

To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.

— Nelson Mandela

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## Clark St. slowdown ignores Clark-Granville Speedway

Some street parking spots returning to Edgewater's oldest commercial thoroughway



This stretch of Clark St., from Granville north to Thome St. has become a focal point in the battle for modern urban road lane usage. Due to sudden lane constriction, this area has seen a dramatic rise in the amount of aggressive driving and dangerous racing.

And some people say there is no God?!

As if by divine intervention, on Saturday, shortly after Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] announced the city's goal was to "slow down traffic on Clark St.," right on cue a red Nissan Cube sped up trying to beat the light at Clark St. and Granville in Edgewater. The Cube, likely now topping 40 MPH, didn't beat the light and nearly t-boned another light SUV traveling westbound on Granville with the green light.

Bikers attending the hastily called community meeting looked on with knowing trepidation, glad to be out of the way, stopped in the Raven Theater parking lot. It was just another day at the Clark-Granville Speedway. Local residents and bikers have seen this very thing hundreds [thousands?]

of times since City Hall put Clark St. on a road-diet.

These people were not the daredevil bikers everyone sees zipping through traffic and breaking rules

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of the road every 300-feet with every stop sign and street light they blow through, they were regular bike commuters who - like the vehicle drivers - just want to

get home safely.

This stretch of Clark St. - and Ashland as they merge - from Rosehill north to Devon Ave. has become a focal point in the battle for road lanes that is going on all over Chicago.

As one speaker at the meeting noted, Chicago's population peaked in the 1950s, but there were "fewer cars than today. Now there are at least twice as many cars as the roads were designed for," said Jean SmilingCoyote, a local resident who lives nearby on Granville in West Ridge. She reminded attendees that former Mayor William Dever [1923-1927] at one time wanted to ban street parking by cars, "which would have made streets clearer and safer."

And as Ald. Osterman noted, the city is still now figuring out "where the pain points are" along this stretch of Clark St.

The Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development has updated their plan for this stretch of Clark St., which they announced at a hastily-called community meeting during a holiday weekend. It was only announced 24-hours prior, hardly enough advance notice for the community to spread the word, still 37 people attended the meeting. The redesign work is expected to be underway by early July.

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## Glenwood Ave. ribbon cutting



The Rogers Park Business Alliance hosted a ribbon cutting Saturday on Glenwood for the inauguration of the Glenwood Avenue Alfresco.

After months of planning and installations, they finally cut the ribbon to celebrate the first official Alfresco in Rogers Park.

For now, the southbound side of Glenwood Ave. between Lunt and Morse has been closed for use as an Alfresco setting. Glenwood Ave. will now remain closed to vehicular traffic seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

## Vote to expand car booting citywide delayed by committee

Car booting is currently only legal in about two-thirds of the city, and former Ald. Moore seeks to expand the practice

BY ERIN HEGARTY  
The Daily Line

The City Council Committee on License and Consumer Protection delayed two votes that had been scheduled for June 16, including one on a controversial proposal to legalize car booting citywide.

Almost immediately after the committee's Thursday meeting began, chair Ald. Emma Mitts [37th] announced that a proposal O2022-1217 from Ald. Ariel Reboyras [30th] to expand the legalization of car booting to the entire city would be held in committee. Reboyras appeared on screen alongside Ald. Chris Taliafero [29th] and did not question Mitts' decision to hold the measure.

Car booting is currently only

legal in about two-thirds of the city's 50 wards. Reboyras said he introduced the measure to expand the practice at the direct request of alderman-turned-lobbyist, former 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore. Moore is now a lobbyist working for Innovative Parking Solutions, Chicago's only private booting operation.

On the North Side, his client is banned from booting operations at any location that is outside the 2nd, 23rd, 40th, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 46th, 47th, 48th, or 49th Wards, all bounded as provided in Article III of Chapter 2-8 of the City Code. (That list of wards includes almost the entire North Side.)

Ald. Daniel LaSpata [1st] has led a charge against booting and has said he plans to work to defeat Reboyras' ordinance. Nearly a dozen aldermen joined La Spata in his attempt to keep the ordinance stuffed in the City Council's rules committee last month.

## Cops looking for suspect in Rogers Park sexual assault

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police on June 19 released surveillance images of a man they say tried to sexually assault a woman in Rogers Park last month.

The victim was in her building's laundry room the 6900 block of N. Greenview when the man walked in around 4:45 p.m. May 11, police said. He yelled at the woman, pulled her to the ground, and tried to sexually assault her, a CPD report said.

Police said the man was scared off, but he left the woman with severe injuries.

According to the alert, the man



Police are trying to locate this man in connection with a sexual assault in Rogers Park last month.

seen in the photos had his right arm in a sling. He is 35- to 45-years-old, 5'-8" to 5'-9" tall, and 120 to 130 lbs.

Anyone with information about the suspect can call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261 about case #JF-238553.

# A summer idyl of slappers and flappers, of cabbages and kings



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I have long expansive lists of reasons why summers are so treasured. The natural warmth of the climate for starters.

The embrace of lighter, more breathable fabrics for clothing is another. But it's really more emotional than that.

No list of mine could omit iced tea, strawberries, cold fried chicken, homemade potato salad, baseball, jumbleberry pie, gelato, straw hats and anything made from seersucker.

Save room on that list for adventures on bicycles, reading in the sun, eating breakfast out of doors, generously lathering on the sunscreen, strolls along our lakefront, farmers markets, drinking wine in a garden and the fullest glory there is, a ripe, sweet, red beefsteak tomato. Once found, I even take them out to restaurants to use in my salads. Most eateries are more than happy to permit.

Lunches at outdoor cafes just taste better in summer. I covet a table on the patio at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill. Or a sunny table outside at Lula's in Logan Square. Or on the rooftop Chinese Cafe at the Peninsula Hotel. Outdoors at Saddle and Cycle Club with those expansive views of the Lake Michigan. The relaxing sunny afternoon tables at Luxbar can't be beat.

And sitting outside at Gibson's Italia, high above the split of the Chicago River, is aesthetically unstoppable. Like a Portillo's hot dog with everything on it in the upper deck at Wrigley Field. Or West Coast oysters along Rush St. at Hugo's.

No haberdashery matches the comfort of a cotton poplin summer suit with a crispy fresh oxford cloth shirt. Worn without socks with a comfortable pair of topsiders by Bass Weejuns. Or a 30-year old pair of Gucci loafers, mine still going strong. It's also a moment for Madras cottons, lightweight navy blazers and Nantucket Red cotton trousers from Murray's Toggery in Nantucket. And summer inspires us to search out those fabulous cotton shirts from Vineyard Vines sporting the most colorful scenes of the season.

Summer has also always been the time to reach out for the unrivaled delights of homemade egg salad, tuna salad and crab salad. What reveals more the heart of summer than stuffing a ripe heirloom tomato with such simple yet stunning concoctions? Or layering them on a slice of fresh brioche.

The triumph of summer magic is the availability of excellent cold gazpacho. That chilled tomato-based soup so Spanish-summery. For all my snobbery, no one in town equals the quality that Chef Ryan does at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill. I tell all who will listen, it's the equal of the Ritz Hotel in Madrid.

But the summer taste that has totally captured my heart this season is my old friend rosé wine. And this summer I am really getting an education with it. There aren't a lot of fast rules. Rosé is all about taste. But a few basics is all you need to find the perfect vino for the season.

Really good rosé is easy to obtain. No supply chain issues here, the global market providing easy access.

If you're not a fan yet, let me explain. I'm talking about the pink wine. A wine whose pale shades come from incorporating some of the grape skins in the making of it. Not enough of the skins to qualify as red. But they lend it a soft light pinkish hue.

Remarkably, it is said that this may be among the oldest elements



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in wine making itself. A timeless part of the process of vintnering. The Romans would have known good rosé.

All good rosé wines carry a deep fruity fingerprint from the earth, featuring a crisp bounty and a lovely dry finish. Rosé en-wraps the drinker because it carries so much of summer in each sip. Summer berry-rich, stonefruit, crisp acidity and a touch of the blossom itself. Pure enchantment.

Rosé can also unfold an herb-like savoriness. And a lovely thirst-quenching minerality. I think that's why it is such a summer compliment to foods. Especially those with elegant spiciness. European rosés have a very balanced sense of dryness to them. Sweet, but never overpowering. Of course the usual elements like grape types, region, climate and method of production all add their own touch to the mix. I suspect that's why so many swear by the rosés from the South of France. Aix-en-Provence especially. The classic Provençal rosé is full of ripe stone fruit and red berries that touch the nose. A hint of bright citrus brings balance and acidity.

But these days the availability of fabulous rosés is erasing old borders.

Rosés in fact, luscious and memorable, are found in Sicily, Northern Italy, Spain, California and South Africa. Foxtrot carries an expansive selection of the best. Amazingly, the cool, fruity magic that is rosé is not the weakling stepchild you might suspect. If there's one rule it is this: Drink rosés young. Keep them moving. Don't hang on to them, rather, drink them up. That's the recipe for a perfect summer. Check out all the shades of pink.

This week alone I've had some spectacular rosé that may ultimately be my favorite. It's called Komaros, from Loretto in northern Ancona, the Marche region of Italy. It's the very best. I order it with food from the fabulous Via Carducci on Division St.

Another very good Californian stocked at Foxtrot, Una Lou, from Sonoma, made from the grapes of the Pinot Noir. And a luxurious French rosé is made from the grapes of the Beaujolais variety. Slightly redder in color. But heavenly.

Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill is pouring a very tasty French rosé. So is Gibson's Steakhouse. Johnny Damas has a superb French rosé on the menu at Truluck's.

No quality rosé should be ex-

pensive, \$20 to \$25 will get you a fine bottle. My favorite Italian is \$30. But shop the wine discount houses and you will be amazed at what you find.

I say all this as we head into the Primary election with murders

and shootings off the charts in Chicago. With the States Attorney Kim Foxx going easy on offenders no matter how often they are arrested. She, allegedly, recently slapped her husband and gets some real police notice for herself. Sorry

for their alleged domestic abuse. What about getting rid of her at the ballot box? And her pals, the habitual dangerous offenders who parade around town looking for another auto to carjack or high-end Michigan Ave. shop to loot.

Meanwhile Mayor Lightfingers must be delirious saying she will seek a second term as mayor... she's certainly got the criminal vote. No one has better friends. Hope she won't start slapping.

What Chicagoan in their right mind could vote for our mayoral Wokester? A true flapper.

Thanks to the foods and wines of the season, we can face the summer, even without a body-guard.

Maybe it's the French rosé talking, but I believe we can toss out Foxx and defeat Lightfingers on their ice cream sandwiches. State Rep. Tim Butler is a man of quick action. He's already sharing his new bill to allow voters to recall Foxx. We can take back those political offices that have been hijacked by hoodlums and Art Institute racialists.

We need to feel the safety that voting these candidates out of office will mean. We're done with the slappers and flappers. That's as refreshing to me as a beefsteak tomato sandwich with a thin slice of Vadallia onion and a glass of chilled rosé.

**SHE'S A SLAPPER:** Cook County State's Attorney **Kim Foxx** was the subject of a recent investigation into spouse beating. Taking a page out of the **Jussie Smollette** urban violence handbook, Foxx is accused by her husband, **Kelley Foxx**, of slapping him in anger in their suburban Flossmoor home.

They've been trying to keep a lid on things in the State's Attor-

ney's office. But it's a mess. And couldn't come at a more inappropriate moment for the candidate.

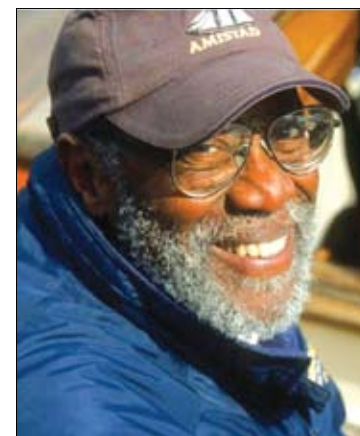
Pretty sure she's already putting a spin on the incident, a la Jussie. Can we hold her feet to the fire on this one? Will she be able to tell the truth? Or has that horse left the barn? Does this mean more Chicagoans might get slapped? Or did she just go all **Amber Heard** on us?

**JAMES BEARD AWARD:** Congrats to Chef **Erick Williams** of Virtue in Hyde Park for being awarded Best Chef for the Great Lakes Region 2022. Only Chicagoan so honored.

**GET WELL:** This column sends its best wishes to former Chicago mayor **Richard M. Daley** for a full recovery from a recent stroke.

**SKIPPER:**

**Mary Anne O'Rourke** and **Leo** escorting **Captain Bill Pinkney** to the White Sox game. The native Chicagoan, Hall of Fame sailor and first African American to solo sail around the world, was really the 86-year-



Captain Bill Pinkney

old hero of the game.

**CHICAGO MUSIC:** The column about **David Gates** and **Bread** is still engaging folk. Received a lovely letter from a reader who was deeply touched. They reminded me that Chicago was once a very powerful music recording city. Many celebrated musicians came to Chicago

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# A beautiful day in the neighborhood



**Heart of the 'Hood**  
by Felicia Dechter

On Saturday, the East Rogers Park neighborhood was abuzz with activity. The 29th annual Artists of the Wall Fest began, with enthusiastic, talented painters starting their creations and probably a few hundred people walking around checking them out.

The Rhapsody Theater was lit up -- both literally and figuratively -- with its owner, magician doc Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz hanging out on Morse Ave., greeting guests there to see Lucy Darling's fun show "Indulgence." (More on the theater/show next week).

Yet for me, the best part of the beautiful day in the neighborhood happened at Pratt Ave., where a ceremony took place celebrating passage of the Lake Michigan Rescue Equipment Act. We at this newspaper give ourselves a nice pat on the back for taking the media lead with this issue.

Really though, it makes no difference who helped get this job done. What matters is that there are now life rings, glorious life-saving devices, lining our city's lakefront.

Especially now that the Park District has failed to recruit enough lifeguards to man our shores and pools.

The ceremony included local politicians, water safety/community advocates, and friends and family members of those lost, including Maria Diaz and her two sons, Joel and Sammy.

Diaz is the mother of 19-year-old Miguel Cisneros, whose drowning death at the pier at Pratt Ave. last summer prompted intense outcry in the neighborhood and led to the life ring law. On Saturday, Diaz told me she's hanging in there. She said when Miguel, her "Maicky" (pronounced Mikey) died, she was in such shock that although she of course felt the tremendous loss, she was numb. Yet as time goes by, it's getting more difficult for her as she misses her beloved son more and more.

I admire Diaz so very much. She could have crumbled, but instead she stayed strong and somehow mustered the strength to work persistently to create this beautiful legacy for her Maicky.

Several other involved folks spoke -- and were thanked -- at the ceremony, including nearby resident Jim Ginderske, who after Miguel died hung "unofficial" life rings at the pier, which were immediately taken



(L-R) A Coast Guard member demonstrates the proper way to throw a life ring. Maria Diaz and her sons Joel and Sammy wore matching t-shirts with a computerized likeness of Maicky on the front. State Rep Kelly Cassidy and neighborhood activist Jim Ginderske at the life ring ceremony held Saturday.

down by the Chicago Park District.

"The entire Rogers Park was behind this," said Ginderske. "No more drownings -- it's not acceptable. We were willing to fight for this."



Ald. Maria Hadden (49th) and Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety founder Halle Quezada.

State Rep Kelly Cassidy [14th], who crafted the law, spoke of accomplishing what everyone thought was impossible. "It embodies what community is," said Cassidy. "Survivors who wouldn't take no for an answer."

Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] reminded us that Lake Michigan is, "a very substantial, dangerous water, not to be taken lightly." She also said that it's wonderful to know life rings are already saving lives. I assumed she was referring to the man rescued recently at North Avenue Beach, thanks to a life ring.

Hadden also added she was: "Sorry it (the law) came later than it should have."

Also saying a few words was State Sen. Robert Peters [13th]. He complimented the Rogers Park community on taking the lead on this. "If we're gonna have a lake that much challenging, it better be safe," Peters said.

Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety founder Halle Quezada read names of some who've drowned in the lake. "Now more than ever, it's important to remember these

are not statistics," she said. "They are full names of full lives... real people."

"The law we have now is not just for people it saved," said Quezada. "We'll keep working better to do better by those we lost. The law is now a tribute to their legacy."

All of these people -- and yes the entire Rogers Park community too -- should be doing a happy dance. Because although this good came out of horrible tragedy, in the future, there will hopefully be no ambulances, divers, helicopters, and the likes, combing the lakefront for bodies.

**Artists and fairies and neighbors, oh my!...** they came from near and far to paint -- and attend -- the 29th Artists of the Wall Fest in Loyola Park. I won't go into my rant of how difficult it is to get a spot or how expensive they've become. But considering I've been there since the first

fest and almost every year since, if I were to rant I'd be legit.

Yet I'll just leave it at this: Everyone had a great time, including moi. It's hard not to.

But a kind of weird thing happened that showed me that art really does imitate life.

Artist Fawna Demma is in her 30s and has been painting at the fest since she was a little girl. Demma is known for her life-like and perfectly-detailed fairies. This year, she painted a beautiful fairy with long, curly hair and a red-haired baby at her breast.

I just happened to be there talking to Demma, when I see her glance at a woman and she takes off after her. She brings the woman over -- the woman has long, curly hair and is holding a red-haired baby. The

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# Despite history, Assessor's job should focus on fairness



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With the primary election only a few days away, now is the perfect time to assess the candidates running for the office of Cook County Assessor.

The assessor's job is hugely important -- overseeing the nation's largest property tax system with 1.9 million Cook County real estate parcels that must be valued.

Over the decades, this writer has covered real estate assessment trends while the assessor's office was headed by a diverse collection of mostly Irish-American Democratic-machine creatures—including P.J. (Parky) Cullerton, Thomas M. Tully, Thomas C. Hynes and James Houlihan.

Funny thing, these political leaders always attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade and seemed to be connected to the legendary Mayor Richard J. Daley's friendly Irish clan.

The incumbent, Assessor Fritz Kaegi, was elected to the job in 2019 after defeating longtime Democratic machine stallworth Joseph Berrios in the election.

Critics say Berrios' loose-cannon assessment style often side-stepped fairness and focused on well-heeled insiders along with politically connected tax-appeal lawyers. Favorable valuations allegedly were handed out to wealthy downtown property owners who kept donations flowing into Berrios' and other Democrat Machine campaign coffers.

While nepotism and patronage ran rampant, and ethics rules were ignored by Berrios, Kaegi ran on a pledge to overhaul Berrios' dysfunctional office, and voters believed him. On the whole, Kaegi has delivered.

Kaegi inherited not only a deeply flawed, ethically bankrupt office, but also a dusty, decades-old data system that relied on reams of paper. When Kaegi first took office, his staff allegedly found 600 tons of paper tax appeals in storage.

Immediately, Kaegi launched a plan to modernize the office's data system, replaced most of Berrios' top staffers and halted the office's practice of accepting campaign contributions from tax appeal lawyers.

Under Kaegi, property tax bills for most Chicagoans actually declined last year, halting a 20-year trend of tax-bill hikes by a median of 4%. Homeowner assessments have taken a smaller share of the tax levy, while business properties were handed a larger share.

No wonder Kaegi, who is running for reelection on June 28, has been targeted and criticized by big commercial property owners and apartment developers. Kaegi's sin: refocusing assessment efforts on the fat cats—and away from homeowners—who have been carrying the majority of the tax burden for decades.

Last year, the International Assoc. of Assessing Officers presented Kaegi's office with its "Outstanding Public Information and Outreach Award." And, the National Assoc. of Counties gave his office an award for its digital innovation efforts.

Assessor Kaegi is a highly qualified expert in property assessments, holding both the Chartered Financial Analyst and Certified Illinois Assessment Officer designations. Before serving



In 1979, Assessor Thomas C. Hynes gave this reporter an award for "explaining the mysteries and complexities" of the Cook County assessment system for a series of Chicago Sun-Times articles I wrote as real estate editor.

as assessor, Kaegi had a 13-year career as a financial-asset manager at Columbia Wanger Asset Management. Born and raised in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, Kaegi holds an MBA from Stanford Univ.

Kaegi's opponent is Kari Steele, president of the Board of Commissioners at the Metropolitan Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. She holds a pre-med degree in Chemistry from Xavier Univ. of Louisiana.

Politically connected Steele is the commercial real estate interests' candidate. She has received a \$1-million contribution from the "Fight Back Fund," affiliated with Local 150 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, a union that benefits from

building and development. Steele is also supported by the Lincoln Park Builders, and several other prominent real estate groups.

As assessor, Steele said she would create a property tax system that is more equitable, assures stability for businesses, provides relief for homeowners, and funds public services.

The ancient Cook County Assessor's office has existed in its present form since 1932. Now, let's look back at the track records of some of the most interesting folks who once occupied the chair of Cook County Assessor:

• P.J. "Parky" Cullerton, 1958-

1974. A descendant of a long line of politically connected Cullertons, Parky served as a Democratic Committeeman and Alderman of Chicago's 38th Ward before Mayor Richard J. Daley appointed him to the assessor's job in 1958, a post he held until 1974.

If you ran into Parky Cullerton in an elevator at the County Building while he was returning from a political luncheon or smoke-filled room, he would greet you with his famous salutation: "Hi, Keed!"

• Thomas M. Tully, 1974-1978. A former assistant state's attorney, Tully's website describes him as "one of Chicago's most prominent and well-respected" lawyers. Handsome Tully had a nice smile and dressed like a Wall Street trader.

Tully ascended to the job of assessor after serving as chief deputy assessor from 1971 to 1973,



Kari Steele

and earlier as the assessor's legal advisor from 1963 to 1965.

According to a 2018 Chicago Tribune investigation, Tully's firm, Thomas M. Tully & Associates—which specializes in property tax appeals—contributed \$5,000 to assessor Berrios in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Tully's law firm filed appeals for clients on commercial and in-

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## Exhibitions at Wrightwood 659 extended by popular demand

The crowd-pleasing trio of exhibitions currently on view at Wrightwood 659 will extend its initial engagement for an additional two weeks, now closing Saturday, July 30.

The exhibitions are: American Framing, a reinstallation of the U.S. entry in the 17th Venice Architecture Biennale that features a monumental wood frame installation in Wrightwood 659's three-story atrium; Rirkrit Tiravanija: (who's afraid of red, yellow, and green), an exhibition organized by the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, that blends curry and community in a unique, ever-changing art experience; and Moga: Modern Women & Daughters in 1930s Japan, a selection of rarely seen paintings of women and children from 1930s Japan.

American Framing is a reinstallation of the exhibition presented by the U.S. Pavilion at the 17th International Architecture Exhi-

bition of La Biennale di Venezia (2021). The exhibition is the first time this project, which explores the architecture of wood framing, will be seen in the U.S. Since the early 19th century, wood framing has been the most common construction system in the U.S. Currently utilized in more than 90% of new home construction here, it is one of the country's most important contributions to building practice.

Rirkrit Tiravanija: (who's afraid of red, yellow, and green) is a collection of the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC. Tiravanija is widely recognized for his practice of manifesting communities through simple acts rather than focusing attention on a single artwork.

This installation recasts Wrightwood 659's second-floor gallery as a communal dining space where visitors share bowls of red, yellow, and green curry while observing local artists draw images

of civil protests on the walls. Each day the murals evolve, creating a different experience for each visitor. Through Tiravanija's signature communal food-based work, the artist challenges museumgoers' expectations of performance, and underlines a larger interest in relationships among citizens and notions of government and liberty.

Moga: Modern Women & Daughters in 1930s Japan, is an intimate selection of Japanese paintings exhibited for the first time in the United States. These works, drawn from the private collection of Naomi Pollock and David Sneider, expand on the common depiction of the urbane "modern girl" (modan gāru or moga). Moga captured the public imagination in 1920s Japan—prioritizing an independent lifestyle and challenging the traditional state-sanctioned ideal of the "good wife, wise mother." Nonetheless, the ideal role of women in Japanese society was not one-dimensional, and continued to diversify during the 1930s. Moga: Modern Women & Daughters in 1930s Japan brings paintings of mothers and daughters back into the conversation about the moga, exhibiting them beside other, more popular imagery of the "modern girl."

Tickets for the exhibition are \$15 and available online. For more information visit <https://wrightwood659.org>.

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# New cameras, noise sensors coming to Lake Shore Dr.

With lawlessness seemingly out of control, and vehicle-aided attacks occurring with more frequency all across the North Side, under the new Illinois Expressway Camera Act, the City of Chicago now has the ability to increase the number of cameras along Lake Shore Dr.

House Bill 0260 was signed into law on June 3 by Gov. JB Pritzker that public officials hope will use technology to track license plates in an effort to slow the citywide crime epidemic. The legislation calls for 150 cameras to be deployed.

Effective immediately, the Bill will allow the use of digital electronic license plates on passenger and commercial vehicles on the Drive.

The Bill also calls for an examination concerning interaction with law enforcement and automated license plate readers and oversight of messaging on digital electronic license plates.

Police are using a similar tactic and technology across the Near North Side and River North, and in the Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Wicker Park and Bucktown areas, using license plate-reading cameras to track people who use the various roadways to flee the scene of a carjackings and other crimes.

In 2021 there were 264 reported expressway shootings in Illinois, and the governor's office expects that this year things could get even worse. Of those 264 shootings, 114 involved injuries and 22 resulted in deaths. In 2020, only 72 people were shot and seven killed in similar shootings.

The Bill also requires the Secretary of State to report on the issuance of an electronic driver's license to eligible drivers, with information on other states offering an electronic driver's license to qualified drivers in their jurisdictions; and the related cost and timeline to implement an electronic driver's license program in Illinois. The bill requires that the reports be filed with the General Assembly by July 1, and repeals the provisions on Jan. 1, 2023.

The additional license plate-reading cameras will be used in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, to help investigate vehicular hijacking, aggravated vehicular hijacking, gang shootings and other terrorism, motor vehicle theft, or any forcible felony, including, but not limited to, offenses involving the use of a firearm.

The cameras can also be used to monitor highway conditions and facilitate highway safety in the case of a vehicle accident. The Chicago Police Dept., along with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Dept. of Transportation are still studying locations where cameras are most needed throughout Chicagoland. These Police Observation Devices cameras [POD] connect with the Strategic Decision Support Centers [SDSC] in nearby police districts.

New technology used in these

investigations also includes vehicle license plate readers (LPR's), which are located on streets and area intersections. These LPR's track a vehicle suspected of criminal behavior traveling through nearby intersections or neighborhoods.

## Noisy, racing motorcycles on Lake Shore Dr.

In May, the City Council unanimously passed a law regarding unlawful motor vehicles, and establishes new fines and penalties for the operation of motor vehicles on public ways without exhaust systems, or exhaust system components.

Those are the bikes you can hear from blocks away, as they race noisily around the city screeching after removing parts from their exhaust systems.

The ordinance also calls for impoundment of vehicles involved in drag racing or drifting.

Often, the noise, recklessness, and endangerment from this activity can be terrifying for nearby drivers and pedestrian. For many it is also a quality of life issue.

At worst, this activity creates dangerous moments that can be life-threatening - involving racing speeds well over 100 miles-per-hour on city streets, illegal driving on sidewalks, and off-road riding in parks and on parkways.

Residents who call 911 to report these incidents have helped identify the locations and frequency where these incidents are most likely to occur. These calls help the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD], Cook County Sheriff's office, and Illinois State Police create strategies to protect roadways from

large-scale motorcycle drag-racing and noise-making.

The recently installed noise monitoring devices and analytic software help 911 operators alert the CPD. Their video surveillance and SDSC centers then document when large-scale motorcycle activity or vehicle drag racing starts up. This documentation and technology may help build each prosecution case, especially when the incident results in an arrest.

Past sting operations have led to ticketing for such offenses as illegally modified vehicles, illegal use of vehicles, illegal possession of weapons, and lack of identification or insurance. Some targeted operations have also discovered that the vehicle owner or passenger(s) were found to have outstanding warrants for their arrest or were on probation or parole.

## Drinks with Judge Ho

The Chicago Lawyers and Young Lawyers Chapters and the Federalist Society are hosting an evening with Judge James C. Ho, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, 1 W. Grand Ave.

Judge Ho will be giving a talk titled "Fair Weather Originalism: Judges, Umpires, and the Fear of Being Booped."

Tickets cost \$25 and drinks and heavy appetizers will be served. Two drink tickets are included with your registration. For more information visit <https://fedsoc.org/events/fair-weather-originalism-judges-umpires-and-the-fear-of-being-booped-2>.

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# Be sure to secure your phone if you're heading out to celebrate Pride

BY CWBCHICAGO

If you're heading out to the Pride Parade or any Pride in the Park events, we have just two suggestions: have a great time and secure your phone.

These events have become popular hunting grounds for organized teams of thieves who specialize in stealing phones and, to a lesser extent, wallets.

You should be particularly careful if you go dancing at one of the live shows or local nightclubs. Typically, thieves that work major events ply their trade in highly-congested areas and dance floors where

victims may not pay attention to random bumping and touching.

More than 30 phone thefts were reported during Pride Fest 2019. The event was canceled in 2020 due to COVID, but a couple dozen thefts were reported during last year's fest, which was held in October and drew a smaller crowd due to COVID.

Police recorded 39 theft and pickpocketing reports during last year's Pride in the Park event, a two-day LGBTQ-focused show held in Grant Park. Another 16 thefts were reported in Boystown bars that weekend. Nearly all of the thefts in bars happened on the 3300 block of N. Halsted,

which is home to the city's premiere LGBTQ-focused bars like Sidetrack and Roscoe's Tavern.

Three people were charged with misdemeanors after police allegedly found them in a car with more than 60 stolen phones near Montrose Harbor that weekend.

There were 29 thefts reported during last year's Market Days street festival in Boystown, including seven from within Boystown bars. Nearly all of those cases were reported on the 3300 and 3400 blocks of N. Halsted Street, where the largest crowds gather and dance floors are located.

Pride events aren't the only places where

phone theft teams work. Police recovered more than 120 stolen phones and made seven arrests during last summer's Lollapalooza in Grant Park. City records show 311 thefts and pickpocketings were reported on the festival grounds and immediately adjacent streets during last year's event.

The actual number of phones stolen is probably much higher than the crime stats suggest. Unless victims are sure that someone stole their phone, the police classify the incident as "lost property" rather than a crime.

## Former Lincoln Park metal recycler says it can show City Hall gave in to undue political pressure to deny permit

BY DAN CHURNEY  
Cook County Record

A company is claiming Chicago City Hall is blocking its effort to show the city was politically coerced to deny the company's application to operate a metal recycling center on the city's Southeast Side.

"The facts will show that Chicago Dept. of Public Health did not base its decision to deny the Large Recycling Facilities permit application on lawful grounds, but instead on bias, bad faith, and improper political pressure," Reserve Management Group [RMG] alleged in a recent legal filing.

RMG has sought since 2018

to open an \$80 million recycling facility on a 175-acre site in the South Deering neighborhood.

RMG, which was formerly known as General Iron, operated a recycling plant for decades on the east bank of The Chicago River in Lincoln Park at 1909 N. Clifton Ave., 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.

After the alleged City Hall double-cross, General Iron's owner are now proposing to return the junked-car and metal-shredding business to Lincoln Park where it operated for decades before shutting down at the end of 2020.

Developers and city officials wanted its longtime owner, the Labkon family, to sell its 20 acres along the Chicago River to make way for a proposed multi-billion-dollar real estate development

called Lincoln Yards.

When RMG acquired General Iron in 2019, the 20-acres in Lincoln Park was not part of the sale. Instead, the Labkon family held on to it. Due to its location on the river, that acreage today may be the most valuable empty lots in Chicago.

On Feb. 18, the city's health department announced it was turning down RMG's application, because of "potential adverse changes in air quality and quality of life that would be caused by operations, and health vulnerabilities in the surrounding communities – together with the company's track record in operating similar facilities."

RMG is appealing its application denial in Chicago city administrative court. RMG recently asked Administrative Law Judge Mitchell Ex to allow the company to engage in discovery to uncover evidence it claims will show that city officials and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[EPA] caved in to activists who opposed the proposed facility. Those activists alleged the facility would have a negative impact on nearby, predominantly black neighborhoods.

RMG said it's "indisputable" that the proposed facility "satisfied every measurable requirement" and "for months" the city told the company it met all requirements and a draft permit was in the works.

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

The company said it wants to dig into the alleged role of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and other city officials, as well as that of the EPA, in the decision to reject the recycling plant. To this end, RMG seeks copies of all communications between the city health department, other city officials and the EPA in connection with the application, according to court documents.

"There is more than enough evidence in the record already to suggest that the bases within Chicago Dept. of Public Health's [CDPH] denial letter were a mere pretext and that discovery is therefore warranted," RMG asserted.

RMG added that the city conducted a "health impact analysis" of the planned recycling center, but the criteria used in the analysis was never made known to RMG until the application was denied.

According to RMG, the city also pointed to "supposed" prior problems at RMG entities to which RMG was never given a chance to respond.

On Feb. 18, the CDPH denied RMG a permit based on city health impact analysis [HIA] findings. In their filing, RMG claims that the HIA's findings were "purely subjective and not based on science or any objective measurable standards. In fact, the 'criteria' used in the HIA was never announced or provided to Southside Recycling, the ultimate stakeholder, until the denial letter was issued, at which point it was too late. The HIA shows CDPH "prejudged" the LRF permit application and invented a rationale in the HIA to deny the permit. All scientific and technical studies analyzing the Southside Recycling facility have all found that the facility does not pose any unacceptable health or safety risks to the community."

In addition, the city is letting another metal recycler operate without emission controls, RMG claimed. This competing recycler, which RMG did not name, has a "long and troubled history of serious violations," RMG alleged.

The city is trying to block RMG's access to the information the company seeks, on grounds bias and political pressure were not a "stated basis" for the denial.

RMG countered the city is allegedly being "obstructionist" and engaging in "flagrant gamesmanship."

RMG filed suit in May 2021 against the city, wanting \$100 million for allegedly protracting the application process and not following regulations. However, the suit has been dormant while administrative hearings play out. RMG has threatened to resume

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# Proposed “Flagship” Lincoln Square pot shop’s location across from daycare and schools violates city and state law

BY PETER VON BUOL

While city ordinances and state statutes are both supposed to prevent the location of marijuana shops near educational facilities for children, that is not preventing the operators of a proposed “flagship” recreational marijuana store in Lincoln Square from preparing to open their store directly across the street from a daycare and preschool operated by Lady Bug and Friends at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave.

The owners of the pot shop have already filed paperwork with the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois asking for zoning changes which will allow them to sell pot in a strip mall at 2301 W. Lawrence Ave.

To help shepherd their zoning request change, the pot shop’s owners hired attorney John J. George, whom the Chicago Tribune has described as “the grand old man of Chicago zoning,” and who was once the law partner of former mayor Richard M. Daley and his brother, Cook County Board member Michael Daley.

To operate an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary, an application for special use must be filed with Chicago’s Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA]. Applicants for adult use pot shops are required to hold a community meeting for the purpose of explaining the proposal and soliciting comments.

One of the co-owners of the pot shop, Jon Loevy, has also given generously to the campaigns of Ald. Matt Martin [47th] and Eileen Dordek, currently a candidate for the 13th state district of the Illinois General Assembly. Both Martin and Dordek are supported by Paul Rosenfeld, Democratic committeeman of the 47th Ward. As a lobbyist in Springfield, Rosenfeld is closely connected to insiders in the state’s pot industry.

Loevy and his business partner have described their future facility on Lawrence as a “flagship” shop. While the state of Illinois has “legalized” the sale of marijuana, its sale is still prohibited at the federal level. Therefore, nearly all financial transactions at pot shops are cash transactions and this has made them particularly vulnerable to violent armed robberies.

The proposed pot shop is located within a strip mall with an attached city-owned metered parking lot. The lot has two curb cutouts, which allow for someone to easily enter on one end and to exit out on the other end. A security expert has told this newspaper this feature makes the lot particularly vulnerable for a hit-and-run attack, and says that the all-cash aspect makes pot shops more attractive than banks.

This reporter measured the distances

with two witnesses... with its entrance located just 67 feet away from the Lincoln Square pot shop, Lady Bug and Friends is especially vulnerable. The school director of the facility told this newspaper she had been unaware a marijuana shop would be opening directly across the street. When asked if she had received a notice about a proposed zoning change from the pot shop’s attorney, she said she had not received such a notice. The Lincoln Square location of Lady Bug and Friends also includes an outdoor playlot directly behind its facility.

Ladybug is not the only educational facility nearby. Located within 218 feet is Adler School, 2239 W. Lawrence Ave. The facility has been in Lincoln Square for more than 56 years and offers pre-school 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. The state statute requires pot shops must be located a minimum of 1,000 feet away from a school.

In addition to the full-time educational institutions, the proposed pot shop’s location also includes neighbors such as the DANKHaus, which offers German language classes for children, Fleet Feet, which attracts grade school and high school athletes, Chicago Soccer, which also includes grade school and high school athletes and the LSAC, which offers swimming classes for children. Also nearby - and within 1,000-feet, are Timeless Toys and The Book Cellar, which offers reading programs for children. During the warm weather months, Giddings Plaza in the Lincoln Square mall frequently offers children’s programming.

An attorney working for George was contacted by a St. Matthias parent and asked about why her client had decided to locate a facility so close to Lady Bug and Adler. Her response was those educational facilities are not considered as such as defined by the city of Chicago.

At the end of May, Ald. Martin had said he supported a zoning change request for 2301 W. Lawrence. That announcement was made after he had accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the shop proprietor.

“Alderman Martin has decided to approve the zoning change request from B1-1 to C1-1 to allow the applicant to apply for a business license to open a recreational cannabis dispensary in the strip mall on Lawrence Ave.,” according to information



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posted in the development section of his website.

This newspaper has contacted Martin’s office to ask him about the appearance of impropriety in accepting thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from a business requesting a zoning change but no one at his office responded to our questions.

The shop will operate as Botavi Wellness. Principals will be Jon Loevy, a 47th Ward resident, and Mitch Zaveduk, who is a resident of Northbrook.

Since 2018, Loevy has also been one of the most successful local recreational marijuana shop operators in Illinois. Loevy, along his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy,

have donated \$40,200 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. These include Ald. Martin who has received \$6,500 and Elaine Dordek, who received \$32,200. Dordek is now seeking to replace outgoing State Rep. Greg Harris [13th].

Loevy and his business partners filed an application to open a 6,585 sq. ft. recreational pot shop in The Square Shopping Center. The space is currently not zoned for such a business. In order to do so, Loevy had to request a zoning change and support from Martin.

The recreational pot shop would operate under a state-issued license and would be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. To open, the shop will need a Special Use permit from the city’s zoning board of appeals. The strip mall includes 38 parking spaces, according to an application filed by Loevy with Martin’s 47th Ward Zoning Advisory Council.

During his community zoning process, Martin used the opportunity to request the operators to reconsider where they would be accepting deliveries of their shipments of recreational marijuana.

“Based on comments from nearby neighbors, the applicant has agreed to change the design of the space to receive deliveries from the parking lot side of the strip mall, so as to avoid impacting residential traffic on Oakley,” wrote Martin.

Across the nation, as cannabis has been legalized at the state level, cannabis stores have become prime targets for what are

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Cool off with a drink while you take in the best views in Lincoln Square during the debut performance of Chicago's newest Alpine Folk Band The Dirndolls, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, June 24, on the 6th floor terrace at DANK Haus Chicago, 4740 N. Western Ave.

DANK will be offering childcare for children ages three and above during this event. For tickets or more information call 773-561-9181.

## North Center garden walk

The North Center Neighbors Assoc. [NVNA] will be hosting their 16th annual self-guided walking tour of North Center area gardens with 40+ gardens registered, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26.

The NCNA is providing a trolley with six stops throughout the community to help visitors access all of the gardens and outdoor spaces. Visitors can enjoy live music and grab a refreshing drink at one of the many lemonade stands.

Sign in and pick up a map at the North Center Town Square, 4100 N. Damen Ave., or at Bell School at Grace and Oakley. A \$5 donation is suggested, and Seniors are always free. A portion of all proceeds will benefit Common Pantry.

# A beautiful day in the neighborhood



Helping create a masterpiece is seven-year-old Kali.



E Lee, of East Rogers Park. Her, "I'll see you tomorrow, girl!" caught our eye.



Kindred fairy spirits: West Rogers Park artist Fawna Demma with Arianna Schindle, the sister of Natalia Vera, who is the wife of 49th Ward Ald. Maria Hadden. Schindle is holding her goddaughter, Carmen, 11 months.



Longtime fest participant Mary Bao, left, with Sharon Endo. "Sitting here eating Doritos watching old men in Speedos," laughed Bao, quoting a similar comment she'd once heard.



West Rogers Parker Tina Juhlin has participated in the fest almost since its beginning. Here she painted a hand holding the world with a dove of peace on top. Things have got to change, she said.



An East Rogers Park house divided: Cubs fan Dustin Columbatto and his wife, White Sox fan Meghan Folinazzo.



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pair looks exactly like the mother and baby in Demma's painting! Demma has never met the woman yet the resemblance is mind-boggling.

Turns out, the woman is from the Bronx, and is here visiting her sister, Natalia Vera, wife of Ald,

Hadden. Her name is Arianna Schindle and the baby is her 11-month-old goddaughter, Carmen.

It was as if Demma had done a portrait of Schindle and Carmen. Again, they did not know each other. "The joke is, that I have fairy energy," said Schindle.

She and Demma both do, for sure! Believe me, if I hadn't seen

it with my own eyes, I'd have thought someone was exaggerating.

Anyway, a splendid time was had by all, including kids, adults, dogs, and even the fairies.

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(L) The William McKibben Sanger monument at Graceland Cemetery shows a praying woman and Celtic medallions on the cross. This is one of the many monuments in the cemetery. (R) Alex Kropp, club leader and filmmaking major, takes time to appreciate the beauty of the graveyard, using their camera to take photos of the scenic landscape. *Photos by Bianca Kreusel*

## Graveyard magic: Call of the Cauldron club teaches graveyard etiquette at Graceland Cemetery

BY KIMBERLY KAPELA  
*Columbus Chronicle*

Angels carved into gravestones, mausoleums and ivy-adorned gates greeted Columbia College's witchcraft club Call of the Cauldron at its graveyard etiquette event held at Graceland Cemetery in Lakeview at Clark St. and Irving Park Rd.

Created in the Spring 2020 semester, Call of the Cauldron is a club dedicated to creating a space for witchcraft and spiritual practitioners no matter their experience level. The club is a safe haven for occultists to talk to one another and share their knowledge and history of witchcraft.

Karel Ramirez, a junior television major and the social media coordinator for Call of the Cauldron, works with crystals and celebrates pagan holidays as part of her spiritual practice which centers around nature.

Ramirez organized the April 29 event as an educational opportunity for members to be aware of rituals surrounding graveyards and how to properly respect gravestones. She got the idea of visiting graveyards with respectful intentions from her mother.

"We are entering a sacred place where it is the resting place of so many people," Ramirez said. "You have to be respectful in that area; it's like entering a church or synagogue. Practicing graveyard etiquette is just for people to know that graveyards are not a scary place, and they are a resting place. You need to be kind and respectful when it comes to entering, but at the same time you need to protect yourself."

Ramirez's advice for graveyard etiquette includes asking spirits for permission to enter the site.

"That permission at times requires you to leave stuff at the entrance of the graveyard, such as alcohol, pennies and coins," Ramirez said. "Some people leave those things on certain graves as a peace offering. It's best to behave in that place."

The graveyard etiquette event helped raise awareness that graveyards are sacred places to visit and celebrate.

"Our goal is to not make graveyards scary," Ramirez said. "We're just trying to erase that stigma."

The club chose the 119-acre

Graceland Cemetery because of its historically rich origins, and it's said to be one of the most haunted locations in Chicago.

A private cemetery since its beginning, Graceland was established in 1860 by Thomas Bryan, a lawyer with a successful Chicago practice. He purchased its original 80 acres and received a perpetual charter from Illinois in 1861, and soon hired prominent landscape architect H.W.S. Cleveland to plan its park-like ambience.

After some negotiation with the township of Lake View's residents, Graceland expanded eastward and northwest to encompass its present size of 119 acres.

### Visiting Graceland

The Chicago Architecture Center sponsors group tours of the Cemetery in the fall. For information call 312-922-8687, or visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org).

One of the most popular self-guided tours is the Chicago Architecture Foundation's "A Walk Through Graceland Cemetery," written by Barbara Lanctot with photographs by Anne Evans. The book, in its 8th printing, is available for purchase at the Graceland office for \$10.

The Chicago History Museum also offers individual and group tours, call 312-642-4600 or visit [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org).

Graceland Cemetery has become the final resting place to many of Chicago's most fascinating and famous residents. It also may host a ghost or two.

"Graceland has a few graves that are notorious for being haunted, and it's such a great location," Ramirez said.

Some members of Cauldron practice "veiling" in graveyards. Veiling refers to the practice of wearing a headscarf to hide one's head or hair to cover their crown chakra, protecting against other energies from interfering with their own.

Carlene Sonnefeldt, a freshman film and television major and member of Call of the Cauldron,

works with Hellenic pantheon deities and is an animist who believes that every object has a soul.

Sonnefeldt said they grew up on summer camp stories of holding your breath while passing a graveyard.

"Generally, don't tread on gravestones, don't be rude, don't litter," Sonnefeldt said.

**"Generally, don't tread on gravestones, don't be rude, don't litter,"**  
*Carlene Sonnefeldt said.*

Alex Kropp, a junior film major and the club's communications director, SOC representative and one of the original founders for Cauldron, is a Wiccan and Satanist who practices witchcraft.

Kropp said they enjoy going to cemeteries to admire the graves and perform seances — practices to communicate with the dead — with fellow Wiccan practitioners.

"Every culture has very specific ways to honor the dead, and that's being respectful of other people's cultures," Kropp said. "You wouldn't go to someone's church and start spray painting the walls."

Kropp said basic etiquette includes not running around and breaking gravestones, avoiding

trespassing into graveyards when they're closed and not littering on the grounds as respect to the dead.

"It's not even about knowledge that you already have. It's learning more in the first place, and knowledge is power," Kropp said.

Alongside working to dismantle stereotypes associated with witchcraft, the club touches on practices such as crystal healing and astrology, while providing educational resources on pagan holidays and the origins of witchcraft and broomsticks.

## Cubs rooftop fundraiser benefiting Police Memorial Foundation

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation [CPMF] is hosting a Cubs rooftop fundraiser 7:05 p.m. July 25 for the Cubs vs. Pirates game.

A \$100 donation gets guests admission to the rooftop, located at 1010 W. Waveland Ave., and unlimited food and drinks. Doors open at 6:05 p.m. and close 30 mins after game ends.

For more information call 312-499-889 or visit [www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org).

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# Police Beat...

## Hit-and-run driver seriously injured a 77-year-old woman on the Magnificent Mile

Chicago police are hoping the public will help them track down the driver who struck and seriously injured a 77-year-old woman on the Magnificent Mile.

The driver of a white Kia Sportage hit the woman in a crosswalk at 618 N. Michigan at 3:53 p.m. June 3, according to a CPD bulletin. That location is outside Grand Lux cafe.

Police said the driver continued heading south on Michigan Ave. after hitting the woman.

According to police, the Sportage may be a 2010 to 2015 model. It had orange tape on the windshield.

Information about the case can be shared with major accident investigators at 312-745-4521. The case number is JF-266482.

## Trio hid in Menard's shopping cart corral, carjacked woman at gunpoint



Sareeah Hickson and Freddrick Jackson are charged with carjacking a woman on the Menard's parking lot in Lincoln Park in Feb. 2022.

Two adults and a juvenile are charged with carjacking a woman at gunpoint outside a Lincoln Park store earlier this year. Chicago police and state troopers arrested the trio on the night of the carjacking, but prosecutors declined to file charges until more investigative work was done, according to statements made during a bail hearing Wednesday.

On the evening of Feb. 27, a 56-year-old woman parked her BMW on the Menard's lot. 2601 N. Clybourn, and went into the store. While she was inside, Freddrick Jackson and his girlfriend, Sareeah Hickson, hid inside covered shopping cart corals near the BMW with a 16-year-old boy and waited for her to come back out, prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto said June 15.

When the woman returned to her car, the juvenile allegedly pointed a handgun at her face and demanded her keys. The woman pushed the gun away and yelled for help. A man and his child came over to assist, but they backed off when the 16-year-old pointed the gun at them, Scaduto continued.

The woman again pushed the gun away from her face, but this time she dropped her key fob and the juvenile picked it up, according to Scaduto. The teen jumped into the BMW's driver's seat as Jackson and Hickson climbed into the two passenger-side doors.

The store's surveillance cameras recorded much of the activity.

State troopers intercepted the hijacked car about 20 minutes later on the Dan Ryan Expressway and the three occupants bailed out of the vehicle after it became stuck in traffic in a shopping mall parking lot. Officers apprehended them.

Police also found a loaded handgun on the ground behind the stolen car.

During interviews with police,

Hickson allegedly told investigators that the group took a train to the North Side and admitted to acting as a lookout, but she didn't know what she was looking out for.

Jackson, however, told police that he knew the juvenile was going to carjack the woman and that he and Hickson were supposed to keep an eye out for police, Scaduto alleged.

Prosecutors rejected felony charges in February because the store's surveillance video was not available, according to a law enforcement source. Instead, Jackson and Hickson were charged with misdemeanor resisting and released on their own recognizance two days after the hijacking, according to CPD records.

Detectives later obtained the store's video and a judge issued warrants for Jackson, Hickson, and the juvenile.

Scaduto said Jackson was adjudicated delinquent of four felonies as a juvenile, including robberies on the CTA Red Line and the Orange Line in 2020. He was convicted of a third robbery from the same year and burglary to auto in 2021, she added.

Hickson, 20, and Jackson, 18, are now charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking.

Jackson's public defender said they live together and have a child on the way.

Judge Barbara Dawkins set bail for Jackson at \$150,000 on June 15. She ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the requisite 10% deposit bond.

Hickson appeared before Judge Kelly McCarthy on Tuesday. McCarthy held her on the arrest warrant's full bond amount of \$400,000.

## Man charged with crashing stolen SUV in Streeterville, has been arrested six times since February



Stanley Bell and a video image of police shadowing the stolen SUV near NBC Tower.

A man who has been arrested five times for misdemeanors since late February stole a man's car and then crashed it in Streeterville when police tried to arrest him June 13, according to prosecutors and CPD records. Unlike his other five arrests, his sixth is for a felony.

Stanley Bell, 18, was ordered held in lieu of \$30,000 bail June 15 by Judge Barbara Dawkins. He must post 10% of that amount to get out of jail.

The owner of a 2020 Chevy Suburban left his keys in the car when he stopped to take some pictures around 1:45 a.m. June 13, prosecutor Steven Haamid said. While he was out of the car, Bell walked up and asked him for a lighter — then hopped into the Suburban and drove away.

The victim immediately reported the car stolen, then started looking for it by following GPS signals. He found the SUV parked outside NBC Tower in Streeterville around 7:45 a.m. Bell was allegedly sleeping in the driver's seat.

Police came to the scene and knocked on the window to wake Bell up and ordered him out of the car, Haamid said. Bell allegedly started the car, accelerated, and jumped the curb, narrowly missing two police officers. Bell continued driving on the sidewalk and eventually crashed into a fire hydrant. All of that was captured on video by an NBC cameraman.

Prosecutors charged Bell with possession of a stolen motor vehicle and two counts of aggravated assault of a

peace officer.

Haamid said Bell had no criminal record. However, CPD arrest records show Bell has been arrested five other times in just over three months, including once last week.

He was arrested for misdemeanor domestic battery on Feb. 27, simple battery on March 21, a warrant on March 25, trespassing at the Hancock Building on May 28, and retail theft in Streeterville on June 9. The outcomes of those cases were not immediately available.

## Uber driver accused of sexually abusing female passenger gets probation

A former rideshare driver who faced allegations of sexually abusing a female passenger on the North Side has been sentenced to probation, according to court records.



Faith Nkereuwem

Prosecutors dropped five other felonies in the plea deal.

A 19-year-old college sophomore hailed an Uber to take her from downtown to her Rogers Park home on Oct. 16, 2020. Almost as soon as she got into the car's back seat, her driver began making inappropriate comments about her beauty, Assistant State's Attorney Kevin Deboni said during a bail hearing for Nkereuwem last April.

At one point, the driver told her he prefers women of her height and weight because he can "pick her up and destroy her," according to Deboni.

As the car traveled north on Lake Shore Dr., the man began touching the woman, then he pulled over at Hollywood and Sheridan and tried to hug, kiss, and get into the back seat with the woman, Deboni alleged.

She started posting the incident on Snapchat, including when the driver asked her to remove her COVID mask so he could see how beautiful she is, Deboni continued.

The driver eventually took her home, where he allegedly grabbed her breast over her clothes. A friend of the woman met her outside because she had texted him for help because her Uber driver was trying to have sex with her, according to Deboni.

Nkereuwem's defense attorney during the bail hearing said he had no criminal background and owned a restaurant that had recently been damaged in a fire, so Nkereuwem was driving Uber to make ends meet. He said Nkereuwem was married and had three children and three foster children.

## Theft of catalytic converters

Chicago police are warning North Side residents of recently reported thefts of catalytic converters in the early morning hours. In each incident, the victim hears a loud sawing noise coming from the street or alley and looks out a window to see offenders under a vehicle were the noise is coming from.

In one incident, the victim confronted the offenders who pointed a handgun at the victim. The offenders then take the catalytic converter and flee in a Silver in color 4-door sedan with a sunroof.

These incidents have occurred in the 4900 block of N. Mozart St., Friday, June 10; 5700 block of N. Campbell St., Friday, June 10; 5400 block of N. Hoyne Ave., Sunday, June 12, and in the 4800 block of N. Winthrop Ave.,



Bank surveillance images show the suspect.

## FBI seeks another serial bank robber after weekend heist in Uptown

The FBI says a man who has robbed a series of banks in the city and suburbs since November struck again in Uptown over the weekend.

At 2:21 p.m. on Saturday, he robbed the Huntington National Bank inside Jewel-Osco, 4355 N. Sheridan, according to an FBI bulletin. His clothing included a Chicago Cubs baseball hat that has the letter "C" all over it.

The same man has robbed at least five other banks, the agency said, including the Huntington National Bank, 4042 W. Foster, at 6:05 p.m. May 10; Fifth Third Bank, 837 W. North Ave., at 5:40 p.m. April 22; Huntington National Bank, 9449 Skokie Blvd. in Skok-

ie, at 5:50 p.m. March 3; Parkway Bank, 39 N. Morgan, at 4:18 p.m. Feb. 18, and BMO Harris Bank, 3113 N. Lewis in Waukegan, at 3:21 p.m. Nov. 24, 2021.

All of the Huntington National Bank locations were inside Jewel-Osco stores.

According to the FBI, the robber is White and between 5'-4" and 5'-10" tall.

They are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads directly to his arrest and conviction. Tips can be shared with the FBI's Chicago Field Office at 312-421-6700.

Sunday, June 12.

The offenders are three male, African Americans, wearing all black and ski masks.

## Lakeview man had fake IDs, credit cards belonging to six people when arrested for shoplifting

What started as a small-time shoplifting complaint turned into something a bit more intriguing at a grocery store in Lakeview. According to police and prosecutors, the accused man was carrying a host of stolen credit cards and fake IDs along with a lock pick set.

Jacob Mallander, 29, already had a theft case pending when cops arrested him at Mariano's, 3030 N. Broadway, shortly before closing time on June 4. Prosecutors said Mallander dropped bags containing \$203 worth of merchandise when a loss prevention officer confronted him. But the guard managed to flag down a passing squad car to arrest Mallander.



Jacob Mallander

As police were processing Mallander's arrest, he gave them a California driver's license with his picture and the name "Jacob Michaels" on it, prosecutors said. Cops ran the driver's license number. It came back to a guy named Tucker Smith.

When police confronted Mallander with the discrepancy, he admitted the ID was fraudulent and gave them his real name and birth day, according to the allegations.

Cops searched his wallet, allegedly finding debit and credit cards issued in the names of six people, a second fraudulent license, and a Tennessee license belonging to another man. Police also recovered the lock pick set, a pry tool, and a leatherman tool, according to CPD records.

Prosecutors charged Mallander with possessing a fraudulent ID card, unlawful possession of more than three credit or debit cards, retail theft, and seven counts of theft of lost or mislaid property.

Judge David Navarro set bail at \$5,000, meaning Mallander must post a \$500 deposit bond to get out of jail on the charges. He also held Mallander without bail for violating the terms of bond in a pending felony theft case.

In that matter, Mallander is accused

of stealing a couch from an Edgewater apartment building's recreation room in Feb. 2020. Prosecutors said he also took a clock and a drill that belonged to the apartment building's management company.

## Walgreens guard who allegedly shot a man in a dispute over gift cards gets 6 years

A Walgreens security guard who allegedly shot a man in the Loop during a dispute over a gift card purchase has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Anthony Silas, 25, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery by discharging a firearm in a plea deal that resulted in prosecutors dropping five counts of attempted murder and seven other felonies, according to court records.

Silas was working as a security guard at the 2 N. State S. store on the evening of July 11, 2020, but prosecutors said he was not licensed to carry a firearm.

During his shift, a 25-year-old man Silas knew from high school entered the store to buy a gift card.

When the victim didn't have enough money to buy the gift card, he asked Silas for some cash to help him make the purchase. Silas agreed to help. But the victim had trouble getting money from an account to repay Silas and walked out of the store, prosecutors said in a bail hearing three days later.

Silas followed him, demanding his money back, and ordering the victim to give him collateral for the loan, according to prosecutors. Increasingly angered, Silas pulled his gun out of its holster, pointed it at the victim from under his vest, and repeatedly said, "someone gonna die today," according to the allegations.

Fearing that he may get shot, the victim gave Silas his earrings, a shopping bag containing merchandise, and his phone. Silas then ordered the victim to unlock the phone while pointing his gun at the victim's back, prosecutors said.

Silas threatened the victim several more times, then shot the victim in his right hip, Murphy said. Silas then fled into a nearby CTA Red Line subway entrance.

Police found Silas a few minutes later as he ran through the Chicago-State Red Line station. He was wearing an empty holster and a vest with the word "security" on it. A gun was

# Man participated in flash mob robberies of Louis Vuitton and Prada stores

BY CWBCHICAGO

On June 13 prosecutors charged a Chicago man with participating in flash mob robberies of the Prada Store on Oak St. in January and Louis Vuitton in Northbrook last year. But there is much, much more to this man's story.

He has four juvenile felony convictions and is on parole for one of them, an armed robbery. He was charged with felony gun possession and driving a stolen car last month, then got out on bail. Prosecutors say he stole another car on June 11 — then got shot a little while later.

It's the second time he's been shot since autumn.

He's 19 and has a 3-year-old.

## Fob-ulous

Tony Simmons' juvenile record includes adjudications of delinquency for aggravated battery and aggravated possession of a stolen motor vehicle in 2019 and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and armed robbery in 2020, prosecutors said. He'll be on parole for the robbery until next July.

On May 3, he was charged in adult court with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and aggravated possession of a stolen motor vehicle, both felonies.

During a bond hearing last month, prosecutors said police found him sleeping inside a Dodge Charger on a McDonald's parking lot after business hours. The license plate on the Charger was stolen from an Infiniti and the Charger was itself stolen, according to the allegations.

When cops looked inside the car, they saw a loaded handgun with an extended magazine wedged between the driver's door and driver's seatbelt buckle next to Simmons, prosecutors said.

Officers broke into the car, secured the gun, and arrested Simmons, who was allegedly carrying \$5,000 cash. In the car's back seat, police found 15 automobile key fobs, according to prosecutors.

Simmons decided to talk openly during the bail hearing.

"I just got shot in the face," he told Judge Mary Marubio. "The only reason I'm doing that is I got shot in the face in November, I mean October."

Marubio set his bail at \$50,000 and ordered him to stay in the house from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. His mother posted his \$5,000 bail deposit the next day.

## Flash mobs

As Simmons appeared in court last month, Chicago police and the FBI were



Tony Simmons (inset) robbed the Louis Vuitton store in Northbrook with eight accomplices.

already looking at him as a suspect in two flash mob robberies of high-end retailers.

On Oct. 5, 2021, Simmons and eight others arrived at the Northbrook Court shopping mall in two cars, said Assistant State's Attorney Steven Haamid. They allegedly forced their way into the mall's Louis Vuitton store by pulling the door open from a security guard's hands and then ran out with loads of merchandise.

Their escape was captured on video.

***Around 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12, Simmons and four accomplices allegedly rolled up to the Prada store, 30 E. Oak, in two stolen cars. They pushed a security guard against the wall and ran out with \$46,000 worth of purses, Steven Haamid said.***

Haamid said the crew took \$70,442 worth of inventory, but three of the stolen handbags were equipped with GPS trackers. Cops found one of the trackers lying next to the Edens Expy. near Northbrook.

They sent the discarded tracker to a crime lab. Simmons' fingerprints were on it, Haamid said.

Around 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12, Simmons and four accomplices allegedly rolled up to the Prada store, 30 E. Oak, in two stolen cars. They pushed a security guard against the wall and ran out with \$46,000 worth of purses, Haamid said. As they escaped, the crew rammed a clothing rack into the security officer. He fell to the floor and injured his wrist.

Investigators used license plate readers and a series of surveillance videos to track Simmons' movements to a convenience store in North Center and then to Riverdale, where footage showed him and

his accomplices unloading the stolen Prada merchandise, Haamid alleged.

Surveillance video from the convenience store helped police identify Simmons and another man who participated in the Prada raid, according to Haamid. The other man, Kahdaffie Green, was charged in February.

Investigators also secured a search warrant for Simmons' cellular records. His phone location tracked to and from both stores and mirrored the movements of the discarded GPS tracker.

## Shot again

On June 11, still on bail for the felony gun and stolen motor vehicle charges from May, Simmons jumped into a woman's car at a South Side gas station and drove away, Haamid continued. The auto theft was caught on video.

A short time later, police responded to a call of a person shot. They found Simmons with a graze wound to his back. They also encountered the woman whose car had just been stolen. She ended up at the shooting scene by following the pings from her phone, which was inside the stolen car. Cops found her phone in a yard, not far from where Simmons was shot, Haamid said.

Police arrested Simmons after he was discharged from the hospital. He is charged with felony counts of robbery, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and aggravated battery of police.

Judge Barbara Dawkins set his bail at \$300,000 cash, meaning he must deposit the full amount to get out of jail. Dawkins noted that state law barred her from holding Simmons without bail because prosecutors didn't ask her to.

## Letters to the Editor

### Jeni's is helping Connors Park take shape

I have been watching Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams improvements in Connors Park take shape. A new wooden façade now somewhat conceals Argo's ghastly quonset hut!

Thank you Thomas J. O'Gorman for documenting how Truluck's is supporting this transformation. And thanks especially to Felicia Dechter for her articles on how Argo Tea first desecrated and then abandoned the park. Sadly, nothing can bring back the graceful pergola and fountain.

Hallie Metzger

### Pick your fights and say your piece

Kudos to Thomas O'Gorman for his [June 8] column about how parts of the Neon City have become 'savage streets.'

The corner of Chicago and State give me a far from "peaceful-easy feelings." Several months back I stopped into Micky D's [McDonald's] on that corner, it was fairly late and there were hardly any customers there.

Two security guards monitored the bathrooms, which were for customers only. I went to use the facilities and one of the guards asked to see my food receipt, which I had thrown away by then.

It was obvious I had been in there as the place was barren and as quiet as dust in a church.

Well he finally relented when a fellow diner verified that he saw me eating my McRib. But I found it off-putting and more than a little over-kill. He misplaced his authority that should have been directed at the gang-banger marauders who don't even buy a small bag of fries, and only run in to attack the restrooms with reckless abandon, and leave.

I also had a similar incident where amidst a group of teens, one of them grabbed my wool hat, and then gave it back only after his girlfriend has chided him. I was angry but thought 'pick your battles' - then moved on.

Mr. O'Gorman is not afraid to address the problem of our "savage streets," and what kind of summer is ahead, indeed...

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The goal of these two events is to foster the health and wellness of Chicago's professional dance community by providing financial support through The Dancers' Fund for preventive health care and critical medical needs.

## Divas strut their stuff at Baton Show Lounge to raise funds for HIV/AIDS

Showcasing Chicago dancers in a night of music, dance, and laughter, Chicago Dancers United presents Dance Divas 2022, a party and performance 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at 6 p.m. and Monday, August 1 at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Baton Show Lounge, 4713 N. Broadway.

A VIP Champagne Reception takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Upstairs Baton Bar. All proceeds benefit The Dancer's Fund and HIV/AIDS initiatives.

Dance Divas is a glamorous night of "high heels and high camp" featuring Chicago's leading professional male dancers impersonating the famous dancing women of stage, screen, and pop music.

Tickets are \$75 on the main floor, \$50 at the bar. The VIP

Champagne Reception tickets are \$125, which includes main floor seating. For more information, visit [chicagodancersunited.org/](http://chicagodancersunited.org/).

They will showcase dancers and companies from all over Chicago for show-stopping glitz and glamour.

The goal of the event is to foster the health and wellness of Chicago's professional dance community by providing financial support through The Dancers' Fund for preventive health care and critical medical needs. Anyone working in or retired from a professional capacity—dancers, technical staff, administrators, choreographers, instructors, accompanists, and more—is eligible.

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## Group attacks man in the middle of Clark St. in Lincoln Park

A group of young people knocked a man to the pavement in a busy Lincoln Park intersection and then kicked, beat, and pummeled him with objects as passersby stopped to watch on a nearby sidewalk. It happened Friday evening, June 17, in the middle of Clark St., just north of North Ave.

Part of the incident was captured on video by an Uber passenger.

Police received a wave of calls about a group of about 10 teenage thugs attacking a man at the intersection around 6:18 p.m. Cops were unable to find the victim, but witnesses told police the group who jumped on him headed into the park and then toward North Avenue Beach.

Video captured by the Uber passenger shows three young men attacking the older man, who is curled up on the pavement, protecting his head. One of the men repeatedly stomps on the man's body and head. Another throws an object that hits the



Still images from a passerby's video show a group of males attacking a man in the street near North Ave. and Clark St. on June 17.

man in the head and bounces to the pavement. He picks the object up and hurls it into the man's head again.

Exactly what preceded the video is not known, nor do we know how long the man was on the ground before the video began.

In the footage, people watch the man being assaulted from the nearby sidewalk. A car passes by. A motor-

cyclist rolls through the frame as if nothing is happening. In some frames you can see a child holding a woman's hand as one of the men runs past them into the park.

Friday's incident unfolded in the same area where several hundred people swarmed the streets last month following a social media "takeover" of North Avenue Beach.

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found in his waistband, and he was carrying the victim's phone and shopping bag, prosecutors said.

A defense attorney disputed prosecutors' allegations and blamed Walgreens for putting Silas "in a position he's not qualified for." He said Silas' supervisor ordered Silas to remove the victim and another person because they were pulling a scam on the store, and the victim later "lunged" at Silas.

Judge Thomas Byrne oversaw the case and sentenced Silas. Illinois Department of Corrections records indicate Silas will be paroled on Aug. 8, 2025.

### Charges filed in eight-on-two Red Line robbery, cops recognized perps' tattoos

On June 16 prosecutors said a 19-year-old man was among eight attackers who beat and robbed two passengers on a Red Line train downtown last month. Investigators linked Travonte King to the crimes after several Chicago cops recognized him in surveillance images, thanks to his distinctive tattoos.

The two victims boarded a CTA Red Line train around 1:45 a.m. and sat across from each other while riding north early on May 27. Along the way, eight people entered their car via the emergency exit.

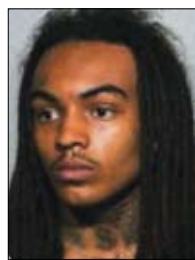
As the train approached Chicago Ave., a member of the group reached into one victim's pockets and took his wallet. The other victim intervened, which caused the entire group to begin punching and kicking the second man, prosecutor LaKeya Duncan said.

She said CTA surveillance video showed King swinging at both victims and taking the second man's watch. King then allegedly went through the first victim's pockets.

Duncan said both victims suffered

bruising and soreness. One of them was treated and released from a hospital.

Investigators distributed images from CTA surveillance videos to police across the city to see if anyone recognized the robbers. A detective and other cops recognized King from "past encounters" because of his distinctive tattoos, Duncan said.



Travonte King

Assistant Public Defender Patrick Shine said King has one child.

Judge Barbara Dawkins set bail at \$80,000, meaning King must pay an \$8,000 deposit to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

Despite the Chicago Police Department's claims that CTA crime is down, robberies and other violent crimes are more frequent during other recent years.

From May 1 through June 9, there were 51 robberies reported on CTA trains, platforms, and stations. That's up from 41 during the same period in 2019 before COVID impacted transit use.

There were 36 robberies during the period last year and 26 in 2020.

### After car was stolen in the Loop, delivery driver falsely claimed his six-year-old was in vehicle to speed up CPD response

After waiting an hour for Chicago police to show up after his car was stolen in the Loop last week, a delivery driver allegedly expedited the CPD response by calling 911 with a new story: His 6-year-old daughter was in the car, too.

That turned out to be a lie and, worse, police found a handgun in his waistband when they arrested him

for making a false report, prosecutors said.

Dimitri Brown, 28, called 911 around 8 p.m. June 13 because his Kia Optima was not where he left it while making a delivery. He waited near the 200 block of N. Garland for an hour, but police never showed up.

So, he allegedly called 911 again with a spicier story. This time, prosecutors say, Brown reported that his 6-year-old daughter was in the car when the thieves stole it. He told officers she had braids and beads in her hair and she was wearing a Minnie Mouse shirt, pink shorts, and pink Crocs, according to police radio traffic monitored by Spot News.

Police began tracking the stolen car by following the GPS location of a tablet that was inside the vehicle, prosecutors said. But the thieves tossed the device out of the car before cops could catch them.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Brown, investigators were talking with his mother and wife. They told police that the 6-year-old was at home with them, safe and sound, prosecutors alleged.

Cops arrested Brown for making a false report. As they patted him down, they allegedly found a loaded handgun in the side of his waistband. While Brown is licensed to own firearms in Illinois, he does not have a concealed carry permit.

Public defender Patrick Shine said Brown is a Foxtrot delivery driver who has two kids, the 6-year-old and a 2-year-old.

Prosecutors charged Brown with making a false report and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. Judge Barbara Dawkins said he could go home by paying a \$300 deposit toward his bail.

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often coordinated violent hit-and-run robberies. After three marijuana store employees were killed in March during three separate robberies in California and Washington State, marijuana industry officials called for Congress to reform banking laws to allow for their businesses to legally accept credit cards and debit cards.

Ironically, while the pot dealers noted the parking lot's value in their own business plan, Martin has been attempting to eliminate another city-owned parking lot nearby at 4715 N. Western Ave. This city-owned surface

parking lot provides parking for those who shop, dine, and use the services of the Lincoln Square Mall. It also provides parking for nearby cultural institutions such as the DANKHaus, the nearby Davis Theater and the Old Town School of Folk Music. That parking lot has also served as space for Lincoln Square's annual festivals, including German Day, Maifest and AppleFest. It also serves as much-needed parking for those who attend the weekly Lincoln Square Farmer's Market, which annually ranks among the city's best-attended.

In addition to Martin and Dordek, Loevy has also contrib-

uted \$500 to 47th Ward Committeeman Paul Rosenfeld and \$1,000 to Jon Stromsta, a judicial candidate supported by Rosenfeld.

In order to open, Loevy and Zaveduk will also need support from the Illinois General Assembly. If Dordek is elected, her support will be crucial to the pot shop being allowed to open.

Loevy's company currently operates 11 marijuana shops in Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Utah. Another location is planned for Benton Harbor, Michigan. The company plans to open 10 stores throughout Illinois.



Chef Erick Williams



Thad Wong



Karen Zupko and Peggy Snorf.



Megan Addington and Jamie Bellingar Demboski.



Russ Goeltenbodt



Taylor Fox and Sherry Lea Fox.



Anthony Rizzo



Chaka Khan

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to break into recording. **Dave Mason, Steve Miller, Elvis Bishop, Chaka Khan, Minnie Riperton.** All went on to wide celebrity for their brilliant work. I was also reminded that **Jackie Wilson, Natalie Cole, the Rolling Stones, and the Yardbirds** all recorded here. I am grateful for the correspondent's connection to that brilliant era.

**SERVICE CLUB:** **Julia Jacobs, Whitney Reynolds, Bethany Florek and Anne Schwartz Sherrill** at the Four Seasons for Grant Recipient night. It's a great moment in Chicago philanthropy. One that really strengthens the work of Chicagoans helping others.

**RIVER NORTH:** Although **Anthony Rizzo** is a Yankee now, his eponymous bar and inn will be opening a second location at 437 N. Rush in the former Phil Stefani's, according to a city liquor license application.

**LIVE SHOW:** **Russ Goeltenbodt** had a fantastic night at the Skokie Theater with his show **LIVE @ 65.** The Skokie Theater is his home in his hometown. Always great going home.

**BRONZEVILLE:** **Holly Du Pont** with **Eric Williams, Manny Williams, Dawn Lee and Darsandra McBride-Williams** at the Bronzeville Winery, finally making it to their brother's new restaurant. A fine dining experience on the South Side where the food was amazing, and meeting the Chef said it all.

**NO NUGGETS:** Golden Nugget Pancake House closed in Old Irving Park after 52 years, leaving neighbors 'heartbroken.' The neighborhood's Golden Nugget, once a 24-hour spot, closed last Sunday after struggling with slower sales and finding workers. The Great Retirement is real folks.

**LOOP:** A three-story commercial building with space for a large restaurant and outdoor dining deck overlooking Michigan Ave. is in the works for 151 N. Michigan Ave.

**IRENE IN NEW YORK:** **Suzanne Tripoli** with **Kathy Masone and Gerard Esposito** at Don't Tell Mama NYC for **Irene Michaels Show** there. Awesome night for songstress Irene.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Mother of the groom, **Sherry Lea Fox**, just walked her son down the aisle in San Juan Capistrano, CA, where **Catherine and Taylor Fox** were wed... **Gold Coasters Karen Zupko and Mr. Mike** at family wedding, **Maryam and Sola's** nuptials in Ravello, on the Italian Riviera, an elegant and joyous celebration. The weather



Alison Krauss

gods cooperated. Villa Eva was a magical location... My cousins **Michael and Lynn Hickey Ciuchta**, in Monterosso, Cinque Terre, Italy... **John Dunn** at the **Robert Plant** and (Champaign, Illinois-born) **Alison Krauss** concert at Millennium Park, nearby was this newspapers' art director **Sheila Swann.** And yes, Plant can still sing... **Rhonda J. Liesenfelt** in Seville, Spain seeing history unfolding everywhere... **Patrick Lynch** and **JD Wilson** in NYC at the Netherlander Theater seeing **Moulin Rouge**... **Heather Farley** is at **Piccolo Sogno** for some heavenly Italian... **Jeffrey Banks** and **Peter Martino** in NYC for lunch with supermodel **Brian Buzzini** who stars in the new documentary, "All Man: The International Male Story," debuting at the Tribeca Film Festival... **Bobbi Panter, Sherrill Bodine, Wynniss Mackie and Melissa Babcock** at the Ritz. Ok it's Wednesday but the Monday Night Posse is finally together again (missing one)... **Bernard Dunleavy** in San Sebastian, Spain at Playa de la Concha... **Megan Addington and Jamie Bellingar Demboski** at Tortoise Supper Club... **Eileen Harmon Junkins** reports her youngins, **Marty and Maggie**, are hanging out in Rome with a bunch of friends, and the **Pope**... **Shelley Howard** doing the return to the homeland with the lads for dinner at 108. Tavern Thursday with **Tony Fitzpatrick, Dennis Donn, Fernando Asturizaga, Norman Friedman, Larry Wright and Ron March**... The **Brothers Samurai** are finally rising 8th graders at Francis Parker to the delight of **Ikram Goldman**... **Janet Owen** with **Leslie Kennedy** at Woman's Athletic Club. Fun having a Ladies Lunch for dear friend **Nancy van Deuren** visiting from Palm Beach... **Libby Lamb Lucas and Larry Lucas** at Ocean Front Golf Course, Florida... visiting Chicago was **Marc Joseph Sievers**, and just like that, the gang is back together... **Paula Borg** says son, **Ben**, will do a summer of economics at the Univ. of Chicago, like dad... **Father Jerry Boland** still on sabbatical, now viewing the treasures of the ancient world

in Egypt on the lookout for Moses... **Peggy Snorf and Karen Zupko** both back in Chicago and celebrating at Osteria del Pasta... Birthday joy to Gibson's Steakhouse's wonderful **Carol Gipson**... **Dr. Joaquin Brieva and Jennifer Sutton Brieva** champs for getting so many Chicagoans out to walk or run in support of efforts for critical kidney transplants... **Hamptons' newsy Marsin Mogielski** cocktailing in the elegance of the Empire State's glow... **Bon Voyage** to architect **Lucien Lagrange** ready for some summer time in France... **Ken Norgan** on Kungsholmen Island at Sigtuna, Sweden's oldest town... I just missed Maestro **Stanley Paul** and his RL lunch posse, **Mamie Walton, Biba Roche, Myra Reilly and Linda Heistler**, though **Peter Axelson** had everything under control.

**VROOM:** **Tom Cooney** was just a passenger in a 2022 "M5 Competition," with a professional driver who was trying to terrify him, but no dice. He just chatted amiably about the car's technical performance with his likes and dislikes. "The rear end is a little loose, don't you think." Cool as a

cuke.  
**CABARET QUEEN:** Bravo to our very own **Denise Tomasello** whose return to the stage defines the true music professional. Her performance was graceful and endearing. Her tunes rapturous. And her fans were jumping for joy.

**MARKET OPTIMISM:** **Thad Wong** of @properties was superb in his financial observations recently on **Maria Bartiromo's** Fox Business Network morning show, reenforcing what many believe is his genius for critical financial thinking. His analysis of the current global real estate markets, and his remarkable confidence in Christie's International Real Estate, demonstrated an optimism we need to hear. Bravo Thad.

**TASTE:** Saturday, July 23, 3:30 p.m., Taste of Lincoln Ave., Wrightwood and Lincoln in Lincoln Park.

**When I figured out how to work my grill, it was quite a moment. I discovered that summer is a completely different experience when you know how to grill.**

- Taylor Swift

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dustrial properties with a value of about \$2.9 billion since Berrios took office—winning assessment reductions of \$756 million.

• Thomas C. Hynes, 1978-1997. A physics teacher from the Beverly neighborhood on Chicago's Far Southwest Side who dressed like a Harvard professor, Hynes had a long political career.

Hynes served as 19th Ward Democratic Committeeman, and was president of the Illinois Senate. Intelligent and erudite Hynes

was elected assessor in 1978, and reelected five times.

In 1979, Hynes gave this reporter an award for "explaining the mysteries and complexities" of the Cook County assessment system for a series of Chicago Sun-Times articles I wrote as real estate editor.

This writer liked Hynes for his intellect. His deputy assessor, Dick Vanecko, was a knowledgeable man who happened to be married to one of Mayor Richard J. Daley's daughters.

In 1987, Hynes ran against in-

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cumbent Chicago Mayor Harold Washington, the city's first Black mayor. Later, Hynes withdrew to avoid splitting the White vote with two other candidates—Democrat Edward Vrdolyak and Republican Don Haider.

**When Houlihan took office, residential properties were undervalued. Rather than remedying this, which would have led to higher taxes for many, he kept rates artificially low, which may explain why he was assessor for 14 years.**

• James Houlihan, 1997-2010. Houlihan was a protégé of Hynes, serving as a deputy assessor. He was appointed assessor after Hynes resigned from serving 18 years in the post. In 1972, Houlihan was elected as Illinois state representative and reelected in 1974.

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Critics said Houlihan operated outside of professional appraisal standards. He skewed residential values so low that it severely uncalibrated the county's property tax system.

Ironically, Houlihan was a rival of Berrios, who then was serving as a Cook County Board of Review member, and later ascending to the assessor's post.

**Home-loan rates surge on inflation fears**

Worries about soaring inflation, and a sharp rate increase by the Federal Reserve Board forced home-loan lenders to hike interest charges.

On June 15, Fed policymakers raised its key interest rate by 0.75% of one percentage point—the largest bump since 1994. The Fed's funds rate range now stands at 1.5% to 1.75%, and policymakers forecast a doubling of that range by the end of 2022.

The large rate hike came after recent data showed the U.S. inflation rate rose to a four-decade high of 8.6%—far above the Fed's target rate of 2%.

"We thought strong action was warranted at this meeting, and we delivered that," said Fed chairman Jerome Powell. Analysts said the Fed is struggling with a strong labor market and soaring gasoline and energy prices that have been aggravated by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine.

As a result, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported on June 16 that benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan rates rose to an average of 5.78% from 5.23% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging an average of 2.93% for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

Rates on 15-year fixed home loans averaged 4.81% on June 16, up from 4.38% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging an average of 2.24% for 15-year fixed-rate loans.

"Mortgage rates surged as the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage moved up more than half a percentage point, marking the largest one-week increase in our survey since 1987," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"These higher rates are the

result of a shift in expectations about inflation and the course of monetary policy," Khater said. "Higher mortgage rates will lead to moderation from the blistering pace of housing activity that we have experienced coming out of the pandemic, ultimately resulting in a more balanced market."

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

**Loan deals still available**

Chicago-area borrowers who wake up and get off the fence still have a chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of June 16, reports RateSeeker.com.

• First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 4.6% on 30-year loans and 3.95% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

• Mutual of Omaha was quoting 4.933% on 30-year loans and 4.499% on 15-year mortgages with a 20% down payment and a \$850 loan fee.

• Liberty Bank was quoting 5.5% on a 30-year loan and 4.375% on a 15-year mortgage with 20% down and a loan fee of \$646.

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

**Uptown Library back open**

The Uptown Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 929 W. Buena Ave., has now reopened after being closed for just under two months for some much-needed repairs and upgrades.

The library closed April 25 for routine maintenance, that included new paint and carpeting, and replaced lighting.

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**North Township Real Estate For Sale**

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| <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>222222</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE FW SERIES I TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. MOHSEN JALILVAND; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ANDREW ESTIGOY; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FARNAZ JALILVAND; RICHARD HUANGATE, AS SOLE MEMBER OF HUNGATE REAL ESTATE VENTURES, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 21 CH 3697</p> <p>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 19, 2022 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 111 West Maple Street Unit</p> | <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>1712, Chicago, IL 60610. P.I.N. 17-04-422-039-1205.</p> <p>The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile &amp; Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512. ILF2106017 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com <b>13196253</b></p> <p>151515</p> <p>080808</p> <p><b>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</b></p> |
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**Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale**

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| <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>222222</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE3 Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF ELAINE MOULTON, PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GARNET BLUE, ALVIN BLUE, JR., DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ELAINE MOULTON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2021 CH 00672 5415 N. SHERIDAN RD, UNIT 5009 CHICAGO, IL 60640</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 14, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5415 N. SHERIDAN RD, UNIT 5009, CHICAGO, IL 60640</p> <p>Property Index No. 14-08-203-017-1653</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$173,668.61.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor</p> | <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8281.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation</p> | <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago IL, 60606</p> <p>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ljleadings@johnsonblumberg.com">ljleadings@johnsonblumberg.com</a> Attorney File No. IL 20 8281 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2021 CH 00672 TJSC#: 42-1917</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Case # 2021 CH 00672 <b>13196635</b></p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7 Plaintiff, vs. DIANE GOTTlieb, IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants 2021 CH 04293 4250 N Marine Dr #425 CHICAGO, IL 60613</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 13, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4250 N Marine Dr #425, CHICAGO, IL 60613</p> <p>Property Index No. 14-16-301-041-1540</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a condominium.</p> | <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>The judgment amount was \$101,517.06.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. 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RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; MARISOL RIVERA AKA MARISOL R. RIVERA; BILLY RIVERA; JOHN RIVERA; TONY RIVERA; JOHN JACK LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE</p> | <p><b>Real Estate For Sale</b></p> <p>OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 662</p> <p>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 Monday, July 11, 2022 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: P.I.N. 14-06-215-020-0000. Commonly known as 6129 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660.</p> <p>The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 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.</p> <p>For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-1140 ADC</p> <p>INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com <b>13195846</b></p> <p>080808</p> |
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move by General Iron from Lincoln Park to a Latino-majority South Deering neighborhood drew protests and a formal civil rights complaint with federal housing officials. Community organizers asked the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to determine whether their rights were violated as defined by the Fair Housing Act.

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the suit if the denial remains in place.

General Iron was one of the last major pieces of an industrial corridor that for a century once thrived on the North Branch of the Chicago River. Over the years, other companies, including Morton Salt, Proctor & Gamble, Turtle Wax, and Finkl Steel, relocated.

In May, 2021 the proposed

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# A Midsummer Night's Dream coming to North Side parks

Midsummer Flight's A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed free in five Chicago Parks District parks from July 15 – Aug. 21, under the direction of the company's founding Artistic Director Beth Wolf.

The beloved comedy will be performed in five Chicago parks: two weekends in Lincoln Park; and one weekend each in Gross Park, Touhy Park, Lake Meadows Park, and Chicago Women's Park and Gardens. New for 2022 will be the addition of Friday evening performances along with the company's traditional Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon showtimes.

The show concerns young lovers who must fight stubborn and controlling fathers as well as the magic of mischievous fairies on their way to marriage to their true loves. A band of amateur actors have their own problems and add



Since the program's inception in 2012, over 27,000 Chicagoans have taken advantage of Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks. This photo is from Loyola Park 2013. Photo by Julie Stanton

to the general confusion. Magic, marriages, and music mix to form a comedy for the ages.

Midsummer Flight has become one of Chicago's most highly re-

garded producers of free summer Shakespeare. It is presented as part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks series, admission is free, but donations

## Show schedule

Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. North Side venue dates vary by week:

- July 15, 16, 17: Lincoln Park, 2045 N. Lincoln Park West
- July 22, 23, 24: Gross Park, 2708 W. Lawrence
- July 29, 30, 31: Lincoln Park, 2045 N. Lincoln Park West
- Aug. 19, 20, 21: Touhy Park, 7348 N. Paulina

comedy Twelfth Night indoors, in the Lincoln Park Conservatory, each holiday season, from 2015 to 2021.

Audiences are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic to enjoy during this free programming. Reservations are not required but will be available on the company's website in June for audience members who wish to receive event reminders, last minute weather cancellation information, COVID updates, and more. Seating is first come, first served, and audience members can bring their own blankets or chairs. Show information on website at [www.midsummerflight.com](http://www.midsummerflight.com), including detailed schedule and info about directions and parking at each park.

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# CPS kickback scandal started in Uptown, now spreading

A federal fraud case involving employees of the Chicago Public Schools [CPS] is expanding, a scheme involving attempts to allegedly falsify orders for school supplies to provide iPhones, iPads and prepaid gift cards to school officials for personal use.

The ongoing investigation has implicated a former Uptown grade school principal - Sarah Jackson Abedelal - and two of her underlings, who have been charged in a separate indictments.

Debra Bannack, 62, of Schaumburg, has been charged with three counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud as part of a widespread scheme at Brennemann El-

ementary, 4251 N. Clarendon Ave., which was allegedly orchestrated by Abedelal.

Ashley Beard, 34, a business clerk at Caldwell Math and Science Academy on the South Side has now been charged with two counts of wire fraud in the scam that started at Uptown's Brennemann Elementary School in March 2019.

The former assistant principal at Brennemann, Jennifer McBride, and the school's former business manager, William Jackson, are also facing charges.

Federal prosecutors allege Bannack and the CPS employees fraudulently misappropriated approximately \$75,000 in CPS

funds.

Abedelal was initially charged in 2021 after federal authorities alleged she authorized overtime for school employees and then collected back that cash for her own use.

After approving the phony overtime pay, Abedelal told employees to withdraw the overtime funds in cash on the day their checks were deposited. Then the employees were instructed to give Abedelal the cash in her office or in a school classroom, the indictment alleges.

Prosecutors claimed she collected some \$200,000 through an overtime scheme be-

tween 2012 and 2019 under the guise that it would be used for school expenses.

Abedelal was the principal of Brennemann until 2019, when the CPS inspector general began investigating reports of wrongdoing.

According to the charges, after investigators visited Brennemann in March 2019, McBride directed Abedelal "to buy a 'burner' phone" so that they could conceal their communications from the inspector general.

Abedelal has pleaded not guilty.

Brennemann serves just over 400 prekindergarten through eighth grade students.

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filling the gap between the bike path and outside lane.

The city is also giving some local businesses a few of their customer parking spaces back, after city planners drastically reduced street parking last year, with little to no warning for those who were most impacted.

But oddly, while big corporate Fortune 500 pizza is getting their parking spaces back [Domino's Pizza, 5912 N. Clark St.]; customers of the 'shop small, shop local' independently-owned George's Pizza still can't park in front of his popular 'carry-out-only' pizza parlor at 6221 N. Clark St.

And perhaps the most glaring oversight may be the city's apparent lack of interest in the most dangerous intersection along that stretch.

Due to an unfortunate design by misguided city planners, ever since a bike lane was added to the east side of Clark St., the stop light at Granville has turned into a drag strip.

When the light turns from red to green, northbound cars hit the gas to try and get through a section of roadway 100-yards ahead that was narrowed from two lanes to one. Flimsy rubber bollards jut progressively out into Clark St. and provide poor protection for bikers in the northbound bike lane, and a quickly narrowing traffic lane of confusion for drivers.

In one year the intersection has become the center of cursing, shouting and one-finger salutes on the North Side, as only one car can win the game of chicken that plays out every 3 or 4 minutes with each change



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of the light.

And with the Chicago Fire Dept. stations 59 and 70 sitting on the south end of the mess, and the 24th District Police station on the north end, the chaotic street configuration is now jeopardizing public safety as well, blocking traffic in both directions for emergency vehicles, as the cars in front are hemmed in with no place available to 'pull to the right for sirens and lights.'

This intersection also has the highest proportion of people double-parking in bus and bike lanes each day, as the parents of

Hayt School's students vie for illegal parking spots in bike lanes waiting to pick up their children.

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the street.

Toss in the parents of the 1,100 students at Hayt School and you have danger all around. Every time the school crossing guards step out into traffic their life is be-

ing threatened.

The only suggestion offered by aldermen Osterman or Andre Vasquez [40th] was adding more signage, hoping people will learn to slow down, and maybe putting in a speeding camera.

Meanwhile the bigger question over the proper location, and safest layout for bike paths remains unsolved.

Both aldermen promised to encourage more ticketing and towing as well. And there may be more ticketing, but city crews can expect a lot of growling if they think they're going to tow momma bear and her minivan away when she's waiting to pick up her cubs from school.

What is certain is that accidents happen. And will continue to happen, no matter how much safety city planners believe they can build into their designs.

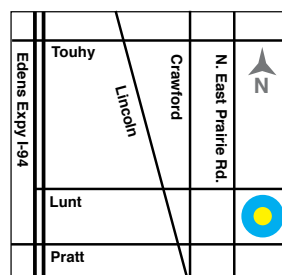
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