all ages and abilities, and celebrates Chicago’s vibrant cultures and emerging and seasoned arts professionals in parks citywide, starting June 2.

All events are available to view at www.nightoutintheparks.com.

Launched in 2013, Night Out in the Parks brings world-class arts performances, including theater, dance and live music to neighborhood parks across the city.

Since its inception, the effort has provided thousands of hours of safe, diverse, and unique arts programming with \$750,000 in yearly grant support from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

“Every year Chicagoans look forward to our signature Night Out in the Parks program and the Chicago Park District is proud to carry on the tradition of delivering quality entertainment to all Chicago neighborhoods,” said Rosa Escareño, CPD CEO .

This year’s edition will bring over 700 cultural events and 100 Chicago-based artists to each of the city’s 77 community areas in 250 parks citywide. Nearly all events offer free admission.

This year’s events include:
Movies in the Parks, June 13 – Sept. 9, multiple dates and park locations. The CPD’s signature summer movie program returns to parks across the city beginning June 13 with *Some Like It Hot* at Belmont Harbor. Screenings continue Tuesdays-Saturdays in 115 parks citywide through Sept. 9. This year’s 160 screenings will feature 95 different films, including something for everyone from children and young families to fans of classic cinema, cult classic adventure comedies and local film lovers. For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/movies.

Chicago Onscreen Local Film Showcase, Aug. 28 – Sept. 2, multiple dates and park locations. An annual celebration of Chicago-made film and local filmmakers, will offer 15 official selections and highlights from the first 10 years. A week of screenings at Promontory Point, Lincoln Park, Palmer Park, Washington Park, Willye White Park, Wicker Park and Blackhawk Park will culminate in a 2-night multi-screen Chicago film festival featuring selections and lineups curated by other Chicago film festivals and organizations.

Highlights: North Side Night Out in the Parks include: **Muntu Dance Theatre “DanceAfrica Chicago”**

July 20 from 6-7 p.m. at Winnemac Park; **Chicago SummerDance in the Parks**

July 26 – Aug. 23, multiple dates and park locations; **Dance in the Parks** July 10-July 28, multiple dates and park locations; **Chicago Blues Revival** July 27 – Sept. 9, multiple dates and park locations; **Nejla Yarkin “Firebird”** June 7 – July 8, multiple dates and park locations; **Aloft Circus Arts “Brave Space”** June 27 – June

30, multiple dates and park locations; **Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks** July 27 - Aug. 5, multiple dates and park locations; **Midsommer Flight “Cymbeline”** July 7 – Aug. 13, multiple dates and park locations; **Stone Soup Shakespeare “Pericles”** Sept. 5 – Sept. 22, multiple dates and park locations; **Kerfuffle “The Conductors”** Aug. 10 - 19, multiple dates and park locations; **Toddlers, Tunes and Turtles** June 26 – July 21, multiple dates and park locations; **Jabberwocky Marionettes “My Robot’s Robot”** June 17 – Sept. 9, multiple dates and park locations, and the **Goodman Theater “In My Granny’s Garden”** Aug. 4 – Aug. 19, multiple dates and park locations;

The full list of programming is on the Night Out mobile application My Chi Parks™, available to download on Apple and Android devices, which makes planning exciting and affordable summer outings an ease. Users can browse through events by date, location and interest to discover what interesting activities are happening in a park near you. More information is available at www.nightoutintheparks.com or call 312-742-PLAY.

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the Convention is already well underway, and we don’t want you caught off guard if the availability of on-demand transportation is less than anticipated as a result of the new law,” Josh Gold, senior director of policy and communications at Uber, wrote in the letter. “Our hope is that drivers and riders will continue their use of our app as normal. However...we have significant concerns about how it could affect the reliability of our app.”

According to POLITICO, the company also launched a six-figure radio advertising campaign specifically opposing the legislation, saying it would enable “frivolous lawsuits,” which would increase costs for consumers.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, once a strong opponent of the bill, said the amendment alleviated some of their concerns.

Clark Kaericher, senior vice president of government affairs at the Illinois Chamber, said the amended measure ensures ride-share companies don’t have to fight for the right to keep conducting business in Illinois each year.

“For the last several years, they’ve just been granted a one-year extension,” Kaericher said. “And so every May, they’ve had to spend a lot of time and resources

convincing the [General Assembly] to give them another extension.

Despite the amendment lowering the measure on the Chamber’s priority list, Kaericher said his organization still has concerns about the downstream effects of possible increased costs on safety.

“This bill is going to drive up the cost of Uber and I think that’s undisputed,” Kaericher said. “And what we’re worried (about) at the Chamber is that people are going to leave their local watering hole or restaurant, they’re going to pull up the app and they’re going to get sticker shock, and they’re going to think to themselves, maybe I’m not that bad and they’re going to drive and we’re going to see tragedies as a result.”

The Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, a supporter of the bill, pushed back against the concern over costs.

“Taxicab companies and their drivers have been considered common carriers basically forever in Illinois, and they were able to make a living and make a profit and transport passengers around,” Illinois Trial Lawyers Assoc. President Pat Salvi Jr. said in an interview. “Ride-share companies can do the same. There’s no reason why ride-share companies should not be considered common carriers just like taxicabs, buses, trains, planes, and other modes of transportation.”

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According to Crain’s Chicago, the average fare for Ubers in Chicago increased by 80% and by 73% for Lyft since 2019. According to the same report, the average fare for taxis increased by 50%.

The measure was prompted out of a concern for rider safety, particularly after an Illinois Supreme Court case that was settled out of court in Jan. 2022. The case’s prior appellate court opinion affirmed ride-share companies’ exemption from the common carrier status after a Lyft driver allegedly raped a passenger in 2017.

The alleged rape occurred in Chicago, when a woman identified only as Jane Doe hailed a Lyft after a night out with her friends. The Lyft driver picked her up and, at some point during the ride, Doe fell asleep. The driver then drove to a secluded alley where he brandished a knife, zip-tied her hands and repeatedly sexually assaulted her, according to a court filing in the case that was settled in 2022.

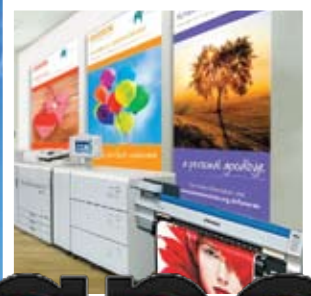
Despite Doe’s argument that ride-share

companies such as Lyft should be held to the same liability standard as established common carriers, the appellate court upheld the exemption because of the specificity of the statute. The case was settled out of court before the Supreme Court could rule on it.

Supporters of the bill say this measure would allow riders to have an added level of safety when riding with companies such as Uber and Lyft.

“If something does happen, where a passenger is harmed and it’s the fault of one of the ride-share company’s drivers... that injured individual will have a better chance at getting redress for what’s happened to him or her,” Salvi said. “And that’s both in the context of a crash, as well as the context of those very tragic stories we’ve heard where a ride-share driver has assaulted or sexually assaulted a passenger.”

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Payton falls to Kenwood 2-0 in CPL City Championship



By Jack Lydon

The Payton College Prep Grizzlies (13-17) unexpectedly reached the Chicago Public League Baseball City Championship game on May 22 at the White Sox Guaranteed Rate Field only to fall in a thriller to the Kenwood Academy Broncos 2-0.

The young Payton Grizzlies put together an inspired late season run to make it into the City Championship. The Grizzlies opened the season four wins against 16 losses through the beginning of May. Amazingly, the Grizzlies then reeled off eight straight victories including convincing wins against Simeon, Lake View and Mather to make to the championship against Kenwood.

The Kenwood Broncos (27-4) came into the game the favorite as the number two ranked team in the Chicago Public League. Despite what might have been considered a lopsided match up going in, the game was a thriller. Grizzlies' senior left-hander Max McNamara battled pitch-for-pitch, batter-for-batter against Kenwood's junior left-handed pitcher Kevari Thunderbird, who is one of three brothers on the Broncos varsity team.

"Our record doesn't indicate it much, but baseball is a funny game. You start playing good baseball and it's contagious. That's what we had this year and I am proud of



Kenwood's Kevari Thunderbird hurls two-hit shutout to win City Championship.

the kids," said Payton head coach Garry Gustafson, in his second year at Payton. Prior to Payton, Gustafson was the head coach at Niles West for 31 years.

"To play in a ballgame like this [is] obviously special for all the kids. That goes for our program and the same thing for Kenwood. We are just very resilient. We are a tough kind of team. We just stay the course and we've done that all year long," Gustafson said.

The Grizzlies struggled against Thunderbird who struck out 12 batters and only gave up two hits and two walks in six scoreless innings. Thunderbird only came out of the game because he reached his pitch limit. The only trouble Thunderbird

found was in the top of the fifth where he gave up two hits and a walk, but worked his way out of the jam.

Grizzlies pitcher Max McNamara matched Thunderbird inning for inning, albeit not in quite the same dominant fashion. After giving up four hits and four walks - but no runs - in the first five innings, McNamara struggled in the bottom of the sixth with the game on the line. A single and a walk to open the inning put

two Broncos on base with nobody out. A perfect sacrifice bunt by the Broncos junior left fielder Destin Edwards advanced the runners to second and third. A hot line drive knocked down by McNamara held the runners, but McNamara then threw the ball over the head of first baseman Lekh Murthy. The runners on second and third scored on the errant throw. That would be all the scoring there was.

"I had a talk with our pitcher [McNamara]. I told him that he has to keep his head up. He threw an outstanding game. We can't hang our heads over one ball down the right field line. We didn't get enough runs on the board. Our pitcher was outstanding all day, getting ahead and just one little mistake. Mistakes are part of baseball," Gustafson said.

Broncos pitcher Thunderbird was ebullient after the game.

"I felt good. I wasn't nervous. I came out prepared. I knew what was going on, I was prepared for it. [After we scored], I felt comfortable in my team that we would finish the job," Thunderbird said after the game.

Both teams have moved on to IHSA playoffs. Payton defeated Prosser 10-0 on May 24 moving to face Fenwick in the 3A regional final. Kenwood won 5-3 on May 24 advancing to face Reavis in the 4A regional final.

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Police Beat...

Carjackings reported in Gold Coast, Boystown

Chicago police are investigating an armed carjacking in Boystown and another hijacking attempt in the Gold Coast. It's unclear whether both crimes, which occurred just a few hours apart, were committed by the same group.

The first victim, a 59-year-old rideshare driver, was targeted outside the Ambassador Chicago Hotel, 1301 N. State, around 10:46 p.m. May 22, according to a Chicago police report.

A gunman opened the driver's door and ordered him out of the vehicle, and the victim complied, a CPD spokesperson said. But upon getting into the car, the hijacker noticed the keys weren't in the ignition, and two accomplices went through the driver's pockets to find them, according to CPD.

They took the man's wallet but didn't find his keys, and they fled the scene, leaving the car behind.

Later, a 30-year-old man was carjacked in the 800 block of W. Grace.

The police spokesperson said he was sitting in his car when three men walked up and one ordered him out of his vehicle around 4:13 a.m. Another robber took the man's valuables, and the group drove away with his orange 2021 Dodge Charger. A fourth vehicle, described as a gray sedan, followed the Charger out of the neighborhood.

Carjacking reports in the city have dropped 27% this year compared to last year's record pace. As of May 15, Chicago police had filed 441 vehicular hijacking cases, down from 607 at the same time in 2022.

There were 36 reports filed in the first 15 days of May, down from 58 last year.

But the number of hijacking cases is still well above pre-pandemic levels, according to the city's crime data portal.

Nine-time felon gets three years for burglarizing Lincoln Park bike room

Reginald Davis, who became a nine-time convicted felon primarily by burglarizing apartment building bike rooms in Chicago, has become a 12-time convicted felon by pleading guilty to three more charges.

Davis was on parole for burglary when Chicago cops arrested him last June for allegedly burglarizing a high-rise building's bike room in the 2500 block of N. Clark in Lincoln Park.



Reginald Davis

During his initial bail hearing, prosecutors said video showed Davis walking out with three bikes and loading them into a car parked in a nearby alley.

Cops arrived in time to see Davis and two other men loading bikes into two cars. The thieves tried to drive away but ran into a dead-end and bolted from the vehicles on foot. Police allegedly found Davis in a yard on the 500 block of W. Deming. The other two got away.

He settled the case by pleading guilty to felony theft in exchange for a three-year sentence from Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer, according to court records. Prosecutors dropped five other felonies in their deal with Smith, including a burglary charge.

He has also pleaded guilty in Kane County to felony theft and aggravated fleeing charges, records show. Those are his eleventh and twelfth felonies.

In 2017, prosecutors charged Davis with committing a string of burglaries that involved stealing bicycles from garages in North Center and Ravenswood.

When cops arrested him upon finding two stolen bikes in the back seat of his car early on the Fourth of July, Davis told them he "just bought the bikes off some Black guy 20 minutes ago," a CPD report said.

Knives, bolt cutters, hammers, wire cutters, screwdrivers, wrenches, and four bike locks were allegedly discovered in the car's trunk.

He received a six-year sentence and was on parole for the case when he allegedly broke into the Lincoln Park bike room.

At the time of the 2017 burglaries, Davis was on parole for stealing bikes during a 2013 burglary on the 1400 block of W. George in Lakeview, according to court records. He received six years in that case, too, and was also released after serving half of it.

At the time of the 2013 burglary, he was on parole for a 2008 burglary for which he received ten years but got released after serving five.

And he was also on parole at the time of the 2008 burglary — for a 2003 burglary that resulted in a six-year sentence.

Before that, he received two years for theft in 2001, 42 months for burglary in 1997, six years for burglary in 1988, four years for burglary in 1984, and three years for burglary in 1982, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records.

Man accidentally shot front seat passenger while handling gun in car's back seat

Free on a recognizance bond for a pending robbery charge, Carlos Ocampo played with a handgun in the back seat of a car on May 21 and accidentally fired a shot that seriously



Carlos Ocampo

injured the car's front seat passenger, prosecutors said May 23.

He is the ninth person accused of shooting, killing, or trying to shoot or kill someone in Chicago this year while awaiting trial for a felony. The cases involve 12 victims, six of whom died.

Ocampo, 21, and a friend were at North Avenue Beach when they struck up a conversation with a 17-year-old girl and then smoked pot with her, officials said during his bail hearing.

Around 6:30 p.m., the men agreed to give the girl a ride home and they climbed into the second man's car. The girl sat in the front passenger seat and Ocampo sat in the back.

Prosecutors said the driver, who is licensed to own firearms, had a pistol inside a case in the back seat. As the car neared the 2700 block of N. Lake Shore Dr., the girl heard the clicking sound of Ocampo putting an ammunition magazine into the weapon and then heard a loud bang, according to prosecutors.

She immediately felt a horrible pain in her back and realized she was bleeding profusely. Chicago police would later find a bullet hole in the back of the passenger seat.

Officials said the driver looked back and saw Ocampo holding his firearm in one hand and the ammunition magazine in the other.

Ocampo apologized repeatedly and tried to comfort the girl as the driver headed to St. Joseph Hospital, according to prosecutors. Upon arriving at the hospital, Ocampo ran inside, grabbed a wheelchair, and helped the girl get into the facility.

Meanwhile, the driver took his car

to the Town Hall 19th District police station, 850 W. Addison. There, he told officers about what happened and directed them to the firearm, which was still inside his vehicle.

The girl was transferred to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment. She suffered a broken pelvis and intestinal damage, prosecutors said. As of May 23, she had undergone surgery and remained in the intensive care unit.

Prosecutors said Ocampo initially denied shooting the girl but later admitted that he accidentally pulled the trigger.

In November, Ocampo was charged with a suburban robbery and released the same day on a recognizance bond, according to prosecutors. He also has a pending misdemeanor case for resisting arrest, according to officials.

He is now charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. Judge Barbara Dawkins ordered him to pay a \$30,000 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

But Ocampo won't be eligible for release until he meets with the judge overseeing his robbery case, Dawkins said.

Robbers force victims to Venmo them money in Wrigleyville, North Center

Chicago police are investigating two recent robberies on the North Side where offenders Venmoed themselves money from the victims' phones.

Most recently, a 21-year-old man told police he was targeted in the 1900 block of W. Irving Park around 7:33 p.m. May 26. A CPD spokesperson said the victim was outside when the offender confronted him with a knife and ordered him to transfer money electronically.

The victim was not injured, but \$400 was reportedly taken from his Venmo account.

One night earlier, around 10:42 p.m. Thursday, a 29-year-old man had a similar experience in Wrigleyville.

According to Chicago police, he encountered "someone offering to sell items" while walking in the 1000 block of W. Addison.

After the victim made an initial transfer, the offender took control of the app and transferred even more money, according to police. The offender got away with over \$700 of the victim's money.

Police did not release descriptions of the suspects.

Similar crimes have been reported in Wrigleyville since at least 2018.

Man killed during possible robbery attempt in Lakeview East

A man was shot and killed during a possible robbery attempt in Lakeview East May 27. He is the second person shot in the immediate area in two days.

In a brief media statement, Chicago police said a 34-year-old man "discovered on the sidewalk with a [gunshot wound] to his chest" in the 500 block of W. Surf around 2:14 a.m. He succumbed to his injuries at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

However, officers at the scene said witnesses believe the man was shot during a robbery attempt.

It happened across the street from the Willows Hotel, just east of Broadway. A friend of the victim was with him, and passersby reported that at least two offenders fled the scene in a red SUV. An officer who reviewed surveillance video said the car may have been a red or dark orange Kia Soul.

On May 25, another man was shot in the 500 block of W. Melrose, about a half mile north of Saturday's murder.

In that case, a 35-year-old Indiana man told police he was sitting in his black Chevy Malibu when someone walked up and started shooting around 1:41 a.m., police said. The victim sped from the scene and flagged down a passing CPD patrol car for help at the intersection of Broadway

and Cornelia.

Investigators said they found several rifle casings in the middle of Melrose St., not far from where the man said he was renting a nightly apartment.

Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th] told his constituents in an email on May 26 that "both the victim and perpetrator were not Chicago residents," suggesting that police know the identity of Thursday's gunman. No arrests have been announced.

Three shootings in an hour leave one dead, two injured

Chicago police are investigating three shootings that occurred in under an hour on May 23. Shootings were reported in Uptown, Edgewater, and inside Hollywood Park in North Park. The Edgewater victim died.

In Uptown, a 22-year-old man was shot in the leg and shoulder as he walked down the 4500 block of N. Magnolia around 3:30 p.m., according to Chicago police. An officer who reviewed surveillance footage said the gunman fired from a white SUV and fell out of the moving vehicle as he was shooting.

The surveillance officer said the SUV appeared to be a Toyota Highlander.

About 20 minutes later, a 33-year-old man was shot and killed in an alley behind the 5900 block of N. Winthrop. Witnesses reported that a car rolled through the alley, and a gunman fired from the vehicle.

An officer at the scene said police found a handgun in the victim's possession

Then, around 4:15 p.m., a 15-year-old boy was shot in the back at Hollywood Park, 3312 W. Thorndale. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital in good condition.

Police did not release any suspect descriptions.

On May 22, a 19-year-old Northwestern University student was shot while walking in Willye White Park in Rogers Park. The woman suffered gunshot wounds to her chest and abdomen.

"Turning our park into a shooting gallery is completely unacceptable and we will be working closely with violence prevention teams and the police to prevent it from happening again," Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] wrote in a Facebook post on May 23.

Also on May 23, state officials announced plans to deploy 30 "peacekeepers" to combat violence.

Retired cop, 93, among victims robbed in Loop by groups of men

A string of robberies involving a group of men who attack victims who are alone on the street is raising eyebrows in the Loop and South Loop. Two incidents were reported May 22.

The crimes bear a strong resemblance to the robbery of a 93-year-old retired Chicago police officer on May 19. He was walking in the 1400 block of S. Plymouth around 5 a.m. when several men knocked him to the ground.

They got away with the man's keys and his retired Chicago police star, according to a CPD report.

Then, just after 11 p.m., a group of five men knocked another victim to the ground in the 400 block of S. Dearborn. They took his headphones, went through his pockets, and fled the scene, an officer said. An ambulance transported him to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Chicago cops stopped four suspects in the 200 block of S. Franklin after an off-duty police officer saw them trying to rob another victim nearby, according to CPD radio transmissions.

But the victim, who was taken to a hospital for minor injuries, declined to pursue charges and told police he couldn't identify the attackers anyway, an officer said. So, police gathered the suspects' information and sent them on their way.

A CPD surveillance camera opera-

tor radioed that the second attack was captured on video. He provided field officers with descriptions of five suspects: a Black male wearing a black hoodie with black pants and white shoes; a Black male wearing a gray hoodie and blue jeans; a Black male wearing all black with a gray jacket; a Black male wearing white pants, and a Black male wearing a white t-shirt with a red square on it and black pants

All three crimes occurred in CPD's Central 1st District, where robberies are down 9% from a long-time high set in 2022, according to the district.

The Central District logged 146 robberies so far this year, down from 160 last year but up 28% compared to 2019, up 35% from 2020.

Two injured when out-of-town cop's gun fires inside River North hotel room

An off-duty Michigan police officer shot himself in the hand and injured another person while handling his firearm in a River North hotel room on May 27. Chicago police initially said the out-of-town officer was in custody with charges pending. But the department later said he is not in custody and the case is considered accidental.

The 23-year-old was handling his weapon inside a 12th-floor room at the Hotel Chicago, 333 N. Dearborn when it fired around 3:10 p.m., a police report said. The bullet struck his left hand and traveled into the stomach of a 25-year-old man who was also in the room, according to CPD.

EMS transported both men to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition, Chicago police said.

Investigators recovered two guns at the scene. The hotel is located near the House of Blues in the Marina City complex.

The men are the eighth and ninth people shot on the Near North Side this year. By comparison, there were 29 shooting victims on the Near North Side at this point last year, including nine shot during a single event outside the Chicago Red Line CTA station.

They are the sixth and seventh people shot in River North this year. The neighborhood had eight shooting victims as of this date last year.

Indiana man shot, critically wounded in Boystown

An Indiana man is in critical condition after being shot while sitting in his car in the Boystown neighborhood on May 15, according to Chicago police.

At around 1:41 a.m., the 35-year-old victim was sitting in his black Chevy Malibu in the 500 block of W. Melrose when someone walked up and started shooting, police said. The victim sped from the scene and flagged down a passing CPD patrol car for help at the intersection of Broadway and Cornelia.

He suffered a gunshot wound to his back. EMS transported him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Investigators said they found several rifle casings in the middle of Melrose St., not far from where the man said he was renting a nightly apartment. Bullet holes were visible on the driver's side of his car.

The shooting was the first of the year in the Lakeview community area, which had four shootings as of this date last year. Lakeview had no shooting victims as of May 25, 2021. There were seven as of this date in 2020, including an accidental shooting and an unintentional self-inflicted injury.

During a May 24 press conference, held shortly after completing his first City Council meeting since

Commercial burglaries to North Side medical spas, expensive equipment swiped

Police say that Medical Spas on the North Side are being targeted for burglaries in the early morning hours, when windows and doors are broken and offenders enter the medical spa. Offenders then take high-end laser machines.

Incident times and locations include one on the 1900 block of W. Wabansia on May 25, at 2 a.m.;

1700 block of W. North Ave. on May 25, at 7 a.m.; 2300 block of N. Lincoln on May 27, at 5 a.m.; 4800 block of N. Broadway on May 28, at 2:45 a.m.; 1200 block of N. Milwaukee on May 28, at 3:30 a.m., and one on the 2300 block of S. Michigan on May 28 at 5 a.m.

Offenders are described as

males, black clothing, black ski masks, gloves.

Those who may have information the the burglaries may contact the Bureau of Detectives – Area 3 at 312-744-8263 and refer to JG274043, JG274144, JG276932, JG278004, JG278011, JG278111, Pattern # CWP-23-036 and alert# CWP-23-036 (BA).

Police union wellness center hopes to stem rising officer suicide rate

BY ZETA CROSS
The Center Squared

The suicide rate for Chicago police is higher than in other big cities, with seven CPD officers dying by suicide last year. That's more than 2020 and 2021 combined.

Now, the Fraternal Order of Police, the labor union representing front-line Chicago cops, has an option for its members.

The group has developed part of its building at 1412 W. Washington into the First Responders Wellness Center, a clinic run by former first responders who are mental health professionals.

"It's prevention," Dr. Carrie Steiner, a psychologist and former police officer working at the wellness center, told The Center Square. "We want to see how they are doing. They get to meet us and look around. So if something does happen, they know us and they can reach out."

Most officers develop a game face. It's hard for people to know when officers are struggling, Steiner said.

"If that 'suck it up, buttercup' attitude worked, we wouldn't have high suicide rates, high alcoholism, and divorce rates," Steiner said.

She wants officers to come in to talk – even for life's regular problems.

"If something is going on with their kid, I want them to come in for one or two visits, if that's all they need," Steiner said. For-

tunately, Chicago police have good health insurance and mental health coverage, she said.

Mental health is as important as physical health, Steiner said.

"I often say, 'If you get shot, would you go to a doctor?' People say, 'Of course.' Well, when an officer is involved in a critical incident, they should have a psychologist look at it," Steiner said.

"I often say, 'If you get shot, would you go to a doctor?' People say, 'Of course.' Well, when an officer is involved in a critical incident, they should have a psychologist look at it,'" Dr Carrie Steiner said.

The day-to-day grind can wear anybody down, she said. When the job involves homicides and trauma, Steiner said, that is a lot for anybody.

Shift work and the demands of being a first responder make it hard to get enough rest, Steiner said.

"Lack of sleep is correlated with suicide," she said, adding that 60% of officers have sleep apnea or some other sleep issues.

When Steiner was on the Chicago police force, she often worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

"If there is a late arrest and the officer has to wait to get charges approved, or if there is a lot of evidence to inventory, that can take until 2 a.m. or later. That doesn't change the shift for the next day.

Juvenile charged with armed robbery

A female juvenile, 16, has been charged with one felony count – Robbery - Armed with Firearm after she was arrested on May 19, in the 10000 block of S. Prairie Ave. She was identified as one of the offenders who, on April 30, robbed a 21-year-old male victim at gunpoint on a CTA platform in the 200 block of S. Dearborn St. The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

Pizza Fest tickets go on sale June 1

One of Chicago most popular in-person events is Pizza Fest, hosted by pizza expert Steve Dolinsky, this year held on Aug. 26-27.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. June 1, and could sell out quickly. This years fest will be held at The Salt Shed, Chicago, 1357 N. Elston Ave.

Guests will be able to sample 10 different slices from several

styles of pizza including Tavern, Deep-Dish, Stuffed, Sicilian, Roman, Thin, NYC Slice, Detroit and Artisan; VIP can try 16, plus they get early access to the festival, and have a dedicated area for shade and seating. All pizzas are baked fresh on-site. Single day and two-day passes will be available.

To get tickets visit www.pizzacityfest.com.

'Meet the Artist' for new CTA artwork at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, Bryn Mawr stations

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] is hosting virtual meetings with local residents to meet and interact with the artists hired to create new, original works of art for each new Red Line station.

The artists will create original artwork for the new Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations, as well as the Bryn Mawr station's Hollywood auxiliary entrance/exit stationhouse.

The artists and CTA will collect input from neighbors about the history and features of the community and other ideas or suggestions. The meetings will require advance registration:

On June 6, Bryn Mawr main stationhouse, 1116 W. Bryn Mawr (Artist: William Conger, Chicago) 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Bryn Mawr Hollywood entrance, 1119 W. Hollywood (Artist: Alice Hargrave, Chicago)

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Berwyn main stationhouse, 1119 W. Berwyn (Artist: David Lozano, Chicago) 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

On June 7, Argyle main sta-

tionhouse, 1118 W. Argyle (Artist: Mayumi Lake, Chicago) 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and for Lawrence main stationhouse, 1120 W. Lawrence (Artist: Tom Torluemke, Dyer, Ind.) 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

To register visit https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wh-i9VRISNiUkgCQjW7vTg#/registration.

The five artists were selected based on their artistic merit, qualifications and professional recognition. The artwork will add unique elements that the CTA hopes will enhance the new stations and represent the communities they serve.

Over the last decade, the CTA's public art collection has nearly doubled to include nearly 90 permanent works of art across all eight rail lines and multiple bus facilities. This collection of public art includes mosaics, art glass, sculptures and interactive installations created by nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, many of whom are local.

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I'm Gone." It still motivates me like a **Bobby Kennedy** speech on race. "There's no place in this world where I'll belong when I'm gone. And I won't know the right from the wrong when I'm gone. And you won't find me singin' on this song when I'm gone. So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here."

MOTLEY: In her essay titled: Motley Efforts, Sculpture's Ever-Expanding Field, **Anne Ellegood** speaks of the myriad sculptural practices at work among today's artists. Motley Cruise is on show now at ARC Gallery, 1463 W. Chicago Ave., staged by **Bernard Williams**. In recent years Williams has created several outdoor steel sculptures in Chicago. His work has been exhibited in galleries and museums across the U.S., go see them.

BIG ART: Art drawn large, **Lucien LaGrange** will be honored with the Vision Into Reality Award when the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents recognizes him June 22 at Blueprints 2023, at The Arts Club of Chicago. Difficult to name an artist who has done more for downtown Chicago.

DRAKE HOTEL: The Drake Hotel's **Antoinette Cahill** and staff hosted a splendid reception for the 2023 Restaurant Show.

RIP CLIFF TERRY: Long-time Tribune writer and critic **Cliff Terry** has died at 86, a good man and great writer.

BEST: The Readers' Best of Chicago Awards are June 1 at Metro and Smartbar on Clark St. For a good time, visit chicagoreader.com/bocparty.

CAPAG: The Chicago Area Public Affairs Group recently introduced new aldermen at their Union League symposium.

GO FISH: The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2023 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame class. The foundation has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois. Visit <https://ilconservation.org>. Fishing families are invited to a day of fun at the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair on Saturday, June 10 at Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton. **Jason Reynolds** will bring his 4,000-gallon mobile

aquarium that will be stocked with many of the fish species found in the Illinois River. He will conduct fishing seminars throughout the day, along with a couple of dog shows. **Alex Nagy** of Twisted Cat Outdoors also will return this year with his tournament rig.

RATUS, RATUS: 1921 W. Lake St. is a proposed music venue along the "L" tracks near the United Center to hold 350. Local Ald. **Walter Burnett** [27th] smells a rat and has not given his OK.

HARPER COLLEGE: **Paula Borg** calls it a fantastic evening viewing the future of fashion. This spectacular fashion show at Harper College showcasing nearly 100 looks and led by the fabulous **Kathleen Haines-Finley** and her students, celebrated new, exciting, cultivated talent. Congratulations, Kathleen. Don't miss next year.

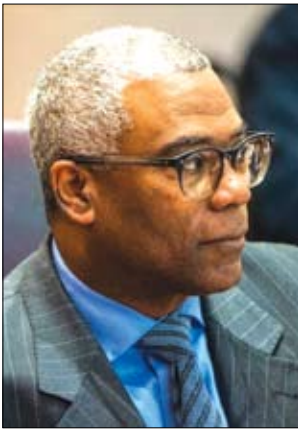
STEPPENWOLF: The world-renowned theater ensemble was joined by nearly 500 civic, cultural, and business leaders for its annual gala held May 13 at The Old Post Office. The event celebrated the company's 47th season and raised more than \$1.7 million for Steppenwolf's educational and artistic programming. Steppenwolf Board Chair **Keating Crown**, **Caroline Crown**, Artistic Director **Audrey Francis**, Executive Director **Brooke Flanagan** and Artistic Director **Glenn Davis**.

CHICAGO LATIN: Graduation looked as elegant and refined as you might expect at the Latin School, white dinner jackets and all.

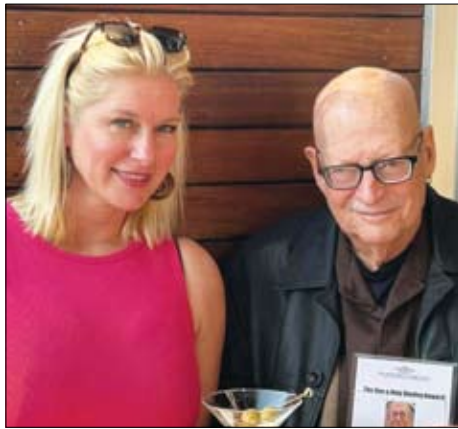
GLENBARD WEST: **Elsye Kennard** was on the scene for the 100th anniversary of Glenbard West High School in suburban Glen Ellyn to celebrate the amazing fact that 10 African-American student were enrolled when she went there. Several were on hand with her including **Cleveland Holmes** (Retired Glenbard West Math Teacher), **Keith Coiley**, **Ray Odom** and **Massie L. Kennard, III**.

WHO'S WHERE: Chicago Area Public Affairs Group recently introduced new Chicago aldermen at their Union League symposium... **Frank N. Jeffrey** and **Raquel Geverola** made it to Sushi Thursday... **Jane Thorsen** in Rwanda discovering what a beautiful country it is. Did a gorilla trek, five miles round trip, uphill

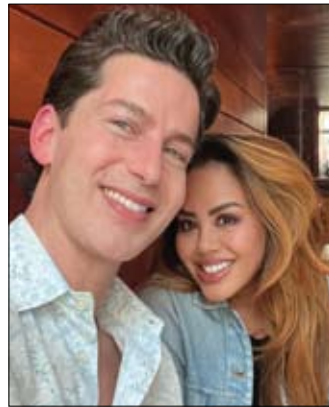
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Paul Hansen with Dave and Gail Fritz Wolfe.

3000-feet to 8000-feet, with mud everywhere... Busman's honeymoon for Christie's **Steven Zick** at the Evanston Art Party... **Cheryl Larsen** and **Robert Murphy** at the **Tina Fey** and **Amy Poehler** Show at The Chicago Theater... **Dr. Rose Gomez** relaxing in the Cinque Terre, on the Italian Riviera before retreating to her chalet in Switzerland... **Dan** and **Laurie Baker Lawlor** joined the crowds getting into the **Andrea Bocelli** concert... So too was **Tina Weller** and hubby, **Dr. Weller**, front and center for the tenor... **Paul Hansen** on the town with friends of 40 years, **Dave** and **Gail Fritz Wolfe**... Special guest surprise for mayor **Shelley Howard** with **Helma Wardenaar** in town for Sushi Saturday at Kamehatchi, "shaken not stirred"... **Lindy Fleming McGuire** with sisters **Marnie Fleming** and **Whitney Fleming Hoagland** at Minnehaha Falls where PNC Women Run the Cities... **Therese McNulty Euerle** writes their family is so proud of **Arianne Carey**, honored with an award for "Dedication to Youth Excellence" by the Niles Public Library, congratulations... Happy grad day at the **Patrick Daley Thompson** Bridgeport home... **Peggy Snorf** and **Janet Owen** with the Chicago History Museum Guild celebrating Polish Chicago... **Richard Paddor** with **Carol Idu Paddor** and **Robert Paddor** at Briquette NOLA, enjoy-

ing a Royal St. Fizz --Gentilly Gin, Peychaud's Aperitivo topped with Avissi Prosecco... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** and daughter, **Victoria Rogers**, also made it to New Orleans, where they had Mother's Day brunch with **Joyce Glapion**, the family matriarch... yum, yum, y'all... Stop the presses, longtime server extraordinaire **Boz**, is back at Erie Cafe, thanks **EJ**... our favorites **Judy Logue Gibbons** and **Peter J. Gibbons** hosting a family feast at glamorous Marchesa, Happy 21st anniversary to all.

JUNKINS JOY: The **Junkins** and **Harmon** Clans were in Connecticut for **Maggie Junkins** graduation from the Jesuits' Fairfield Univ. Congrats.

GOLDEN BIRTHDAY: **Eamonn Cummins** joined his brother, **Laurence**, and father, **Larry**, getting ready to celebrate their sister, **Kelly Higgins**, at her Golden Jubilee Birthday Party.

POETIC WEATHER REPORT: From Northern Ireland, damp Sunday morning, Cuckoo, Blackbird and Thristle aloft... **Ciaran MacGonigal**.

THINGS GREEK: **Toni DiMeola** is a wise, reflective woman. And a great supporter of this column. I share her words with you today, so you can appreciate her wonderful post-coronation thoughts. She writes: "As a very young girl I remember Greece's new king, **Constantine**. I remember the parades he

participated in and I also remember how simple civilians that lived in poverty lined the streets to watch. I too, as a tiny wee child, loved the fairy tale of it all. But what did I know. I was dazzled by the horse and carriages and bejeweled dignitaries."

"Today I am a changed woman and no longer understand the need for these self-entitled elite families, yet still watch their comings and goings. Go figure. The world's monarchs feed the fairy tales we all grew up falling asleep to, I just wish they would update their worldly views and simplify their lifestyle," she said.

HOT DOG: **Dennis Donn** reports the new name now of the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile is the "Frankmobile."

FAMILY REUNION: Father **Jeremiah Boland** reports on a great family reunion. The Boland's cousins from County Cork, Ireland, in Chitown for a visit. Thrilled to see them and their love for Chicago, with a cousin running a half marathon to support The Irish Brain Tumor Foundation in honor of a family member.

Remember that a government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have.

-- **Barry Goldwater**

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Maifest returns to Lincoln Square, Gemütlichkeit!



Maifest runs June 1-4 at Lincoln and Leland avenues. See the 2023 Mai Queen Gabi Wendling Wolf (right) at the fest.

The Lincoln Square Maifest returns June 1 through 4 at Lincoln and Leland avenues.

Admission to Maifest Chicago is free and open to all ages.

Maifest is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the maypole (maibaum) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the local village or town.

Taking place in Chicago's original German neighborhood, the event offers outstanding German and American culture, music, food and beer for purchase.

The Maifest preview party is 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1. There will be cultural programming all throughout the festival.

Maifest, like Oktoberfest, has now become a popular celebration throughout the world. And this one is the real deal, where German and American bands will provide entertainment throughout the fest.

Maifest Chicago is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to promote Chicago's German heritage. The four-day fest benefits German-American organizations including the Niedersachsen Club, the Rheinischer Verein, St. Hubertus Jagd Club, the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Youth Group, Edelweiss Trachten Verein, D'Lustigen Holzhacker Buam, Egerlander Dance Group, Dank Haus, and others.

2023 Mai Queen, Gabi Wendling Wolf

The opening ceremony will include the traditional keg tapping and crowning of the Mai Queen. Gabi Wendling Wolf is the 2023 Mai Queen. She grew up in Chicago's German-American community, and is a junior at Saint Viator High School. She is active in various organizations, such as the American Aid Society, Rheinischer Verein, DANK Chicago, and the Chicago Donauschwaben.

She is also a German language teacher assistant at DANK Chicago, 4740 N. Western Ave. She received the Deutsche Sprachdiplom II and Seal of Bilingualism for German.

Letters to the Editor

They were willing

Much as I love Tom O'Gorman's twinkling column, I must take exception with his remark that Hitler "led a nation of fear-ridden terrorized citizens." Not so. They were willing, some of them, venomously-so, or they shrugged and let it be.

Also, FYI. Yes, former U.S. Attorney John Lausch returned to Kirkland & Ellis, but this not-so-laudable pattern -- were someone to truly investigate the quid pro quo -- wouldn't justify an appearance simply as a high-five in a society page.

Brenda Rossini
Streeterville

City in violation of ADA Law

On Sunday, from a bus going under Lake Shore Dr. at Belmont, I saw that some tents on the sidewalk on the north side left so little room to pass by that they put the City in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirement to have 36" width of clearance.

I'm pretty sure I saw the same violation on the sidewalk on the south side of the LSD viaduct at Lawrence, though I didn't get as close a look.

ADA is settled law. Enforcement of this sidewalk width clear space should be routine.

It shouldn't have to wait for a complaint from a passerby, or a lawsuit from a disabled person, or a complaint from an alderman, or even a report by news media.

The tents putting the City in violation of the ADA must be removed immediately. City leaders need to stop ignoring the ADA in their various plans and refusals to enforce other laws.

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

Migrants coming to Lincoln Square?

The city has placed the arriving migrants in our police stations, libraries, and schools.

The Inn of Chicago hotel off Michigan Ave. is full, the High Ridge YMCA in West Ridge is full, as is Leone Beach Field House. And now the Broadway Armory is being filled up too.

None of these taxpayer-funded facilities are available now for use by taxpayers, as our leaders are generous in using them as migrant housing.

Got a big space that can hold 100 or so migrants? City Hall can fill it up, lickity-split.

Why not house the migrants in Lincoln Square? "Give me your tired, your poor, your cloutless."

All those in Lincoln Square who wet their beaks at the government trough can pitch in.

Put mobile homes on the ball fields at Welles Park for the migrants to live in. It would be white privilege not to.

Welles Park gym, pool and showers should be reserved for our new neighbors. They could take free music lessons at the Old Town School of Folk Music, since Old Town got a \$1 deal from City

Hall to take the old Hild Library off their hands.

How about the lawyer in the 7,000-square foot Lakeview mansion who has collected \$30 million in legal fees filing lawsuits against Chicago taxpayers? You know, the guy who is opening a new pot shop next to those three schools? Got a spare room in that mansion for 20 or so, neighbor?

The DANK Haus could help with free English classes, and feed the migrants, since DANK got \$1.7 million in TIF money after the city gave away their parking to an out-of-town developer. I'm

sure the old Krauts would even play Polka songs on the accordion for our new neighbors.

Since Chicago is a Sanctuary City, why can't the migrants be given preference in the new apartments being built in the sweetheart, insider, political cronyism deal between Ald. Matt Martin and The Community Builders?

Why not? Everybody! A one and a two....

"Roll out da barrel..."

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

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The Haymarket Riots came after a labor protest on May 4, 1886, which ended with a bombing that inflicted injuries and led to police officers firing on the crowd.

The Haymarket Tragedy presented June 10 at Edgewater Library

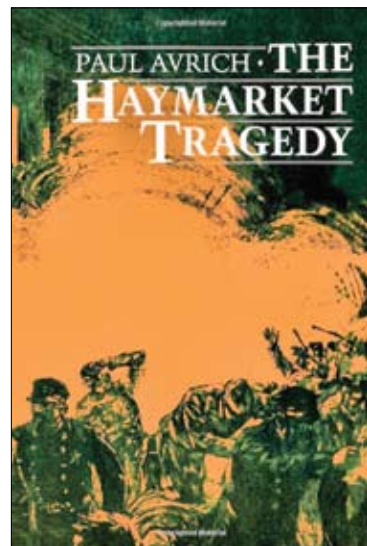
The book "The Haymarket Tragedy," by Paul Avrich will be the subject of a talk 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Edgewater Branch, Chicago Public Library Betty A. Barclay Community Room, 6000 N. Broadway.

The book depicts the labor protest and riot on May 4, 1886, which ended with a bomb that inflicted injuries and led to officers firing on the crowd.

At least eight people died as a result of the violence that day. The riot that day is considered significant as it may be the origin of International Workers' Day held on May 1. It was also the climax of the social unrest among the working class in America known as the Great Upheaval.

Between April 25 and May 4, workers attended scores of meetings and paraded through the streets at least 19 times. On Saturday, May 1, 35,000 workers walked off their jobs. Tens of thousands more, both skilled and unskilled, joined them on May 3 and 4. Crowds traveled from workplace to workplace urging fellow workers to strike. Many now adopted the radical demand of eight hours' work for 10 hours' pay.

Police arrested hundreds of people, but never determined the identity of the bomb thrower. The trial that unfolded afterward became an international story, ending with the execution of four



members of the labor movement. It was later "recognized as one of the most unjust in the annals of American jurisprudence."

Two death sentences were commuted, but on Nov. 11, 1887, four defendants were hanged in the Cook County jail; one committed suicide. Hundreds of thousands turned out for the funeral procession of the five dead men. In 1893, Gov. John Peter Altgeld granted the three imprisoned defendants absolute pardon, citing the lack of evidence against them and the unfairness of the trial.

Books will be available at the first floor circulation desk. This program is in partnership with the Edgewater Branch. The discussion is co-sponsored by the Edgewater Historical Society.

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

-v-
RUTA GAIZUTIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, GOLD COAST CON-
DOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 09980
71 EAST DIVISION STREET, UNIT 502
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 January 31, 2023, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
June 28, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,
IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bid-
der, as set forth below, the following described real
estate:

Unit Numbers 502 and East 56, in the Gold Coast
Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the fol-
lowing described real estate:
Commonly known as 71 EAST DIVISION STREET,
UNIT 502, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-200-080-1008
The real estate is improved with a residential con-
dominium.
The judgment amount was \$45,721.80.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certi-
fied 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
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tate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale

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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 confirma-
tion by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title 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),
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15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORE-
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foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
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foreclosure sales.
For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHAL-
SKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER,
SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700.
Please refer to file number 22-010749.
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CHICAGO IL, 60601
312-651-6700
E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com
Attorney File No. 22-010749
Attorney Code. 48928
Case Number: 2022 CH 09980
TJSC#: 43-2128
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Case # 2022 CH 09980
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION
TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v-
JERRY J. CEDICCI, MARIA-URBANA AFONSO-
CEDICCI, MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, MADIGAN & GETZENDANNER,
CACH, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
SANDRA R. GLASS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

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NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, ADDITIONAL COUN-
SEL FOR PLAINTIFF
Defendants
17 CH 10926
63 WEST SCHILLER STREET
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 October 6, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
June 22, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,
IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bid-
der, as set forth below, the following described real
estate:

Commonly known as 63 WEST SCHILLER
STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-217-003-0000, Property
Index No. 17-04-217-137-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family
residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certi-
fied funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or
wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied
against said real estate and is offered for sale with-
out any representation as to quality or quantity of
title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"
condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation
by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
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title 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
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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 re-
demption 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 admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is
a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030

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ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
VINCENT J. RANGO, GLENMOOR MANOR CON-
DOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITIMORTGAGE,
INC., CITIZENS BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR IN IN-
TEREST TO CHARTER ONE BANK, F.S.B.,
Defendants,
22 CH 10941

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
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Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell
at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged
real estate:

P.I.N. 14-05-213-033-1023.
Commonly known as 1047 WEST GLENLAKE AV-
ENUE, UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60660.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a con-
dominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other
than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the
legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)
(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance,
by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The
property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's
Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North
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1125. 22-03247 ADC.

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

-v-
MARCIEL RODRIGUEZ, AS INDEPENDENT AD-
MINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARCIEL
E. GONZALEZ, DECEASED, MARCIEL RODRI-
GUEZ, IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM AS-
SOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 3126
4250 N MARINE DR., APT. 1025
CHICAGO, IL 60613

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the above cause on March 27, 2023, an agent for
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Commonly known as 4250 N MARINE DR., APT.
1025, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-16-301-041-1546
The real estate is improved with a residential con-
dominium.
The judgment amount was \$147,282.87.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The Ju-
dicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will
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plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
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ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is
a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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identification for sales held at other county venues
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& MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William
St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please
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601 E. William St.

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E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 1641891
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 22 CH 3126
TJSC#: 43-1304
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Case # 22 CH 3126
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE
SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v-
LYNDA KAUFMAN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, RAVEN-
SWOOD COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 06831

4523 N. WOLCOTT AVENUE, APT. 3A
CHICAGO, IL 60640

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

Commonly known as 4523 N. WOLCOTT AVENUE,
APT. 3A, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-18-214-030-1017 and 14-18-
214-030-1031

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

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The judgment amount was \$115,429.05.

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of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is
a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANKUNITED N.A
Plaintiff,

-v-
DAVID MOORE A/K/A DAVID TRISTON MOORE,
DIANA MARTINEZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, 7018 N. ASH-
LAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 5699
7018 NORTH ASHLAND BOULEVARD APART-
MENT GN
CHICAGO, IL 60626

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on March 29, 2023, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
June 30, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
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IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bid-
der, as set forth below, the following described real
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213-041-1009
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title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"
condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation
by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and
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ished to check the court file to verify all information.
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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
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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Attorney File No. 22-096428
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 22 CH 5699
TJSC#: 43-1370

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Case # 22 CH 5699
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARTIN
J. LINGNER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUSI G. LINGNER,
DECEASED; DIETER P. LINGNER; MICHAEL S.
LINGNER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES
OF MARTIN LINGNER, DECEASED; DIETER P.
LINGNER, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN J. LINGNER, DE-
CEASED; GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF SUSI G. LINGNER, DE-
CEASED;

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Defendants,
19 CH 2318

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial
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at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West
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Chicago, IL 60626.

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tate is a unit of a common interest community, the
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of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
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ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST CO., N.A.
Plaintiff,

-v-
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ROW HOUSES ON HAMILTON CONDOMINIUM
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Nejla Yatkin will offer pop-up performances of her interactive Firebird dances for visitors to attend free of cost.

Guggenheim Fellow in choreography ‘Firebird’ to perform at local parks

As part of Chicago Park District’s Night Out in the Parks series, 2023 Guggenheim Fellow in choreography Nejla Yatkin will offer pop-up performances of her interactive Firebird dances for visitors to attend free of cost.

Accompanied by live music, the meditative dances will be created for four weeks starting on Wednesday, June 7.

Yatkin will perform 16 dance meditations that spark hope and deepen connections between people and their surroundings. Her first performance will be at 5:30 p.m. June 7, a Movement Workshop at Berger Mansion, 6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

At the end of each dance, park visitors will be invited to join in a collective bird movement meditation guided by Yatkin to prepare for the final Firebird Parade on Saturday, June 8 at West Ridge Park, 5801 N. Western Ave.

In many myths and cultures, the Firebird – or in Egyptian myth known as the Phoenix – is a messenger of hope and is considered as an agent for purifying the land and



Nejla Yatkin

waters, bestowing fertility to wherever the Firebird visits. The mythical creature represents the union between the Earth and the Sky serving as the mediator and messenger between the two.

Before the start of each week’s park pop-up performance, Yatkin will lead free, family-friendly Firebird Workshops each Wednesday in four different cultural centers, including June 14 at Indian Boundary, 2500 W. Lunt Ave., June 21 at the Lincoln Park Cultural Center, 2045 N. Lincoln Park West, and Berger Mansion. Participants

will learn new movement vocabulary inspired by bird-like gestures and shapes, develop movements through flocking, explore the beauty and complexity of bird sounds, learn how to use found objects and movements to create their own unique soundscapes, focus on breath and meditation practices, and create personal costume designs that reflect the transformative journey of the Phoenix.

Lincoln Park businesses robbed

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning of recent related commercial burglaries. In these incidents, unknown offender(s) forcibly entered into the businesses by breaking glass windows or doors. Once inside, the offenders took property and fled on foot.

Incidents include one of the 2200 block of N. Lincoln Ave, Thursday May 11, in the morning hours; the 1000 block of W. Armitage Ave, Friday May 12, in the morning hours; 700 block of W. Belden Ave, Friday May 19, in the eve-

ning hours; 1400 block of W. Fullerton Ave, Saturday May 20, in the morning hours, and one on the 1500 block of N. Dayton St, Monday May 22, in the morning hours.

The offenders are described as male(s), African American, 18-21 years of age wearing dark clothing.

Those who may have information on the crimes may call the Bureau of Detectives – Area 3 at 312-744-8263 and refer to JG256080, JG257440, JG267899, JG267857, JG269885 and P23-3-034 (BA).



Chicago police officers keep an eye on a second crime scene in the 3100 block of N. Broadway.

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killed in the 500 block of W. Surf around 2:14 a.m. May 27. Witnesses told police that they believed he was killed during a robbery attempt.

It happened across the street from the Willows Hotel, just east of Broadway. A friend of Hair’s was with him, and passers-by reported that at least two offenders fled the scene in a red SUV. An officer who reviewed surveillance video said the car may have been a red or dark orange Kia Soul.

On May 25, another man was shot in the 500 block of W. Melrose, about a half mile north of Saturday’s murder and two blocks from Sunday’s shooting.

In that case, a 35-year-old Indiana man told police he was sitting in his black

Chevy Malibu when someone walked up and started shooting around 1:41 a.m., police said. The victim sped from the scene and flagged down a passing CPD patrol car for help at the intersection of Broadway and Cornelia.

Investigators said they found several rifle casings in the middle of Melrose St., not far from where the man said he was renting a nightly apartment.

Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th] told his constituents in an email on May 26 that “both the victim and perpetrator were not Chicago residents,” suggesting that police know the identity of Thursday’s gunman. No arrests have been announced.

At this point last year, Lakeview had recorded four shooting victims. There was one as of this date in 2021 and six in 2020, two of which were accidental.

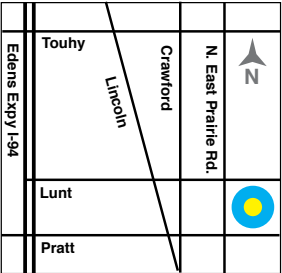
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