

I have a memory like an elephant.
I remember every elephant I've ever met.
— Herb Caen

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Records show CPD brass enjoys weeks-long vacations while canceling days off for underlings

BY CWBCHICAGO

Supt. David Brown and the Chicago Police Dept. canceled all days off for officers to strengthen its presence through Memorial Day weekend. Police brass canceled all days off Tuesday, May 24, through May 31, according to a department memo.

Rank-and-file cops have become accustomed to having their days off nixed by the department, particularly during warm-weather months and special events.

But, this reporter has learned, some of the department's highest-ranking officers have restricted and canceled time off for cops under their command while they personally enjoyed sometimes weeks-long vacations.

In one case, a deputy chief restricted time off for cops during the holidays and essentially told them to suck it up because it's part of the job. Then, records show, he took a week off for Christmas.

On Dec. 6, 2021, a memo from CPD's second-in-command canceled one day off for every officer over the following week. Yet the second-in-command himself took at least 18 days — and possibly the entire month — off in December. He took the second half of November and part of January off, too, according to records.



CPD First Dep. Supt. Eric Carter (inset) took vacation days while canceling days off for lower-ranking cops, records show.

To prepare for this report, we secured two sets of records from CPD via Freedom of Information Act requests: the personal time off records of Supt. Brown and First Dep. Supt. Eric Carter and a collection of "command absence logs," daily lists of command-level officers who are off-duty each day. The department's Crime Prevention and Information Center [CPIC] prepares and distributes the logs.

"We all missed holidays"

Shortly before Christmas 2021, the deputy chief of CPD Area 1 clamped down on time off for people under his command.

"My office needs to see all the supervisory time off for the next two weekends," Frederick Melean wrote in an email. "We are in restricted time due ... we all missed holidays in our careers."

"Too bad that people saved

their [time off days]. They can sell them, lose them, or switch."

Melean then enjoyed vacation days from Christmas to New Year's Eve, according to CPIC records.

For the 2020 holidays, CPIC records showed Melean on vacation from Dec. 18 to Dec. 28 and on furlough for Thanksgiving from Nov. 23 to Nov. 30. He was a commander at the time.

Wish you were here

On Dec. 6 of last year, Carter's office issued a memo canceling one day off for all officers beginning Dec. 8 and ending Dec. 13. No reason was given for the cancellation.

The next day, Carter began a 12-day vacation from Dec. 7 to Dec. 19, according to payroll records. According to the command

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Biodiesel production is completely operated by Loyola students. The program collects used cooking oil from more than a dozen institutions across Chicago. Photo courtesy of Loyola Univ. Chicago

Loyola fuels up with cost-cutting biodiesel program

BY BOB KITSOS

Have you recently made some homemade French fries or a deep-fried a turkey and wondered what to do with all the leftover cooking oil?

Well don't throw out that used cooking oil or expired vegetable oil because Loyola Univ. Chicago will turn it into clean-burning, renewable biodiesel fuel.

Zach Waickman, senior program manager who spearheads the university's biodiesel production, said, "There are a number of other universities that have some version of a biodiesel project, but the [our] program is unique in that undergraduate students are operating every aspect of a licensed biodiesel production within the school. We were the first school in the U.S. to become licensed to produce and sell biodiesel."

Loyola has a professional oil collection service that picks up cooking oil at restaurants, cafeterias and food processing facilities at no cost.

"We collect used cooking oil from most of the universities and museums in Chicago, and the biodiesel is utilized by the university's shuttle buses running between our Lake Shore and Water Tower campuses," said Waickman. The program counts the Field Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, Misericordia, and various colleges, universities, and restaurants among its cooking oil donors.

Another by-product of this pro-

cess is bio soap. The bulk of the soap produced, which is packaged in biodegradable material, has been used in the restrooms across the university's Chicago campuses since 2016.



Zach Waickman, senior program manager, spearheads Loyola University's biodiesel production.

Photo courtesy of Loyola Univ. Chicago

The process

Transesterification is the chemical process that transforms waste oil into diesel fuel. It's a long name for a relatively simple concept. The chemical reaction removes glycerin from vegetable oil and leaves behind stable hydrocarbon chains that can be burned in a diesel engine. More than 80% of biodiesel is made from vegetable oil (the remainder is mostly animal fat).

The process of converting cooking oil to biodiesel fuel called fatty acid methyl esters has its roots in research conducted in the 1930s in Belgium, but today's

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Mandala opens new home, events center on Devon

The South Asian performing arts center, Mandala, announced today that they are establishing a new home at 2642 W. Devon Ave.

Executive Artistic Director Pranita Nayar first made the announcement at a gathering at the new space on Thursday, May 19.

Mandala's staff and supporters will use the space for community classes, open rehearsals, and special programs.

Among their first events will be the Mandala Makers Festival, which runs June 16–26 indoors and outdoors in the Devon Ave. The Festival showcases performance disciplines including music, dance, drag, storytelling, community-devised work, and interdisciplinary creations—all tied to specific cultures, art forms, and



[L-R]: Dr Umang Patel, Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th], Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], Mandala Founder and Executive Artistic Director Pranita Nayar, Mandala Assoc. Artistic Director Ashwaty Chennat, Harish Kolasani, Saily Joshi and Indian Consulate Representative Ranjit Singh.

Photo by Suresh Bodiwala

perspectives from South Asian traditions.

All Festival events are free.

"Since its inception in 2014, Mandala has engaged Chicago-land audiences in the rich diversity of South Asian performing arts traditions through professional

performances, artistic education, and community engagement," said Nayar. "We cherish our deep connection to the community of artists, students, and audiences of Devon, where Mandala has

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The powerlessness of stupid people



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

As I travel in my Uber east on Division St. between Damen and Ashland (an expansive survey journey) it doesn't take a culture genius to recognize the signs of rapid neighborhood change in progress. Looks like the East Village is experiencing some hefty alterations to the economic and culinary rhythms of life at the moment.

The yarn shop, long an intriguing presence in the streetscape, appears to have recently closed its doors for good. So has a home-made frozen yogurt shop at Ruby Room. A travel store. And a shop creating homemade scones.

A shop solely dedicated to the cozy business of knitting always seemed charming. A huge skein of yarn and six foot knitting needles were the display on the front of the shop. A real piece

of homespun America tucked in beside the sports bars and trendy coffeehouses.

A sign in the window says that it will soon become a cigar store. Something the high-end Mercantile Exchange traders in the neighborhood can utilize more fully.

What does this signal?

It's about more than the number of neighbors currently turning out finely crafted sweaters, or the people who like frozen yogurt or fresh scones.

Or cigars.

It's really more about the loss of a more cerebral way of life.

Pieces of traditional crafts that seem no longer to fit in.

Does the neighborhood really have more cigar smokers than knitters?

Will fewer yogurts make us stronger?

Will the loss of fresh baked scones make us better human beings? Are croissants really the answer?

I'm unfamiliar with the politics of knitting. Or yogurt. Or cigars. Or scones for that matter.

Usually our local battles here on Division St. are about the late night hours of saloons. Or the attempts of successful bars to get expanded outdoor seating or permission to get an outdoor beer garden.

Is the closure of the esoteric yarn shop that conducted so many classes in the art of knitting for the neighborhood just a sign of the times? Are the hands-on makers of sweaters and mittens and scarves and ski caps no longer able to make it economically?

Or does this represent, yet again, the loss of an aesthetic cultural expression? The pleasure of wearing something homemade that cannot find its groove?

A cigar store is a whole different quality of machismo than a knitting shop with its skeins and big needles.

When I first came to this neighborhood just east of Ukrainian Village, some 20 years ago, its was filled with young artists. Painters

and sculptors who thrived along the streets filled with reasonable apartments for manageable rents.

That's before the building boom that produced an aggressive expansion of condos and rehabs. All of which pushed up rents causing painters in re-sale shop fashions to abandon the rent hikes and flee west to Humboldt Park. And very low rents.

Instead of a population of School of the Art Institute graduates, we began to see more newlywed young lawyers who loved condo dwelling as they began to produce babies up and down the block. Before their return forever to the suburbs.

In addition, the canine population also vastly increased among the new neighbors.

Back before that boom began a croissant shop wouldn't stand a chance of survival. In those days such treats were not on the grocery lists of long-time Polish residents.

But they quickly sold their old-fashioned Chicago cottages to developers for handsome profits. Croissants now abound.

Today the outdoor cafes along Division St. are no longer overflowing with youth in second-hand clothes. It's more likely to be fashionable young moms out with their bambinos making play-dates.

The once classic presence of old-fashioned neighborhood taverns tucked away along interior neighborhood streets is dwindling away as well. Instead huge sports bars with wall to wall TV screens fill the pavements of Division St. Drinking reflects the protocols and excessive trends of college bars more familiar to new residents.

It's always a football weekend.

So maybe the closure of the yarn shop actually has deeper political roots than observable at first glance.

Maybe this is a more evocative expression of a larger Chicago trending now in sweeping urban alterations to local life.

That is precisely what has been brewing for a long time along the seemingly elegant streetscape of Chicago Ave. at State St. The chaos that has been brewing there, across from Holy Name Cathedral, at the McDonald's, is the case in point.

Yes, eight people were shot and two murdered near the McDonald's. We're numb to the statistics now in Mayor Lightfinger's Chicago.

This danger zone is within the footprint of Loyola Univ. just

around the corner from Loyola Law School and Business School. The long journey of violence and mayhem has been unfolding on its urban Jesuit campus grid for a long time. An enormous issue of crime and social collapse. The problems at that intersection have been building for several years.

It's escalating out of control now that the mob knows they're not going to jail, thanks to the powerlessness of stupid people, and public office holders.

Access to the CTA Red Line has made it pretty clear that large numbers of young people can access the geography there from the subway. And assemble in crowds too large to control.

That in itself has been a crime fiasco and cover up of massive proportions.

Everyone's been stepping on egg shells so no one screams "racist" in attempts to govern the landscape and the further ties to Michigan Ave. and many trendy shops.

Cops appear to have had their hands tied while Lightfinger's minions try to resolve the serious crime and murder issues.

All beyond their capabilities.

All stemming from Red Line access to rioting and the social blackmail of bringing crime in excess to the high rent district. Let's face it though, murder is murder anywhere, Kim Foxx.

It's well known that eating outdoors on Chicago Ave. isn't just elegant and sophisticated, it's now fraught with peril. Even behind the shrubbery sitting outside Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill. There the terror is easy to access when hundreds of teen marauders stalk the streets. This reporter was assaulted there last year.

This is now way more than just a symptom of urban crime. It appears to be more the very cause of crime itself.

It's also a confounding conundrum for the woke culture philosophers and racist lefties who populate the broken world of urban government in Chicago, and run institutions like the Art Institute of Chicago.

The bullet-ridden bodies of the dead and wounded should signal, even to Lightfingers, that Chicago's reputation as a city out of control, has reached a breaking point.

Just read the British and French papers. Most people who know Chicago stand in disbelief.

As in the Capone era, we're once again known for our crime; not Michael Jordan.

Why are these public office

holders not being prosecuted for their lack of intelligent solutions? The mayor. The State's Attorney. The presiding judge of the Circuit Court.

We already know what's consuming the City Council. In historic proportions their efforts to divide the ward boundaries based entirely on race, and to bring gambling to Chicago, and grab a piece of the pie for themselves.

It's worthy of their predecessors Hinky Dink Kenna and Bathhouse John Coughlin. Our alderpeople are otherwise occupied in the pursuit of securing golden political careers (and pensions) and solidifying a safety net re-map for their futures.

I raise these issues because all that murder and mayhem reminds me of the closing of my neighborhood yarn shop. A signal that should get us all running for the hills.

It's a terror larger than knitting needles, scones, cigars or croissants.

I suspect the withdrawal of the reasoned and intelligent knitters from neighborhood life is akin to a ride on the Red Line. Or the perilous attempt to order a Big Mac at McDonald's on Chicago Ave.

Otherwise known as the beginning of the end.

Oops. Hope my Uber won't hit a Lightfinger pothole. Well, I could always thank her by buying her a cee-gar or a croissant.

POLITICALSUGGESTION:

Cloudgate, or The Bean, as sculptor **Anish Kapoor's** sculpture in Millennium Park is known, appears to be the new artistic home for gang murder and mayhem. As the body count continues to grow on **Lori Lightfoot's** watch, why

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Purple reign

Thousands of cancer survivors to celebrate in Grant Park



Heart
of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

On Sunday, the lakefront will be filled with a sea of purple, as thousands of cancer survivors gather to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day. If you have cancer, want to support someone with cancer, or you've lost a loved one to the disease, come on down to Grant Park for the Lurie Cancer Center and Northwestern Medicine's 29th Annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K.

It's an incredibly-touching event, and to see all these resilient folks -- survivors -- in their purple t-shirts gives hope to those currently fighting this horrific illness. The celebration begins at 8:30 a.m. -- with the walk at 10 a.m. -- at Arvey Field at the northeast corner of Columbus Dr. and Roosevelt Rd. It's open to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer, regardless of where they were treated.

Highlights include a non-competitive walk or chip-timed 5K race along the lakefront, t-shirts, music and entertainment, inspiring speakers, activities for the family, and an opportunity to share a message on the Dedication Wall. (The 5K and t-shirts are included in the registration fee, but the rest is free).



The 29th Annual Lurie Cancer Center Survivor's Celebration Walk and 5K will be held Sunday in Grant Park.



After a two-year COVID hiatus, it's great to be back hosting the event, said Leonidas Platanius, MD, PhD., director of the Lurie Cancer Center.

"Our annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K is an opportunity to honor survivors, family members, caregivers, and other supporters," said Dr. Platanius. "After two years of celebrating virtually, we're excited to connect in person and celebrate milestones on National Cancer Survivors Day. All of us at the Lurie Cancer Center are inspired by the strength and determination we witness each day. And we all share the same commitment to improving the lives of people affected by cancer, now and in the years to come."

Regular readers of this column know that I've been battling cancer, as has my husband. I also lost my parents to the disease, my lifelong BFF, and several other dear friends and family members. Not sure that

I know anyone whose life has not somehow been touched.

This month, June, is a huge milestone for me. I stop taking the medication that has kept cancer away for the last five years. I have mixed feelings about that though because for a half-decade, it has offered me protection.

But any way you slice it, I made it to five years! It's grand to be alive.

The National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship defines a cancer survivor as anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer -- "from the time of diagnosis and for the balance of life." Advances in cancer prevention and treatment -- based on life-changing research -- give cancer survivors like me plenty to celebrate. And what better way to do so than a leisurely stroll along our glorious lakefront?

There are also numerous volunteer positions available for anyone looking to some-

how get involved. Help pass out t-shirts, water, be a cheerleader, etc. There's plenty to do.

Take it from me, this disease is no party. Treatment is brutal and its effects stay with you for a very long time. And if you're a caregiver, God bless you. I've been there too and sometimes I think that's just as difficult as being a patient. Neither are any fun.

That's why going out and having a good time and attending something like the cancer celebration is so very important. Here's to life, and enjoying living.

For more info email survivorwalk@nm.org or call (312) 926-7133.

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Longtime apartment owners prepare for tax bite



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Imagine the current property-tax fright of a senior citizen who has owned and resided in his North Side three-flat for decades.

In March 2022, the owner paid a first-installment bill of \$13,932. That represents 55% of the property's \$25,331 total 2020 real estate tax.

Ironically, the elderly owner's tax bill is almost as much as his total 2021 Social Security earnings of \$27,576. And the tax bite has grown steadily over past decades. In 2010, the owner paid a tax bill of \$17,657, up from \$12,059 in 2001.

What's worse, the second installment of the owner's 2021 tax bill, due around Aug. 1, is expected to be much higher follow-

ing last year's 38% reassessment increase. How is the owner—with a total net household income of \$40,636—expected to pay a whopping tax increase? Taxes currently are 60% of his net income.

A study by the Illinois Policy Institute, a nonpartisan research organization, found that Chicago property taxes rose on average 92.3% between 2010 and 2020.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi estimated that the fair market value on the senior owner's 3-flat rose 38% to \$1,570,000 from \$1,137,100 in 2020. The assessed value jumped to \$157,001 from \$113,710.

Two years ago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot oversaw passage of a new city ordinance that promises beleaguered property owners a ticking time bomb—guaranteed annual real estate tax increases of up to 5%. The gift that keeps on giving.

One of several Chicago and Cook County tax lifelines available to the elderly owner is the "Long-Time Homeowner Exemption." However, only 2% of homeowners—about 11,000 property owners—of more than 1.5 million owners in Cook County qualify

for this exemption.

The Long-Time exemption provides homeowners with an expanded Homeowner Exemption with no maximum exemption amount. In addition to meeting income and residency requirements, applicants for the Long-Time must also have a significant assessment increase that exceeds the maximum amounts set by the state legislature. Applications for this exemption must be filed annually.



Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

This writer respectfully suggests that Assessor Kaegi consider expanding this longtime exemption to retired, low-income, "Ma-&Pa" small apartment owners.

For example, to qualify for this writer's proposed "Longtime Small Apartment Exemption" an owner of a two-flat, three-flat or four-flat must have resided in the property as a primary residence for 20 years or more, and have an annual income of \$50,000 or less.

The owner also must have experienced an excessive double-digit assessment increase in the recent reassessment to qualify for the proposed new exemption.

This proposed exemption also should be coupled with the "Senior Citizen Exemption" and the

"Senior Tax Freeze." It is likely these exemptions would prevent hundreds of longtime "Ma & Pa" apartment building owners from being displaced from gentrifying neighborhoods where they have resided for most of their lives.

Assessor Kaegi, who is up for reelection, has been targeted and criticized by big commercial property owners and apartment developers for refocusing assessment efforts on them—and away from homeowners, who have been carrying the majority of the tax burden for decades.

Kaegi's creative TV ads show his face covered with darts on a target board. "It's a face corporate landlords love to hate," Kaegi said.

The Assessor recently announced that a wide assortment of property-tax-saving exemptions for the 2021 tax year are now available online in a new, streamlined application.

Exemptions are savings that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, which saves a Cook County property owner an average of \$973 dollars each year.

Many exemptions automatically renew this year due to COVID-19. Homeowners can check the website (<https://www.cookcounty-propertyinfo.com/>), then review the Exemption History and Status section to determine which exemptions they received last year and if they will auto-renew this year. New homeowners and those that need to reapply can do so by completing the online application.

Exemption deductions only appear on the second installment property tax bill which is issued later this year. More information about each exemption follows:

Homeowner Exemption

Most homeowners are eligible for this exemption if they own and occupy the property as their principal place of residence.

Once this exemption is applied, the Assessor's Office auto-renews it for you each year. This exemption provides savings by reducing the equalized assessed value of an eligible property.

Senior Exemption

Most senior homeowners are eligible for this exemption if they are 65 years of age or older and own and occupy their property as their principal place of residence. Once this exemption is applied, the Assessor's office automatically renews it for you each year. A Senior Exemption provides property tax savings by reducing the equalized assessed value of an eligible property.

Senior-Freeze Exemption

Most homeowners are eligible for this exemption if they meet the requirements for the Senior Exemption and have a total household annual income of \$65,000 or less in the calendar year 2020. This exemption provides

significant savings by "freezing" the equalized assessed value of an eligible property. This exemption will automatically renew for the 2021 tax year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disabled Persons Exemption

Homeowners eligible for this exemption this year must be disabled or become disabled during the 2021 tax year. This provides property tax savings with an annual reduction in the equalized-assessed value.

Returning Veterans Exemption

This exemption gives military veterans returning from active duty in armed conflict with a reduction in the equalized assessed value of their property for each taxable year in which they return.

Disabled Veterans Exemption

Provides veterans with a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs with a reduction in the equalized assessed value [EAV] of their property. The amounts of those EAV deductions depend on the level of disability.

Home Improvement Exemption

Allows homeowners to add improvements to their home that add to its value without being taxed on up to \$75,000 of the added value for up to four years. For example, a homeowner can increase the building's square footage, or make repairs after structural flood damage without an increasing the home's assessed value.

Due to the high volume of exemption applications, the processing time is approximately eight weeks, according to the Assessor. Once a homeowner's exemption application is processed the property owner will receive an email stating whether the application is completed or declined.

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The 10th annual North Side Housing Fair will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, in Ryan Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 4432 N. Troy St.

Sponsored by Northside Community Resources [NCR], the return of this in-person event after a two-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic, has been made possible through the efforts and financial support of NCR's Fair Housing Program.

All attendees will have an opportunity to attend workshops, ask questions, gain resources, and meet the experts who can answer all of their housing queries.

During their last housing fair, attendees took home a myriad of information about the home

buying process, financing solutions, fair housing practices, and other related materials. This year's attendees will also receive entries for the chance to win an assortment of prizes through multiple raffle giveaways during the event.

This event offers free admission and parking for all fair attendees, and opportunities to schedule NCR consultation appointments, and free resources for future or current homeowners and renters.

Guests may talk to lenders about mortgage products and refinancing, learn about down payment assistance programs and resources to help families at risk of foreclosure.

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Seven robbed in wave of North Side hold-ups; cops eye links to earlier robbery sprees

BY CWBCHICAGO

At least seven people, including three Loyola Univ. students, were robbed at gunpoint during a series of hold-ups in Rogers Park and West Ridge. The offenders fired a gun during one robbery, police said, but no one was struck by the bullet.

There are indications that the crimes may be related to a wave of armed robberies that swept across the North Side last month. Those earlier crimes include the shooting of 24-year-old Dakotah Earley in Lincoln Park.

Sunday's robberies began around 1:30 a.m. on the 1000 block of W. Columbia in Rogers Park. A woman told police that a gunman took her purse, phone, and car keys and then fled south on Sheridan in a white SUV.

There are indications that the crimes may be related to a wave of armed robberies that swept across the North Side last month. Those earlier crimes include the shooting of 24-year-old Dakotah Earley in Lincoln Park.

Then, at 1:47 a.m., three masked men stepped out of a white SUV and robbed three Loyola students who were walking on the 6500 block of N. Glenwood, according to a CPD spokesperson and Loyola's police department.

One offender displayed a handgun as the group took phones, backpacks, and wallets from the victims, who were men ages 20 and 21 and a 21-year-old woman, according to CPD.

After the robbery, the gunman fired a single shot toward one victim, a CPD spokesperson said. Loyola did not mention the gunfire in its community alert, but Chicago cops said they found a shell casing at the scene. Earlier this month, the robbery crew associated with Brownlee fired a shot at a man who ran away when they tried to rob him on the 2600 block of N. Bosworth in Lincoln Park.

Around 2 a.m., two offenders emerged from a white SUV and robbed a man gunpoint on the 1400 block of W. Birchwood. One robber reportedly wore an orange ski mask, an unusual detail that some victims recalled earlier this month.

About 30 minutes later, three men stepped out of a white SUV and robbed a 26-year-old man and 28-year-old woman who were standing next to a car on the 5600 block of N. Mozart in West Ridge, police said. One robber displayed a gun while the group took the victims' property.

The couple later discovered that the crew also stole their car, which had been parked in the area. It's notable that the robbers who committed the string of

hold-ups earlier this month also used a victim's keys to steal his car, which was parked a couple of blocks from the robbery scene. One of the robbers in that crime wore an orange ski mask.

Chicago police said the suspects are three Black males between 16- and 25-years-old. One is 5'-9" tall and wore an orange face mask, blue hoodie, and black sweats. Another is about 5' tall and wore a blue face mask, black hoodie, and black sweats. The third wore an orange hoodie. The group used a white Nissan Pathfinder on Sunday, according to CPD.

Loyola Univ. police said gunmen robbed two more students near the school's Rogers Park

campus May 25. The male and female students were walking through an alley on the 1200 block of W. Albion when a white sedan pulled up behind them and two robbers emerged with handguns around 1 a.m., according to information from the school and a CPD report.

Loyola police said the robbers took the victims' phones, backpacks, and wallets, then drove away. According to a CPD report, the robbers were Black males wearing all black clothing and ski masks.

Possible links

A wave of nearly nightly rob-

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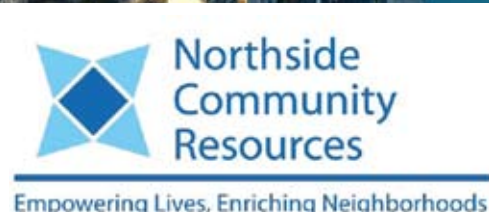
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Two local organizations work on reading programs
BY MARIA HAYLEY
The Freedom Road Foundation
“If it’s predictable it’s preventable”
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“The accident of birth is the greatest source of inequality in America today,” says James Heckman, Nobel Prize winning economist of the Univ. of Chicago. The Kiwanis Club of LakeView and The Freedom Road Foundation are now working to change this chilling fact with their reading programs.

These programs are based on two Kiwanis International programs: Young Children: Priority One, which focuses on children prenatally to age five in four key interrelated areas including “maternal and infant health; child care and development; parent education and support; and safety and pediatric trauma;” and Read Around the World Initiative which focuses on “sharing the joy of books with young children - from reading to them and providing books they can have of their own.”

Young Children: Priority One includes Freedom Families, aimed at families with children ages birth through three.

This program, in collaborative partnership with pioneering strength-based family support organization Family Focus - Englewood, is part of their Prevention Initiative program. Read Around the World includes John Stephan’s Escape from the Jeopardy Zone in the Logan Square neighborhood, and Trey’s Boys’ Book Club in the Bronzeville community.

Each of these programs promotes reading and love of reading as a foundation for success in school and in life and “a way out” of the otherwise predictable academic failure and its role in continuing the vicious cycle of intergenerational incarceration.

Including children whose “accident of birth” includes being born to prisoners are even closer to the center of this “source of inequality.”

The majority of Chicago prisoners originate, return to, and predictably cycle back and forth between certain zip codes, almost their whole lives. Many of these prisoners are disproportionately minorities, young, and parents of young children.

Reports describe the zip codes

Kids need books

these children are born into as “experiencing significant, extreme sociological-economic disadvantage, exhibiting negative or weak job growth, high unemployment, high poverty/ low median incomes, and low education levels.”

Studies show that one way to elevate low education levels is to prepare children from birth to succeed in school, and to support older children still struggling with low reading scores before the end of third grade. Success in school leads to graduating, rather than dropping out. Not dropping out means not dropping into the street, with its lure of gangs, guns, violence, crime, and early death or prison.

In homes of families in depressed areas, relevant programs and resources are scarce or not there at all.

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Each of these children’s reading programs - with appropriate adaptations for age and personal preferences - put these resources in where they are missing.

Selling the Sizzle

The work of addressing longstanding low education levels is serious business – rooted in years of research, experience, and training in multiple disciplines.

However, their method of “putting in resources where they are missing” is fun, lighthearted, personal and interactive - i.e, selling the sizzle of reading, books, literacy, and education as a “way out” of the “vicious cycle.”

For each of these reading programs, everything begins with a “Getting to Know You” feature. This includes getting to know the whole family, not just the children. We get to know their hobbies, pets, and topics of interest and concern. This sets a tone of caring, partnership, ease, and trust. Everything is customized. Materials used in the program are attractively packaged and presented. They cover a wide range

of topics and include book character dolls, games, puzzles, art and writing supplies. Incentives and prizes are a big part of the program.

All materials are brand new, sending the message that the children and families are worth the investment, and that education equates with economic advantage.

Another way we make a connection between education and economics is to encourage parents and caregivers to take their young readers to their local libraries. Freedom Road disseminates a bookmark from the American Library Assoc. that says “A library card is the smartest card in your wallet. GET YOURS @ your library”

They took families on a trip to Chicago’s Harold Washington Library Center during National Library Week where they could wield “the smartest card in (their) wallet.” The library’s majestic, high, green stone owl flanked roof, marble floors, and glorious winter garden are awe inspiring. In the summer they encourage families to get connected with The Chicago Public Library’s Summer Learning Challenge with its exciting programs and prizes proven to stop the dreaded summer reading slump.

They hold contests including “Create The Best Home Library Ever” and “Celebrating Scribbles – Precious Little Hands Begin to Write.” These contests, in addition to generating a little friendly rivalry among the parent participants, contribute to creating a literacy rich home environment. Contest winners are celebrated in person, via zoom, in the Family Focus Newsletter, and the Facebook pages of The Freedom Road Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of LakeView. Whether they place or not, all who participate are applauded as winners, for the efforts and talent they spent to raise their children’s education levels.

They are especially proud of the work of John Stephan’s Escape from the Jeopardy Zone program. This program is the legacy of longtime Kiwanian and Logan Square Boys & Girls Club Director John Stephan who dedicated his entire life to help kids struggling with poverty and violence. He collaborated with Freedom Road to create and promote this program which seeks to reverse the dire prediction of possible future incarceration for third graders falling below proficient in national reading scores.

Now in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago, Logan Square Club at Funston Elementary School - it is known as the Legacy Club in his honor.

Trey’s Boys Book Club was initiated by Trey J. who had been in a “jeopardy zone” in the third grade. He was bringing home report cards with only Ds and Fs. After participating in our home visiting program,

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Why I voted No and think City's casino site selection is a bad decision

BY ALD. MICHELE SMITH
[43RD]

Last week I voted against the proposal to build a casino on the Chicago River. Fundamentally, the city is placing a bet, under very rushed circumstances, on a proposal that creates concrete problems but promises only uncertain returns.

The Bally's site at Chicago and Halsted is in a rapidly growing residential area, across from already-developed condominium communities. Most disturbing to me, however, is its location on the Chicago River, and Bally's plans to include an outdoor entertainment venue.

Only two weeks ago we discovered that the City had proposed a new license category – a “large outdoor venue” – that would allow 3,000+ seat capacity venues that serve liquor and operate with amplified sound along the river. Venues with this license would be exempt from the city's noise ordinance from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the week.

The proposal came up at a License Committee meeting to legalize a previously undisclosed use at the old Morton Salt warehouse, which was presented and approved by the Plan Commission and the Chicago Landmark Commission with only a large indoor venue shown.

I protested this ordinance because it runs counter to the 30-year plan for the restoration of the Chicago River, which calls for a “connected greenway along the river [with] . . . overlooks and public parks...natural habitats” for the river to offer a “peaceful, natural contrast to the urban environment.”

As the Chicago Tribune said, “the legislation permitted and encouraged two huge new outdoor entertainment venues, with booze, located in close proximity and both along the Chicago River. All competing with existing music venues like, for example, the still-unrestored Uptown Theatre, which the city long ago committed to restoring.”

This license was created with no input from any affected stakeholders, including Friends of the Chicago River.

During the casino hearings, Deputy Mayor Samir Mayekar said the Chicago/Halsted location was preferred because there was a, “robust development plan” for the North Branch of the Chicago River that anticipated a “new entertainment district along the River.”

This is not true.

Since 2016, our community led the way in fighting the so-called North Branch Framework plan because it did not include public parks and open space. Never was there a word about a “new outdoor entertainment district” being in the plan for the North Branch. In fact, our community successfully rebuffed efforts by Sterling Bay to include a stadium for soccer and outdoor concerts along the Chicago River in its

planned development.

We continue to fight for the North Branch Park and Preserve, an entirely public park and nature sanctuary along the Chicago River. We have just won a feasibility study for this park; however, the ordinance just passed would provide the casino and Sterling Bay with the legal path to build very large outdoor concert venues along the Chicago River – with no public input.

I could not vote for that law, and I could not vote for a casino that permanently destroys the public use and enjoyment of our river for which generations of Chicagoans have fought.

Lakeside Center at McCormick Place remains the best location for the casino regardless of the operator – its location is easy to access, it has excellent transportation connections and infrastructure for large crowds is already built. Plus, its location would not burden otherwise vibrant neighborhoods.

Moreover, the Lakeside Center is widely acknowledged to be in bad condition with about \$400 million in deferred maintenance and would benefit from outside capital improvements.

The City admitted that it hosts only 18 events a year at Lakeside Center. McCormick Place has been losing conventions to other venues even before the pandemic

and attendance at trade shows has been declining in the last decade nationwide, a trend that will not reverse due to virtual options.

In 2016, Mayor Emanuel offered to tear down the Lakeside

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Center to draw the Lucas Museum to Chicago, and as recently as 2019, the Chicago Federation of Labor introduced a bill to demolish it and replace it with a new building. But now, suddenly, the city cannot be without it.

Yet the casino evaluation report rejected it on the fairly weak

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ground that “Losing even one convention due to a casino could have significant adverse impacts on city and state revenues and jobs.”

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Moreover, the agency that runs McCormick Place is now prepar-

ing to seek its own bidders to repurpose the very same Lakeside Center for “entertainment or other use.”

It strikes me as incredible that a building so long criticized for its declining use is not usable for the casino. The speedy delivery time along with substantially lower infrastructure costs compared to the other competing sites, make Lakeside Center by far the most attractive venue for the new Chicago casino.

The Temporary Casino

Each casino bidder was evaluated on their proposed location for a temporary casino to offer gambling beginning next year. In the end, however, the City chose as the temporary site, the currently vacant Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash. The Medinah Temple's location is in the midst of the River North area, which is now experiencing the highest crime in the 18th District.

As my colleague Ald. Reilly [42nd] said, putting an establishment with a 20 hour liquor license in an area that struggles with after hours crime will inevitably lead to more crime as gamblers leave to go to surface parking lots and people leaving the 2 a.m. and 4

a.m. bars will have yet another place to go drink.

Defenders of the casino location have said that Bally's will pay \$2 million a year for “community benefits” that could be used for additional police in the 18th District.

To be clear, \$2 million dollars will pay for fewer than 25 police officers – that's eight officers per eight hour shift at best.

For decades, the driving reason to have a casino in Chicago has been the belief that special tax revenue from a casino was the key to finally fully fund our police and fire pensions. Unfortunately, that's not the case today.

Bally's won the bid, in part, because they promised a non-refundable, upfront payment of \$40 million to help the 2023 budget. The City Council Casino committee, of which I was a member, demanded that the \$40 million be earmarked for pension payments.

I've been advocating for pension reform since 2011. After The Illinois Supreme Court in 2015 struck down the pension reform law crafted under Gov. Pat Quinn, the City was forced to seek new revenue to pay for the long-underfunded pensions. After seven years of effort, for the first

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The Angels are back!

PAWS Chicago's historic Angels with Tails adoption event returns to Gold Coast on June 5

Nearly 30 boutiques and retailers in the luxury shopping district will open their storefronts this weekend to homeless pets during the return of PAWS Chicago's historic Angels with Tails adoption event.

PAWS Chicago [Pets Are Worth Saving], the city's largest No Kill humane organization, along with four other shelter and rescue groups, will bring dozens of homeless animals to 26 stores along Oak and Rush streets, and Delaware Plc., noon to 4 p.m., Sunday June 5.

Angels with Tails Gold Coast is the event that launched PAWS Chicago – and Chicago's No Kill movement -- 25 years ago, and after a pandemic hiatus, it's back.

Thinking of bringing a new pet into your home? This weekend you can stroll the Gold Coast sidewalks and window-shop for that perfect purse and must-have shoes, and see more than 50 adorable homeless pets including puppies, kittens, dogs and cats, that will be available for adoption.

PAWS Chicago was founded 25 years ago and launched its inaugural Angels with Tails adoption event in 1998 to help end the tragic euthanasia epidemic in the city of Chicago by showcasing the shelter animals in need of loving homes.

PAWS Chicago is a national model in No Kill animal sheltering, committed to bringing an end to the killing of homeless cats and dogs. As Chicagoland's largest No Kill shelter, and one of the largest in the nation, PAWS has helped to reduce the number of homeless pets killed in the city by over 91% since its founding in 1997.

This weekend's event both saves lives through adoption and raises awareness around the issue of pet overpopulation and the needless killing of homeless animals.

With the resulting media attention and community's responsiveness, that inaugural event birthed Chicago's No Kill movement, which has translated into lifesaving results.

But, there is still work to be done. With so many litters born during the spring season, in addition to the abundance of homeless pets in need of homes, animals

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• Greyhounds Only • PAWS Chicago • St. Sophia's Forgotten Felines		
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still face an uncertain fate in overcrowded high-risk shelters.

Retailers along Oak and Rush streets, and Delaware Plc. will offer their storefronts and windows to PAWS Chicago and four other rescue partners to find new families for homeless animals looking to become someone's new best friend.

PAWS Chicago finds homes for 5,000 dogs and cats annually through its adoption centers and operates one of the largest high volume free and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the country, performing thousands of spay/neuter surgeries every year for communities that need the most help in controlling pet population.

In 2020, PAWS opened the nation's premier medical hospital for homeless pets which provides treatment for sick and injured dogs and cats in Chicagoland and from shelter partners in 12 states where pets are most at risk of euthanasia.

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evolved into something wonderful decades later. It's an inspiring tale about lasting friendships, when so many are fleeting and on Facebook nowadays.

It all starts with the late, fabulous cabaret legend Julie Wilson, who once upon a time had a huge following at the Gold Star. (I was lucky enough to see Julie perform many years ago at the Plaza Tavern downtown. What a treat.)

Julie was a dear friend and client of our local publicist, Debbie Silverman Krolik. Julie's son, Holt McCallany, then in his late teens and starting out as an actor (he also studied at Second City) would come in to see his mom from time to time. Silverman Krolik and McCallany have remained friends since Julie passed away.

Anyway, McCallany is now recognized as a gifted TV and film actor, with roles including the Netflix series "Mindhunter," which has some scenes filmed here; also a feature role in Oscar-nominated director Guillermo del Toro's "Nightmare Alley," as well as the "The Wrath of Man," etc.

Silverman Krolik hadn't seen him in many years when McCallany came into town last Fall, to film a new AMC series,



Holt McCallany and Doug Allen Nash.

the just-released "61st Street," which takes place on Chicago's South Side.

Anyway, while McCallany was in town, Silverman Krolik introduced him to former Gold Coast resident Doug Allen Nash, a world-class entertainer and gifted musician who also happens to be ruggedly handsome and charismatic. Apparently McCallany was so impressed with Nash as



Demi Davis performs as Ruby from King Hedley II in the 13th annual August Wilson Monologue Competition.

Photo by Liz Lauren



Aisha Akorede (second place winner) performs as Vera from Seven Guitars in the 13th annual August Wilson Monologue Competition.

Photo by Liz Lauren

a performer that he arranged for a booking at the Cutting Room, one of NYC's hottest clubs. On June 17, Nash is sure to bring the house down with his sizzling Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond Tribute Show.

Nash is a native of NW Illinois where he still has a farm and has spent considerable time there during the pandemic. I hear he keeps his Architectural Digest-worthy "cabin" and the surrounding couple of hundred acres in pristine condition. His family has farmed that area near Galena for decades and he is carrying on the legacy.

Can't wait to watch McCallany on TV and to see Nash in person when he comes to Chicago to perform. In the meantime, here's to long-lasting friendships.

At the head of the class... Wow! Out of 330 Chicagoland high school students entering the 13th annual August Wilson Monologue and Design Competitions, Demi Davis from Senn High School took home the first-place prize at the Chicago finals last month for her two to three minute monologue performance. Davis, a member of Goodman's 2019 PlayBuild Youth Intensive (a summer ensemble-building program that acquaints high school students with performance, creative writing and communication skills), delivered her monologue as the character Ruby in Wilson's King Hedley II.

Taking the second place prize was Amundsen High School's Aisha Akorede, with her performance as Vera from Seven Guitars. Alex Weber (ChiArts) came in third place with a performance as Sterling from Two Trains Running.

We congratulate these talented teens,

way to go to all the winners!

Cash prizes for the Monologue Competition, which were spontaneously raised by \$500 by a generous anonymous donor moments before the winners were announced, are \$1,500, \$1000 and \$500 for the First, Second, and Third place winners, respectively.

The free annual competition gives youth an opportunity to explore and share the richness of Wilson's American Century Cycle through master classes and offering college scholarships. Program participants from around the city encountered Wilson's 10-play cycle and received coaching from teaching artists to prepare their monologues for competition.

Judges included Stan Brown, director of Graduate Studies of the MFA in Acting program at Northwestern Univ.; Sydney Charles, an award-winning actress who most recently appeared in Gem of the Ocean at the Goodman; Sydney Chatman, a former Goodman Maggio Fellow and founding director of The Tofu Chitlin' Circuit; and Chuck Smith, Goodman Theatre resident director.

Dust off your tiara... and head to Jarvis Square on the 1500 block of W. Jarvis at 3 p.m. Sunday for the Big Platinum Jubilee Street Party celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70 years. Wear your fascinators, crowns, whatever royalty you have, show it off! Costumes are encouraged and Beatles and British Invasion music will be played by the band Mind Games.

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Longtime lawmaker reflects on time in General Assembly, calls it 'honor of lifetime'

Greg Harris is best known for being a good guy

BY GRACE KINNICUTT
Capitol News Illinois

House Majority Leader Greg Harris, the number two Democrat in the Illinois House of Representatives, never imagined landing the role of state representative – or that he would leave office feeling that he has been successful at it.

The first openly LGBTQ leader in Illinois History, Harris, 66, has served eight terms in the Illinois House. He currently represents the 13th District encompassing parts of Uptown, Ravenswood, Lincoln Square, North Center, West Ridge and Bowmanville.

"It was an honor of a lifetime to get elected and serve," Harris said. "Even more to be able to serve in a leadership role and help the state get through multiple challenges." He is truly one of the nicest guys you'd want to know, and was a long time supporter of this newspaper, and the community press throughout the state as well.

In Nov. 2021, Harris has become a lead Democratic voice on budget issues and countless others, announced he would not seek reelection after completing his term.

Harris said he was stepping down because he achieved most of his priorities over the years and, during the COVID-19 pandemic, discussion grew about the need to change the system and let new, younger voices take control.

"It just seemed like a logical time to leave and let a whole new generation of leaders take charge in the House," Harris said.

A Colorado native, Harris moved to Chicago in 1977 with a journalism degree from the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder that he would instead use in marketing and governmental relations at the National Home Furnishings Assoc.

The association eventually left Chicago in 1988, but Harris stayed and helped organize a program that delivered home-cooked meals to AIDS patients. He co-founded that program, Open Hands Chicago, replicating a similar program in San Francisco. It was the city's first in-home meals program targeted to people living with HIV and AIDS and has become Chicago's largest food provider with that purpose.

"At the time, we were just groups of people sitting around our kitchen tables, figuring out how do we get food to people or how do we get health care for people,"

Harris said.

Harris, who has lived with HIV for more than three decades, recalled at the time that there were no similar services offered by the federal government. As Harris and the organizers continued to watch people they knew getting sick and dying from the virus, they decided to be proactive with the meal program.

Ald. Tom Tunney [44th], said he first met Harris when volunteering and offering the kitchen of his Lakeview restaurant to Open Hands Chicago. Tunney took over the Ann Sather restaurant in 1980, helping to produce meals for the organization.

Tunney said Harris has remained a close friend and political advisor to him throughout the years and that Harris has always assisted when needed, including with work on the LGBTQ-focused Center on Halsted.

"Without Greg Harris, whether it's the Center on Halsted to AIDS funding or the AIDS garden along the lakefront, it wouldn't have happened without his assistance," Tunney said. "He is a valued friend and a leader for his and my generation."

Following his community activism, Harris served as the chief of staff to former 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith for 14 years before being elected to the Illinois House in 2006.

Harris was first appointed to appear on the ballot in the Nov. 2006 general election when Chicago Democratic Rep. Larry McKeon, who was, like Harris, openly gay and HIV-positive, announced his intention to retire in July of that year.

McKeon had already been nominated as the Democratic candidate in the March primary. Selecting a replacement nominee was the task of five Democratic ward committeemen in McKeon's district.

"I watched what (McKeon) was able to do and saw there were so many things that needed to be done for the LGBTQ community and thought, I should take a chance on trying to get this job," Harris said.

Harris has since been re-elected seven times, never facing a challenger.

One of the most notable bills Harris

spearheaded during his time in the General Assembly was a measure legalizing same-sex marriage.

The measure passed the Senate 34-21 on Feb. 14, 2013, and passed the House, 61-54, on Nov. 5, 2013. Then-Gov. Pat Quinn signed it that November and it went into effect June 1, 2014.

But the journey to legalize marriage equality in Illinois was a long-fought battle with opposition on both sides.

Harris first introduced legislation for marriage equality in Feb. 2007, but it died in committee. For the next few years, he would reintroduce legislation in each new General Assembly, but it would fail to move from committee.

But in Jan. 2013 Harris and former State Sen. Heather Steans filed Senate Bill 10 for marriage equality that moved out of the Senate Executive Committee in early February and onto the Senate floor for a full vote.

On the last day of the spring session in May, months after the Senate had already approved the bill, Harris chose not to call it for a final vote on the House Floor.

He recalled that last day of the spring

session in 2013, explaining that he made the tough decision because he was anticipating its defeat, and seeing the bill fail would have been a "catastrophic strategic mistake."

Fundamental rights were at play, he said, and many in the General Assembly were hesitant to support it.

Harris said that representatives were willing to vote yes if they knew for certain that they were going to be on the winning side of history that day.

"If you burn people, they're not going to come back the second time and vote again," Harris said.

In the following months, Harris and other advocates for marriage equality lobbied representatives who were on "the cusp of indecision."

Harris noted the driving force of advocating for marriage equality came down to motivating constituents and their family members, faith leaders and other local elected officials to tell their representative how important the issue is to them.

"We really focused on how do we find people in all those communities to go tell their representatives there are people in this community who this is really important to," Harris said.

When lawmakers returned to session in Nov. 2013, the measure passed with one vote to spare.

In 2010, Harris was also the lead House sponsor of Senate Bill 1716, which estab-

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House Majority Leader Greg Harris



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Letter to the Editor

How to cut crime in Chicago

Primary voters have the power to cut crime in Chicago.

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Crime has exploded in Chicago due primarily to the four clowns of Cook County. They emasculated police, refuse to prosecute repeat violent offenders and give low or no cash bail.

They are County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County States Attorney Kim Foxx, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Chief Cook County Judge Tim Evans.

Vote against them if you can in this month's primary. There are other Democrats running against them.

Now we can't vote for Chief Judge, but we can vote against the party-slanted candidates. And vote 'no' on retention of all judges. They voted Evans in as Chief Judge.

We can't vote against Kim Foxx. We blew our chance two years ago. But we can get rid of her worthless, lazy, do nothing self. YES WE CAN!

According to Illinois law, a sitting Governor or Attorney General, can replace a County states attorney who does not do their job.

Like enforcing the laws as written by the General Assembly.

A states attorney cannot choose which laws to enforce. Can we all agree that Foxx has not done the job she was elected to do?

And while we're at it, vote out their enablers like Jan Schakowsky, Mike Quigley, Sara Feigenholtz, Ann Williams and, the Bridgets: Degnan and Gainer.

When public officials fail, it's the civic duty of voters to replace them. Otherwise the next shooting victim in the neighborhood might be your parent, spouse or child.

What will your local public official say? Nothing. Just like they say nothing when women and children are beaten, carjacked or killed. They have their armed bodyguards. What have any of them done to protect us, our families, friends and neighbors?

When narcissists don't take their jobs seriously, by refusing to do their primary duty of protecting the citizens, don't let them gaslight you by telling you it's your fault.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Chicago's art house theater innovates to survive pandemic

STORY AND PHOTO
BY JACK MURRAY
Medill News Service

Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport, has survived the government imposed pandemic lockdown.

The art house movie theater has been a Chicago staple since the 1920s. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in the early months of 2020, the future of the theater, especially to those who look at the facility as a second home, was in doubt.

Sartaj Chowdhury is a regular patron of the theater who was nervous about the future of the facility when the pandemic struck. To help, he purchased a membership that includes discounted tickets and other perks. He did this to help boost the theater's cash flow and improve its chances to survive the pandemic.

"I'm so glad this place survived. I did not think it was going to, to be honest," Chowdhury said. "I thought it was going to be like so many of my favorite places that died during the pandemic. I'm just glad that it made it through."

To appeal to customers like Chowdhury, the theater had to get creative. Kyle Cubr, the senior operations manager at Music Box Theatre, said they offered remote concessions and online streaming to help keep the audience engaged during the period when the theater could not be open for in-person showings. This included offers like a Valentine's Day package that included flowers and a card, or a Christmas package that included festive movies and snacks.

When businesses started to reopen in the summer/fall of 2020, the theater opened space outside of the lounge area that could seat around 25 people.

For customers like Chowdhury and friend Brett Haymaker, the gradual reopening allowed for them to get used to being around others again and showed them just how difficult being away from others has been.

"I feel like the psychological damage (from the pandemic) is bubbling up to the surface now," Haymaker said. "I've realized that I'm very anxious, or that I don't know how to talk to people anymore. (Being back at Music Box) helped me realize how isolated I've been in my house and how small my world has become."

The theater's efforts to keep the audi-



The front door of Music Box Theatre, which is a local movie theater that focuses on independent and art house films.

ence comfortable has been one key to success, but the facility's amenities and classic feel are just as vital.

The theater currently boasts two screens showing films that range from classic to new. The movies shown are not the typical blockbuster fare that appear at most movie theaters across the country, but rather

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they tend to be indie, art house films that are compatible with 35- and 70-mm film styles.

New releases that use one of the previous film styles, like Paul Thomas Anderson's recent film "Licorice Pizza," are shown in the theater. For the Bradley Cooper-starring title, Cubr said Music Box was the highest grossing theater in the country.

However, much of the programming is from previous eras. General Manager Ryan Oestreich said figuring out what to show is largely done as a result of feedback they get from their regular audience.

"We like to take as many suggestions as possible and meet every week to talk about our programming and what we think we want to program," Oestreich said. "We figure out what we like and don't like and how we can make sure to provide a very healthy mix of things."

Oestreich said one way they do this is through avoiding showing films at a high frequency. The programming team breaks away from this with movies like "The Room" and "Rocky Horror Picture Show," which are considered cult classic films and are a tradition at the theater. In most cases, however, once a movie is shown, it will not appear for several years.

"If we do an Alfred Hitchcock series, we're going to show four different films and then probably not do an Alfred Hitchcock film series again," Oestreich said. "We give people who want to see different films, as frequently as possible, the ability to do that."

As audiences return to the cinema as a result of vaccination rates rising and COVID-19-mitigation policies ending, Cubr said the demand for repertory programming is increasing.

"I can't even put a number on the amount of films I've seen over the years that I just wouldn't have an opportunity to see any other way outside of like on my TV or on the internet," Cubr said. "I think it's just great, it's a great place to be with a bunch of like-minded filmgoers and meet new people and just kind of expand your worldview."

For customers like Chowdhury, the excitement of a post-pandemic world can be linked to a packed crowd at Music Box Theatre.

"I'm glad they made it through, and I want to see this theater filled up all the time," Chowdhury said. "Most theaters don't have the community feeling that this place does, and I think that is super cool."

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The Clare celebrates National Senior Health and Fitness Day



The Clare’s staff and residents celebrated with a full week of various activities geared toward all aspects of wellness during National Senior Health and Fitness Day.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day takes place on the last Wednesday in May each year, and is the nation’s largest older adult health and wellness event.

This year, rather than limiting it to a single day, The Clare celebrated with a week of various activities geared toward all aspects of wellness.

“We decided that extending the day into a week filled with events that hit on physical, functional and emotional wellness would be the best way to expand our residents’ notion of what it means to be healthy,” says Emily Delaney, Director of Resident Experience at The Clare. “We also wanted to showcase the comprehensive wellness offerings we have in the community.”

The Clare’s celebration kicked off with

a blood pressure clinic hosted by the community’s Wellness Nurse Navigator, who took readings and provided informational materials to those who participated. Next up was an assistive device tune-up workshop led by The Clare’s Therapy Manager and Fitness Manager, who worked with residents to ensure they are using their walkers, canes or rollators in the most effective way possible.

Mental health was also a focus during the weeklong celebration. Ann Marie Downing, owner of Heart Wise Relationship Coaching, visited The Clare to present on the power of saying no and how to prioritize self-care through the aging process. The week ended with a smoothie social, where residents had the opportunity to taste different smoothies curated to meet their bodies’ needs following their morn-

ing workout. “Residents appreciated the creativity and educational components of each event,” Emily says. “They were able to see collaboration between several departments at The Clare and the vital services they provide.” Overall, the goal of National Senior Health and Fitness Day is to promote well-

ness among older adults. With a week of wide-ranging activities, The Clare certainly achieved that goal. “If we can spotlight senior health and fitness for a week and provide multiple layers of education, the hope is that it will have a lasting impact for our residents,” Emily says.

‘Go, you chicken fat, go!’

Lincoln Park health and wellness weekend June 11-12

Anyone older than a ‘certain age’ knows what “Go, you chicken fat, go!” means, and the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC] is telling just that to their neighbors right now.

The chamber is hosting a Health & Wellness Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 - 12, where locals can explore new workouts to chase away that leftover pandemic chicken fat.

The event will also provide innovative treatments and soothing self-care options from Lincoln Park’s innovative health and wellness community.

In addition to free classes and a health and wellness showcase, Lincoln Park health and wellness businesses will offer

special in-studio classes and unique promotions throughout the weekend.

“Lincoln Park has become a hub of innovative health and wellness businesses over the past few years,” explains

Kim Schilf, CEO of the LPCC. “We’re thrilled to kick off the summer by connecting our neighbors to these advanced treatments and creative fitness options.”

There will be free raffles, give-aways and educational materials available.

On Saturday, events start at 8:30 a.m.



at Lincoln Common Plaza, 2335 N. Lincoln Ave.

On Sunday, the efforts move to the lakefront’s at Theater on the Lake, with a 10 a.m. start on their stunning Skyline Lawn, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr. A complete list of free classes and details are available online.

All classes are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for all classes is encouraged. For more information, call 773-880-5200 or visit lincolnparkchamber.com.



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Norman Malone

Panel discussion, performance, screening of documentary “For the Left Hand”

At age five, Norman Malone was a budding piano virtuoso. At age 10, after a devastating attack, he became partially paralyzed on the right side.

Refusing to give up his passion, he found a teacher at DePaul University’s School of Music and learned to play some of most complex piano music ever composed using only his left hand.

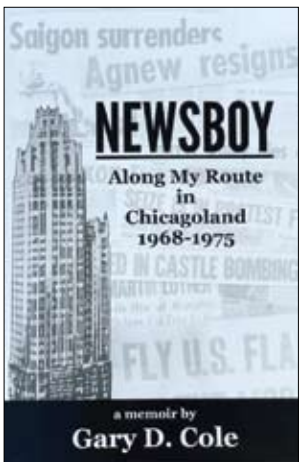
Malone will be part of a free performance, panel discussion and screening of a documentary on his life 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at DePaul’s Holtschneider Performance Center, 2330 N. Halsted St.

The beloved choral instructor at Lincoln Park High School kept his talent hidden for decades.

Now guests will hear Malone play before the panel discussion and stay to watch the acclaimed documentary by Kartemquin Films.

The production is being presented by the Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative [LPCRI]. Founded during the DePaul Centennial (1998-1999), LPCRI is a partnership of Lincoln Park community organizations, businesses and DePaul Univ. LPCRI’s goal is to collect, document and preserve the shared history of DePaul and the Lincoln Park community. The historical materials collected are housed in the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Collection of the DePaul Univ. Library.

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“Newsboy” is a childhood memoir that revolves around author Gary D. Cole’s Chicagoland newspaper route during the 1960s and ‘70s.

The book is both a portrayal of the young narrator’s community, paper route, and customers, as well as a chronicle of his efforts as a boy to process the dizzying news events that he tracked in the newspaper during this turbulent period,

including the 1968 Democratic National Convention, the collapse of the 1969 Cubs, and the Chicago 7 trial. Due to “Newsboy’s” focus on neighborhood and news coverage, all net proceeds (\$10 for every copy sold) from sales at The Book Cellar through July 1, 2022 will be donated to Inside Publications - this newspaper you’re reading.

“Independent, community-based journalism is facing an existential crisis,” said Cole. “A collaboration among a local bookstore, a publisher of neighborhood newspapers, and an author of a community-grounded memoir struck me as an ideal way to support this critical media source.”

Chicago Tribune columnist and WGN Radio host Rick Kogan called “Newsboy” a “terrific book.”

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lished the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act that recognized civil unions of same-sex couples in the state.

Rep. Mark Batinick, of Plainfield, who is also stepping down after this term, said he wishes there were more individuals like Harris in the General Assembly, because he has always kept an open mind and was willing to work with anybody.

Batinick recalled the first time he met Harris. Batinick was a freshman lawmaker, it was his first day on the House floor and Harris walked over to introduce himself, shook his hand and

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asked Batinick if he’s one of those policy regulators.

“I laughed and told him I just go where I think the policy takes me,” Batinick said.

The pair worked together on improving mental health funding in the state, a common issue important to both lawmakers.

Harris reflected on his own past experiences and struggles with drugs, alcoholism and men-

tal health, which he said served as a reminder that there are people in need of help, and government officials have an obligation to ensure support services are available.

“I was that guy one time, who was desperate and sort of scrambling for people to help him and I want to be sure that I think about others the same way,” Harris said.

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with the involvement of his family, his reading improved and his grades jumped to As and Bs. He then turned reading to leading by recruiting his friends to join his home based book club.

Monique M., a Parent Representative Advisor, was one of the original Freedom Families. She had joined the program while she was homeless and living in a shelter with her four-month-old daughter.

Even after moving to Indiana and having other children she was so zealous in keeping the books coming for her babies, she continued to request books from Freedom Road – which they sent by mail rather than personal visits. Monique was eventually offered a job at her children’s day care because the supervisors there were so impressed by how well she had taught her own children.

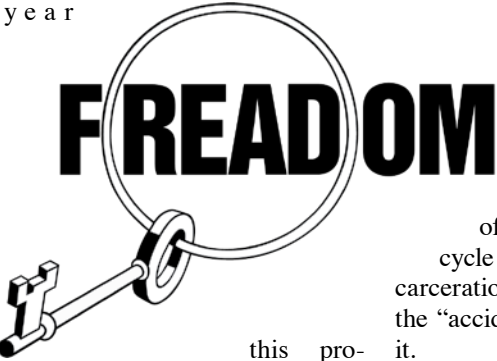
Both Monique and Trey were presented with Rising Star awards at the groups Inaugural Fundraiser, Nov. 12, 2019.

These children’s programs stand on the shoulders of giants. These giants include not only the many scholars whose mountains of research shaped the design of our programs, but Freedom Road

and Kiwanis partnerships, sponsors and donors.

Their initial donor was former alderman William J. P. Banks, known as “Leader of Readers” for his longtime support of children’s reading programs.

Bank’s generous contribution allowed them to launch and develop their first program in 2014. By the following



this program had grown enough to make it possible for us to accept Kiwanian Leah Steele’s invitation to present it to the Kiwanis Club of Lake View and appeal for additional support and funding. The Kiwanis Club of Lake View has been our major funder - and partner ever since.

Additionally, the Kiwanis Club of Lake View helped them attract other donors, and played a key role in the success of their inaugural fundraiser. They attended in force, purchased table tickets, contributed raffle and auction prizes, - including Kiwanian Dan O’Donnell’s donation of his son

Kevin’s U.S. patented Modobag, a carry-on bag you can actually ride through the airport, and found in Marcella Kane, a Kiwanian who played Raffle-er to perfection.

The tragic consequences for the futures of children and families living in book deserts are not unique to Chicago. Similar conditions are present in major cities throughout the United States, and, indeed throughout the world.

Raising low educational levels through literacy, love of reading, and books offers “a way out” of the cycle of intergenerational incarceration and the inequalities of the “accident of birth” that cause it.

As the Kiwanians know, they can literally change those children’s lives. This is true no matter where in the world a child lives.

For more information write to reporter Maria Hayley at maria.hayley@thefreedomroadfoundation.org.

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time, the city’s 2022 payments for all four of our pension plans will equal the actuarially required contribution that might finally start restoring the plans to fiscal health.

To accomplish this, the City contributed \$329 million to pay for pensions above and beyond the property tax, the water and sewer tax (to fund municipal employees pensions), 911 surcharge, library fund and contributions from the enterprise funds.

The gambling tax revenues are required by state law to go for pensions. However, the state law’s tax rate of 33 1/3% will not generate enough cash, even based on Bally’s projections, to fill the future pension hole. Chief Financial Officer Jennie Bennett forecast that by 2028, the city would be \$40 million short per year based on inflation and raises given to police and firefighters.

As the Sun-Times just observed, “Now you tell us.”

Some of my colleagues voted in favor of the Bally’s casino because, “it’s better than nothing.” As an alderman, it was my duty to seek the best alternative, not just the “better than nothing” alternative.

Unfortunately, the process of decision-making, the actual plan presented to us, and the location selected required me to vote No.

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Mother lion Zari (Zar-ee) attends to baby Pilipili (pee-lee-pee-lee) at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

African Lion Cub makes debut at Zoo

Cub takes first steps outside, now visible to the public

The African lion cub who was recently born at the Lincoln Park Zoo has made his debut.

Pilipili (pee-lee-pee-lee), which means ‘pepper’ in Swahili, explored the outdoor habitat alongside mom Zari (Zar-ee), dad Jabari (jah-bar-ee), while “aunts” Cleo and Hasira remained behind-the-scenes.

Since his birth on March 15, Pilipili and Zari, 4, have been bonding behind the scenes at Pepper Family Wildlife Center. Zari and Jabari were recommended to breed as part of the African Lion Species Survival Plan, a collaborative population management among accredited zoos. This is Zari and Jabari's first offspring.

“Pilipili has surpassed critical milestones and grows more curious of his surroundings each day,” said Curator of Mammals Mike Murray. “It was exciting to see him explore his outdoor habitat for the first time and see his inquisitive-nature in action. As he grows bigger and stronger, he’ll have the chance to explore all of the features his habitat offers, such as climbing trees for vertical complexity and thermal zones for cooling and heating.”

Members of the public can have after-hours opportunities for cub viewing during the zoo's new limited-capacity Family Nights at Lincoln Park Zoo, which take place Tuesday evenings now through June 28.

The lion pride, including the cub, will be visible intermittently as they have the choice to spend time behind-the-scenes or in hidden areas of their habitat.

The zoo is a long-time partner with the KopeLion Project based in the Ngorongoro Conservation in northern Tanzania, which strives to foster human-lion coexistence.

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“The Survival Plan is important to this vulnerable species, with lion populations having declined for the past 100 years,” said Murray. The cubs’ birth “tells the story of coexistence and the importance of conservation efforts in northern Tanzania. Seeing the cub, in addition to the rest of the pride, up close provides guests with a unique opportunity to connect with this magnificent species.”

Lion gestation lasts 3½ to four months. After birth, African lion young begin nursing within 24 hours, and they open their eyes within a few days. The females of a pride often give birth in close proximity and can help one another care for their cubs. Cubs are kept in hiding for the first several weeks of their lives and remain dependent on adults until they are 16 months of age. By the age of six months, cubs are weaned. At about one year old, males start to get fuzz around their neck that grows into a long mane.

Community researcher's needed for Lakefront study

The City and State are seeking volunteers as a part of the Redefine The Drive campaign to be a community researcher for their Public Life Study on June 16 or June 18.

As part of the Study, participants will be observing human behavior along the lakefront.

Community researcher positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all shift openings are filled, the Public Life Study signup will close.

Confirmations will be sent to volunteers regarding dates, times, and locations for

observations, and waitlisted volunteers will also be notified.

Observation areas will be around Montrose and Wilson, Belmont Harbor, Lasalle to Fullerton and Oak St. and The Gold Coast. Shifts are four-hours long. Official observers will also need to attend a one-hour training session.

For more information, or to sign up, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKIU-bdqRHaU0w4cP5OP-kngpNubiMsSXxJ7IodYefiMl1Bcg/view-form>.

Six robbed in Wrigleyville and Lakeview

BY CWBCHICAGO

Armed robbers held up at least six people on the North Side on May 29 and 30, police said.

Investigators have linked some of the latest robberies to a similar hold-up spree that occurred in Rogers Park early Sunday morning. A police source believes the Rogers Park robberies were committed by the remnants of an armed robbery crew that committed dozens of robberies earlier this month and shot a man in Lincoln Park.

In addition to the latest street robberies, a group of five people robbed a man on a CTA Red Line train at Fullerton May 29.

The first robbery in the latest wave occurred near Farwell and Sheridan in Rogers Park around 11:45 p.m. Sunday. Three armed men took a woman's purse and fled in a gray 2011 Honda Civic, according to a CPD report.

That getaway car was taken in an armed robbery around 2:30 a.m. Sunday on the 5600 block of N. Mozart.

Minutes after the Rogers Park incident, two masked men robbed a woman of her phone, keys, and wallet at Irving Park Rd. and Pine Grove in Lakeview. They fled in the same Honda Civic, a CPD report said.

Then, at 1:20 a.m. on May 30, a woman and her boyfriend were robbed by three men who stepped out of a car on the 900 block of W. Belle Plaine. A robber struck

the woman with a handgun during the robbery.

The victims said the robbers may have been accompanied by a second car — a detail that some earlier robbery victims mentioned.

Just a few minutes later, a bicyclist flagged down a passing patrol car outside Wrigley Field. The 30-year-old man told the officers that he was riding his bike on the 1100 block of W. Grace when two men got out of a Honda Civic and went through his pants to take his phone and wallet, according to police.

Another robbery was reported near Clark and Cornelia in Wrigleyville around the same time. A CPD spokesperson said the report for this robbery was not complete and details were unavailable.

Chicago police issued a community alert on Sunday afternoon about the robberies that unfolded earlier in the day. They said the suspects are three Black males between 16- and 25-years-old. One is 5'-9" tall and wore an orange face mask, blue hoodie, and black sweats. Another is about 5' tall and wore a blue face mask, black hoodie, and black sweats. The third wore an orange hoodie. The group used a white Nissan Pathfinder during the hold-ups, according to CPD.

Separately, five people robbed a man as he rode a southbound Red Line CTA train

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Police Beat...

Man points gun at TV news crew during live report in River North

Chicago police are trying to track down a man who apparently pointed a gun at a TV news crew during a live broadcast in River North on May 25. It happened live on Fox 32 as reporter Joanie Lum broadcast for the morning news. A photo shows the man pointing an object at the camera around 7:06 a.m.

"The gun was one foot from her head as he pointed at the camera or cameraman Gary," said fellow Fox 32 reporter Anita Padilla. "She is understandably shaken. Thank God she is okay."

Chicago police released three images of the man who they said "brandished a suspect firearm" and then fled on foot. The CPD community alert said it happened at 6:34 a.m., about 30 minutes before the time seen on the TV image.

The suspect is 18- to 25-years-old and 5'-6" to 5'-8" tall.

Minutes before the incident aired, police responded to calls of a similarly-described man who was causing a disturbance just a couple of blocks away inside a Starbucks on the 500 block of N. State. It's not clear if the two incidents are related.

Anyone with information about the man can call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261. The case number is JF-259784.

Serial bank robber strikes again in the Loop



A serial bank robber struck again in the Loop last week, the third time he has robbed a bank downtown in May, according to the FBI.

The latest hold-up occurred at 3:57 p.m. Monday at Huntington National Bank, 20 N. Clark, the agency said. The robber wore a dark-colored baseball cap, black face mask, dark-colored hooded jacket, jeans, and dark shoes. He was last seen heading south on Clark then east on Madison.

The FBI linked the robber with two other bank hold-ups in the Loop: the robberies of U.S. bank, 25 E. Washington, at 11:23 a.m. May 2 and Chase Bank, 2 N. LaSalle, at 4:14 p.m. May 9.

The agency is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information "leading directly" to the man's arrest and conviction.

Tips can be shared with the FBI's Chicago field office at 312-421-6700.

Three teens charged with carjacking delivery driver

Three teenagers carjacked a packaged delivery driver in Albany Park, then crashed the stolen car as police followed them through traffic a short time later, according to Chicago police.

Prosecutors filed felony vehicular hijacking charges against two 17-year-old boys and a 16-year-old boy, police said. One of the 17-year-olds is also charged with possessing a controlled substance and misdemeanor resisting.

The teens allegedly wore masks and took the 57-year-old man's van as he delivered packages on the

3000 block of W. Sunnyside around 1:14 p.m. May 25.

Patrol officers spotted the vehicle traveling nearby and followed it from a distance, according to CPD records. Cops arrested the trio after the van crashed into a garage and a car on the 3700 block of N. Sawyer about 15 minutes later.

Year-to-date hijackings are up 5% citywide through mid-May. Police logged 605 hijackings through May 14, compared to 576 at the same point last year and 290 and 172 during 2020 and 2019 respectively, according to the city's data portal.

Citywide, 53 carjackings were reported May 1 through May 14. That's exactly the same number seen during those dates last year. There were 28 during the period in 2020 and 17 in 2019.

Man attacks two Mariano's workers who said he had to pay for his food before eating

A Chicago man faces felony charges after he allegedly attacked two Mariano's workers who asked him to pay for his hot bar food items before eating them in the cafe area at the grocery chain's downtown location. One victim was reportedly knocked unconscious.

Keith Clemons, 38, selected several items from the hot food line on May 25, then skipped the check-out lane and started chowing down at one of the dining tables at the 333 E. Benton Place location, prosecutors said.

A loss prevention worker and her supervisor informed Clemons of the pay-first policy.

"Are you f*cking kidding me?" Clemons responded. He then allegedly stood up and told the loss prevention worker, "You are going to die today."

He punched the loss prevention worker in the face repeatedly then punched the supervisor in the face, too, according to the allegations. Prosecutors said the supervisor's head hit a table as he fell to the floor and he lost consciousness.

Clemons then returned to his table and started eating again.

As he dined, another store employee found the loss prevention agent bleeding from the face and a witness pepper sprayed Clemons.

Clemons got up, threw a table at the person who pepper sprayed him, then threw more tables at the loss prevention agent and her supervisor, prosecutors said.

He then grabbed his sweater and left the store. A Mariano's employee followed Clemons and police arrested him nearby.

The loss prevention agent suffered abrasions on her neck and eye. Doctors stitched up her lip. The supervisor who lost consciousness reported head pain and had a swollen face.

Clemons is on bail for retail theft and obstruction of identification. He is also on conditional discharge for a simple battery case.

Prosecutors said he has been convicted of 14 misdemeanors since 2012, including four battery cases. He was also convicted of felony aggravated battery of a peace officer in 2020 and received a three-year sentence.

He is now charged with two counts of felony aggravated battery of a merchant.

An assistant public defender said Clemons may have mental health conditions.

Judge Kelly McCarthy set his bail at \$75,000. Clemons must post 10% of

that to go home on electronic monitoring. She also set bail at \$30,000 each for violating the conditional discharge and violating bail bond.

North Side man kicked dog to death while taking it for a walk

A North Side man killed his dog by repeatedly kicking it and yanking on its leash while walking the animal in West Ridge last month, prosecutors said.

Bardomiano Gonzalez-Rodriguez, 35, is charged with felony aggravated cruelty to animals in connection with the incident, which occurred around 7:50 p.m. April 5 on the 2100 block of W. Arthur.



Bardomiano Gonzalez-Rodriguez

Three people who live in a nearby apartment building told police they heard yelping noises and looked outside to see Gonzalez-Rodriguez kicking a 13-year-old Terrier mix three or four times, Assistant State's Attorney Sean Kelly said.

One of the witnesses allegedly saw Gonzalez-Rodriguez yank on the dog's leash while yelling, "Come on!"

A fourth witness got out of a car and confronted Gonzalez-Rodriguez.

When police arrived, all four witnesses were on scene and Gonzalez-Rodriguez was holding the dog, which had died.

Gonzalez-Rodriguez reportedly told officers the dog suffered from seizures and that condition could be how the animal died.

Chicago Animal Care and Control staff examined the dog and found it had bruising over its body, Kelly said. They concluded that the animal suffered internal bleeding and may have died from a liver laceration.

Gonzalez-Rodriguez told police he dragged the dog because it was moving slowly, but he denied kicking the animal, according to Kelly.

An assistant public defender said Gonzalez-Rodriguez lives with his girlfriend and three children and manages a service station. Judge Kelly McCarthy set his bail at \$40,000 and ordered him to not possess any animals.

Gunmen fired at least 40 rounds on the Near North Side

At least three gunmen fired dozens of shots May 25 on the Near North Side, leaving nearby residents rattled, but no one injured. Much of it was caught on video.

Chicago police officers who were on patrol radioed shots fired at 7:04 p.m., initially estimating 15 to 20 shots fired, then 30 to 35 shots, then 40 to 45 shots as the gunfire continued during their transmission.

The shooting begins with two men ducking as they run to a maroon SUV and climb inside.

As they enter the car, another man pops out of the back seat and begins firing up the 800 block of N. Cambridge. One of the men who ran to the SUV then emerges again with a gun in his hand. He fires repeatedly up Cambridge while skipping across the traffic lanes. Then, he returns to the SUV, which speeds east on Chicago Ave.

Police found shot-up vehicles and shell casings in the area. A window was shot out of a second-floor apartment on the 500 block of W. Pearson, but no injuries were reported there.

Officers said a natural gas leak may have been caused by a bullet striking a utility meter on the 900 block of N. Cambridge. The fire department sealed off the leak until utility workers are able to make a permanent repair.

No arrests have been announced.



Joseph Guardia (inset) has been charged with lighting Joseph Kromelis (far right) on fire on May 25.

Man charged with setting Chicago's beloved "Walking Man" on fire

A Melrose Park man was charged Sunday with setting a well-known homeless man on fire in River North.

Joseph Guardia, 27, is charged with attempted first-degree murder and arson causing bodily harm. He was due in bond court on Monday afternoon. Exactly what prosecutors believe happened and what Guardia's motive may have been might be revealed during the hearing.

Joseph Kromelis, 75, commonly known downtown as the "Walking Man" and "Walking Dude" was sleeping near the Trump Tower loading dock at Lower Wabash and Kinzie St. when the offender poured a flammable liquid on him and set it ablaze around 2:50 a.m. May 25.

Police said the offender fled into a CTA Blue Line station after the horrific attack, which CPD said left Kromelis critically injured with burns over half of his body. Detectives released surveillance images of the attacker later the same day as they tried to identify the offender.

Kromelis remains in grave condition and may not survive, according to a source.

Chicago police arrested Guardia 13 times between 2014 and 2018 for minor crimes like retail theft, trespassing, trespassing on the CTA, and simple battery. Most of the arrests were

Uptown woman, high on PCP, kills eight-year-old daughter because she didn't think the girl loved her anymore

An Uptown woman with PCP in her system killed her eight-year-old daughter last week and told police she did it because she felt like the girl didn't love her anymore, prosecutors said on May 27. It all happened hours after an investigator from the state's Dept. of Children and Family Services visited their home.

"So this little girl's last image ... or one of her last images, is that of her mother placing a plastic bag around her head to asphyxiate her," Judge Maryam Ahmad stated after hearing prosecutors' allegations. She then ordered Andreah Hagler, 38, held without bail on a charge of first-degree murder.



Andreah Hagler

Police responded to Hagler's apartment on the 4600 block of N. Winthrop around 11 a.m. May 25 after her sister asked police to check on her well-being.

The young victim's uncle, who sometimes stayed with them, came to their apartment that morning to check on Hagler after calling several times and not getting a response.

After entering the unit, officers found Hagler lying face down on a bed with a clear plastic bag over her head, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said. Police removed the bag from her head and reported that she had no other injuries.

Next to Hagler, officers saw the

made in Lakeview, Uptown, and the downtown area. He has not been arrested by CPD since 2018. However, records show he has been charged with multiple suburban burglaries since then.

Almost exactly six years before the week's attack, Kromelis was badly injured when someone beat him with their fists and a baseball bat on Lower Wacker Dr. He eventually recovered and once again began his regular walks through the streets of downtown. Crowdfunder funding raised over \$30,000 to offset his medical costs at the time.

"He has been walking and peddling on the streets of Chicago for at least the last 40 years," Vytas Vaitkus, whose mother was Kromelis's sister, told Loop North News in 2016. "The streets are his home; the place he has always felt at home until [the 2016 attack]."

His sister-in-law told the outlet that Kromelis moved to Chicago from Lithuania and grew up above a bar on Halsted Street

"When Joseph was 19-years-old, his parents sold the bar and moved to Michigan. Joseph stayed in Chicago and sold jewelry and other items on the streets in the Loop," reported Steven Dahlman.

lower legs of Hagler's daughter, Amaria Osby, sticking out from under a comforter. Her body was cold and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Cook County medical examiner's office ruled that Amaria died from multiple injuries that she suffered in an assault. Murphy said she had bleeding under her scalp and there were other indicators consistent with asphyxiation.

Following her arrest, Hagler told police that she and Amaria said their prayers between 8 and 9 o'clock May 24. She did PCP that night and began drinking bleach. She felt like Amaria did not love her anymore and was "taking her dad's side," Murphy alleged.

Upon seeing her mother drinking bleach, Murphy said, Amaria screamed, "Mama stop!"

Hagler said she smothered the girl with a plastic bag because they were both born on the 24th and it was their time to go, Murphy alleged. The medical examiner's office ruled Amaria's death a homicide after finding she died of multiple injuries, including those consistent with asphyxiation, from an assault.

Her public defender said Hagler has been a certified nursing assistant for 17 years and worked as an occupational therapist. She has no criminal background and suffers from depression, he said.

The attorney said Hagler "appears catatonic in the jail."

A spokesperson for the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services confirmed that representatives from its office visited Hagler and

Man who sexually assaulted woman he followed from a CTA bus had been arrested multiple times for public indecency on transit

BY CWBCHICAGO

In Jan. 2019, we published a story headlined, “Why are there so many perverts on the CTA? Maybe because authorities keep putting them back on the street.”

It began, “Ever wonder why there are so sexual deviants riding CTA trains? It turns out that the answer, in part, may be that Chicago’s criminal justice system keeps returning those men to the streets rather than locking them up or finding treatment options.”

We profiled three men who had been repeatedly arrested and released for sexual misconduct on CTA train lines, including a man named Demarlin Brewer. The 2019 report said:

“Demarlin Brewer, 44, is charged with exposing himself to a 12-year-old girl on a Red Line train near the Berwyn stop on Nov. 17. The victim’s father identified Brewer, who was ordered held on \$20,000 bail. According to Chicago police records, Brewer had been arrested twice, charged with public indecency twice, and released twice during October alone. Both of the earlier arrests were in Lakeview.”

Last summer, Brewer was arrested for public indecency on the transit system again. Prosecutors said he stood outside the Roosevelt CTA train station’s customer service booth and fondled himself in front of the CTA agent. The worker asked him to leave, but Brewer continued to fondle himself, according to prosecutors. It was all recorded on video.

Brewer walked out of the Central 1st District police station less than eight hours later on his own recognizance. At the time, he was already on bail for burglarizing an Edgewater apartment building’s package room.

Prosecutors say Brewer stopped showing up for his court dates in both cases earlier this month.

Brewer, now 47, was back in court May 27 to face charges of sexually assaulting and robbing a 62-year-old woman that he followed from a CTA bus in Old Town on May 23.

The woman left work that night and noticed Brewer sitting on the bench at her bus stop near the intersection of State and Grand



Brewer has been arrested seven times for public indecency and has eight misdemeanor convictions.

around 10:45 p.m., Assistant State’s Attorney James Murphy said. Brewer allegedly boarded the #36 bus behind the woman, sat across from her, then exited behind her at when she exited at Lincoln. The two had never met before.

Judge Maryam Ahmad said Brewer would need to post \$3 million in cash to get out of jail on the latest charges. Separately, she ordered him held without bail for violating the terms of bail in his pending burglary case.

Brewer continued to follow the woman onto the 1700 block of N. Wells, then came up behind her with a 19” metal rod as she entered a courtyard, Murphy said. He pushed her toward a raised garden box.

The woman told Brewer to take anything he wanted, but he instead ordered her to lie down, says Murphy. He told her to remove her tights, then forced her to perform oral sex, Murphy said.

After the sexual assault, Brewer allegedly demanded the woman’s money, but she didn’t have any. So, he took the woman’s earrings and portable computer monitor instead.

Police responded to the victim’s 911 call and found several articles of clothing and the metal rod. DNA testing of a sexual assault kit is pending.

CPD released surveillance im-

ages of the assault suspect May 25. That same day, a building manager on the first block of W. Hubbard saw Brewer and recognized him as the person who broke into a bar and stole packages the day before, Murphy said.

Police responded to the building manager’s call and arrested Brewer on the 400 block of N. State. He was wearing the same clothes as the sexual assault suspect, and the victim identified Brewer.

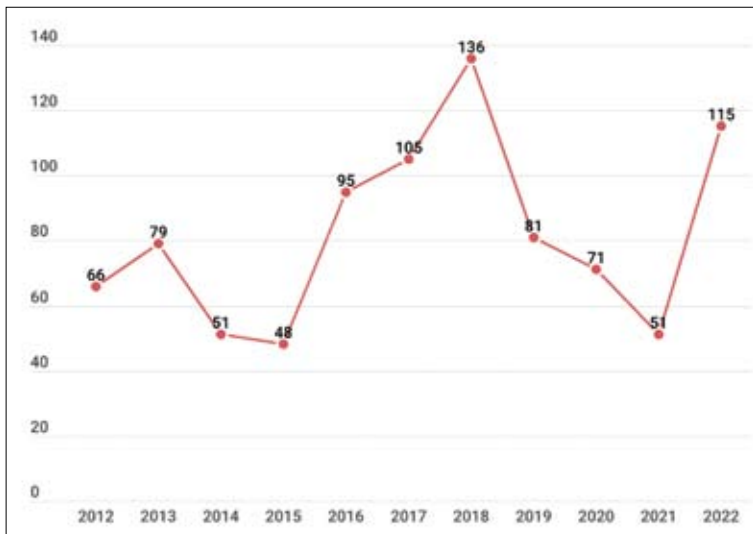
Prosecutors charged Brewer with aggravated criminal sexual assault with a weapon, armed robbery, burglary, and misdemeanor theft. Murphy said he has previous felony convictions for robbery and burglary.

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Judge Maryam Ahmad noted that the state filed a request to hold Brewer without bail but, because Brewer was hospitalized on May 27 and was not physically present in court, state law barred her from approving their request.

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He is due back in court on June 2.



This graph shows the number of robbery reports taken in the Loop each year through May 19.

Data source: City of Chicago data portal, Crimes 2001 to present.

Couple fights off group of robbers in the Loop, hold-ups in the area surge higher

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police say armed men attempted to rob a couple in the Loop on May 29. Despite sharply reduced activity in the area as the city tries to rebound from the effects of COVID, the downtown neighborhood is setting a near-record pace for robberies this year.

Around 12:50 a.m. Saturday, five offenders, including one with a handgun, confronted a 39-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man on the 700 block of S. Dearborn. After the men demanded the victims’ valuables, the victims got into a fight with the men, according to a spokesperson for the CPD.

All of the offenders jumped into a dark SUV that fled the scene without getting anything from the victims, police said. EMS treated the male victim at the scene for small cuts to his right hand.

The man told police he be-

lieved the offenders fired a shot at him, but police did not find any evidence of gunfire at the scene.

On May 26, a woman was robbed near the CTA kiosk at the Harrison Red Line station, 608 S. State. The 33-year-old victim reported a man took her wallet and phone before leaving the area on foot around 11:09 p.m. She described the suspect as a thin Black male in his late 20s who stands 6’ to 6’-4” tall. He was wearing a gray sweater and black pants.

Police recorded 115 robberies in the Loop through May 19 this year. That’s more than twice as many as last year. It’s also more than any year since at least 2012 other than 2018.

Robberies are also up 18% citywide this year, with more robberies than in 2020 and 2019, too. Citywide hold-up reports are 15% lower than 2018, according to CPD records.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CENTRUST BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

-v-
ISIAAH GEORGE, 360 RENTALS, INC., UN-
KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS
Defendants
21 CH 2351
6417 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #2W
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2022, 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 6417 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #2W, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-320-059-1004
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$120,530.20.

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Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further
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Case # 21 CH 2351

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE OF CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST I
Plaintiff,

-v-
NANCY V. KULPPI, CLAREMONT NORTH CON-
DOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Real Estate For Sale

Defendants
2020 CH 05141
7220 N. CLAREMONT AVENUE, UNIT 3B
CHICAGO, IL 60645
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Commonly known as 7220 N. CLAREMONT AV-
ENUE, UNIT 3B, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-30-318-037-1006
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$117,249.75.

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Case # 2020 CH 05141

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

-v-
MARIE S. PIERRE, UNITED STATES OF AMER-
ICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

Defendants
2018 CH 15275

1739 W ARTHUR AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60626

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CAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-31-416-014-0000

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which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien
arising under the internal revenue laws the period
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demption under State law, whichever is longer, and
in any case in which, under the provisions of section
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redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of
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Case Number: 2018 CH 15275
TJSC#: 42-1322

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
5852 SHERIDAN LLC
Plaintiff,

-v-
JOINT VENTURE LLC, LI HUANG, UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
21 CH 1874
5852 N Sheridan Rd
CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above cause on January 10, 2022,
an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will
at 10:30 AM on July 1, 2022, 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 5852 N Sheridan Rd, CHI-
CAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-402-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family
residence.

The judgment amount was \$494,066.36.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by cer-
tified funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, including the Judi-
cial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Prop-
erty Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated
on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each
\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the
purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or
wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the
residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the
sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other
lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose
rights in and to the residential real estate arose
prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to
general real estate taxes, special assessments,
or special taxes levied against said real estate and
is offered for sale without any representation as to
quality or quantity of title and without recourse to
Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the pur-
chaser 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 prop-
erty 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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Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 265-0106.

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312-265-0106
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Attorney Code. 46376
Case Number: 21 CH 1874

TJSC#: 42-1948

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Case # 21 CH 1874

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECUR-
ITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY MORT-
GAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CER-
TIFICATES, SERIES 2005-KS11
Plaintiff,

-v-
JANINA CASTILLO ROJAS, DIOGENES P. RO-
JAS, GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLI-
NOIS , CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MALIBU EAST
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants
2020 CH 05562

6033 N. SHERIDAN RD APARTMENT #34G
CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on March 22, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
June 23, 2022, 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 6033 N. SHERIDAN RD
APARTMENT #34G, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1362

The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$404,976.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judi-
cial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be
accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale
fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Munic-
ipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential
real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-
tion thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not
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is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall
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Real Estate For Sale

real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or
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foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GREAT AJAX OPERATING PARTNERSHIP L.P.

Plaintiff,

-v-
ANNA KROZEL, 5051-5053 N. CLARK CONDO-
MINIUM ASSOCIATION, KIM F. HANSEN, LAU-
REL J. HANSEN

Defendants
2021 CH 02042

5051 N. CLARK STREET, UNIT 1
SOUTH CHICAGO, IL 60660

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the above cause on March 17, 2022, an agent for
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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 5051 N. CLARK STREET,
UNIT 1, SOUTH CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-08-307-050-1002 (VOL.
477)

The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$305,020.20.

Sale terms: 25

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doesn't she switch The Bean for the embattled statue of **Christopher Columbus**, which to the best of my knowledge is so far murder free? Just guilty of being a White Italian male five centuries ago.

BURGERS NO MORE: Mail-lard Tavern, the burger joint at Halsted and Milwaukee opened in 2017 by Piccolo Sogno co-owners, and award winners **Tony Priolo** and **Ciro Longobardo**, has closed, another casualty of the two-years-and-counting pandemic. Last day of service was May 28. Priolo will be selling his shares in the building to Longobardo, who has recently started a second business, a chain of Italian bakeries called Dolci Amori.

PLATINUM DAYS: MA'AM, troop the color and rule the roost. Seven decades of history salute you. Happy Birthday, your Majesty.

REQUIEM: With my family I mourn the recent death of **Sister Mary Jane Herlick**, earlier known as Sister Querin, when she taught me in first grade back in the Eisenhower era.

A young Sinsinawa Dominican nun, she was patient as I learned to read, write and spell and try to keep my mouth shut back in Visitation School. Over the ensuing years wherever she served across the country, we stayed in touch. Friends and fans. She must have been 19 years old when she taught us. Hard to believe she died at 91 years old, a woman of faith. My first grade nun, never to be forgotten.

TUTTO BENE: Hotelier **Robert Allegrini** has assumed the Presidency of the Washington D.C. based National Italian American Foundation. The nation's premier Italian American organization which has as its missions to protect, preserve and promote Italian heritage as well as to serve as a bridge between the United States and Italy, dividing his time between Chicago, Washington D.C. and Italy. Finally on the client side of the hospitality equation for a change. Maybe he can find the Christopher Columbus statue.

WHAT'S A WEEKEND: The handsome shore of Gillson Ave. Beach, Wilmette, was transformed into a Downton Abbey themed-picnic in the full classical traditions to celebrate the academic accomplishments of **Stephanie Leese Emrich**, after receiving her Master's degree from the Univ. of Illinois. The noble Crawley Family moved over to make elegant room for the tasteful guests who arrived wearing assorted attire reminiscent of the beloved Lord **Julian Fellows'** romantic drama. From Mr. Pamuk to H.M. George V, the sands were abuzz with tea and crumpets manners and cucumber sandwich civility. Lord **Jeffrey Emrich** was the perfect picnic consort among modern day fans both upstairs and downstairs.

Among the 70 guests were **Cecilia Mowatt**, WTTW's **Ben Hollis**, **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** and **Bill Bartholomay**, **Holli Kern**, **Bob Glaze** and Mamma and Pappa Leese.



Desiree Glapion Rogers, Victoria Rogers and John Rogers.



Victoria Dal Santo



Christopher Lynch and Cindy Gountanis Lynch.



Robert Allegrini

ROAD TRIP: Congratulations to Chicago writer and historian **Christopher Lynch** and his wife, **Cindy Gountanis Lynch**, whose three children, triplets, all graduated from college last week. It was one week, two states and three graduations for the Lynches, traversing America to keep up with events for **Pierce, Angela and Katherine Lynch**. Not to mention the sheer endurance of commencement events.

W H O ' S WHERE: Former CBS2 Chicago newscaster, **Rob Johnson**, maneuvered the dangerous waters of the coveted Service Club hat contest



Rob Johnson

like the pro he is, and enjoying his new career as a "communications consultant"... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** made it to famed LeBouchon on Damen for dinner with their cherished friend, the Paris-bound **Cynthia Olson**, but reservations have been tough to get of late, Jim blames the heavenly chocolate soufflé... **Blase Floria** getting his ears lowered at Vito's Italian barber shop before Vito leaves for Sicily... **Irene Michaels** sharing conversation with friends **Steve and Sarah Neeley** and **Irene Mohica** at Service Club's Hat Lunch... Lovelies **Julie Harron** and birthday girl **Megan Irvin Witzel** celebrating at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Peter and Judy Logue Gibbons** celebrated their 20 year anniversary with a very special Vow Renewal ceremony in front of family and friends at Marchesa, kilt included... Sidetrack's **Brian Roddy** doing theater night with **Samuel Martorano**... Grand Beach's **Peggy Kelly Grace** and husband, **Jack Grace I**, having a great weekend in Omaha, NE, watching grandson, **Jack Grace**

III, play baseball at Creighton U... **Shelley Howard** entertaining the ladies, **Lisa and Lori**, with **Stanley** the pooch nearby at Topo Gigio... Yes, that was judicial candidate **Dan Balinoff** working up a sweat digging and planting at Skinner Park... Chase

Bank VP **Victoria Dal Santo** retiring from her long banking career, celebrating with family and friends from around the country with fabulous roast tenderloin and vintage Gigondas wine in her starlit garden... this reporter lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with famed restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair**, just

returned from Rome and Paris... **Donna J** the redoubtable heart and soul of Lou Mitchell's on Jackson recently received a new painting to adorn her glass booth office, she's the best... Special thanks to sweet **Lynn Graham**, her cousin **Michael Rambert** and the Tribune's **Col. Paul Marlarik, III**, for the lovely birthday lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Christina Dombrowski** was in New Orleans with the Univ. of Wisconsin sailing team for the Nationals... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** and **John Rogers** thrilled to be celebrating the final academic presentation of daughter, **Victoria Rogers**, thesis on

Black Noise.

BUCKINGHAM STRONG: Buckingham Fountain's original pumps and motors are still in operation today. Bravo engineers!

NEW GENERATION: Chicago writer **Rose Gabler** and **Stephen Rex** introduce amazing daughter, **Emma**, one month old. A welcome addition to the famed and historic Lamb Family of Chicago funeral directors. The late great-grandpa **Matt** and great-grandma **Rose Lamb** would be so proud.

CHICAGO RESTAURANTS: Greek Islands is electric for an early lunch. Owner, **Konstantinos Koutsogiorgas**, "Gus," and top gun, **Pete**, always make my day. Some hungry folk from California dined saying they heard about the place in Beverly Hills. But a big change for now, the celebrated best food in Greek Town will be closed on Mondays.

PRINCETON ROWING: Go with the Flo. Congratulations **Flo Donald '22**, the recipient of the Carol Brown Award. Bestowed on the most inspirational member of Princeton Univ. crew. They threw in getting to stand with the living legend for free.

There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.

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Amaria on May 24.

“No signs of abuse, neglect or danger were noted by our investigator. This family previously participated in intact family services from a substance abuse related incident in 2017,” DCFS spokesperson Bill McCaffrey said in an emailed statement. “The recent visit was the result of an allegation of domestic violence and was the first contact with the family since closing the prior case in 2018.”

The department’s recent contact with Hagler reportedly involved an allegation of domestic abuse of one parent by another. There were no allegations of neglect or abuse of Amaria, according to DCFS.

Armed robbery of North Center AT&T store may be part of growing crime pattern

The armed robbery of an AT&T store in North Center on May 27 appears to

be related to a series of similar hold-ups at North Side cellular stores.

Just before 8 p.m., a man wearing a ski mask entered the store at 4000 N. Lincoln and displayed a handgun while announcing a robbery. He collected boxes of phones from the storage room, then exited through the back door while telling an accomplice to pull around with their getaway car, according to CPD records.

He was described as Black, 6’-3” tall, wearing a black hoodie.

The suspect’s physical appearance and technique are similar to other recent phone store robberies.

On May 25, an armed man robbed the Verizon store at 1652 N. Milwaukee around 7:50 p.m. He forced the store employee into the back of the store and loaded a black bag with phones.

He ordered the store worker to wait five minutes before calling 911 and then fled the scene.

Police who responded to the scene described the robber as a possibly

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Hispanic man wearing a mask, a blue hoodie, and black shoes.

On May 18, an armed man robbed the AT&T store at 2006 W. Chicago. He collected boxes of phones and ran out the back door around 7 p.m.

That robber was described as a Black male who stands about 6’-3” tall. He wore red sweats, a black hoodie, and white shoes. Witnesses said he fled in a newer Toyota Camry that waited for him in a nearby parking lot.

Woman charged with helping her sister shoot another woman in Rogers Park

A North Side woman faces felony charges for allegedly helping her sister shoot another woman in Rogers Park last month. Prosecutors charged Kamiah Alford, 25, with aggravated battery by discharging a firearm even though they are not accusing her of personally firing the weapon.

Around 10:15 a.m. April 29, a 23-year-old woman and two friends

drove to the 7100 block of N. Glenwood to return some property to Alford’s sister after the two had a falling out, Assistant State’s Attorney Sean Kelly said.

As the 23-year-old was walking down the street, Alford and her sister allegedly pulled up in a car. Both women got out of the vehicle and Alford’s sister pulled out a knife, Kelly said. The sister began swinging the knife and struck the victim once in her leg and arm as the victim was trying to protect her face.

After being cut, the victim backed away as Alford’s sister allegedly asked Alford to get her gun. Alford asked her sister if she wanted Alford to shoot the 23-year-old because Alford is a



Kamiah Alford

concealed carry holder, Kelly said.

The sister said no; she wanted to personally shoot the woman, and she took the gun from Alford. She then shot the victim in the leg, according to the allegations.

Alford and her sister then drove away from the scene. Both witnesses corroborated the victim’s version of events, Kelly said.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said Alford insists that she never got out of the car and never offered to shoot the woman. Alford has no criminal background.

Judge Susana Ortiz denied the state’s motion to hold Alford without bail. Instead, Ortiz said Alford must pay a 10% bail deposit totaling \$25,000 to go home on electronic monitoring.

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT
Plaintiff,
-v.-
STEPHEN G. KAPLUS A/K/A STEPHEN KAPLUS, ABS LOAN TRUST VI, THE PICARDY PLACE/DIVERSEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2019 CH 03779
1802-E W DIVERSEY PKWY
CHICAGO, IL 60614
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2022, 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 1802-E W DIVERSEY PKWY, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-30-222-097-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Case Number: 2019 CH 03779
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK) AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2001-4
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JACQUELINE SMITH, YVONNE FINCH FKA YVONNE SMITH, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE, FSB, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA- DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. FKA CAPITAL ONE BANK, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AND DISCOVER BANK
Defendants
10 CH 00492
111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G
CHICAGO, IL 60611
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 14, 2022, 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 111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-03-225-078-1333
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$526,328.43.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 126642.
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Attorney File No. 126642
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 10 CH 00492
TJSC#: 42-1822
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
OIC ASTOR, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KATALINA GROH, 1320 N. ASTOR STREET LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A 1320 N. ASTOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, PHOENIX RISING MANAGEMENT, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR UNIT 3 LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR E.R.T.A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 02041
(Related to 18 CH 1717, 18 CH 1984, and 18 CH 2069)
1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 1
CHICAGO, IL 60610
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Commonly known as 1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-106-030-1002
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$252,470.47.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact LATIMER LEVAY FYOOCK, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 422-8000.
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Attorney Code. 47473
Case Number: 18 CH 2041
TJSC#: 42-1768
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

Plaintiff,
-v.-
KATALINA GROH, 1320 N. ASTOR STREET LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A 1320 N. ASTOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, PHOENIX RISING MANAGEMENT, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR UNIT 3 LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR E.R.T.A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 01984
(Related to 18 CH 1717, 18 CH 2041 and 18 CH 2069)
1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 3
CHICAGO, IL 60610
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Commonly known as 1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-106-030-1004
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$256,139.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Case Number: 18 CH 01984
TJSC#: 42-1767
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A 1320 N. ASTOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, PHOENIX RISING MANAGEMENT, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR UNIT 3 LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR E.R.T.A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
18 CH 2069
(Related to 18 CH 1717, 18 CH 1984, and 18 CH 2041)
1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 4
CHICAGO, IL 60610
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2022, 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 1320 N. ASTOR ST, UNIT 4, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-106-030-1005
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$320,428.29.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Case Number: 18 CH 2069
TJSC#: 42-1768
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

ASTOR STREET LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, 1320 NORTH ASTOR E.R.T.A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PHOENIX RISING MANAGEMENT, LLC AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 01717
(Related to 18 CH 1984, 18 CH 2041, and 18 CH 2069)
1320 N ASTOR ST, UNIT G
CHICAGO, IL 60610
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Commonly known as 1320 N ASTOR ST, UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-106-030-1001
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$272,479.24.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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SPREES from p. 5

bery spreeds that swept across the North Side last month ended after prosecutors charged Tyshon Brownlee, 19, with shooting Dakotah Earley and taking part in several armed robberies in Lakeview and Lincoln Park.

The gunman who shot Earley, allegedly Brownlee, arrived and departed the crime scene in a BMW. That’s the car that robbers, including one wearing an orange ski mask, took from a parking space after robbing a man in Lakeview one night earlier.

Some police sources have expected the rest of the crew continue operations without Brownlee.

Just days after Earley was shot, Brownlee was himself shot while

riding in a car near Millennium Park. After dropping Brownlee off at a hospital, the other people in the car headed to the North Side and committed more robberies without him, a police source said.

A law enforcement source believes the May 29 robberies were committed by the same group that pulled off dozens of earlier hold-ups. They pointed to parallels between the crimes, including the willingness to fire a handgun at victims, commission of several crimes in one night, the orange face mask, theft of parked cars, and the general tactic of confronting individuals and small groups of people who are walking during the late night and early evening hours.

The string of robberies that unfolded this month bears many similarities to another violent robbery surge that hit the North Side late last year. After two people were shot in separate armed robberies two hours apart in Boystown on Dec. 28 and 29, the hold-up crew moved its activities north to Edgewater, where armed robbers shot a witness during a hold-up on January 13.

A 17-year-old male is charged with the Edgewater shooting and several of the robberies that occurred in the wintertime spree.

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near Fullerton around 3:45 a.m. The victim was physically attacked by the group and one robber may have had a gun, according to a police report.

CTA surveillance video showed the robbers fled out of the Fullerton station and headed west after the crime. They were a Black male wearing a white winter cap, black scarf, light-colored tank top, black shorts, and red

and black shoes; a tall and thin Black male wearing a baseball hat, black hoodie, jeans, and yellow and white shoes; a Black female with long hair who wore black leggings, black Crocs, and a black shirt with “The Godfather” on the front; a Black female wearing a white jacket, black shorts, and brown shoes, and a Black male wearing a black hat, black hoodie, gray sweats, and white gym shoes.

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absence logs, he was out of the office even more: from Nov. 16 through Nov. 20, Nov. 22 through Dec. 5, and Dec. 11 to Jan. 9. The CPIC logs listed the reason for his times away as “other.”

On April 15, a sergeant assigned to Carter’s office sent a memo to all units on his behalf: “The use of elective time off by sworn CPD members is restricted. Furthermore, the use of elective time off will require prior approval from the Deputy Chief or above within the requesting member’s chain of command.”

Carter was taking a personal day when the memo came out, according to payroll records.



Dep. Chief Gilberto Calderon

Acute accent mark required

Some cops who report to Dep. Chief Gilberto Calderon were informed this month that he will reject their requests for time off if they do not include an accent mark over the letter “o” in his last name:

“ALL TO-FROMS MUST HAVE THE ACUTE ACCENT MARK OVER THE O (Alt 0243). THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IT IN WITH A PEN”

The instructions are boldfaced and underlined in the department memo, which mentioned Calderon’s last name four times — but never included the accent mark.

More notice

On May 23, Brown told reporters that the department was trying to give cops more notice of canceled days off. In fact, CPD this month distributed a “weekend cancellation matrix” for three months beginning May 31.

It remains to be seen if the department will add to those cancellations on holidays and during spikes of summer violence. And, if it does, whether the command staff will be affected.

MANDALA from p. 1

steadily increased programming during the last several years.”

Having established its place as a place in the Chicago arts scene, Mandala Arts is committed to supporting the South Asian diasporic community and representing its traditions, identities, and practices. “Finally, with the opening of this space, we can call Devon home, both in our hearts and in our organizational roots,” says Nayar.

The 15-block stretch of Devon Ave. “is more than a street—it is a community, a home, a cultural heritage corridor,” said Nayar. “As I look around, I know that I am in the company of those who value this place for all that it is and all that it can be.”

By growing the arts and supporting artists of Devon, Mandala hopes to be a



Pranita Nayar addresses guests. Photo by Suresh Bodiwala

catalyst of positive change. “On behalf of Mandala, we join this historic space in solidarity and partnership with many of you here tonight who are already committed to serving the community of Devon.”

Mandala connects audiences and students with all facets of the performing arts traditions of South Asia, offering engagement with expert dancers, musicians, storytellers, artists, and educators whose origins reach from the Himalayan ranges to the Indian Ocean, from Persia to Indonesia.

For more information about classes and other activities, visit mandalaarts.org.

Return of West Ridge Story Festival

In Dec. 2019, the cultural organization Silk Road Rising produced the inaugural West Ridge Story Festival, offering staged readings of plays written by community members who participated in their Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course classes [EPIC].

Then when the pandemic hit, their work with the community had to move online.

Silk Road Rising has now released The COVID Monologues, culled from the West Ridge neighborhood and beyond, and now



Undergraduate students operate the Searle Biodiesel Lab within the Institute of Environmental Sustainability located on Loyola University’s Lake Shore campus.
Photo courtesy of Loyola Univ. Chicago

BIODIESEL from p. 1

biodiesel industry was not established in Europe until the late 1980s.

With that “Jeopardy” fact in mind, Loyola Univ. has been doing this type of work since 2007. It grew out of a class project aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from university vehicles by utilizing waste from the campus cafeteria.

How the program started

Waickman graduated magna cum laude with a BA degree in communication before going on to complete an MBA degree with a concentration in entrepreneurship from Loyola.

The Ohio native participated in the first inception of the university’s Solutions to Environmental Problems [STEP] Biodiesel course as part of the communication and marketing team. After completing the STEP course, he continued as a Biodiesel Lab intern.

He oversees the day-to-day manage-

“We were the first school in the U.S. to become licensed to produce and sell biodiesel,” said Zach Waickman.

ment of the biodiesel program and mentors Loyola students working in the university’s Searle Biodiesel Lab. He is particularly focused on businesses that use local, traditional waste products to create community resources and job.

What you can donate

All vegetable oil and expired oil -- except peanut oil -- will be accepted. The university also will not accept solid fats, petroleum oil products, bacon grease, or pan drippings.

To donate, please drop off your oil in sealed containers at the Institute of Environmental Sustainability at 6349 N. Kenmore, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Look for the Oil Donation sign on the lefthand side as you enter the lobby.

they are again working with Asian Human Services to bring a new 2022 version of the West Ridge Story Festival: New American Voices.

New American Voices features six plays written by students who participated in Silk Road Rising’s EPIC for English Language Learners Class at Asian Human Services and EPIC at Passages Charter School. These tales explore the lives of new Americans as they navigate cultural differences

and community expectations.

These virtual staged readings are directed by Lexi Saunders, written by Bibi Zainab Binti Nurul Hakim, Madina Mustafina, Fowsia Nur, Sofi Escutia Ramirez, Meram Thahr, and Renee Twum, and feature Zhanna Albertini, Adia Alli, Allison Grischow, Juan Gonzalez Machain, and Victor Mallari with special appearances by Bri Buckley and Alexis Tornez. The video is available for free on YouTube.

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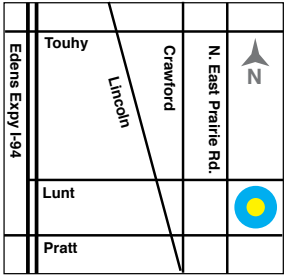


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