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General Assembly votes for mandatory Kindergarten, will State continue to allow pot shops to be located nearby?

BY PETER VON BUOL

Earlier this month, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law House Bill 2396, which requires full-day kindergarten be provided to students between the ages of four and six beginning in the fall of 2027.

With that move, the state also changed the rules about where marijuana stores can be located, and it may have a direct effect on a store which is scheduled to open soon in a Lincoln Square strip mall.

Among the bill's sponsors was State Rep. Hoan Huynh (13th) in whose district the proposed Botavi Wellness, 2301-05 W. Lawrence/4748-56 Oakley Blvd. is to be located.

Last year, Botavi received approval from City Hall to open a new 6,585-square foot pot shop

in The Square Shopping Center on Lawrence Ave. While this location is within the less than 500-foot boundary required by law, city officials and Botavi's zoning attorney said the city ordinance does not apply to Botavi because kindergarten does not count as a state-mandated grade.

Huynh's primary opponent, Eileen Dordek, was the recipient of tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the owners of Botavi Wellness. Many had considered Dordek to be the frontrunner to replace the now-retired State Rep. Greg Harris.

According to city ordinance and state statute, marijuana stores are not to be located near schools and churches. Currently, there are two pre-schools/kindergartens located near 2301-05 W. Lawrence. Last July, an official with Chicago's Department of Planning and

Development explained the city ordinance only applies to state-mandated grades. At that time, kindergarten was not state-mandated. However, with the passage of HB 2396, this has changed.

These schools are Ladybug and Friends, located across the street at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave. and Adler Schools, which is also very close, at 2239 W. Lawrence.

Both are located less than 500 feet from the planned location of Botavi.

"As defined by city ordinance, Ladybug and Friends and Adler School, 2239 W. Lawrence Ave., both of which are located less than 500 feet from the planned Botavi Wellness at 2301-05 W. Lawrence/4748-56 Oakley Blvd., are not considered schools," said Victor Resa, manager of the city's

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Jackie Taylor is planning to expand Black Ensemble Theater's operations and create a cultural corridor along N. Clark St. in Uptown.

Black Ensemble Theater has big plans for Clark St.

New project has fifty apartments, performing arts education space

"Make no little plans, they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will not themselves be realized," Daniel Burnham advised Chicagoans over 100 years ago, and in Uptown, Jackie Taylor of Black Ensemble Theater [BET] is taking that advice.

As a child growing up in the Cabrini Green housing projects she likely could not dream of undertaking what she is now... her 'no little plans' for the 4400 block of N. Clark St.

Taylor is in the middle of creating a new mixed-use space to complement her signature theater and cultural center across the street at 4450 N. Clark St.

She is planning to expand BET's operations and create a cultural corridor along N. Clark St in Uptown. The new building will rise at approximately 4427 N. Clark, replacing the one-story



Jackie Taylor

building that once housed the Japanese American Services Center, which sold her the property and will soon move to West Ridge.

Titled the Free to Be Village, the project hopes to bring an arts and cultural destination to Uptown while advancing BET's mis-

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RefugeeOne offers helping hand to asylum-seekers



RefugeeOne offers English language training to asylum seekers within 30 days of arrival. There are four levels of classes to accommodate students with different language abilities. Photo courtesy of RefugeeOne

community.

As resettlement is a long and difficult process, RefugeeOne has developed comprehensive adjustment procedures as well as ongoing services for migrants for five years. The adjustment process begins as soon as they arrive.

"We meet them at the airport and find them apartments," said Dmyterko. "We have a dedicated housing team. We pay rent for the first three to five months."

The apartment is furnished and stocked with groceries for two weeks. Sixty percent of funding for RefugeeOne is garnered from donors; 40% comes from government grants.

Learning English

The first step in the adjustment process is to "have them learn English," said Dmyterko. Learning English is the single most important skill for new Americans to become self-reliant. Four levels of classes are offered to accommodate students with different abilities.

Next, is finding them a job. Individuals are enrolled in employment services and English classes within 30 days. "It's a hands-on-

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STORY BY BOB KITSOS

How do migrants resettle in a new country and adjust to a new culture? The question was brought home during a program on June 5 hosted by the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society at the Rogers Park Branch library, 6907 N. Clark St.

"This crisis is of our generation," said Zachary Dmyterko, the program's presenter. He is the communications manager at RefugeeOne, the largest resettlement agency in Chicago. Its main

office is located at 6008 N. California (at Peterson); many of the current staff were refugees.

RefugeeOne has welcomed more than 20,500 refugees through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program since 1982. Forty to 60% of the refugees are children under 18. The organization's mission is to create opportunity for refugees and immigrants of all ages, ethnic groups, faiths and backgrounds. Its primary focus is to assist these individuals in becoming independent, self-supporting members of their new

World Refugee Day Fest June 24 at Foster Beach

The World Refugee Day festival [WRD] will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at Foster Beach Park, 5200 N. Lake Shore Dr. This free festival features perfor-

mances by refugee, immigrants, and people seeking asylum.

For more information visit <https://www.wrdchicago.com/>.

Lincoln Ave. Arts District meeting June 15

The city, 40th Ward Alderman's office and Chicago Dept. of Transportation are hosting a community meeting 5 p.m. June 15 on the Ainslie Arts Plaza (at Ainslie, Lincoln and Western avenues) to discuss plans to develop the area's streetscape, and review the city's plans to put a homeless shelter in the center of the new Lincoln Ave. Arts district.

Last month the city announced plans to repurpose The Diplomat Motel, located in the center of the arts district, and convert it into transitional housing for homeless.

The project would convert the 46-room motel at 5230 N. Lincoln Ave., into 40 rooms of homeless housing tied to supportive services such as mental and medical health, and substance abuse. It is part of the city's Stabilization Housing Pilot Program.

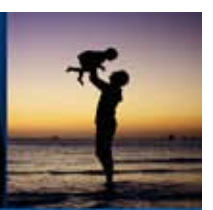
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Neighborhoods grow through their kitchens



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Just heard the news on the neighborhood tom-toms.

A new nearby eatery is now serving top-of-the-line breakfast sandwiches and homemade donuts. Here. In the Wicker Park-Bucktown 'hood.

I consider this high-end news.

Remember how food life seemed to advance in Chicago after the Loop-pioneered new restaurants like Blackbird, and the three-Michelin starred Alinea? Well it's happening again.

Star cook Jason Melamed, who was so much a part of that great culinary process, now has a local coffee shop at 2239 N. Western Ave. called Allez Café. Open 'til 2 p.m. everyday. Part of a larger commercial enterprise that Melamed recently began called Ambrosian Foods. A catering concern focused on workspace dining. Lucky us.

Taking advantage of his opportunity to actually share the cooking use of the premises, Jason is presently constructing fabulous pastries in his neighbor's kitchen. The neighbor, partner Andrew Silaghi, is also a perfect fit here. He's no stranger to international cafés.

He has a smooth Chicago persona. Calm, as a coffee shop, even amid the robust craziness of being newly opened.

Enough history. What's for breakfast?

Here on Western Ave., start with a crispy cake of hash browns, with some choice bacon, scrambled egg and spicy jam to create what has now been "christened" Chicago's most elegant breakfast meal.

Traditional crullers are afforded a primacy of taste and flavor here as well.

Top chefs are invited to use the premises later in the afternoon to concoct a refined meal in the space. The prospect of a pop-up dinner is a daunting enterprise of creative cookery, and will soon be a regular part of Allez Café life. Make reservations now.

But there is something else at work here. Not least of which is the resourceful capacity for engineering in the kitchen. You know, the ability to just use the equipment and the housewares at your disposal to fashion a fine meal.

Like Grandma O'Gorman's roast chicken in Irish herbs, here the valued cooking space provides a dynamic opportunity for the kitchen-bred cook.

Great cooks more than anything need to hold a special kitchen performance strength that guarantees a flawless success in the kitchen.

Once again it would appear that the rebirth of a Chicago neighborhood, like Bucktown, and reinvention of a local community's reputa-



Andrew Silaghi and Jason Melamed.

tion, like Logan Square, can rest on the solid inventiveness of creative cookery.

Neighborhoods always grow through their kitchens. A great thought, at least in Chicago.

Re-imagining the parameters of cooking is a device as dynamic as it is creative. It has been for decades. Bucktown deserves no less than a fresh persona and kitchen breeze that necessitate a fresh culinary creativity. Neighborhoods need the kind of humanity that comes when all the products of a cook's soul comes possessed of refined tastes and kitchen skills. Like buttermilk in your mashed potatoes. Or red pepper flakes on your green beans.

New restaurants, especially coffee shops, like Andrew's and Jason's, and serious dining establishments, like where they were trained, are all about hands-on service and creative menus.

Their pastries are worth our investments.

So also are the sauces, pastas, and old family recipes that we carry with us, creating drama and tasty vittles on our platters.

The opening of a new restaurant should always be a cause for urban joy. The kind of positive emotion that stabilizes the shaky and tumbledown timbers of bountiful reputations and impactful menus.

Food matters. A new restaurant strengthens above its weight class and always holds customs and traditions in protective wonder. Chicago has always been lucky with the record number and chic reputations of so many of its historic popular venues. Who remembers Don Roth's Blackhawk? Or the Stockyard Inn, The Golden Ox,

Red Star Inn and Barney's? Chef Louis' The Bakery, Scoozi, Como Inn or Ina's?

They may be gone, but each created for Chicago a reputation of valid elegance and commercial success. Still remembered to this day for their salad dressings, coffee, pastries, cocktails, signature steaks and chops or the fried chicken. If you never tried Chef Louis' Beef Wellington, you missed a part of being a Chicagoan.

From almost our 1837 beginnings, Chicago was America's purveyor of quality meat packing and the creator of the city's trade routes and reputations for quality and modern excellence. Chicago's fortunes were always about food, and saw the food of a new era land on the plates of late 19th century living. Just look at what the Palmers, the Armours, the Swifts and Marshall Fields family served on the tables.

Chicago's future was always visible in the pattern and mix of her most famous restaurants and humble burger joints. Time honored watering holes and creamy spicy cafés.

Glad to see Allez Café expand our list and reputation for bringing food and service to others. That's tom-tom-worthy.

PAY MORE: Gov. J.B. Pritzker's temporary tax relief expires July 1 when Illinois reinstates the grocery tax. But he signed a budget that gave politicians a 5% pay raise. There are 37 states in America that do not tax groceries at all. Taxing the food we eat seems unjust and just wrong. It hurts the most vulnerable among us.

WEST SIDE STORY: Stop everything. Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story is at the Lyric Opera until June 25. It's the full American experience. I was 13 years old in the summer of 1962 and living

in Europe, and viewed the extraordinary creation of Bernstein's and Stephan Sondheim's musical pal 13 times. Why not? It was a dynamic look at America and I will never forget the impact of that first moment of seeing New York in the glory of Bernstein. Each time I viewed the film another layer of mystery dissolved. It's still happening. Stop what you are doing and go see it.

INSIDE DIRT: A hearty 'get well' to Patrick Butler, my colleague here at this newspaper. Yes, his byline has been missing for a while as he has been fighting health issues. He has spilled more ink, and uncovered dirt on more



Patrick Butler

people (most who deserved it) than most in this town. He is a community journalist's journalist.

IRISH GEORGIAN SOCIETY: Chicago Irish Georgian Society is back in Ireland visiting the Southeast region known as the Blackwater

River area. "Blackwater Valley Opera Festival" is on tour and they caught up with the diva's tour and stayed and noshed at Lismore Castle. Long the home of Desmond Guinness' aunt Debo, the late Duchess of Devonshire. Michael Kerrigan in attendance, Christie's Steven Zick, Tom Cooney, no Elaine due to schedule conflict.

MON AMI GABI: Bravo to Executive Chef David Koehn, a real Chicagoan, now working magic in the kitchen at Mon Ami Gabi on 2300 N. Lake Shore Dr. in The Belden-Stratford. The French food is inspired and the wines from the cart truly a trip to Provence.

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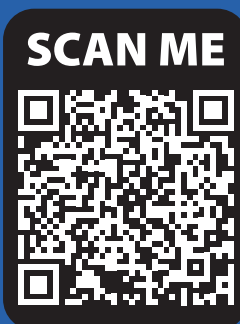
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North Side housing fair June 17 at Truman College

Housing continues to be a major problem on the North Side, especially now with the arrival of thousands of migrants to Chicago who are now competing with existing home-seekers driving up demand for affordable units.

Northside Community Resources [NCR] and Northside

Community Development Corporation are hosting their 11th Annual Northside Housing Fair 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Truman College 1145 W. Wilson Ave. The event is free and open to the general public.

The event will offer free workshops on fair housing and tenant rights, resources for current and

future homeowners, information on down payment assistance programs, and the opportunity to schedule consultation appointments with NCR.

Attendees may attend workshops, gain resources, and meet the experts who can answer housing queries. The Fair will also offer multiple giveaway contests for the chance to

win an assortment of prizes.

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

For more information or to RSVP, visit www.northsidecommunityresources.org/, or call 773-338-7722.

Lincoln Yards seeks CTU support



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

In a sign of the growing power of the Chicago Teachers Union since Brandon Johnson won the mayors race, developer Sterling Bay has approached the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund [CTPF] in a bid to accelerate the progress of the Lincoln Yards development in Lincoln Park during a critical period, according to Crain's Chicago.

If the deal materializes, it could potentially impact the original investors of the project.

The \$6 billion Lincoln Yards project has experienced sluggish advancement since its approval in 2019. Now, Sterling Bay is seeking financial support from the CTPF's investment committee to jumpstart the Lincoln Yards initiative. However, this move could result in losses for the initial backers of the ambitious 53-acre, 14.5-million-square-foot development.

Crain's reports that Sterling Bay CEO Andy Gloor has presented a proposal to the committee, suggesting an investment range of \$100 to \$150 per square foot,

totaling over \$300 million. This infusion of funds would replace the current financial supporters at discounted rates, in hopes of revitalizing the project.

The goal may be to consolidate ownership of the riverfront site by roping in a new capital partner, and resolving a \$126 million mortgage associated with a portion of the property. Reportedly Sterling Bay is also approaching its existing investors for additional cash. The company aims to secure \$25 million in fresh new money from its current investors.

The Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] was among the most vocal critics of the Lincoln Yards project, objecting to the \$1.3 billion tax increment financing deal the developer struck with the city in 2019.

CTU President Stacy Davis Gates said she wants to understand, "why they are pitching to teachers instead of J.P. Morgan and Lone Star," Sterling Bay's current investors, Crain's reported.

Home prices on the rise on North Side

The roller-coaster ride for home buyers and sellers on the North Side this year continues, but the market has not jumped the tracks, according to a new market analysis.

The bad news is May was the 15th consecutive month of year-

over-year home sales declines in Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview, North Center, the Gold Coast and Near North Side.

"Historically low inventory and listing levels and strong buyer demand continue to make this market as frustrating as it is promising," noted Realtor John Irwin, co-author of Baird & Warner's June Market Analysis with broker Jackie Lafferty.

"While we have experienced more than a year of home sales declines, May 2023 represented the second consecutive month of median home-price increases," Irwin said. "Home prices on the North Side have been one of the most interesting and perplexing aspects of the current market."

Baird & Warner's June analysis also noted that North Side home prices have remained fairly stable in comparison to the Chicago-area suburbs and other parts of the nation.

"The North Side market posted a solid 8.5% overall price increase in May when compared with the same month a year ago, and today prices are now even with year-to-date numbers from 2022," Irwin said. In April, median prices squeaked out an increase of only 0.3% on the North Side.

Lincoln Park and Old Town home prices rose a solid 11.2% in May, compared with last year. North Center posted a robust 24.5% gain compared with 2022. Both of these hot neighborhoods have experienced slow but consistent price growth since 2020 and COVID, Baird & Warner noted.

Home prices in Lakeview have been flat during the same time period. The Gold Coast and Near North Side has had a more difficult time with pricing, according to Baird & Warner's analysis. Prices on the Near North Side slipped 6% in May.

"The Near North Side offers buyers more of a choice of homes, keeping prices competitive," Irwin said.

"However, two months of price increases on the North Side does not necessarily indicate a trend, and sellers should note that the current pricing data is not a license to overprice their home," Irwin advised.

"Pricing your home for sale should include comparable properties along with price per square foot of living area and appreciation analysis from your specific neighborhood," he explained.

The past few months have shown that many prospective buyers will compete in multiple-offer scenarios, but "they will not get involved in over-priced bidding wars," the analysis noted.

Mortgage-rate update

On June 4, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans averaged 6.71% nationwide, down slightly from 6.79% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging an average of 5.23% for 30-year fixed loans. Fifteen-year fixed loans averaged 6.07% on June 4, down from 6.18% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year average was 4.38%.

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

"Mortgage rates decreased on June 4 after a three-week climb," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "While elevated rates and other affordability challenges remain, inventory continues to be the biggest obstacle for prospective home buyers."

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



Realtor John Irwin

Fate of Broadway Armory subject of June 27 community meeting

The future fate of the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, will be the topic of a community meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, to discuss potential future plans for the Broadway Armory with regards to migrants seeking asylum there. To review the meeting location and agenda, call 773-784-5277 or write to info@the48th

ward.org.

The popular Park District facility is now being considered for use as a shelter for asylum seeking migrant refugees. After crossing over America's wide open southern border, some 10,500 refugees have arrived in Chicago since Aug. 2022, over-stressing the city's shelter system.

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City's radical politics hijacked apolitical permitting process for General Iron

Courts say City Hall and Cmsr. Allison Arwady used a fake 'environmental justice' analysis to deny

former North Side metal recycling center General Iron their rightful permit

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

Chicago City Hall and public health officials illegally denied a permit to a former century-old Lincoln Park company seeking to relocate their metal recycling center to the South Side, essentially making up new standards on the fly and bowing to pressure from radical activists and Washington, D.C., bureaucrats who wished to grind down the project amid endless proceedings, an administrative law judge has ruled.

The June 1 ruling from the Chicago Dept. of Administrative Hearings ALJ Mitchel C. Ex came as the latest step in a years-long legal fight between Chicago City Hall and the company formerly known as General Iron over the fate of an \$80 million recycling facility.

While the legal conflict began under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, new Mayor Brandon Johnson has promised to appeal the ruling into the courts.

Reserve Management Group [RMG] has sought since 2018 to develop and open the metal recycling center on 175 acres in Chicago's South Deering neighborhood.

RMG, which was formerly known as General Iron, operated a recycling plant for decades along the Chicago River in Lincoln Park until the city pressed the company to close the plant, citing pollution concerns, court papers said. The closing of that facility prompted RMG's plan to build, what it has called a "state-of-the-art" facility in South Deering.

The company also now does business as South Side Recycling [SSR].

Even though the company acted at the city's direction, Chi-

cago Public Health Cmsr. Allison Arwady formally denied RMG's permit application in Feb. 2022. The decision, she said, was based on "potential adverse changes in air quality and quality of life that would be caused by operations, and health vulnerabilities in the surrounding communities."

That conclusion was based on a so-called "health impact assessment" [HIA] conducted by the city as part of its review of the project.

However, in legal proceedings since, RMG argued the city lacked the authority to base its decision on the conclusions of that HIA or any other environmental analyses or other rules or regulations not explicitly allowed within city ordinance or by state or federal law.

Rather, RMG argues the city had conducted the HIA to bow to pressure applied by radical community activists opposed to the project and by radical U.S. environmental regulators under President Joe Biden, out of concern over so-called "environmental justice."

Activists claimed the facility would have a negative impact on nearby, predominantly Black neighborhoods.

In its arguments, RMG asserted the city's decision to deny the permit application was lawless, as RMG had "satisfied every measurable requirement" to obtain a permit, a fact known by Chicago city officials for months prior to denying the permit.

The city then turned around and made an "abrupt" and "purely subjective" decision, "not based on science or any objective measurable standards" to withhold the permit, RMG argued.

When the city suspended review of the permit application in

May 2021 to conduct the HIA, the company filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court, demanding the city pay them \$100 million, if the company is ultimately blocked from building and operating the recycling center.

That lawsuit has been on hold, as RMG has challenged the permit denial through the city's administrative hearing process. If the permit is ultimately denied, RMG would then resume its suit demanding the big payout from the city.

Before ALJ Ex, the city argued its Public Health Dept. should be allowed to use the HIA and other "tools" to guide its review of such permit requests.

The administrative law judge, however, said Arwady's reliance on the HIA in particular buttressed RMG's contention that the city was essentially inventing new standards to justify its decision to deny the permit, under pressure from activists and federal officials, in public and behind the scenes.

"The City has referred to the HIA as simply a 'tool' to be used by the Commissioner (Arwady) to inform her decision," ALJ Ex wrote. "This characterization greatly understates the critical effect that the HIA played in the decision to deny the permit."

"The HIA set new standards for an LRF permit - standards which were only known to the CDPH and were admittedly 'subjective' at best."

While conceding CDPH has authority as a regulatory agency to interpret "its own rules and regulations," Ex said Arwady and the city exceeded that authority in using the HIA as the basis of its denial of RMG's permit.

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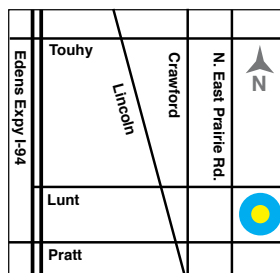


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Police Beat...

Cops hunt hit-and-run driver who left bicyclist badly injured in Uptown

Chicago police hope the public will lead them to the hit-and-run driver who left a bicyclist critically injured in Uptown June 5.

The victim was riding their bike in the 4000 block of N. Clarendon when the driver struck them around 3:47 a.m., according to a CPD media bulletin. Police said the car involved is a black or dark-colored Dodge Dart Rallye/SXT. It should have a shattered front windshield and damage to the front end.

Police said the crash left the victim hospitalized with serious injuries.

According to the bulletin, the Dodge bore the Illinois license plate EA30824. But plates and vehicles are often stolen, so that doesn't necessarily mean that the registered owner is responsible for the crime.

Anyone with information about the car or the driver can call CPD's Major Accident Investigation Unit at 312-745-4521. Refer to case number JG-288513.

Warning issued after burglary crew targets four North Side restaurants in 30 minutes

Chicago police say a group of up to five burglars broke into four restaurants in about 30 minutes over the weekend. So far, no one has been charged.

The crew pried their way into each business or broke a front glass window to get inside, according to a CPD alert. Once they gained access, the group took cash registers and bottles of alcohol.

CPD reports show burglaries being reported June 4 at Basant Modern Indian, 1939 W. Byron in North Center, at 3:48 a.m., Rojo Gusano, 4218 N. Ravenswood in Ravenswood, at 4 a.m., Spacca Napoli, 1769 W. Sunnyside in Ravenswood, at 4:11 a.m., and Tatas Tacos, 2826 N. Lincoln in Lakeview, at 4:17 a.m.

Police said the crew wore face masks and hoodies during the burglaries. Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263. Refer to crime pattern #P23-3-040.

Late-night burglaries have been an ongoing problem for Chicago's restaurant and bar proprietors. Last week, prosecutors accused three men of working together to burglarize Slide Bar, 939 S. Western Ave. Two men worked as lookouts, while the third went inside through a broken window, according to the allegations.

In March, police said two men broke into eight bars and restaurants from Lincoln Park to Lincoln Square during a two-night spree. No charges have been filed. Police issued a similar warning to North Side bar owners in February.

Two delivery drivers carjacked in Rogers Park

Two delivery drivers were carjacked in about 30 minutes June 7 in Rogers Park, Chicago police say.

The first victim, a 39-year-old man, told cops he was making a delivery in the 1600 block of W. Farwell when an armed carjacker confronted him around 11:21 p.m.

Police said the hijacker displayed a gun, demanded the driver's keys, and drove away with the victim's blue 2016 Toyota Corolla.

The other driver was carjacked outside the Hampton Inn at 1209 W. Albia around 11:50 p.m.

That victim, age 29, said two men were inside his car when he returned from making a delivery. They displayed a handgun and demanded his keys when he confronted them, a Chicago police spokesperson said.

Officers found the second victim's Toyota Highlander abandoned in the 5600 block of N. Wayne in Edgewater around 2 a.m. June 8.

CPD did not release descriptions of the suspects.

Carjacking reports citywide are up 130% compared to 2019, but the number of cases is down 27% from last year. Chicago police received 506 vehicular hijacking reports through June 4 this year versus 695 in 2022.

In the Rogers Park 24th District, hijackings are down 41% compared to last year and up 100% from 2019.

Man robbed Loop hotel one day after they fired him

One day after Tyrone Ware got fired from a Loop hotel, he returned



Tyrone Ware

to the property and robbed the front desk at gunpoint, prosecutors said on June 7. Chicago police focused on Ware because he was seen on surveillance video in the area, and his former co-workers recognized his distinctive walk.

The robbery occurred at the JW Marriott, 151 W. Adams, around 3:21 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Moments before the holdup, Ware was allegedly caught on video as he walked into a 7-Eleven next to the hotel and paced nervously. Prosecutors said he eventually put on a mask, bought something from the store, and then immediately walked into the Marriott.

There, he put a gun to an employee's back and ordered them to fill his 7-Eleven bag with money from the register, according to prosecutors. The desk agent complied, giving Ware about \$800, officials said. Ware allegedly pointed the gun at a second employee, then ran out of the hotel on foot.

During Ware's bail hearing on Wednesday, a prosecutor said videos from the convenience store and the hotel show Ware walking with a "very distinct strut" and a "wide stance."

Chicago police have been trying to locate Ware for a while, but they finally caught up with him last week.

Assistant Public Defender Catherine Stockslager represented Ware on Wednesday. She argued that he's not the only person in Chicago with a

"wide stance." She said his job at the hotel may have been part-time because she understood that Ware had been a retail store's public safety officer for several years. He has no criminal background.

Judge David Kelly set bail at \$100,000, meaning Ware must post a \$10,000 bail deposit to go home on an ankle monitor. He is charged with armed robbery with a firearm.

Second man charged with robbing downtown store — while on bail, probation, parole

Prosecutors yesterday accused a second man of participating in the group robbery of a downtown Chicago store that resulted in a cashier being stabbed this spring.

Christopher Peters, 19, was on bail



Christopher Peters

for a pending stolen motor vehicle case, on juvenile parole for a Will County burglary, and on juvenile probation for possessing a stolen motor vehicle when he helped rob Americana Submarine and Tobacco Shop, 400 S. Clark, around 5:20 a.m. on April 20, Assistant State's Attorney Lorraine Scaduto said.

During Peters' bail hearing on Wednesday afternoon, Scaduto told Judge David Kelly that Peters entered the store with several other people, including 18-year-old Treyvon Brown. Prosecutors charged Brown last month.

When the clerk went to grab an item that a member of the group expressed an interest in buying, the mob started running out with the store's merchandise.

During the mayhem, Brown jumped behind the counter and grabbed some tobacco products while three or four accomplices pushed the employee, according to Scaduto. Someone in the group—but not Brown or Peters—stabbed the cashier in the head and arm, causing him to lose a lot of blood.

Peters stole two Gatorades during the raid and tried to take cash from the register, but Brown had already taken the money, according to Scaduto.

CTA video showed the group boarding a Red Line CTA train at Jackson with items taken from the store, including lottery tickets, cash, and tobacco.

She said Chicago police officers recognized Peters and Brown from surveillance images of the crew. Police have been looking for Peters for a while. They found him in the Cook County jail. He had been there since April 24 after getting scooped up on a warrant because he stopped showing up in court for the stolen motor vehicle case.

Judge David Kelly ordered him to pay a \$50,000 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

Kelly is also the judge who set bail for Peters in the stolen car case in January, Scaduto said. In that matter, Peters is accused of taking car keys from a woman's home and driving away with her vehicle.

On Jan. 11, Kelly allowed Peters to reside on electronic monitoring at a sober living facility without posting monetary bail. Peters jumped a fence at the facility and escaped a month

later, according to Scaduto.

After police caught him again, a different judge ordered him held without bail and not to be placed on the sheriff's electronic monitoring program again. But on March 21, the judge released him on his own recognition with an ankle monitor from the court-operated electronic monitoring program, Scaduto said.

He failed to show up in court on April 11 and allegedly robbed the Americana Submarine and Tobacco Shop.

Information about which judge placed him on electronic monitoring after he was ordered not to be released on electronic monitoring was not immediately available.

Men shoot, rob victim who went to Uptown to buy a car

A 24-year-old man who went to Uptown to buy a car from a social media marketplace wound up getting shot when the transaction turned into a robbery on June 10, Chicago police said.

The man went to the 4400 block of N. Malden to buy an advertised car around 3 p.m. When he arrived, two men pulled a gun and ordered him to turn over his cash, according to the police. One of the men shot the victim in the chest as he tried to run away.

An officer said another round flew through a nearby apartment window and struck the resident's television. No injuries were reported inside the home.

EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Police said he was in good condition.

The offenders searched the victim's car for valuables before running away.

He is the fifth person shot in Uptown this year, down from eight victims at this point last year. There were five shooting victims as of June 10, 2021, and seven in 2020.

On May 23, a 22-year-old man was shot in the leg and shoulder as he walked down the 4500 block of N. Magnolia. An officer who reviewed surveillance footage said the gunman fired from a white SUV and fell out of the moving vehicle as he was shooting, but no arrests have been announced.

A 15-year-old boy was shot in a drive-by in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence on March 1. Someone inside the SUV called the victim by name, then began shooting, according to CPD.

On Jan. 19, a 33-year-old man was shot at a bus stop in the 5100 block of N. Broadway. Police said another man walked up to the victim and shot him in the leg, but they did not provide a motive for the crime.

A group of car thieves shot a man who confronted them as they broke into a car in the 1200 block of W. Montrose on Jan. 4, Chicago police said. The 42-year-old victim was riding a bike when he saw a man breaking into a car and confronted him about it, according to CPD. The offender pulled out a weapon and shot the victim in the elbow.

Armed men rob at least six people during crime spree

Armed men traveling in a stolen Kia robbed at least six people during a crime spree that stretched from Boystown to Bucktown and the West Loop to North Park on June 6 and 7. No arrests have been made.

The crimes began around 10:50 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of W. Roscoe in Boystown. There, a Papa John's delivery driver was confronted by at least two men who demanded his property at gunpoint, according to a Chicago police report.

Other robberies followed at 11:45 p.m. in the 6300 block of N. McCormick in North Park; at 12:40 a.m. in the 1400 block of W. Randolph in the West Loop; at 12:44 a.m. in the 1300 block of N. Damen in Wicker Park; at 12:45 a.m. in the 1800 block of N. Milwaukee in Bucktown, and at 1:20 a.m. in the 1600 block of N. Talman in Logan Square.

Chicago police issued a community alert June 7, describing the robbers as four Black males between 15 and 25 years old who wore all black clothing with gloves and masks.

The Kia they used was stolen earlier this week from the 400 block of N. Aberdeen, according to a CPD report.

Tips can be shared with Chicago police detectives at 312-746-8253 or 312-746-7394 regarding crime pattern 23-CWP-027.

Man shot on North Side, possibly by co-worker at security firm

Chicago police are trying to determine if a man who was shot on the North Side June 6 was targeted by a co-worker.

The victim, 48, called 911 from the 2900 block of N. Oakley after someone shot him in the chest around 10:45 p.m. EMS transported the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition.

In a media statement, police said the victim knew the gunman. A CPD report said the victim identified the offender as someone he works with at a security company. He told investigators that the co-worker followed him to Oakley after they were in an argument nearby.

No arrests have been made.

The victim is the first person shot this year in the North Center community area. That pace is generally in line with other recent years, according to city records.

Man sexually assaulted woman at CTA station three days after being paroled for his tenth felony

Just three days after being paroled for his 10th felony last week, Anthony Richardson sexually assaulted a



Anthony Richardson

woman who passed out from drug use inside an elevator at the Grand Red Line CTA station, prosecutors said during a bond hearing June 5. Judge William Fahy held Richardson without bail.

Richardson, 46, arrived at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet May 31 after receiving an 18-month sentence for felony retail theft. But, after receiving various credits, he walked out of prison the same day.

On June 3, Chicago police arrested him in River North after CTA workers allegedly found him sexually assaulting an unconscious woman inside the elevator.

CTA surveillance video showed the 55-year-old woman smoking an unspecified narcotic and then passing out in the elevator, prosecutor Anne McCord said during the bail hearing.

Richards entered the elevator and found the woman, whom he did not know, passed out on the floor, McCord alleged. She said Richardson lowered his pants, climbed

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After Lincoln Park alderman promised 'more patrols,' CPD left half of a district without cops on a Sunday night

BY CWBCHICAGO

After at least nine people were robbed or carjacked near DePaul Univ., Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] sent his constituents a reassuring email.

"Our police are sending additional patrol vehicles and tactical missions to the area," the rookie alderman wrote. "We will continue to advocate for strategies including consistent police presence in the 43rd Ward and a robust community policing approach."

So, it may surprise Knudsen to learn that CPD's Near North 18th District didn't have a single beat car assigned to most of his ward's territory. And the area around DePaul was deep within the no-coverage area.

Near North officers patrol the area between the Chicago River, the lake, and Fullerton Ave.

On June 4, that entire area was patrolled by just 11 beat officers in five squad cars, according to the shift assignment sheet, provided to this reporter. One sergeant supervised them. The district's two squadrols "paddy wagons" were not staffed. Accord-

ing to the schedule, there were no "rapid response" units and no lakefront patrols.

The district is divided into 12 beats. On the evening of June 4, no beat cars were assigned to six of them, including all of the territory between North Ave. and Fullerton.

Knudsen's line about "additional patrols" is standard CPD nonsense, a well-worn pacifier the department pulls out to make people feel better and stop asking questions. Rarely are more patrols sent.

Every alderman in the city has made the same hollow promise to their wards but the fact is, there just are not enough police.

Back in 2014, when 43rd Ward residents started complaining about police response times and staffing levels, Knudsen's predecessor, Ald. Michele Smith, told residents, "We have had increased patrols... Sometimes you don't always see it."

Smith's creation of apparently invisible police patrols is a long-time favorite at this newsroom.

On June 4, Chicago police issued a com-

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Eleven charged with having fake tickets to Taylor Swift concerts; two more accused of trying to bribe their way in



Taylor Swift and, left to right from top: James Butler, Frederick Choice, Kiaeem Crawford, Germinate Harris, Eniola Iseyemi, Daniel Jones, Joseph Krush, Samuel Mora, Zion Olivera, Adam Rahman, Richard Williams.
Photo courtesy YiFeiBot; Chicago Police Dept.

BY CWBCHICAGO

Taylor Swift's run at Soldier Field was a blowout hit, packing hotel rooms across the city. But police and prosecutors say schemers and scammers were out in force, trying to sneak into the show with phony passes, selling fake tickets to desperate fans, and even bribing a security guard to let them into the show.

Police and court records show 11 adults, all men, are charged with theft stemming from efforts to get into Swift's concert. At least two of the men are from out of state.

Daniel Jones, 36, was among the first to be arrested outside the stadium June 9. A downstate woman told police she was looking for last-minute tickets online when Jones walked up and offered her a great deal, according to a CPD report.

She Venmoed \$500 to him, and he texted four tickets in exchange, the report said. Those tickets were promptly rejected at the stadium entrance. The woman found some officers nearby, and they arrested Jones, the report said.

In 2018, Jones was convicted of attempted forgery for selling counterfeit Phil Collins concert tickets to an undercover Chicago cop, according to court records. He's now charged with misdemeanor theft by deception.

On June 11, Chicago police saw James

Butler, 23, outside the stadium and realized he matched the description of a man who was wanted for selling counterfeit tickets in the area before an earlier show, prosecutors said.

Butler ran from police, "causing people to flee for their safety," and eventually slammed into a Chicago cop, knocking them both to the ground, a police report said. The collision allegedly caused Butler to drop an envelope that contained ten counterfeit tickets to Swift's show. He's charged with theft of services.

Two men were arrested on Saturday evening after they offered to pay a stadium usher cash if he'd let them enter the show without tickets, according to a CPD arrest report. Samuel Mora, 46, and Joseph Krush, 47, are charged with attempted theft of services.

Richard Williams, 54, of Harrisburg, Pa., "used fake Taylor Swift concert credentials in order to gain access" to Sunday's show, according to a misdemeanor complaint for theft of services. A police inventory sheet said officers confiscated a "counterfeit Taylor Swift all-access badge."

Kiaeem Crawford, 32, Frederick Choice, 50, and Eniola Iseyemi, 25, are also accused of possessing fake concert credentials at Saturday's show, according to court

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But she was a Frenchwoman in touch with the deep suffering of the age. And a painter herself able to survive the brutality of the world through her art. She painted until the end at 101. She engaged the art of her Picasso son, **Claude Pierre**, the noted French cinematographer, and the magic success of her Picasso daughter, **Paloma**, the popular Tiffany designer.

But it was for Pablo Picasso at the height of his celebrity for whom she was both a muse and a curse. A human relationship they shared with unequal passion, lives complicated and ill-shaped for the age and for the uneven justice of their love and companionship. **Francoise Gilot** could not remain in the bitter and acidic world of their love. She later would marry fame, again, when she wed **Dr. Jonas Salk**, the creator of the cure vaccine for polio. But, the constant reinforcement of her living was her painting.

WEDDING KNOTS: **Erin** and **Bill Kreese** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary literally “tie-ing” the knot, again, for real at Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland, among the sacred setting of St. Kevin’s Kitchen. Wrapped in ribbon. Saying the words of eternity and fastening the ropes and ribbons of symbolic belonging.

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LIVING LANDMARK: After rooting through some back issues of *Skyline*, I just rediscovered that my pal, **Blase Foria**, was born nextdoor to **Mark Anthony**. He spent his first two years there with his grandmother. What a piece of lost Chicago.

GUESTS ABOARD: **Rodger** and **Janet Owen** sailed over from the Yacht Club to hear the Taylor Swift concert, a gentle sail back while watching the sun set. A simply beautiful Chicago summer evening.

LORD INCHQUIN: **Conor O’Brien**, 79, the Lord Inchiquin, has died. “Chief” of the O’Brien Clan, and their most able organizer and leader. Lord Inchiquin was born at Dromoland Castle, near Newmarket on Fergus, County Clare, Ireland, and lived at Dromoland until 1962 when it was sold and reopened as a five-star luxury hotel by owner American **Robert McDonough**. In 1998 O’Brien was responsible for recreating the re-establishment of his clan and its succession. His 1998 Chicago visit brought many new members of the clan. The **Chicago O’Briens** had a luncheon at their Old Town restaurant and helped to deepen the bonds of friendship and history. He remained a treasured friend of **Rose O’Neill** and historian **Tom O’Gorman** to the present.

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Barb Bailey with Joanna Krol, Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Bj Murray, James Place’s son and Joey Majumdar.

the celebration of their nuptials in the Rodin Museum, sacred geography. Global friends were in attendance including **Joanne** and **Tim Ryan**, Chicago’s contribution to the feasting. Je fais.

WHO’S WHERE: **Donovan Black** from UC Lab School to being 18 and a Penn collegiate... **Takara Beatha-Gudell** creating Power Switch Symbol Earrings - “Your Greatest power is within...”

Congrats to the **Jose Riveras** family on one more graduate in their bright box of bulbs... **Frank N. Jeffrey** surprising **Tom Hatoff** with surprise birthday treat, a holiday in Skiathos, Greece... **Justine Fedek** looking so chic in **Mario Pinto**... **Kathleen Devine** graduates from St. Athanasius, Evanston, and mom, **Maura Farrell**, is very proud, her bros too... **Mary Grace Harmon Junkins** graduated from

the Frances Xavier Warde School and received the “Mary Ellen Caron Service Award” with the Senior Harmons in attendance... **Matt Sullivan** and family celebrating at Erie Café for the graduation of his daughter, **Bridget Sullivan**, from Mother McAuley High School... Long-time retired boss at the Chicago Sun-Times, **Jim O’Shea**, and wife, **Nancy**, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a grand tour of Spain... This columnist’s birthday lunch, postponed once for weather finally unrolled at Gibson’s Steakhouse on the porch with **Lynn Graham** and **Col. Paul Malarik** front and center but without Lynn’s birthday boy cousin **Michael Rembert**, sidelined by some heart surgery. Say a prayer for that boy. Lovely **Kim Duda** sashayed by my outdoor table, we had a good chin wag... **President Joe Biden** will visit Chicago on June 28 for fundraising... After Palm Springs wedding, **Patrick Parkey** with **Mark Moonier** doing a honeymoon at the Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua.

PRESLEY BASH: Barb Bailey reporting best seat in the house at gorgeous **Priscilla Presley’s** VIP party. Stage left. With **Joanna Krol**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **BJ Murray**, **James Place’s** son and **Joey Majumdar**.

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Road closures for NASCAR announced

Chicago drivers need to plan out a strategy for getting up and down the Lakefront with the coming road closures for the July 1 and 2 NASCAR Chicago race.

Some of the parking restrictions are already in place including parking restrictions along Columbus Dr. between Jackson and Balbo drives; along northbound lanes of Columbus Dr. to Balbo Dr., and on Ida B. Wells Dr., which is closed east of Michigan Ave. for construction of grandstand viewing areas.

More roads will be closed as race day approaches. The most invasive restrictions kick in after June 25, city officials have said, when on June 28 the southbound lane of Lake Shore Dr. will close between Randolph St. and McFettridge Rd., south of Roosevelt Rd. The Lake Shore Dr. lanes won't reopen until July 4.

As the course and viewing structures are assembled and disassembled, locals can expect to see street closures, parking restrictions, reroutes, ticketing, towing and large-scale traffic interruptions. All businesses and residences will remain accessible throughout the race weekend. Roads will gradually reopen in the weeks following the event, as teardowns will run June 5 through July 15.

Other interruptions include June 18-19, a temporary closure is planned on Jackson Dr. from Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr.; 6 a.m. June 19, a full closure is planned on Balbo Dr. from Michigan Ave. to Lake Shore Dr.; 6 a.m. June 20, a northbound lane closure is planned on Columbus Dr. from Roosevelt Rd. to Balbo Dr. CTA buses will also be rerouted; 6 a.m. June 21, a northbound lane closure is planned on Columbus Dr. from Balbo to Jackson drives. The sidewalks will be closed. Corners will remain open for access to Buckingham

Fountain.

On June 22 at 6 a.m., a southbound lane closure is planned on Columbus Dr. from Balbo Dr. to Roosevelt Rd. The sidewalk on Columbus Dr. will be closed. The Columbus Dr. underpass will remain open.

Then at 6 a.m. June 23, a southbound lane will close on Columbus Dr. from Jackson to Balbo drives, and at 6 a.m. June 24, a northbound traffic lane closure is planned on the Congress Circle.

At 6 a.m. June 26, full closures are planned at Michigan Ave., Van Buren St., Harrison St., and the entrance to Congress Circle. At 6 a.m., an eastbound closure is planned on Roosevelt Rd. between Columbus Dr. and Lake Shore Dr.

At 8 a.m. June 28, a southbound lane closure is planned on Lake Shore Dr. between Balbo Dr. and Roosevelt Rd. Also a northbound lane closure is planned on Michigan Ave. between Van Buren and Jackson Dr. At 8 p.m., a full closure is planned on Jackson Dr. from Columbus to Lake Shore drives; and a full closure is planned on Monroe St. between Columbus and Lake Shore drives. At 10 p.m., a full closure is planned on southbound Lake Shore Dr. between Monroe Dr. and McFettridge Road.

At 8 a.m. June 29, a full closure is planned of northbound Michigan Ave. between Balbo and Jackson drives. At 10 p.m., a full closure of westbound and eastbound Roosevelt Rd. is planned between Columbus and Lake Shore drives, and southbound Michigan Ave. will be closed between Balbo and Jackson drives.

At 5 p.m. June 30, a closure is planned of southbound Michigan Ave. between Balbo and Jackson drives.

On July 1, at 5 a.m., a full closure is planned of northbound Lake Shore Dr. from McFettridge Dr. to Randolph St.

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records. Iseyemi's arrest report said he had 12 Taylor Swift pass lanyards, two purple wristbands, and four tickets for a zipline venue on the Las Vegas strip.

Jamontae Harris, 19, and Adam Rahman, 30, of Orlando, and two 16-year-old boys are also accused of selling fake tickets outside the stadium over the weekend.

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onto the woman, and sexually assaulted her.

A CTA employee entered the elevator about 10 minutes later and saw Richardson with his pants down, holding the woman's head, and making "thrusting motions." According to McCord, the employee summoned a coworker who also witnessed the assault in progress.

Upon noticing the two employees, Richardson released the woman, and her body fell limp to the floor. Chicago police officers arrested him nearby, and both CTA workers confirmed that he

was the assailant, according to McCord.

In addition to the retail theft for which he was paroled last week, Richardson's felony convictions include robbery in 2020, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records. The other nine are for narcotics and retail theft. In court on June 5, McCord said she had not heard if state officials planned on revoking Richardson's parole status.

She told Judge Fahy that Richardson also has 39 misdemeanor convictions.

Richardson allegedly admitted to assaulting the woman, but Assistant Public Defender Malory Hudson argued that he has a learning disability and may not have understood the Miranda warning. She said he has been homeless for three years since losing a warehouse job due to COVID.

Prosecutors have charged him with criminal sexual assault and misdemeanor public indecency.

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Great Blue Benefit June 22 at Columbia Yacht Club

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The Great Blue Benefit a celebratory evening of dinner, cocktails, and music at the Columbia Yacht Club. Proceeds will support the Alliance for the Great Lakes' work to ensure the Great Lakes are clean, safe, and accessible for all generations.

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GENERAL IRON from p. 5

“... Implementation of the HIA does not simply ‘interpret or clarify’ existing ordinances but creates new policy and requirements to be met by LRF permit applicants,” Ex wrote. “As such, it lacked any authority from the City Council, fails to reference any specific ordinance from which it derived its authority, and as minimally required for rules, was never formally disclosed by publication in any way.”

In his decision, Ex laid out in detail a record of the permit review process. The statement of facts included a citation to a May 7, 2021, letter from U.S. EPA Administrator Michael Regan, a Biden appointee, to Lightfoot. In that letter, Ex noted Regan urged the city to delay RMG’s permit application “in order to complete an environmental justice analysis, such as a Health Impact Assessment.”

Lightfoot responded immediately, indicating she had directed

Arwady to conduct the additional analysis as requested by EPA, and “to delay a final decision” on the permit.

On May 10, 2021, Arwady notified RMG she had suspended review of their permit, pending the HIA.

Following that notification, RMG filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court, asserting the city was violating the law and its own ordinances in suspending the permit review.

The HIA was conducted from

May 2021 to Feb. 2022, at which time Arwady denied RMG’s permit.

In a statement released following ALJ Ex’s ruling, SSR said it would continue “pursuing all of our rights and remedies” to address the city’s conduct in the permit review, including its lawsuit and demand for \$100 million.

“The ruling is a welcome victory after years of unforeseen obstacles and delays,” SSR said. “We will persist in our effort to operate the most en-

vironmentally conscious metal recycling facility in the country, which independent experts have repeatedly found fully satisfies state and federal benchmarks that protect public health and the environment.

“... By allowing politics to hijack the apolitical permitting process governed by laws and regulations, the city demonstrated that it is not a reliable business partner, regardless of the risk to taxpayers,” SSR said.

PROMISED from p. 7

munity alert about the DePaul-area robberies. The warning said two or three men with handguns were confronting victims on the street and taking their property. It linked four crimes to a single crew:

- Two DePaul students, ages 19 and 20, were robbed at gunpoint in the 1300 block of W. Fullerton around 4:15 a.m. May 29. The men were walking when two offenders exited a black car to rob them. After the holdup, the victims went to University Hall, a DePaul residence hall, and a security officer called 911, identifying them as students.

- At 12:08 a.m. June 1, two men implied they had weapons as they robbed four women walking in the 700 block of W. Webster, police said. The crew that robbed the women is also responsible for carjacking a 21-year-old and two 19-year-olds in the 700 block of S. Ada earlier that night.

- The alert said the men also committed a robbery in the 700 block of W. North Ave. May 31. No additional information was available about that crime.

CPD said the holdups are being committed by two or three Black men between 20 and 25 years old who wear dark clothing.

At least three other incidents were reported last week in the same area:

- A 37-year-old woman was carjacked by two men who implied they had weapons at 11:39 p.m. May 29, police said. She was getting into her car in the 2300 block of N. Halsted, directly in front of DePaul’s School of Music building, when they took her black Volkswagen Jetta.

- A little before 11 p.m. May 28, a woman called 911 to report

In June 2019, the month after Lori Lightfoot became mayor, 389 cops staffed the Near North District. There were just 291 officers in the district as of last month, according to the Chicago Office of Inspector General. That’s a 25% haircut.

that two men tried to rob her and a friend as they sat on a bench in Oz Park. The woman who called for help bolted from the park, leaving her friend behind.

- About 20 minutes later, a 26-year-old woman was knocked to the ground and robbed in the 2200 block of N. Sheffield, according to CPD. The offender escaped in a light-colored vehicle.

For a while now, Chicago politicians have been doing less with less.

“We want the 43rd Ward to be a community where residents feel safe walking their dogs at night, walking home from late dinner, and spending the day at the beach,” Knudsen wrote on June 2.

In June 2019, the month after Lori Lightfoot became mayor, 389 cops staffed the Near North District. There were just 291 officers in the district as of last month, according to the Chicago Office of Inspector General. That’s a 25% haircut.

During the same time, staffing in the Town Hall 19th District, which patrols the north end of Knudsen’s ward, dropped 27%.

Overall, the Chicago Police Dept. had 11,720 officers last month, down more than 11% in four years. The city has broadly loosened hiring standards, hoping to draw more recruits. And CPD brass and Lightfoot frequently claimed that the police academy was churning out newly-minted

cops to replenish the ranks.

But, according to the OIG, CPD’s force has increased by just 10 officers since Dec. 2022, a net gain of two officers per month. At that rate, Chicago’s police force will return to 2019 levels in the year 2087.

While the number of cops is declining, the number of major crimes being reported is up. Way up.

Of the seven major crime categories monitored on CPD’s weekly CompState report, only mur-

ders were down year-over-year as of last week. Sexual assault was up one percent. Robbery? Up 16%. Aggravated battery up four percent. Burglary six percent. Theft is up 17%. And auto theft? That’s up an eye-popping 133%, thanks largely to the Kia Boy phenomenon.

Overall, the seven major crimes are up 42% from last year and 58% from 2019.

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Chicago IL, 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMP@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 22-000429 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2022 CH 00867 TJS#F: 43-1553 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 00867 **13221851** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARETE INVESTMENTS FUND III, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF BYLINE BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST BANK & TRUST; Plaintiff, -v- VIGALIT R. ZETOUNI; 535 N. MICHIGAN AVE. CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 3656 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 535 N. Michigan Avenue, Unit 1406, Chicago, Illinois 60611. P.I.N. 17-10-122-025-1181. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and

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the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call Mr. Scott H. Kenig at Plaintiff's Attorney, Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611. (312) 822-0800. Zetouni INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13221656** 070707 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff, -v- RUTA GAIZUTIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, GOLD COAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 09980 71 EAST DIVISION STREET, UNIT 502 CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 31, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 28, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit Numbers 502 and East 56, in the Gold Coast Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described real estate: Commonly known as 71 EAST DIVISION STREET, UNIT 502, CHICAGO, IL 60610

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Property Index No. 17-03-200-080-1008 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$45,721.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same

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Man shot in Rogers Park drive-by

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 33-year-old man was shot in a drive-by as he stood near the Willye B. White Park fieldhouse in Rogers Park June 9, according to Chicago police. He is the second person to be shot in or near the park since May 22.

Police said he was on a sidewalk in the 1600 block of W. Howard when the gunman fired shots from a gray SUV. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital with gunshot wounds to his hip and buttocks.

Officers operating CPD's surveillance cameras in the area reported seeing a group flee through the park after the shooting, including a man in a dark hoodie and black pants who was holding a gun, according to police radio transmissions. No arrests have been announced.

On May 22, a 19-year-old woman was shot in the chest and abdomen while walking in the park around 10:18 p.m.

The victim, a Northwestern Univ. student, was walking with a companion when the shots were fired, Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] said in a Facebook post last month. They were not the intended targets, according to Hadden.

On Nov. 9, 2021, a 48-year-old man was shot in the foot as he stood on a sidewalk near Willye White Park. Police said a gunman approached the victim, fired shots, and fled the scene. Initial indications from the scene were that the victim knew the gunman.

On Feb. 13, a 31-year-old man was shot in a drive-by across the street from the park. The victim was walking when a gunman rolled up in a dark vehicle and fired shots from the car, striking the man in his left calf, police said at the time.

So far this year, 15 people have been shot in Rogers Park, including a 2-year-old girl who accidentally shot herself in the hand in the 1500 block of W. Jonquil Terrace on May 28.

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Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] in 2022.

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

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

This newspaper had measured the distances with two witnesses. The location of the proposed pot shop is just 67 feet away from Lady Bug and Friends, a nursery school at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave. That school is literally right across Oakley Ave. from the new pot shop.

Adler School is merely 218 feet away. That facility has been in Lincoln Square for more than 57 years and offers preschool and an all-day Kindergarten. It also offers educational programming for grade-school children.

Also located nearby is St. Matthias Elementary School, 4910 N. Claremont, which is 804 feet away from the proposed pot shop's front entrance. Two of the schools are located well-within the 500-foot Chicago limit, and all three facilities are lo-

cated less than the State of Illinois required 1,000 feet away.

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

Loevy, along with his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated more than \$40,000 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. These include Ald. Martin, who received \$6,500, and Dordek, who received \$32,200. Dordek lost to Hoan Huynh in the 13th Illinois House District primary.

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

Staff members for State Rep. Huynh (13th) have told this newspaper they are aware of the provisional license. At this time, Huynh will not comment about whether he supports Botavi getting final approval to operate at their planned Lawrence Ave. location.

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sion and goals on the North Side. The full build-out is expected to cost between \$50-\$70 million.

The next step are two buildings that will be linked at the base, creating a complex that will hold a performing arts education center, media and technology space, and affordable artists housing. The effort will be undertaken in two phases, with the performing arts, media, and technology section up first and the housing portion second.

The first phase, designed by Nia Architects and Gensler, will rise four floors, at the corner of Clark St and Sunnyside Ave. It will have a glass curtain wall and wooden louvers facing Clark St. which will soar 70-feet, providing space for the media center, performance hall, and educational facility. Other uses will include a literary cafe, classrooms, archive room, film screening room, recording studio, editing station and dance studio.

On the south part of the property is the housing in a six-story building that will include 50 rental apartments. On the ground floor, the residential lobby at the south end of the site and the performing arts and education center entry further north will be connected, holding three retail spaces totaling 13,000 square feet.

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approach," Dmyterko said. "We try to find them a job with similar job skills." The end goal is citizenship within five years.

Other early steps in the adjustment process are a home visit with an interpreter within 48 hours of arrival, a review of safety and emergency services and an overview of their new neighborhood. Medical appointments are scheduled as well as cultural orientation workshops.

Ongoing services for five years include mentors and adult English as a second language tutors, after school and summer programs for youth, and support to apply for vocational training. In addition, RefugeeOne facilitates the family reunification process and applications for citizenship; it also conducts citizenship classes.

Political support

Jeff Gonzalez, outreach coordinator for Ald. Maria Hadden [49th], shared the ward's outreach efforts. As the city has reached its capacity for providing beds for the thousands of asylum seekers, community organizations have stepped in during this humanitarian emergency.

He noted several organizations in the ward that are supporting refugee migrants. These include the United Church of Rogers Park on Morse Ave., the Family Empowerment Center on Devon Ave. and the 24th District Police Dept. on Clark St. where migrants are sleeping on the floor. Gonzalez said communication between the migrants and volunteers has been good and

At the back, 21 parking spaces will take the ground floor, with another 71 indoor parking spaces underground. The parking spaces will be critical to the success of the project as the city is planning to remove half of the street parking along Clark St. as part of the Clark Street Crossroads plan.

BET was founded in 1976 by Taylor, an actress, producer, and playwright. She and her staff have since grown from a small community arts organization to a vibrant nationally and internationally renowned arts institution.

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On Nov. 18, 2011, BET opened their theater and cultural center in its first permanent home on Clark St. in Uptown.

BET's mission is to eradicate racism and its damaging effects upon society through the utilization of theater arts. BET utilizes theater and educational outreach programs to bring races together in a community which embraces similarities and fosters dialogue, understanding and acceptance.

The zoning plan has already been submitted to City Hall, and will require a Planned Development designation. If all goes according to Taylor's plan, the project is set to break ground in 2024.



RefugeeOne Communications Manager Zachary Dmyterko addresses a community meeting at the Rogers Park Branch library on June 5. Dmyterko is a freelance journalist who is fluent in three languages.

Photo by Bob Kitsos

called them a "tight-knit group."

In late May, Ald. Hadden reopened the Leone Beach Park field house at 1222 W. Touhy as a waiting facility for arriving refugee asylum-seekers. She stated in her newsletter, "We cannot turn a blind eye to the crisis that has been brought to our doorstep and have people continue to sleep on floors in police stations, it is not a suitable or sustainable solution."

RefugeeOne will accept donations of sets of dishes, kitchen utensils, towels, bed linens and cleaning supplies. Also, visit refugeeone.org if you'd like to conduct a donation drive. Those interested in volunteering, may also call the ward office at 773-338-5796.



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