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— Voltaire

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CPS mishandled investigation, firing of Lincoln Park High School administrators

'Unproven allegations' reexamined in basketball scandal

Early 2020 was a particularly ugly time for Lincoln Park High School [LPHS] and their basketball programs. The series of incidents resulted in two former school administrators and three coaches being fired and placed on Chicago Public Schools' [CPS] do-not-hire [DNH] list.

The incidents that led to their firing started in 2018, when media reports uncovered what appeared to be mishandling of a sexual misconduct complaint by CPS.

Back then, CPS policy was to transfer allegations involving adult-on-student sexual misconduct to the Office of the Inspector General [OIG].

With the creation of the district's new Office of Student Protections [OSP] and Title IX in June 2018, CPS hired Camie Pratt to lead the office to investigate student-on-student complaints and other alleged discrimination cases. At the time, Pratt's daughter was a student at LPHS and on the girls basketball team.

Pratt accused the LPHS head coach, Larry Washington, of allegedly grooming her daughter, complaining to the OIG that her daughter had been benched as a result.

Pratt alleged that a stray text Washington exchanged with Pratt's daughter about basketball practice constituted "sexual misconduct." Pratt then alleged that the assistant principal at the time, mishandled a conversation with her daughter.

Former interim Principal John Thuet and Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield were both fired in 2020 over the mishandling of claims of sexual misconduct.

Their names were added to an internal registry of former employees and job applicants barred from working in the district. They have now been removed from that list.

In the passage of time, some in the school community came to see some of the CPS's actions were hasty. The allegations that cost the two administrators their jobs were later found to be unsubstantiated in an OIG report from June 2024.

This January, staff and members of the LPHS community submitted a petition and letter to

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The DePaul Prep Rams girls soccer team fell to the St. Ignatius Wolfpack 3-0 in the IHSA girls soccer sectional final May 29.

DePaul Prep falls to St. Ignatius 3-0 in soccer playoffs

BY JACK LYDON

The DePaul Prep Rams fell to the St. Ignatius Wolfpack 3-0 in the IHSA girls soccer sectional final May 29 at DePaul Prep. Wolfpack's junior wing, Lauren Reed scored two goals, two minutes apart early in the first half giving the Wolfpack an early commanding lead against conference rival DePaul Prep. Try as they did, the Rams (16-9-1, 5-2-1) just couldn't put together a comeback against the stingy St. Ignatius defense.

"I was really thinking about winning this for my team and playing for my seniors. Then I guess I got really lucky on those two shots. But when I saw the opportunity to take it, I did," said River Forest resident, Lauren Reed.

Coming into the game, the Wolfpack (11-9-3, 3-3-2) focused on getting the ball into their centerback, junior Kayla Washington.

"Kayla is our lead scorer. She's got like 28 goals. Kayla is a classic striker. When you play with only one person up front, she has to be a big, strong capable player who can hold the ball up and wait for support," St. Ignatius head

coach Pam Whitehead said of Washington.

"Usually our goal is to get it to Kayla. I usually come up as back up. We kind of work together, but the main focus is to get it to Kayla," Lauren Reed said of her teammate Washington.

"So I was lucky," Reed added. She said "luck," but two goals and two minutes is more than just luck. Reed was there to capitalize on the attention paid to Washington and that she did.

"Lauren is amazing because, first of all, she never came out of the game and absolutely she is positioned where she has to run up and down constantly," Whitehead said of Reed, who is also a talented field hockey player. "And she is a second leading scorer."

DePaul Prep and St. Ignatius are both members of the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference and played each other on May 1, a game which ended in a 1-1 draw.

"It was our senior night. All of our seniors played. And you'll notice the [Senior Night] shirt that I wore tonight to remind them," Whitehead said of the tie game.

Proud of her team's rebound

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Lincoln Park Alderman demands no more offshoring of affordable housing

One North Side Alderman thinks his neighborhood just doesn't have enough poor people, and so he is now doing something about it.

Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] looks out his front door and sees that his Lincoln Park ward is filled with some of the most wealthy, highly-educated, motivated and successful people in the nation, and he doesn't like what he sees.

So the rookie Alderman just announced that he has implemented a new policy to require low cost rental housing units to be built on-site in Lincoln Park.

In his last ward newsletter Knudsen noted that through the Chicago Affordable Requirements Ordinance [ARO], private developers who need a level of zoning change are required to build 20% of such residential units as affordable.

The primary goal of ARO is to push back against longstanding patterns of segregation and exclusion in Chicago. Inclusionary zoning is the tool they're using to force private developers to invest in affordable rental and ownership housing. Inclusionary zoning

requires an otherwise market-rate development to provide affordable units, which are underwritten with taxes paid by the buyers of the market rates units.

The other option is for developers to contribute cash towards affordable housing at another location. This hidden tax once again demands new home buyers to underwrite the cost of affordable units, by tying those fees onto the cost of market-rate residential development.

In more affluent wards such as his own, "there is a history of developers opting to pay a fee to build their required allotment of affordable units "off-site", e.g., in other neighborhoods, for a lower cost."

This option, he claims, has led Chicago affordable housing options to be geographically concentrated, concentrating poverty in other communities where real estate isn't so expensive.

Indeed, Chicago has a long history of supporting segregated communities along racial, ethnic and economic lines. Even to this day, under the 15-Minute City theory of urban development,

City Hall is actively working to systematically segregate communities, and build infrastructure designed to keep people from wandering more than 15 minutes away from their homes.

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"Whereas, I believe a more balanced affordable housing stock provides the ability to live where one works, [allows] a gradual reduction of Chicago's economic and racial segregation, and [provides] long-term city growth."

"Therefore, in the 43rd Ward office I implemented a policy to require such units to be built on-site and in our community. As housing demand is high in the 43rd Ward, this will help promote a more balanced result in the long-term," he said.

RPM road closures still ongoing

The rebuild of the CTA's Red Line is continuing to cause road closures along the North Lakefront. Most recently it was announced that two east-west streets will be closed for a month, School St. in Lake View and Argyle St. in Uptown.

Starting Monday and running through Tuesday, July 15, the CTA will be closing School St. between N. Sheffield and N. Wilton avenues with 24/7 closures for street reconstruction.

The local impact will take place in multiple stages, with the first stage of work taking place on the south half of the street for approximately 14 days. The south half of W. School St. between N. Sheffield Avenue and N. Wilton Avenue will be closed. Traffic will be shifted to the north half of

the street around the work zone.

The sidewalk on the south side of W. School St. at the CTA Tracks will also be closed, while the north side will be open.

Further north in Uptown, W. Argyle St. at the CTA Tracks will be closed June 4 through to Saturday, July 12 while decorative street pavers are installed.

Argyle St. at the CTA Tracks will be closed to vehicular traffic until the work activity is complete. Sidewalk closures within the work zone will alternate between the north and south sides of W. Argyle St. with work on the north side continuing.

Access to businesses on Argyle St. will be maintained at all times, though their customers will find it harder to get near them.

Everyone needs to follow the Rules of the Road



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"I give you Chicago. It is not London and Harvard. It is not Paris and buttermilk. It is American in every chitlin and sparerib. It is alive from snout to tail."

— H. L. Mencken

When we were 16-year-olds, most of us had one objective, "get a driver's license."

I think Lyndon B. Johnson was the president at the time I took the drivers test. High School filled my existence and I was finished with riding in the back seat.

By my actual 16th birthday, May 15, 1966, which I shared with Chicago kingmaker Mayor Richard J. Daley and socialite Peggy Snorf, I think I had memo-

rized the entire "The Rules of the Road." The most important book in high school as far as I was concerned.

We studied every nuance of conceivable data that would expand a positive academic position on campus. All to get behind the wheel of my family's new Oldsmobile, to drive my grandmother to church at odd times. I joyfully looked forward to becoming the family chauffeur.

The anticipated rigors of studying that text became good practice for life's other critical test needs in pursuing academic achievement for college, like the ACT or SAT, or the State Dept. Exam or just simply the world of applications to colleges.

In a world before computers, social media and cell phones, such driving exams were like a practice run for adult life. You had to be prepared. It was a passage into adulthood.

I still can recall what were critical points of eternal observation, not just for the exam, but for real life.

The first most valid "rule," I recall, was about proper signaling when making a turn. Both a turn signal from the auto and a human hand gesture were paramount in the soon to be teen-driver world.

So too was the knowledge of "refraining from all urban U-turns" on Chicago streets. The city wasn't some country village of slow-paced sheep and station wagons. The Daley regime had no time for clogged streets caused by the mayhem U-turns created. They were bad driving at street



A current copy of Rules of the Road is available for free at your local DMV or online through the website of the Secretary of State.

corners and in the disastrous middle of the block. So in Chicago's soon-to-be-invented world of ZIP Codes, all such traffic debacles were illegal. Guaranteed to cause the flashing of those new blue Mars Skybolt Lights on Chicago's new blue and white squad cars.

But of all the remembered rules that I can still see clearly printed on the page for new drivers was the streetwise ballet produced by the city's four-way stop signs throughout the city. A choreographed engagement of mayhem and driving confusion that everyday usage and practice says "never gets any better."

These days from the comfort of a rideshare car I watch closely as Chicago drivers display rare understanding of the rules for a four-way stop.

My East Village neighborhood is filled with four-way stops. One's just outside my front door across from Inner Town Pub. In fact there are four-way stops at every corner for four blocks in every direction.

In a nutshell here it is: Always yield to the right. Straight traffic takes the right of way over turning traffic. Right turns take the right of way over left turns. Nobody remembers that.

The question apparently fumbling in the brains of Chicago drivers every time they see a four-way stop sign is "Who has the right of way if four cars approach at the same time?"

Ironically there is not a designated rule as to who should go

first. However, it is recommended that you wait for the most aggressive driver to make the first move and then proceed with caution using the rules above from there.

Overall, it's important to be patient, use turn signals, and stay alert when approaching a four-way stop.

A complexity is further added by the Four-Way Stop Rules for Bicyclists and Pedestrians. Really? In most states, bicyclists are considered vehicles and have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Illinois requirements state that bicyclists must come to a complete stop, yield to any traffic with the right-of-way, and signal their intention to turn when navigating a four-way stop. It is recommended that bicyclists make themselves visible by using proper lighting and reflective gear, especially at night.

When was the last time any bike rider stopped for any kind of traffic signal?

Nostalgia is one thing, but urban street safety is not open for debate.

Many people in Chicago think that the city's heavy traffic, many one-way streets, the plethora of neighborhood speed bumps, insane inclusion of privileged bike lanes and bus-only lane routes, mingle with Chicagoans passion for making our streets counter-rational.

The things that cause modern urban problems are all self-created, meaning that it's mainly citizens themselves who cause the

street level conflicts.

We escape much of the modern traffic dilemmas because the city's streets are laid out on a perpendicular "grid" system.

But we're no Honolulu, said to be America's number one city for good drivers. And we're not California, said to have the nation's most violent folk behind the wheel.

I really believe our errors are caused by a memory lapse. By forgetting "The Rules of the Road." If we could only remember the rules for four-way stops, and U-turns I think we could more effectively navigate Chicago streets. And some day take a chance driving the Dan Ryan Expressway.

SHERIFF'S NEWS: The Cook County Sheriff's Office is opening a South Loop substation at 3 E. Roosevelt Rd to try to boost security in the area. The satellite location comes after years of neighbors raising concerns about crime around the Roosevelt Green Line CTA station.

BREAKING: Chicago Cubs owner **Thomas S. Ricketts** announces a \$15.3 million stadium renovation project that will redefine arena standards to deliver a world-class fan experience leading up to the explosive 2027 All-Star Game at Wrigley Field.

OUR OLDEST STEAKHOUSE: Gene & Georgetti Chicago celebrated a street dedication honoring **Tony Durpetti**, who, alongside his wife, **Marion Durpetti**, has carried on the famed restaurant's legacy since 1989. This special event also marks the start of their 85th anniversary celebration as Chicago's oldest steakhouse, proudly serving since 1941. Cheers to 85 years of tradition, family, and unforgettable meals.

NORM!: Sad to mark the passing of comedic actor and friend **George Wendt**. A Chicago boy

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City announces \$20M in gifts for community development projects

Last week some 28 proposed projects were given \$20 million in taxpayer financial support to help support neighborhood development goals. Only seven of the 28 projects are located on the North Side.

Collectively valued at \$58.5 million, the projects were chosen from more than 250 recent applications from local businesses, charities and non-for-profit organizations to the Dept. of Planning and Development's [DPD] Community Development Grant [CDG] and Neighborhood Op-

portunity Fund programs.

The funding will help pay for eligible construction and rehabilitation costs and related expenses.

The 10 CDG finalists are being awarded \$500,000 to \$4.3 million. CDG awards are funded through the Housing and Economic Development bond, Tax Increment Financing and the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund.

The CDG projects and funding amounts include these North Side recipients:

- Chicago Architectural Center, 111 E. Wacker Dr.: \$1.75 million

for \$5.8 million in renovations to the center's first-floor education, gallery, retail and office spaces.

- The Lev Avigayil Libenu Respite Center, 2827-39 W. Touhy Ave.: \$1 million to create a \$4 million center offering respite services for children, teens and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as a vocational program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Maplewood Brewing and Distillery, 2717-19 N. Maplewood Ave.: \$1.5 million for the \$3 mil-

lion purchase and renovation of storage and production facilities.

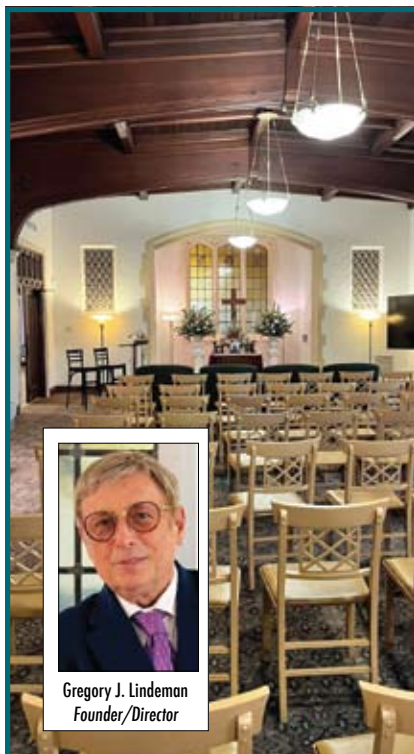
- Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave.: \$1.2 million for the \$2.5 million conversion of two commercial storefronts into a 115-seat movie theater.

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 4111-13 N. Pulaski Rd.: \$1 million for the \$2.1 million development of a multi-use building for the operations of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and other nonprofits and community groups.

- Onward House CARES, 2644

N. Central Ave.: \$500,000 for a \$7 million building renovation to create a resource hub for human services including a food pantry, welcoming center and health services.

- The Workshop Arts Collaborative, 3741 W. Lawrence Ave.: \$1.2 million to renovate a 100-year-old building as a \$2.4 million multi-purpose space for community arts organizations, musicians and emerging young artists.



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New short-term rental ordinance provides more regulation



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Managers and hosts of short-term rental units in Chicago soon will be more heavily regulated by the City of Chicago under a newly amended ordinance.

Airbnb unit owners (a.k.a. hosts) and managers will be required to provide additional data in the form of a quarterly report to the Dept. of Consumer Protection and Business Affairs, and the alderman of the ward where the short-term rental is located, noted Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th], who oversees East Lakeview and Wrigleyville, which are some of the most popular Airbnb neighborhoods in the city.

“Short-term rental properties can provide lodging options for those visiting Chicago and generate revenue for property owners, but we have not had the data we need to understand where those units are, and who is responsible for them,” Lawson said.

“This quarterly report will help increase transparency and accountability, and ensure we’re supporting responsible hosting neighborhoods across Chicago,” Lawson said.

Currently, short-term rental taxes paid by Airbnb guests run approximately 23%, compared with 17% for guests in downtown

Chicago hotels.

The hotel industry, no fan of Airbnbs, has lobbied heavily against short-term rentals. However, when out-of-town guests compare the space and luxury amenities often found in many Airbnb suites, compared with the typical single room in a corporate-brand hotel, there often is quite a difference.

For example, the owner of an Old Town Airbnb invested \$30,000 in furnishings and upgraded appliances into his swank two-bedroom Airbnb. The professionally decorated unit showcases expensive original art work, colorful, framed European posters, big-screen TV with free-movie package, a bathroom with Jacuzzi tub and glass-enclosed shower, and a gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops, microwave, ice-maker and in-unit washer and dryer.

The host of a nearby one-bedroom short-term rental in a Victorian building provides a coffee bar with exotic teas, and espresso, and a library filled with books on Chicago neighborhood history and travel.

The Airbnb manager typically charges a fee of 20% to 25% of gross rents, so nightly rental fees for these short-term residences can be hefty, depending on the season. But building owners say it is worth it.

“The additional Airbnb rental income often helps landlords provide more affordable below-market rents for tenants in our other units,” said the owner of an Old Town four-flat building. “The short-term rental income



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helps pay the astronomical real estate taxes being charged in such upscale lakefront neighborhoods as the Gold Coast, Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview.



Ald. Bennett Lawson

Here is a summary of short-term rental data being requested from Airbnb managers under the new ordinance:

- The registration number, address and unit number of all short-term rental units listed on the Airbnb managers platform.
- The registration must show evidence of a Cook County Homeowner Exemption and prove the unit is the primary residence of the host.
- The exact number of nights each unit was rented to guests and the amount of rent listed on

the platform in connection with the rental of each unit.

- The total tax paid by the Airbnb manager to the city in connection with the rental of each short-term rental unit.
- A cumulative tally of the number of nights each rental unit is booked on the platform during the remainder of the calendar year.

- The telephone number of the host and local contact person.
- The Chicago Ward in which rental unit is located.
- The Dept. of Consumer Affairs is required to submit to the Alderman any reports on the number and type of all citations, violations, or other disciplinary actions related to the short-term rental unit.

Violations could include excessive party noise being emitted from the unit, or evidence that the short-term rental manager is not controlling the maximum number of guests residing in the unit.

The ordinance limits occupancy to two persons per guest bedroom, or sleeping room. That does not include a guest’s children under the age of 18 years.

A fine of \$5,000 to \$10,000 may be charged for each violation. Excessive citations and vio-

lations could create conditions of ineligibility for listing the unit on the platform.

“Chicago governmental officials, and some aldermen have the idea that all short-term rental operators are irresponsible and unprofessional,” said a veteran North Side Airbnb manager. “They need to know that most managers are doing this job professionally and properly.”

The idea that the city should “root out” and further regulate vacation rentals in some neighborhoods, is an incorrect narrative, the veteran Airbnb manager said.

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“A flourishing vacation-rental industry in the inner-city disperses tourism revenue on to homeowners and small businesses. It brings in tourist dollars that help support our local economy. The beneficiaries are all hyperlocal,” the Airbnb manager noted.

Small Ma and Pa landlords, small businesses like restaurants, shops, bars, local cleaning people all are working hard every day to make a decent living in an economy where inflation doesn’t stop, the manager said.

“Why don’t regular people deserve a slice of what otherwise would all go to large, corporate hotel owners at the very top of the economic food chain?” the Airbnb manager asks.

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Montrose Bridge repairs underway, lane closures through August

Traveling into and through North Center, Lincoln Square and Ravenswood has become quite difficult these days with colliding construction projects shutting down sections of major roadways like Clark St., Ravenswood, Lincoln, Leland, Damen, and Western avenues.

Next up to be added to the traf-

fic mess will be structural work on the Montrose Bridge over the Chicago River.

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation will soon be making structural repairs to the Montrose bridge. The work will include sidewalk improvements, bridge deck patching, milling and paving the existing asphalt pavement,

and striping.

During bridge deck patching, there will be closures on half of the bridge, and then flipped once complete. Traffic will shift and remain open in both directions. Work is expected to complete in early August.

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Police Beat...

Paroled 9-time burglar charged with burglarizing laundry rooms across the North Side

It's been a month since Chicago police released surveillance images of a serial burglar who's been burglarizing laundry machines on the North Side. Now, prosecutors have charged a nine-time convicted burglar with committing the crimes.

Jose Clark, 43, who is on parole for burglary and also has a pending retail theft case, was identified by multiple cops and civilians as the prowler seen in surveillance images CPD released on April 27.

Authorities accuse Clark of targeting residential laundry rooms, tampering with surveillance cameras, and unscrewing lightbulbs to avoid detection. Video evidence allegedly shows him flipping laundry machines over and shaking them to shake out money. Prosecutors said he also pried open cash boxes, stealing up to \$250 per incident.

The burglaries occurred at the 2200 block of W. Morse on March 21, the 7400 block of N. Ridge on April 1, the 5900 block of N. Kenmore on April 12, and the 6100 block of N. Winthrop on April 19.

Judge Deidre Dyer detained Clark on four counts of burglary and two counts of tampering with a security system. He is also being held on a parole violation warrant and for allegedly violating pretrial release conditions in a retail theft charge that he picked up at Target, 6422 N. Sheridan, on April 3.

Illinois Dept. of Corrections records show Clark's prior burglary and burglary-related convictions were in 2022, twice in 2018, 2014, 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Forfeiture of \$214M from alleged "Pump and Dump" scheme

The U.S. Attorney's Office has successfully obtained forfeiture to the government of approximately \$214 million in proceeds from an alleged "pump-and-dump" investment fraud scheme that previously resulted in charges against seven individuals.

From Nov. 2024 to this February, the defendants engaged in misleading promotion and coordinated trading of shares of China Liberal Education Holdings, Ltd., a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands that purported to provide educational services in China, according to an indictment returned in March in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

The scheme, known as a "pump-and-dump," allegedly involved individuals in China posing as U.S.-based investment advisors on social media and messaging platforms and falsely promising significant returns from investments in the company.

The misleading promotion and coordinated trading caused the stock price to artificially rise, at which

point the defendants sold thousands of shares and made millions of dollars in profits, the indictment states. The stock price ultimately decreased significantly, at the expense of other investors, some of whom lost almost the entirety of their investment.

During the investigation, federal law enforcement seized approximately \$214 million in alleged proceeds from the fraud scheme. The funds are currently in U.S. custody.

On May 27, U.S. District Judge Jorge L. Alonso granted a motion by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago to have the money permanently forfeited to the United States. The order allows for the government to return the money to victim investors.

Seven individuals were charged in the criminal indictment with wire fraud and securities fraud: Lim Xiang Jie Cedric, of Malaysia, Ming-Shen Cheng, of Taiwan, Ko Sen Chai of Malaysia, King Sung Wong, of Malaysia, Siong Wee Vun, of Malaysia, Chien Lung Ma, of Taiwan, and Kok Was Wong, of Malaysia. The defendants are not in custody and warrants have been issued for their arrests.

Arsonist gets 5 years for setting fires inside downtown Chicago Target store

A man accused of setting fires in a downtown Chicago Target store and a suburban hotel has been sentenced to five years in prison.

On Sept. 28, 2023, around 7 p.m., Ronald Langley allegedly used WD-40 and a lighter to ignite pillows and blankets in the bedding department of the Target store at 1 S State St. He received a 10-year sentence for that crime last summer.

Although there were no reported injuries, officials estimated that the store's damage exceeded \$100,000.

Soon after Langley was sentenced in August, prosecutors revealed that the fire was actually a distraction intended to draw attention from store personnel while an accomplice stole more than \$2,000 worth of phones.

In August, after Langley's sentencing, prosecutors revealed the fire was a distraction to divert attention from store personnel while an accomplice, 38-year-old Kenneth Hasley, stole over \$2,000 worth of phones. As customers and employees evacuated or managed the fire, Hasley allegedly hid near the elevators, used a crowbar to break into a display case, and stole multiple phones.

A Target security guard attempted to stop Hasley, but prosecutors said Hasley pepper-sprayed the guard and fled.

Even with the fire blazing elsewhere in the store, a Target security guard tried to prevent Hasley from leaving with the merchandise. Prosecutors said Hasley pepper-sprayed the guard and fled.

In a separate case, a grand jury indicted Hasley on multiple counts of arson and criminal damage for a fire set in a guest room at the Radisson Hotel Schaumburg, 1550 N Roselle Rd, Nov. 22, 2022.

Hasley has now pleaded guilty to arson in both cases. Judge Marc Martin sentenced him to five years for the hotel fire, and Judge Mariano Reyna

imposed a concurrent five-year sentence for the Target incident. Prosecutors dropped the related robbery charge.

In a strange coincidence, about three months after Langley's guilty plea and Hasley's arrest, a woman was arrested for allegedly setting fire to a display in the same Target store.

Surveillance video showed Brittny Brown, 40, entering the store around 6 p.m. Nov. 23, 2024, and heading to the second floor where she allegedly set fire to shelving, bedding, bath products, perishables, and dog treats, causing \$672.33 in damages, according to prosecutors.

Loss prevention officers extinguished the fire and detained Brown, a CPD report said. No injuries were reported. Officials did not offer a motive for the incident.

Brown's arson case is still pending.

19-time convicted felon gets 12 years for murdering man aboard CTA train in the Loop



Travis Cook is seen in his mugshot and surveillance images released by CPD before his arrest.

A 19-time convicted felon was sentenced on Thursday to 12 years in prison for stabbing an acquaintance to death aboard a Blue Line Train in the Loop. Travis Cook, 56, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder with provocation in exchange for the sentence from Judge James Novy.

Prosecutors said Cook, 56, repeatedly stabbed and slashed 43-year-old Nicholas Ostheimer as their train traveled between the Clinton and LaSalle stations May 23, 2022.

Surveillance footage captured Cook, wearing a sweatshirt with "Pink" and "Runtz" written on it, traveling with Ostheimer in the hours before the murder. The two were seen together at a liquor store and on the CTA.

CTA video of the murder showed Cook apparently sleeping on the train across from Ostheimer. Around 10:30 p.m., Ostheimer stood up and took something from Cook's pocket, prosecutors said. Cook awoke, shouted at Ostheimer, then drew a knife and began stabbing and slashing him.

Prosecutors said the train footage showed Cook continuing to stab and slash Ostheimer while standing over him. Ostheimer died from multiple cuts and stab wounds to his neck, chest, and rib area. Another passenger saw Ostheimer's body and alerted authorities as Cook fled the scene.

The following day, Cook sought treatment for an unrelated medical issue at Stroger Hospital, where a staff member recognized him from a police bulletin featuring images of the CTA assailant. They called 911. When CPD arrested Cook at the hospital, he was wearing the same pants he wore at the time of the murder and he had the "Pink Runtz" sweatshirt, too, according to prosecutors.

A public defender who represented him during his first court appearance in the murder case said he is homeless.

Cook must serve 50% of his sentence before being eligible for parole. He has already earned 1,502 days of credit while the case was pending, so he should expect to be released in a little under two years.

At the time of the attack, Cook was wanted on an arrest warrant for failing to appear for a misdemeanor retail theft case in the suburbs. His 18 previous felony convictions dating back to 1986 include a 2013 aggravated robbery, a 1991 armed robbery, and a variety of burglary, residential burglary, narcotics, and stolen car cases, prosecutors said.

Five-time felon jailed after cops allegedly see guns, duffel filled with drugs in his parked car

A five-time convicted felon faces new gun and narcotics charges after Chicago police allegedly observed a firearm and a duffel bag containing a significant quantity of drugs in his parked car in North Center.



Kentrell Taylor

Three years ago, Kentrell Taylor was arrested after allegedly being found naked in a stranger's Lakeview apartment with a gun and drugs in a backpack. While he received a four-year sentence for that incident, he completed parole on March 3, less than three years after being arrested.

Now, prosecutors have filed nearly identical charges based on new allegations.

On April 10, around 4:40 p.m., Chicago police saw Taylor conducting a hand-to-hand transaction in the 4000 block of N. Lincoln Ave., according to Assistant State's Attorney Paul Sloan. The cops saw him leave the scene in a BMW registered to his home address but displaying a West Virginia temporary tag.

About a week later, officers saw Taylor drive the same BMW to the same location on Lincoln Avenue and abandon it, Sloan said. Curious officers looked through the vehicle's windows and allegedly spotted a silver pistol on the back seat next to a duffel bag. They obtained a search warrant, impounded the car, and executed the warrant.

Inside the duffel bag, police found another loaded firearm, Taylor's wallet and ID, 44 grams of methamphetamine, nearly eight grams of heroin, 10 doses of MDMA, and over 1½ gallons of GHB, a tranquilizer commonly used as a party drug and known as a "date rape" drug, Sloan stated.

Taylor later reclaimed his BMW from the city, but on May 15, police saw him driving it again and took him into custody.

During a recent detention hearing, Taylor's defense attorney, Audrey Park, told Judge John Hock that Taylor works in construction and lives with his wife and two children. Park stated that Taylor denies all allegations and is "working to turn his life around." While Taylor has a large crown—a symbol associated with the Latin King street gang—tattooed on his forehead, Park said he denies being part of the organization.

Hock granted the state's detention petition, ordering Taylor to remain in jail while awaiting trial.

The 2022 case resulted in prison time for methamphetamine delivery and gun possession. His previous felony convictions include retail theft in 2019, being a felon with a firearm in 2015, illegal gun possession in 2015, and forgery in 2019, according to Sloan, who added Taylor also has 10 misdemeanor convictions.

Robberies at buildings under construction

Police are warning those in St. Ben's, Palmer and Logan Square neighborhoods of recent residential burglaries to buildings undergoing rehab and/or construction during the early evening hours.

The offender(s) gains entry via the rear door or the patio door of the apartment buildings/units. In one incident, the offender(s) gained entry via an unlocked door while workers were present. In the other two incidents, the offender(s) kicked open the doors.

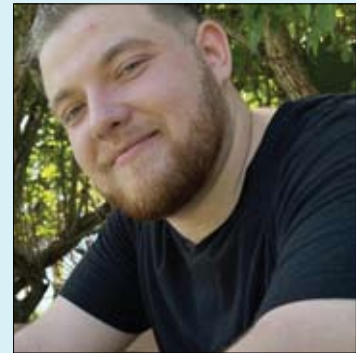
Once inside, the offender(s) then steal copper piping and/or tools that are on site. In the incident where the offender(s) gained entry via an unlocked door, one of the workers saw a Moving Truck driving away. It is not known if that truck was utilized by the

offender(s) or not.

Incidents include the 3900 Block of N. Hamilton Ave. 5 p.m. May 16; one on the 2800 Block of W. Shakespeare Ave. 6 p.m. May 23; one on the 2600 Block of N. Mozart St. 4 p.m. May 24, and one on the 2100 Block of N. Mozart St. on May 24, 2025 6:00 p.m. (Palmer Square)

There are no physical descriptions of the offender(s) available.

Boys, ages 17 and 14, murdered man during carjacking attempt after North Side crime spree



Michal Ciskal. Courtesy National Gun Violence Memorial

A 17-year-old boy teamed up with a 14-year-old to commit a string of violent carjackings across the North Side, firing a shot at one set of victims, and killing another in Fuller Park, prosecutors say.

The younger boy was charged late last year, but public details about the allegations were limited because he is being prosecuted in juvenile court where the proceedings are shielded from the media.

But 17-year-old Dajon Meeks is charged as an adult and prosecutors provided extensive, shocking details about the crimes during his recent detention hearing.

In the hours leading up to and following the murder, Meeks and the boy allegedly carried out a series of armed hijackings in Lakeview, North Center, and Lincoln Park.

Video from a CHA building where both boys lived showed the 14-year-old climbing out of an apartment window around 4:30 a.m. July 14, 2024. Minutes later, Meeks was seen on video running down the front walkway to a stolen Kia Optima, according to prosecutors.

About an hour later, the boys hopped out of the Kia in the 1900 block of W Irving Park Rd and carjacked a woman who was driving to work with three passengers, officials said. Meeks allegedly hopped into the driver's seat of her Mazda while the 14-year-old drove away with the Kia.

Minutes later, they abandoned the Kia in the 1900 block of Berneau.

An hour after that, around 6:40 a.m., the pair carjacked a man at the on-ramp to Lake Shore Dr. at Belmont as he drove his wife to work at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, prosecutors said. Video showed the stolen BMW and Mazda traveling together to Loomis and Van Buren.

A third person joined them at the intersection and they recorded an Instagram video allegedly showing the trio outside the BMW, displaying gestures and a gun.

Around 7:51 a.m., 25-year-old Michal Ciskal, a Polish immigrant who was on his way to work, stopped at a gas station in the 5400 block of S. Wells. Video showed Meeks and the 14-year-old pulling in front of Ciskal's car and confronting him as he walked toward the gas station, prosecutors said.

The 14-year-old pointed a gun at Ciskal, who raised his right hand in front of his face. The boy fired one shot, sending a bullet through Ciskal's hand and into his chest, according to the allegations.

Officials said Meeks grabbed Ciskal's car keys and opened his driver's door, but he noticed the car

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The levy: It's not a dam, but it is a word you should know

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Since I first stepped into my office 27 years ago, one question has repeatedly come up: "Why do my property taxes always go up?" It's a valid concern.

At the heart of the answer is something called the tax levy. Simply put, a tax levy is the amount of money local governments—such as school districts, municipalities, and park districts—request through property taxes to fund their operations. I've tried to make the tax levy understandable by developing a "Where Your Money Goes" tool on both my website, cookcountytreasurer.com and on second installment tax bills. The tool lists all 14 taxing districts and the portion of tax liability you're responsible for paying.

So, when you analyze that list or see new projects like the building of a new fire station or the

construction of a new road, you're also seeing how funds raised by the levy are being used.

The proportion of the levy you pay on your property tax bill is directly related to the assessed value of your property. To illustrate, imagine a local government wants to build a new swimming pool. In that case, you might pay an extra \$10 for every \$1,000 of your property's assessed value. That means a homeowner with a million-dollar house would pay four times as much as someone with a \$250,000 property for the new pool.

Levies can either be temporary or long-term. Temporary levies fund one-time projects like building an outdoor fitness court for a local park district. Long-term

levies are used to fund essential services — like public health or teacher salaries.

Tax levies usually depend on public approval, so your involvement in local referendums plays a critical role in determining your property tax amount.

These ballot measures are often proposed by taxing bodies to see if the community is willing to support funding for specific services. In most cases,

if a majority of voters approve, the tax levy goes up as do your property taxes.

Yet, voter participation in these referendums is low. In our recent Pappas Study, less than half of eligible voters weighed in on new bond issuances and tax hikes totaling more than half a billion

dollars. This lack of voter participation led to the passage of three of every four referendums — meaning a small fraction of the electorate decided that taxes would increase for everyone.

Most proposals for new services are worthwhile, but there are always more ideas than money. That leads to questions: Should we fund new a new health clinic or give an old school a facelift? Do we want some of these services, all of them, or none of them?

Your votes provide the answers. Despite that in the April 1 Consolidated Election in Cook County, just 17% of voters weighed in on a variety of ballot measures directly affecting their property taxes.

So, I hope I've helped show how much the levy and your vote really matter. Because with the levy, it's your tax dollars that are really on the line.



Maria Pappas

Bill passes requiring libraries to supply opioid overdose medication

BY ISABELLA SCHOONER
Capital News

Legislation that would require all Illinois public libraries to have life-saving medications on hand for people experiencing opioid overdoses and provide staff training has unanimously passed the Illinois Senate and is now on the governor's desk.

The legislation, House Bill 1920, was proposed by a high school student. It would require all Illinois public libraries to maintain a supply of opioid antagonists like naloxone — a nasal spray that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose with virtually no side effects — and have at least one staff member working at all operating hours who is trained in administering the medication.

Illinois Math and Science Academy senior Jordan Henry brought the idea for the bill to Rep. Anna Moeller [43rd], after volunteering with harm reduction

organizations and researching effective responses to opioid substance abuse.

"It's a good example of how anyone can change public policy if they work at it and are dedicated and have a passion," Moeller said. Moeller first met Henry while door-knocking one summer, and after discussing Henry's idea for the bill, worked together with her to draft and introduce it in the spring legislative session.

"We are recognizing that having access to Narcan and opioid antagonists is a good first aid step for people who are experiencing opioid overdoses," Moeller said.

A similar system has been implemented in the city of Chicago since 2022. Moeller said part of the idea behind the bill was to expand that benefit to all Illinois residents with support from the Illinois departments of Public Health and Human Services and the state's drug overdose prevention program. The program is

focused on distributing overdose medications to public facilities and nonprofits throughout Illinois.

"Libraries were identified as being an important institution because they're open to the public," Moeller said. "So having this available there makes sense."

The bill would allow trained library workers to administer opioid antagonists to potential overdose victims on library grounds, in the immediate vicinity of libraries and at library events.

One difference between the proposed state program and the system in place in Chicago is that while Chicago generally allows anyone from the public to take and administer available medications, the state program would allow only trained library staff members to administer the medication to someone experiencing a crisis.

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Free Youth Symphony concert downtown June 12

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra [CYSO] is hosting a free concert kicking off summer with a celebratory Tour of Spain Launch Concert, in partnership with the Grant Park Music Festival, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

The concert showcases CYSO's award-winning Symphony Orchestra performing its complete repertoire for the Spain tour with encores, including Samuel Barber's Music for a Scene from Shelley, Op. 7; Margaret Bonds' The Montgomery Variations (1964); and Piotr Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64.

The evening also features a performance by the CYSO Kaiso Steelpan Orchestra, performing in the North Promenade Tent.

With this performance serving as its official send-off, the Symphony Orchestra embarks on a 10-day concert tour of Spain later in June. Musicians will perform at some of the country's most prestigious festivals and venues, including the Auditorio Miguel Delibes in Valladolid, Teatro Municipal Enrique de la Cuadrina Utrera, Festival Internacional de Música y Danza de Granada, and Gran Teatro de Córdoba.

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from Beverley in its heyday. A Christ the King Elementary School graduate and a relentless student of the motion and ironic movements of Chicago's South Side.

George carried that bubble of Irish mirth to high fame and made so many Chicagoans proud of his achievements and behind the scenes generosity. And his highly polished and proud roots. What can you say about a Champion Jesuit lad, the privileged Catholic boarding school would seem to be just ripe for a budding comic. So too does expulsion from the Univ. of Notre Dame.

The Jesuits had another go at George at Rockhurst College in Kansas which graduated him. He now is back with his lovely parents, **Loretta** and **George Sr.** I am certain he's causing uproar in heaven amid gales of laughter. From a barstool at Cheers, to a second-life appearance at Frasier, his Chicago Second City pedigree says it all. George appeared on every episode of Cheers, over 11 seasons, and was nominated for six consecutive Emmys for his work on the show.

THE CUBS: **Pete Crow-Armstrong** [PCA] becomes Cubs star after Mets trade 'shock.' The Mets are making a move to buy PCA, the first Cubs leadoff hitter since 1976 to achieve 6 RBI in a game, but PCA's response leaves the Mets speechless: "My allegiance is to the Cubs." Bravo!

ZOO: Chicago's Brookfield Zoo is mourning the death of an Amur tiger, **Malena**, following euthanization after suffering major health issues. A cancerous condition prevented Malena's kidneys from functioning correctly leading to life-threatening heart arrhythmias.

WFMT: **LaRob K. Rafael** joined the fine arts station's announcing staff in 2020. His musical has made him a cherished vocalist around the Chicago area. He has used his voice to connect people from different ages, cultures, musical tastes and lyrical understanding.

Starting as a fill-in host and he became WFMT's full-time weekend morning host. In addition, he's been an experienced Arts Administrator, DEI Specialist, and Director with a demonstrated history of working in the performing arts industry. He is the Founder and Artistic Director of Hearing in Color. He has worked tirelessly in the traditions of old WFMT. His golden voice restored many listeners with new confidence.

His leaving the station is a serious blow to their quality and continuity. All his fans wish him well.

DEEP DISH: **Marc Malnati's** honest and entertaining book 'Deep Dish' tells the stories be-



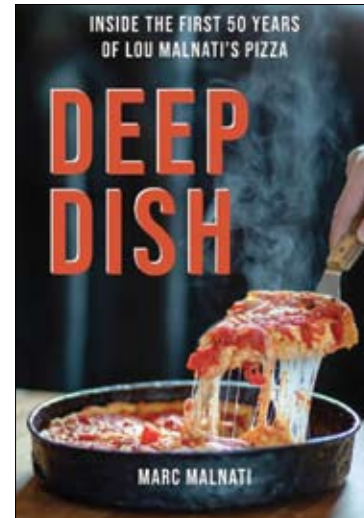
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FOOD: Huge congratulations to Chef **Jonathon Sawyer**, chef-partner at Kindling Chicago, for being crowned the winner of Food Network's "24 in 24: Last



Malena

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HAITIAN: The current exhibition from the Haitian American Museum in Uptown highlights the work of **Charles Art Jerry**, an artist whose paintings are deeply rooted in Haiti's Vodou traditions. His art is a vivid exploration of spirituality, mythology, and the everyday realities of life in Haiti, go see it.

TWIN ANCHORS: Remember the days when matchbooks were at virtually every restaurant? Well, Twin Anchors has them back in stock. Stop in for a bite to eat or a drink and take home one of your own.

WHO'S WHERE: **Helma Wardenaar** in Puerta Alcala, Madrid, Spain with her sister for dad's 75th birthday... **Sean Eshaghy** in his old college town of New Orleans, LA... Sad at the passing of the grand British actor

Timothy West whose brilliance lit up stage, screen and telly...

Paula Borg and **Mark Olley** joining **Tracey Tarantino Di Buono** celebrating Chicago fashion in the front row at the Driehaus Design Initiative's Annual Fashion Awards... Broadway actor **Paul Schwensen** learning Spanish for 942 days straight...

Media man **Mike Houlihan** dining in Gibson's power booth with fellow Chicago news icons **Peter Nolan**, **Jimmy Strong** and **Bill Crawford**... Congrats to **Nathan Brieve** upon graduating from Columbia, making everyone proud... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** wishing husband, **Jeff** and classmates a fantastic reunion and commencement weekend at Brown Univ., with 260 years of tradition... **Rick Kogan** and **Candace Jordan** have remade Sunday nights for Chicagoans at WGN Radio, make sure you tune in at 720 on the dial 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ... **Ed Howlett** and the family having a cozy family dinner at Capri Restaurant in Burr Ridge... **Liz Teasley** and daughter, **Christina**, made a trip to Springfield with a stop at the **Abraham Lincoln** tomb... **Rhonda J Liesenfelt** with **Ruslan Meshkov** at JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa kicking up their heels... Our buddy, Irish actor **Paul Mescal** received a six-minute standing ovation at Cannes... Chef **Art Smith** is in Montecito, CA... **Eleni Bousis** at the wedding of cousin **Dimitri** and **Skyler** in Greece on the Island of Hedra... **Susie Forstmann Kealy** in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on the last leg of her cruise.

HISTORIC THREAD: RIP to **Sacha Jenkins**, the pioneering writer, filmmaker and co-founder of Ego Trip magazine. A true cultural steward, Jenkins helped shape how Black music, identity and art were seen, studied and celebrated. Born in Philadelphia and raised in Queens, he came up through graffiti and rose to prominence as one of the most respected voices in Hip-Hop journalism.

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Letter to the Editor

**We're watching
Treasure Island fix**

Kudos to Kate Leatham [May 28] for her expert testimony on the status of the former Treasure Island grocery store in [Old Town]. For more than 50 years, that store served as a vital hub for Old Town. In 2019, Fern Hill acquired the site, promising to restore a grocery store, but that promise quietly vanished and was replaced by a 36-story luxury tower and approved on May 15 under the amended Planned Development 89. That amendment also gives Fern Hill the right to build over one million square feet of high-rises while doing nothing to bring back a neighborhood grocery store.

Meanwhile, Walgreens, displaced by [construction of] the new tower, is set to temporarily occupy the former grocery store space for up to three and one-half years. It's not what Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] promised the community when he said a new grocery store would be a top priority.

Instead, Fern Hill has negotiated a "go-shop" clause to try to find a grocery tenant - while using the space to park Walgreens in the meantime. We've been told that this Walgreens was one of the chain's most profitable locations in the country. Moving it mid-block raises serious concerns for residents of 1660 and for monthly neighborhood parkers who rely on easy and safe access to the 1660 Condominium Parking Garage.

The former Treasure Island space is ideal for a full-service grocery store. It is not a logical fit for a corner-style pharmacy, especially one that thrived at its original corner location. This mid-block move adds logistical and traffic complications without offering any long-term benefit to the community. Importantly, the Walgreens parcel is not part of Planned Development 89. No special rights were granted for this relocation so why is it being folded into Fern Hill's larger plan? That connection has never been explained.

Old Town deserves more than broken promises and backroom deals. Ald. Hopkins should halt Walgreens' relocation until the community gets the grocery store it was promised and a transparent plan for the Treasure Island site. Our neighborhood is watching, and we intend to be heard.

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Parolee punched priest during carjacking attempt outside Holy Name Cathedral

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man has been charged with punching a Catholic priest during an attempted carjacking outside Holy Name Cathedral, just two days after being released on parole for an armed robbery conviction.

"Any time he finds the opportunity to jump inside someone's car to try to steal it, he does," Judge Luciano Panici Jr. remarked as he ordered Raleigh Ford, 18, detained. "The thing that is really telling about that is that he is on parole for an armed robbery when he does this. It defies logic that a person would comport themselves this way."

On May 21, the priest drove to the cathedral at 730 N. Wabash to check the mail and have lunch with some nuns, according to Assistant State's Attorney

Joseph Sorrentino. He parked his 2015 Toyota RAV4 in front of the church, leaving it unlocked with the keys in the ignition.

When the priest returned, he allegedly saw Ford checking the vehicle's passenger door and entering the driver's seat. The priest entered the passenger side, and a brief struggle ensued. Sorrentino said Ford punched the priest and tried to push him out of the vehicle. However, the priest managed to remove the keys from the ignition, forcing Ford to flee.

Surveillance cameras at the cathedral captured the entire incident. Three Chicago police officers who had previously arrested Ford recognized him in the foot-



Raleigh Ford

Five days later, on May 26, Ford was allegedly involved in a second incident, this time an aggravated assault. According to Sorrentino, a man saw Ford inside his 2011 Porsche Cayenne in the 1000 block of N. Clark.

When confronted, Ford fled on foot and reportedly pointed a handgun at the victim. Police searched the area, located Ford, and took him into custody. No firearm was recovered, but a witness corroborated the victim's report that Ford displayed a firearm, Sorrentino said.

Ford's juvenile record includes three adjudications: a 2024 armed robbery, for which he was paroled on May 19, and two stolen motor vehicle cases. He is now charged with attempted vehicular hijacking, aggravated assault, and criminal trespassing to a vehicle.

Native Pop June 14

Indigenous people are central to the story of popular culture in the Western Hemisphere and popular culture is important to many people.

"Native Pop" refers to a contemporary artistic movement and cultural expression that highlights the diverse role of Indigenous people in popular culture. It encompasses a range of artistic styles and mediums, from visual arts and fashion to music and storytelling, while reclaiming and re-appropriating Indigenous imagery and narratives that have at times been exploited.

Will Hansen, co-curator of the exhibition Native Pop at the Newberry Library, will share highlights from four centuries of Indigenous creators, athletes, activists, and fans engaged with pop — from pamphlets to comic books, and from daguerreotypes to video games 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at the Edgewater Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Registration online, in person at the library or by phone is suggested but not required.



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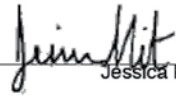
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was a manual transmission, so he returned to the BMW and fled with the 14-year-old.

A passerby attempted CPR, but Ciskal died from his injuries. One of his coworkers who noticed his car surrounded by crime scene tape at the gas station stopped and helped the police identify him.

Investigators found the hijacked BMW abandoned in the 1400 block of W. Lexington, a little over a half-mile from where the boys lived.

The boys were not finished, according to prosecutors.

They allegedly drove to Lincoln Park in the hijacked Mazda around 10 a.m. and tried to carjack a couple as they drove home from church in the 900 block of W. Wrightwood. The woman had recently undergone

ankle surgery and she wasn't sure she could get out of the car as the teens ordered them out at gunpoint, prosecutors said.

As the husband tried to escape by reversing down the street, the 14-year-old fired a shot that lodged in their front passenger panel.

Meeks and the boy returned to the Mazda and fled, officials said.

Less than an hour later, Chicago police responded to a traffic crash near the boys' apartment complex. They found the hijacked Mazda wrapped around a light pole. Video showed three people running from the wreckage, prosecutors said.

Police executed a search warrant on his home two days later. They allegedly found a handgun in a bedroom dresser along with distinctive clothing worn by one of the offenders at Ciskal's murder scene.

Lab tests found a "high correlation" between that gun and the weapon used to murder Ciskal and to shoot at the couple in Lincoln Park, according to prosecutors. They said it also had a rubber band around its grip, just like the gun seen in the Instagram video.

Prosecutors also pointed to DNA testing that allegedly found genetic material linked to Meeks inside vehicles involved in the crime spree.

He is charged as an adult with three counts of murder. It is unclear if he faces charges for additional crimes in juvenile court. However, prosecutors said he is currently on juvenile probation for carjacking and also has a pending stolen motor vehicle case in juvenile court. Judge Shauna Boliker detained him pending trial.

Man fired gun toward pedestrians from below CTA sidewalk grate in the Loop

Prosecutors have charged a man with shooting toward two pedestrians in the Loop by firing a gun from below a CTA ventilation grate. The bizarre incident unfolded in the 100 block of N. State around 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 26.

Chicago police said two men, ages 48 and 30, were walking on the sidewalk when Rayvon Savary began firing up from a restricted area of CTA's underground facility. The shots were allegedly fired through a sidewalk grate that covers a ventilation area near the State-Lake Red Line entrance. CPD has not disclosed a motive.

Savary will appear for a detention hearing at 26th and California on May 28. He is charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm and unlawful possession of a weapon. He was also cited for various CTA-related infractions.

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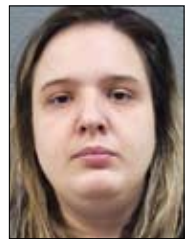
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<p>040404</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-6, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v- TERRECIDA WRIGHT A/K/A TERRECIDA WRIGHT- GRANT, LEONARD GRANT, ESTES COURT CONDOMINIUM INC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2024 CH 03835 1640 W ESTES APT 108 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 24, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 25, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 95F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1640 W ESTES APT 108, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-203-022-1008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.</p>	<p>The judgment amount was \$167,162.59. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-</p>	<p>SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 24-187139. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.ljsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325 ROSEMONT IL, 60018 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLGC.COM Attorney File No. 24-187139 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2024 CH 03835</p>	<p>TJSC#: 45-866 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 03835 13266933</p> <p>282828</p> <p>212121</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>

Woman sentenced to 6 years for DUI crash that killed bicyclist in Lincoln Square

BY CWBCHICAGO

A North Center woman was sentenced to six years in prison on Friday after pleading guilty to striking and killing a bicyclist while driving drunk in Lincoln Square.



Kali Rynearson

On Oct. 23, 2023, around 8 p.m., 31-year-old Kali Rynearson ran a red light and struck 59-year-old Donald Heggemann, who was riding northbound in a bike lane in the 5100 block of N. Damen Ave., authorities said. The impact forced Heggemann into a parked car, causing severe injuries that resulted in his death, according to a Chicago Police Dept.

report.

Witnesses directed officers to Rynearson's vehicle as she continued driving, and police detained her within minutes. Her blood alcohol concentration was 0.20, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08, the crash report stated. Officers also found a half-empty bottle of Jim Beam bourbon in her purse, according to the arrest report.

Rynearson was cited and released from custody after the crash, with prosecutors approving felony charges weeks later.

She pleaded guilty on Wednesday to aggravated DUI causing a fatal accident. On Friday, Judge Michael Clancy sentenced her to six years, with 544 days of credit for time spent on an ankle monitor while the case was pending.

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from the last match, Whitehead added, "It's just good combination play on the ground. I don't know if you noticed the tactical difference with DePaul. They like to send the long balls in, but we like to play between three of our key players up front with angle runs and drop balls; Good classic soccer."

St. Ignatius managed to hold the Rams' leading scorer, junior Lucia Troutman, scoreless despite early success by the Rams in pushing the ball forward to Troutman.

DePaul Prep head coach and chair of the DePaul Prep Science Dept., Kelly Keckler, was obviously disappointed after the game.

"Iggy was scouting [our last game

against DeLaSalle]. They saw a lot of who we've become this season. The team that we were when we played them the first time is very different team than what we are now... We've figured out a lot of new tactics. We've been stronger and faster on the ball. We've been playing a lot of tougher competition throughout the whole season to gear up for this moment," Keckler said after the game.

"No way would I've ever guessed it would be three zero. I think [Ignatius] brought their game winning boots today. It's as simple as that. We played almost the same game as we played the first time we played them. I think it just came down to grit at the end of the day."

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CPS CEO Pedro Martinez to have the two administrators taken off the list. That letter was signed by more than 150 people.

On May 13, the two DNH listings were lifted, as noted in a letter written by Heather A. Jackson, whose firm, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, the CPS engaged to review the situation. The letter states that "the [CPS CEO] has elected to grant the Petition. The DNH has now been removed from [Thuet and Brumfield's] personnel file effective immediately."

On June 28, 2024, the OIG issued 90-page report chastising CPS for its mishandling of all matters at LPHS, including the terminations of Thuet and Brumfield, which they called "very alarming."

Their written findings include that "OSP's off-the-books investigation related to allegations against basketball coaches seems to have affected the terminations of Thuet and Brumfield - each of whom was supposedly fired for misconduct related to the boys' team investigation."

Those terminations have been understood to be related to OSP's misconduct investigation involving the boys' team. When the OIG eventually interviewed Thuet and Brumfield for this investigation, however, they each told the OIG that "they never received any explanation for their termination."

At a Feb. 3, 2020 meeting with the LPHS School Council to discuss principals' terminations and the other coaches' suspensions, when emotions were high and schoolhouse gossip was thick, the report says that "OSP bootstrapped the justification of Thuet and Brumfield's terminations on supposedly 'fully substantiated' misconduct related to CPS's allegations. The OIG's investigations of these allegations weren't even close to being completed."

The report alleges that during that Feb. 3 meeting, CPS posts and slides complied

by Pratt and the OSP, stated there "[were] claims of adult on student sexual misconduct."

But as the OIG report would later detail, there was only ever one claim of "adult on student sexual misconduct," which complaint was actually made by Pratt against coach Larry Washington, who at the time coached Pratt's daughter on LPHS girls' team.

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Pratt alleged that a text message Washington exchanged with Pratt's daughter about basketball practice somehow constituted "sexual misconduct."

That's when things started to get ugly. At that meeting, Debroah Spraggins, the chief investigator of OSP, who reported to Pratt, told the assembled audience there were also allegations of "adult on student sexual misconduct." This statement riled up the crowd - even though Spraggins never identified who she was talking about, nor did she state that the claimed "sexual misconduct" related to a stray text message.

She also did not reveal that the complainant was her boss, Pratt, the head of OSP.

The OIG report chastised Pratt and Spraggins, calling them liars and detailing how they conducted a "secret off-the-books investigation" related to Pratt's unproven allegations in a complaints involving her daughter.

A week after the release of the June 28, 2024 report, Pratt voluntarily left her post, and her name was placed on the CPS's DNH list.

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