

I learned a long time ago
that reality was much weirder
than anyone's imagination.

— Hunter S. Thompson

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Public open house in Uptown Aug. 7 over plans for N. Lake Shore Dr.

City and state officials are hosting an open house to discuss future plans for N. Lake Shore Dr. and other related Lakefront improvements. The open house will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 8, at Truman College, in the main building cafeteria, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

The Illinois and Chicago departments of transportation are inviting the public to attend to hear about future improvements coming to U.S. 41 from Grand Ave., north to Hollywood Ave.

Interested parties may email comments to the project team at info@ndlsd.org. Although written input on the project is accepted at any time, comments received by Sept. 9, will be included as part of the official record for this meeting.

Since the last public meeting opportunity, the project team has evaluated the five remaining multimodal alternatives through

environmental reviews, technical analyses, and community input. The Recommended Preferred Multimodal Roadway Alternative reflects the results of these reviews, and analyses.

The open house will feature staffed exhibit areas to share and discuss the analyses and proposed project features as well as an audio-visual presentation that will be shown continuously.

Exhibits will review the five finalist roadway alternatives presented earlier, along with their evaluation results, the Recommended Preferred Multimodal Roadway Alternative, and recommended Lakefront Improvements for people walking, biking, and taking transit to, from, and within the north lakefront corridor and Lincoln Park.

Project team members will be present to discuss the project and answer questions.

No reservation is required.

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coming soon, see page 9**

City Council to deputize resident finks to rat-out their neighbor

Several North Side aldermen on July 17 introduced in City Council, and now support, a new ordinance that may end up turning neighbor against neighbor.

The amendment, introduced by Ald. Daniel La Spata [1st], to the Municipal Code (Chapter 9-108) has added a new "Section 9-108-025" establishing a public enforcement pilot program for citizens to submit recorded evidence of covered parking of-fense violations. The stated purpose of the program will be to empower the public to submit recorded evidence of covered offenses to the city, which they will use in enforcement of various violations.

That is, the sponsors of this legislation want to deputize residents to record and then turn-in their

neighbors with evidence the city can use for the ticketing of other resident's parking and traffic violations.

The amendment is co-sponsored by aldermen Andre Vasquez [40th], Timmy Knudsen [43rd], Matt Martin [47th], Ruth Cruz [30th], Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] and Bennett Lawson [44th].

Like all ticketing, the adjudication of civilian ticketing will be done within the city's Dept. of Administrative Hearings, not in Cook County Courts, which would have meant the city would have had to share the fines they collect with Cook County.

The proposal calls for the city and Chicago police to adopt rules as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the evidence

provided by deputized neighborhood rat finks.

"We co-sponsored several new laws on pedestrian and traffic safety, including an ordinance that allows for resident-reported bike lane violations," said Ald. Vasquez in his weekly newsletter. The city has established a working group "to explore changing Chicago's fees and fines system to make it more equitable," and an ordinance that would reduce the city-wide default speed limit to 25-mph. "The first two passed City Council, while the speed limit reduction was sent to [the] rules committee. We'll continue to work toward its passage, as we know lower speed limits save lives," he said, without defining exactly what "equitable" referred to.

Ex-county spokesman says he was illegally fired for not helping politically

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The former communications director for one of the three members of the Cook County panel responsible for reviewing property tax assessments has filed suit against his ex-boss, claiming Cook County Board of Review Cmsr. Samantha Steele fired him for questioning what he said was an attempt to use the Chicago Bears' tax assessment dispute to enhance her "political profile."

On July 2, Frank Calabrese filed a lawsuit in Chicago federal court taking aim at Steele and her chief deputy, Dan Balanoff. The lawsuit also names as defendant the Cook County Board of Review.

"Steele's actions regarding the

Chicago Bears' tax appeal appeared to prioritize her own political profile and vanity over adherence to Board of Review [BOR] protocols," said Calabrese in a statement released at the time the lawsuit was filed. "After I raised concerns, retaliation followed swiftly."

Steele has publicly stated the lawsuit is filled with "falsities," but she said she would decline further comment at the advice of her legal counsel.

Steele has served in the office of Cook County BOR commissioner for the county's District 2 since 2022. District 2 includes much of the North Side and northeastern Cook County. According to the complaint, Calabrese had worked in Steele's District 2 office as Steele's communications

director since Dec. 2022.

The relationship between Calabrese and Steele allegedly soured beginning in January when Steele allegedly asked Calabrese to draft a memorandum discussing the Chicago Bears' appeal of the tax assessment for the team's proposed stadium redevelopment at the former Arlington Park.

The appeal centered on a dispute between the Bears and various taxing bodies in and around Arlington Heights over the taxable value of the currently vacant land. The Bears had sought an assessment of no more than \$70 million; the taxing districts, however, said taxes should be levied based on an assessment of \$160 million.

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Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain will be flowing again Aug. 16

It seems years since the Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain was flowing. That may be because it has been four years since it was flowing.

For perspective, the four years it took to repair the popular landmark fountain is about as long as it took to rebuild the Chicago Loop after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District [MWRD] blamed supply chain issues.

But now the repair project appears to finally be done as the work is nearing completion.

The Fountain was built in 1989 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the creation of the MWRD - which among other efforts to clean up an emerging city built on a swamp, was to mark the reversing of the flow of the Chicago River.

After the 1871 fire, Chica-

go suddenly become the fastest growing urban center in the world. With population growth came sewage, which was being dumped into the river and flowing into the city's freshwater source - Lake Michigan - which became polluted. That situation brought disease and illnesses to the city.

Thanks to a great feat of engineering lead by Ellis S. Cheshbrough and his colleagues, sewer systems were built throughout the city. Then in 1889 the river was reversed using engineered canal locks to change the direction of the flow away from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River. Today the Chicago river still moves in the opposite direction.

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's grandson, Dirk Lohan, was commissioned to design the fountain next to the river at McClurg Ct., where it became an instant hit.



The Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain and Water Cannon.

But then it broke.

Well now the landmark water cannon was just successfully tested on July 16, and in the next two weeks the rest of the fountain will be tested and cleaned.

Those who have lived here long

enough may recall the fountain on the North Bank of The Chicago River, and remember the water arc that fires off every hour on the hour. In 1988 the MWRD awarded a contract to the Blinderman Construction Company

of Northbrook for \$3.65 million to build the cannon that would shoot an eight-story arc of water over the River at the mouth of the lakefront. Along with the cannon, a fountain was also built at the site to celebrate the centennial of the MWRD.

Originally, the MWRD said that they were going to have the fountain up and running by early August, but then they said they were going to wait until September to have a ceremony. But when Nick's daughter Elizabeth Melas decided to have her own event on Aug. 16, that seems to have put a fire under the fountain fixers. "To my surprise, I received a call [July 16] from the MWRD that they would like to work with me on an official ceremony on Friday, August 16," said Melas in an email to fans of the fountain.

When you pull out a shotgun everybody runs



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I think I'd like to get a gun. Own one. Hold one. Use one.

Although history tells us that artists and pistols don't mix. Didn't help Caravaggio. Anybody remember Vincent van Gogh? Bad shot. Pablo Picasso, on the other hand, was a sharpshooter. Go figure.

I want the gun cuz I don't believe this Chicago mayor, Brandon Johnson, is repairable. Too inept. He's a distinguished graduate of the Tony Preckwinkle school of "Keep your mouth shut" and "Do what you're told." The motto of the Cook County Board.

Perhaps the T II Armory 500 Bushwhacker is for me, advertised everywhere as the largest handgun in the world. Do you suppose it would hide under my blazer?

Or the Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 629 might

do the trick for me. It's big, but a bit more tailored. Might fit under my tux.

I also want the gun because if history has taught us anything, it's better to protect yourself, no one is going to rescue you.

When seconds matter the police will be there in 15 minutes to put up the crime tape.

There's no cop in shining armor.

What's more, looking to the future, nothing good is gonna come out of this Democratic National Convention when Chicago Police try to maintain order with ostrich plumes and their iPhones.

For that I might need the famed "Desert Eagle," renowned for chambering the largest centerfire pistol cartridge of any magazine-fed autoloading pistol. Maybe this is more balanced. More elegant. No survivors with this baby. The best restaurants would be eager to serve me.

That's pretty essential information. Right now Chicago restaurateurs are arming themselves with concealed weapons. They have the licenses. They didn't go that far under Al Capone and Frank Nitti. Those guys only shot each other.

Have you spoken with any restaurateurs? No bad guy is even gonna get a chance to quick draw on an eatery boss. They're gonna be belly up in the Crepe Suzettes. Floundering in the chili. Ankle deep in buckets of frozen gelato.

Mayor Johnson should realize that Chicago is a restaurant town. We all have our favorite places where the fried chicken is perfect. Where the old fashioned spaghetti is twirl-able. Where the Mous-saka is first rate and the cheese is on fire.

We have our favorite waiters who can sense us before we walk in the door. They make us feel at home. Cozy. Safe. Trading a lifetime of stories, and dinner suggestions.

We don't want anyone threatening any of them. So we'd better learn to shoot the eye out of a Spinach Gnocchi from across the room.

The NRA, hilariously says "Size Matters." They promote the

world's largest handguns. But I'm concerned that here in Chicago your gun is also a fashion statement. Too big? Too gauche.

Perhaps I should look at the Bond Arms Cowboy Defender .45LC/410GA Derringer 3-inch, two-round BACD? Very discreet, and packs a punch.

But closer examination of our urban condition makes me feel this is not an area open for discussion.

I'm not interested in Preckwinkle's master plan to maintain "Law & Order." If she had two ideas rattling around in her noggin she'd have one of her marionettes acting it out. She'd have the mayor in a wig. She'd have the embattled, embarrassing State's attorney, Kim Foxx, try to turn it into a judicial mandate for the courts to maintain. She'd have some wanna be Circuit Court Judges singing out praise for her solution.

But alas, like the murder of Chicago's first police fatality, Constable James Quinn, back in 1853, the wheels of justice need some vital human assistance. Do you recall what transpired then?

Chicago's Mayor Long John Wentworth deputized an army of police deputies to search through the riverfront array of taverns for the cop-killer. The killer owned a tavern. With torches, weapons and I'm sure a few pitchforks, the army of deputies searched everywhere for the killer till they found him. Many taverns perished in the flames of fires that could not be quenched. In no uncertain terms they underscored the point - "No one kills a cop and gets away with it."

Constable Quinn, by the way, still remains buried in the Gold Coast on the grounds of the Cardinal Archbishop's residence on State Pkwy. Now no longer his residence. The land was part of the Catholic Cemetery back in 1853.

Quinn was never disinterred when graves were cleared for construction. He is a great reminder of a cosmic justice. And Mayor Wentworth's outrage also stands as a powerful expression of civil living. He did clean up the river-

front. And later brought the first Republican National Convention to Chicago in 1860. Illinois' Abraham Lincoln received the party's nomination for president on the eve of the Civil War.

I'd like to think that the people of Chicago have reached their acceptable limits on felony murder, child killing, maiming, armed robbery, carjackings and restaurant pillaging. Have the last 40 years removed all preventative acts of urban mayhem and social disorder? Are there any deterrents to the plague of murderous assaults that reach deep into our schools, our churches, our public transportation, driving our children to school, and ability to walk on the pavements of Chicago?

But the addition of a weapon does not necessarily restore the moral order. Or create more nourishing environments for domestic living. But the alternatives seem beyond the scope of human reason. Does that make sense Mayor Johnson? President Preckwinkle? State's Attorney Foxx?

I'm not a bad shot. The contact lenses help. But at times my depth perception is off. The remedy, I've been told, is to have a weapon I can control. But also one that packs a tremendous power of discharging thunder at impact. Something that can splatter a Gnocchi and take out the wall behind it as well. After all, this is not a duel. This is a personal Hiroshima. A wallop wrapped in the flames of rational outrage and irrational fear.

So I'm thinking the 12 gauge Winchester Super X Pump shotgun or the Mossberg Maverick 88. When you pull out a shotgun everyone runs.

To paraphrase W.B. Yeats, what strange beast slinks toward this piteous site and is released in the sad medieval tale of woe?

I know, let's get the the Smith & Wesson Model 29. That was the iconic revolver carried by Inspector "Dirty Harry" Callahan, who took care of San Francisco's bad guys back in 1971.

RESTAURANT ROBBERIES: Sheer numbers for felony robberies are higher, now, than any time in Chicago history. After the James Beard Award-winning Lula's Cafe in Logan Square was hit by the urban bandits, now comes word that Piccolo Sogno, Chicago's finest Italian restaurant, at Halsted and Grand, has also been a recent victim. Is Chicago gearing up to confront our crime-loving Mayor **Brandon Johnson**? But many are also shifting blame to State's Attorney **Kim Foxx** who has enabled thieves and robbers, preventing proper prosecution. And incarceration, yet gets felony charges thrown at her root beer thrower. These two have out worn their welcome.

CUBAN COMET: A monument for White Sox great **Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso**, who passed away on March 1, 2015, was unveiled at Chicago's historic Graceland Cemetery during a private dedication.

TRANSITION: After Seven Years, S.K.Y. is leaving Pilsen for the North Side. Chef **Stephen Gillanders** is bringing his restaurant to the Lincoln Park space where Intro Chicago and L20 stood.

RALPH LAUREN: RL has acquired some new men in the know. First, keeping an eye on the umbrella-ed patio is **Anthony Jesus Lorza** who excels at well-spoken Ralph Lauren-ease. And then there's U of I's **Nicholas Holland** all prepped in blazer and striped tie with command of the podium. Both men set a refined tone and elegant displayed demeanor.

FRENCH NATIONAL DAY: **Maria Pappas** reminds us what a memorable evening celebrating Bastille Day is, especially at the reception hosted by Consul General of France, **Monsieur Yannick Tagand**. Bastille Day, also known as French National Day, is the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789, as well as the Fête de la Fédération that celebrated the unity of the French people on July 14, 1790. Vive la France.

30 YEARS: July 9 marked 30 years since the passing of **Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson**. His teachings continue to inspire and guide us, and his insights remain as fresh and relevant as if they were given today. His teachings emphasized love for all humanity, outreach, and the importance of education and good deeds.

FLOORBALL: The Addingtons of Marina City's Tortoise Club are kicking it up. **Megan Addington** in Prague, Czech Republic for the National Championship Youth Bulldogs floor ball competition at the Prague Games Summer 2024 with Floor Ball Chicago Team, now a two-time National Champ that husband, **Keene Addington**, coaches and inspires. Teams in Chicago and across the USA sing his praise.

NEW BOOKSTORE: Semi-colon Bookstore owner **Danielle Mullen** has opened her new location in the Wrigley Building Bookstore on Mag Mile replete

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North Side home-sales gains beat the rest of city



The Home Front

by Don DeBart

Despite lofty mortgage interest rates, North Side existing home sales in the second quarter of 2024 beat residential marketing activity in the rest of the city of Chicago.

Sales activity rose 4.1% across the North Side despite mortgage interest rates generally at 7% or more, combined with steadily rising home prices and a continuing shortage of available homes, according to the Chicago North Side Market Report, an analysis prepared quarterly by Mary Jo Nathan of Baird & Warner's North Center office at 4037 N. Damen Ave.

The comprehensive report tracks sales of detached single-family and attached condos and townhomes in the neighborhoods of Edgewater, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side/Gold Coast, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

"North Side sales of homes, condos and townhomes totaled 2,839 units for the second quarter, reversing a -5.6% decline in the prior quarter," Nathan said.

The strong residential marketing rebound created a modest 0.4% increase in unit sales for the first half of this year. However, because of a shortage of listings the number of residences for sale at the end of June, sales activity declined -4.3% from one year earlier, Nathan noted.

The time needed for a home sold in the quarter to find a buyer fell to 55 days from 61 a year earlier, and the second-quarter median home price for the North Side gained 6.2% to \$430,000.

Overall, the North Side market easily outperformed the city as whole, as rising home prices and high interest rates seemed to slow sales more markedly in other neighborhoods of Chicago, Nathan said. Citywide, sales for the quarter were down -2.1% to 6,932

units, while the median sales price gained 7.2% to \$370,000.

"The second-quarter increase in North Side sales is notable because year-over-year sales had been down for the prior five quarters, so this is a positive sign, and we'd love to see further sales gains," Nathan said. "However, current price levels and the lack of inventory continue to make this a challenging market for buyers. It's a familiar tune but remains accurate."

In West Ridge, Edgewater and Uptown neighborhoods, where inventory rose, saw solid sales increases, while in areas such as North Center and Lake View, where inventory shrank, sales tended to decline, Nathan observed.

Single-Family Homes

Second-quarter sales of single-family homes on the North Side rose 9.4% to 244 units. The median sales price slipped -2.6% to \$1,272,500, marking the 15th consecutive quarter where the median sales price exceeded \$1 million. The average time it took to find a buyer for homes sold during the quarter was 67 days, up from 59 days a year earlier.

"The median price decline stemmed primarily from the strong increase in sales seen in West Ridge and Edgewater, where prices generally are below the North Side median," explained Nathan.

Sales of single-family homes rose 68.2% in West Ridge to 37 units, and 66.7% in Edgewater to 20 units. However, unit sales fell -3.3% in Lincoln Square to 29 units, and -14.3% in Lake View to 36 units.

Home prices on rise

Median sales prices of a single-family home rose in six of the nine communities. When compared with the same period in 2023, the second quarter 2024 gains were:

- Uptown. Up 38.5% a hefty increase to \$1,350,000.

- Edgewater. A solid gain of 37.3% to \$1,064,000.

- West Ridge. Up 29.2% to \$600,000.

- Lincoln Square. Up 5% to \$1,070,000

- Rogers Park. Up 1.4% to \$611,109.

- Lincoln Park. Up a slight 1.1% to \$1,795,000.

Median prices fell -38.6% on the Near North Side/Gold Coast to \$1,350,000. Prices slipped -10.4% in North Center to \$1,267,500, and -2.9% in Lake View to \$1,632,500.

Condos and Townhouses

Attached homes accounted for 2,595 unit-sales during the second quarter, a 3.6% increase from one year earlier. Attached homes consist primarily of condominium apartments and townhouses.

Condo and townhome sales rose in six of the nine neighborhoods that make up the North Side, after only one area posted an increase during the prior quarter.

"Most important for the condo and townhome market, the Near North Side continued seeing attached

sales rebound, registering a 13.1% increase to a solid 878 units," Nathan said. The Near North/Gold Coast area accounted for 33.8% of attached sales on the North Side during the quarter and for 19.2% of attached sales citywide.

Attached sales also rose 9.5% in both Lincoln Square (81 sales) and North Center (104 sales), and gained 5.1% in Rogers Park to 144 sales, 3.4% in Uptown to 242 sales, and 2.3% in Edgewater to 218 sales.

Condo and townhome sales were down -10.4% in West Ridge to 86 units, -4.9% in Lake View to 484 units and -3.2% in Lincoln Park to 358 units.

The median sales price of an attached home on the North Side rose 2.9% for the quarter to \$390,000, while average market time decreased by 7 days to 54 days.

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NASA and the Science of Superman, July 27, at the Museum of Surgical Science.

Surgical Science Museum hosts two free events Saturday

The International Museum of Surgical Science, 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr., is hosting two special events on July 27, one on salt and the other on space.

These special events are free with admission, and open to the public. Reduced admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 17 and under. Military, seniors, and 3 and under are free. For more information visit <https://imss.org/chicago-event-calendar/>.

Starting at noon they will present "SALT: The Magic Rock You Can Eat."

The presentation is an exploration of sodium's history on Earth and beyond. This special program, featuring Danielle DiCristofano, RD, LDN, a Registered Dietitian at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, and Eric Dean Spruth, MA, ATR, an Art and Horticulture Therapist, delves into the essential role of salt in our well-being and its intriguing significance in space travel.

Attendees will discover the horticultural aspects of growing food and nurturing minds while

uncovering salt's pivotal role in balancing health, preserving food on Earth and in space, and understanding its effects on the central nervous system outside of gravity. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the history of salt and its impact on our lives in conjunction with the current exhibition, "Health in Space: Daring to Explore."

The presentation will address topics such as the suspension of decay, evidence of liquid water, and more.

Later, at 3 p.m., the museum will host "NASA and the Science of Superman." In this presentation, Dr. Jerry Myers, NASA scientist, will explore how the origin and abilities of Superman (and several other superheroes) compare with the real-life skills, science, and technology that enable NASA's astronauts to push the boundaries of aviation and space exploration.

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Criminal activity at DNC convention may see added pressure this year from migrants

Uber boosts efforts with domestic violence, human trafficking with free rides, food for survivors

With the Democrat National Convention coming to town in August, arriving also will be those involved in exploitation and human trafficking. Those exploiters will be ramping up for the usual strong demand that seems to follow political conventions.

With all the illegal migrants and recent arrivals in town now, Chicago may see prostitution - and other criminal activity - become even more prevalent this year.

According to the U.S. Dept. of State, globally an estimated 27 million people are exploited for labor, services, and commer-

cial sex. Through force, fraud, and coercion, they are made to toil in fields, factories, hotels, in restaurants and residences. And in Chicago this year, some will be forced to become sex workers managed and exploited by members of criminal gangs who crossed America's southern border.

Reports from several countries who have sent migrants across the U.S. border show a drastic increase in online commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking, including online sexual exploitation. Traffickers have always preyed on the world's most marginalized and vulnerable individuals - such as illegal migrants - profiting from their plight.

Digital tools have amplified the reach, scale, and speed of trafficking. Perpetrators use dating apps and online ads to recruit vic-

tims. Then they use online platforms to sell illicit sexual activity of those who may be trapped by their circumstances. They leverage encrypted messaging and digital currencies to evade detection.

A Google news search for the word "trafficking" will find pages of stories about the commercial sex trade, in which hundreds of thousands of women and children are supposedly trapped by coercion or force.

Local police and sheriff's officers will be focusing even more this year on drugs, human trafficking, crime, and public disorder, and distinguishing between illegal immigrants who unwittingly threaten to cut into the turf of Chicago's existing criminal organizations.

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Lawsuit: NU Law School discriminates against White male faculty in favor of 'mediocre' minority candidates

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A new lawsuit has accused Northwestern Univ. of allowing deans, faculty committees and editors of the school's law review publication of intentionally blocking White male scholars and professors from landing positions in the Streeterville-based Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

The suit alleges the school fulfilled their desire to hire professors who are Black, female, gay or transgender, even when those others are "mediocre and undistinguished" when compared to more accomplished White male candidates.

On July 2, an organization known as Faculty, Alumni, and Students Opposed to Racial Preferences [FASORP] filed suit against Northwestern in Chicago federal court.

The organization asserts to represent faculty and other members who joined together "for the purpose of restoring meritocracy in academia and fighting race and sex preferences that subordinate academic merit to so-called diversity considerations."

Other defendants named in the action include Pritzker School of Law Dean Hari Osofsky; Northwestern law professors Sarah Lawsky, Janice Nadler and Daniel Rodriguez; Dheven Unni, identified as editor in chief of the Northwestern Univ. Law Review; and Jazmyne Denman, identified as senior equity and inclusion editor of the Northwestern Univ. Law Review.

In the complaint, FASORP asserts Northwestern has for years followed a pattern established in American colleges and universities, where "left-wing faculty and administrators have been thumbing their noses at federal anti-discrimination statutes and openly discriminating on account of race and sex when appointing

professors."

"They do this by hiring women and racial minorities with mediocre and undistinguished records over White men who have better credentials, better scholarship, and better teaching ability," FASORP said in its complaint.

The lawsuit was allegedly filed on behalf of three unidentified tenured White male professors at other law schools who assert discriminatory hiring practices at Northwestern leave them unable to even be fairly considered or interviewed on an equal basis for faculty positions in the prestigious Pritzker School of Law, 375 E. Chicago Ave.

The lawsuit notes that Northwestern has even passed over well known White male candidates with stellar academic credentials.

These allegedly included Eugene Volokh, a "prolific and

internationally renowned legal scholar whose academic works, especially on the First Amendment, are often cited by litigants, courts, and scholars." Volokh clerked for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; and Ernie Young, also a "famous and distinguished legal scholar" who has "published many influential works in the nation's leading law journals" and who clerked for former Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter.

The complaint notes that the accomplishments of both Volokh and Young "exceed those of nearly every professor currently on the Northwestern Law School faculty."

Both men, however, were allegedly rejected out of hand by then Law School Dean Rodriguez and

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Three Open Space projects proposed for taxpayer support

Four Open Space projects would receive more than \$2 million in taxpayer funding from the Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development's Open Space Impact tax program under proposals introduced to City Council on July 17. Three of the projects are located on the North Side.

• Larrabee Gateway Plaza, at 1560 N. Larrabee Ave., would receive \$844,000 in taxpayer support for passive recreation improvements that connect to the adjacent Park No. 598. The Chicago Dept. of Transportation would construct and maintain the improvements.

• Goose Island Overlook, located at 1111 N. Elston Ave, would receive up to \$800,000 in taxpayer support for environmental remediation improvements. The property is intended to be transferred to the Chicago Park District once site prep work is completed.

• Stone Scholastic Academy, at 6239 N. Leavitt St., would receive \$137,367 in taxpayer support for construction of a 2,500-square-

foot nature play area. Additional funding for the \$140,000 project would come from Friends of Stone Academy.

The program allocates taxes paid by residential construction projects for open space improvements that offset the impact of new residents on community parks and related resources.



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Police Beat...

Shots fired, four stabbed at Montrose Beach

Four people were stabbed during two altercations at Montrose Beach on July 21, Chicago police said. Witnesses said shots were fired during one of the incidents, but no injuries were reported from gunfire. So far, no arrests have been announced.

The first altercation occurred when two men argued with a third man in the 4400 block of N. Simonds around 7:47 p.m. Sunday. Police said the third man produced a sharp object and struck both of the other men before leaving the scene.

A 33-year-old man sustained multiple cuts to his arm, and a 32-year-old man suffered cuts to his wrist, according to a CPD spokesperson. Both men took themselves to Swedish Hospital.

Witnesses reported that shots were fired during the incident, and an officer at the scene said they found shell casings on the same block where the men were stabbed.

Then, around 10:10 p.m., two people were stabbed in the 4500 block of N. Simonds, according to police.

An 18-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman were approached by a man who attacked both of them with a sharp object, a CPD spokesperson said. The victims told police the object was a beer bottle that the assailant broke before launching the attack.

Police said the male victim suffered a cut to his back while the woman was cut on her hand. EMS took them to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition. CPD did not release descriptions of the attackers.

Woman slashed at Loop CTA station, suspect in custody

A woman is recovering after a man stabbed her during a July 21 altercation on the Blue Line downtown.

Police said the victim, 22, was on the CTA Jackson Blue Line platform when she got into a "verbal altercation" with a 55-year-old man around 3:29 p.m. During the argument, the man swung a sharp object at the woman, according to CPD. She suffered lacerations to both forearms and multiple cuts on her hands. Despite that, police said she declined medical attention.

Cops were on the scene almost immediately. They took a suspect into custody and recovered a knife. Charges are pending.

After three are shot, city forces hookah lounge to close

The city has forced a troubled hookah lounge to close after three people were shot outside the business on July 19. It was the second shooting at the venue in 18 months.

By Sunday afternoon, plywood covered the front door and a window that were shot out at Lyon's Den, 2123 W. Division. Bright or-

ange "summary closure" notices were slapped on the board-up and a front window that remained intact after the shooting.

On Friday afternoon, Ald. Daniel La Spata [1st] stated that he shared community "anger" about the shooting and claimed he "immediately" demanded a summary closure of the business.

Police said a gunman in a black sedan opened fire on a group of people standing on the sidewalk outside the lounge at 1:27 a.m. Friday. But a witness told this reporter that they saw a second gunman shoot from a nearby corner. Based on what they saw, the witness believed it was an "ambush-style shooting." Officials now say a fight inside Lyon's Den preceded the shootings.

Investigators marked more than 20 shell casings in three locations on the block. Three men, ages 23, 32, and 45, were in good condition after being shot.

Man charged with making \$3,000 Zelle transfer during Millennium Park robbery

It's the hottest scam going, one that everyone would be well-advised to keep in mind as they wander the streets of Chicago: fake charity solicitors and "homeless" people commander phones and transfer large sums of money to themselves using the victims' electronic banking apps.



Timothy Harvey

We've told you about the scam and some people who've allegedly been caught running it, usually in tourist areas like the Mag Mile and Millennium Park or nightlife districts like Wrigleyville and the Gold Coast.

On July 20, two men asked a couple for a donation near Crown Fountain at Millennium Park. The victims reluctantly agreed to let one of the thieves transfer a dollar to himself. But, after taking control of the phone, the scammer transferred \$2,400 out of the victim's account and fled, a CPD report said.

This week, a South Side man was charged with robbery for allegedly running the same scam at nearly the same location.

Prosecutors said Timothy Harvey, 31, took a man's phone in the 100 block of S. Michigan on May 10 after the victim agreed to give him \$10 via Zelle. After getting the man's phone, Harvey allegedly took it to a group of people nearby, and they demanded \$60 from the victim to return the phone.

The victim gave them \$50 and got his device back. Only then did he realize that someone had transferred \$3,000 out of his bank account.

Detectives determined that the Zelle account that received the money belonged to Harvey, according to a detention petition. The victim also picked Harvey out of a photo lineup.

Judge Antara Rivera rejected the state's detention petition in the robbery case. However, she ordered Harvey to be held in custody for violating probation in a gun case.

Boys armed with machine gun robbed 14-year-old in Uptown

In a shocking announcement, Chicago police said on July 21 that two teenage boys have been charged with using a machine gun to rob a 14-year-old in Uptown.

The robbery occurred around 5 p.m. Saturday in the 5100 block of N. Sheridan. Police said a group of people, including a 15-year-old boy and a 16-year-old boy, robbed the younger boy at gunpoint and then fled the scene.

Police searched the area and located the 16-year-old in the 5000 block of N. Winthrop just after 6 p.m. He allegedly possessed an automatic-fire handgun when cops took him into custody.

The 15-year-old was arrested around the same time in the 1100 block of W. Winona.

Both boys face charges of armed robbery and misdemeanor battery. The 16-year-old is also charged with unlawful use of a machine gun.

Police did not say exactly what kind of gun the 16-year-old had. However, people can easily convert standard models of some firearms, most commonly Glocks, into machine guns by equipping them with illegal aftermarket "switches."

Ten years for arsonist who set fire inside Target store in the Loop

A Decatur man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for intentionally setting fire to the bedding section at a Target store in the Loop.

Ronald Langley, 26, pleaded guilty to arson in exchange for the sentence from Judge Timothy Joyce.

Officials said that Langley entered the store at 1 S. State St. around 7 p.m.



Ronald Langley

on Sept. 28, 2023, and went to the second floor. He grabbed a can of WD40 and then used it to set a blanket on fire on a display shelf, according to allegations made in court filings. No injuries were reported.

The incident was caught on store cameras and a clip of the fire appeared on TikTok.

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

Police arrested Langley at a different Target store about two weeks after the fire when a loss prevention officer recognized him.

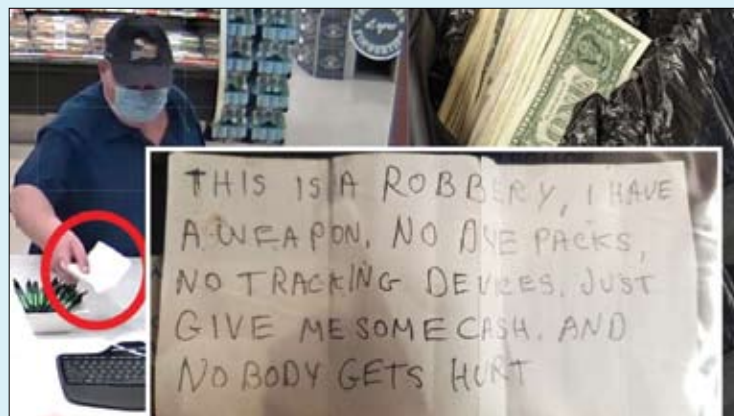
Langley is expected to be paroled on Oct. 2, 2028, after receiving a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior.

Chicago police announced last month that they had charged another man with arson and robbery in connection with the incident. Kenneth Hasley, 37, stole cellular phones from the store by threatening an employee with pepper spray. Prosecutors also charged him with arson in connection with the fire.

Hasley is currently detained and awaiting trial.

14-year-old boy charged with 6 carjackings, 6 robberies on North Side, West Loop

A 14-year-old boy has been charged with 14 felonies in connection with a violent crime spree on July 14, as well as an attempted hijacking in June.



The bank robber hands over a note before fleeing with a bag of cash at Huntington Bank, 4355 N. Sheridan. (U.S. District Court records.)

Serial bank robber spent money at taverns to 'escape his loneliness'

A man who prosecutors said has a "long history of theft and fraud related criminal activity" has been sentenced to more than five years in prison for robbing three banks on the North Side. But his defense attorney said he's simply a lonely man who used the money to build friendships at taverns.

Federal prosecutors said Dennis Hammel, 65, committed a fourth bank robbery, too, getting away with six rolls of quarters. They didn't charge him with that heist.

Between Sept. 2022 and July 2023, Hammel robbed Huntington Bank branches inside Jewel-Osco stores, officials said. He presented a note demanding money each time and saying "nobody gets hurt" if employees comply.

The robberies began on Sept. 22, 2022, inside the Jewel at 4335 N. Sheridan.

"This is a robbery. I have a weapon give me some cash, no dye packs, follow my instructions, and nobody gets hurt," read the note Hammel presented to a teller. He got away with \$2,410.

Hammel got six rolls of quarters when he robbed the Huntington Bank at 4042 W. Foster on Feb. 6, 2023, prosecutors claimed.

He struck again on April 20, 2023, inside the Jewel at 3531 N. Broadway in Boystown: "This is a robbery no dye pack, just give me some cash and nobody gets hurt." Officials said he scored \$3,400 that time.

Finally, on July 13, 2023, Hammel returned to the Sheridan Rd. branch and took another \$2,172.

Before he even reached the counter, one of the tellers noticed a birthmark on his neck and immediately suspected that he was the man who

robbed the Boystown location, according to the federal complaint.

The teller activated a silent alarm and watched as the man placed a note on another teller's keyboard: "THIS IS A ROBBERY, I HAVE A WEAPON, NO DYE PACKS, NO TRACKING DEVICES, JUST GIVE ME SOME CASH, AND NOBODY GETS HURT"

The complaint said the second teller slipped a tracking device into a stack of cash and handed it to Hammel. Chicago police officers followed the tracker. Near Broadway and Grace, the cops pulled over a CTA bus that seemed to be moving in sync with the bank's GPS device.

The officers boarded the bus and found Hammel sitting in the back, gripping a black duffel bag that, thanks to the bank's tracking device, was emitting a "chirping" sound.

In a sentencing memorandum, prosecutors said Hammel had been involved in thefts and frauds since he was 25, amassing 14 felony convictions.

But Hammel's defense attorney argued for leniency, saying he has never married, has no children, and has essentially been alone since his parents died in the early 1990s.

"While leaving the banks, Mr. Hammel did not make reckless get-aways in fast cars. He departed on Chicago Transit Authority buses and would later go to a tavern where he would seek to connect with individuals in an attempt to form some sort of friendship and escape his loneliness," the defense attorney wrote.

Ultimately, U.S. District Judge Nancy Maldonado sentenced Hammel to 65 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$7,042 in restitution.

The boy was part of a group that carjacked and robbed four people in the 1900 block of W. Irving Park around 5:40 a.m., according to CPD. As he reported that week, a carjacker driving a white car pulled in front of the victim's Mazda CX3 to block their path, and two gunmen got out, took the victims' valuables, and then drove away with the Mazda. CPD said the victims were two 22-year-old men and a man and a woman who were both 21.

About an hour later, the boy and his accomplices carjacked and robbed two victims in the 300 block of W. Belmont, not far from Belmont Harbor. Two men with guns robbed the couple, a 31-year-old woman and a 34-year-old man, and drove away with

their blue BMW X3. A third robber remained in the previously hijacked Mazda, according to initial information.

CPD said the boy also participated in the attempted carjacking of a 55-year-old woman in the 1100 block of W. Jackson on June 27 and stole a vehicle on July 12.

He is charged with six counts of aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, six counts of armed robbery with a firearm, attempted vehicular hijacking with a firearm, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and two counts of misdemeanor resisting.

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Pickpockets, purse thieves strike dozens of times in downtown Chicago

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three well-dressed thieves entered a Loop restaurant, sneakily stole a woman's purse, and headed out the door.

That's just one of dozens of similar thefts and pickpocket cases reported at downtown bars, restaurants and hotels since early June, according to Chicago police.

On July 15, the CPD issued two warnings about the crime pattern.

The video, recorded on July 2 at Elephant & Castle, 185 N. Wabash, shows two men wearing sport coats enter with a woman around 5:36 p.m.

At one point in the footage, the woman and one of the men sit down at a table as the man appears to rifle through a purse.

CPD said they don't know who committed "an overwhelming majority of the incidents." In addition to the group, several thefts were committed by a solo Black male in his mid-20s or mid-30s, according to the police alert.

The thieves typically use the victims' debit and credit cards to immediately make fraudulent purchases.

People have reported cases at the following locations and times: 100 block of S. Michigan on June



Police believe these three people are part of a purse theft and pickpocket crew working the Loop.

2 at 1 p.m.; 100 block of E. Cermak on June 3 at 11:30 a.m.; 100 block of S. Clark on June 5 at 1 p.m.; 200 block of N. Michigan on June 8 at 6 p.m.; the first block of East Wacker on June 9 at 2:15 p.m.; 300 block of N. Columbus on June 10 at 5:30 p.m.; 100 block of W. Monroe on June 11 at 1 p.m.; 100 block of S. La Salle on June 13 at noon; the first block of W. Wacker on June 14 at 5 p.m., the first block of N. Michigan on June 15 at 12:30 p.m.; 100 block of W. Jackson on June 15 at 6:15 p.m.; 100 block of N. State on June 16 at 1:45 p.m.; the first block of N. State on June 23 at 5 p.m.; the first block of East Wacker on

June 24 at 11 p.m.; 200 block of S. Wacker on June 25 at 2 p.m.; the first block of W. Monroe on June 27 at 2:18 p.m.; 100 block of N. Wabash on June 27 at 4 p.m.; 200 block of S. Wabash on June 29 at 1 p.m.; 70 E. Lake on July 2 at 11:40 a.m.; 40 N. Clinton on July 2 at 4:15 p.m.; 100 block of N. Michigan on July 3 at 5 p.m.; 100 block of S. Michigan on July 4 at 2 p.m., and on the 100 block of N. Wabash on July 2 at 5:36 p.m.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263. The cases are organized under crime pattern #P24-3-036.

Chicago police announce command staff changes

Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] Supt. Larry Snelling announced new command staff promotions and changes on July 19. These promotions will elevate new leaders across the CPD, including in the Bureau of Patrol, the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform and the Bureau of Counterterrorism.

"Each of these leaders were chosen based on their depth of experience which makes them the best candidates for these roles," said Snelling. "I am confident [those promoted] will continue leading with integrity as we continue building a strong future for CPD."

Promotions that affect North Side policing include Deputy Chief of the Central Control Group Joe Bird.

Bird is a 27-year member of the Department who most recently served as the Commander of the Public Transportation Section. He has extensive experience across the Department, including in the Bureau of Internal Affairs, the Bureau of Patrol and the Bureau of Counterterrorism.

Street Deputy – Stephen Chung

Chung is a 27-year member of the CPD who most recently served as a Deputy Chief in the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform.

Deputy Chief of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform - Sean Joyce Deputy

Joyce is a 29-year member of the CPD and most recently served as a Commander in the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform. As Commander, he oversaw the Tactical Review and Evaluation Division.

Street Deputy - Patrick J. McKenzie

McKenzie is a 30-year member of the CPD who most recently served as a Commander in the Inspection Division and the Community Safety Intervention Unit.

Commander of the 24th Rogers Park District – Alison Christian

Christian is a 28-year member of the CPD who most recently served as the Captain in the 24th

Rogers Park District, which she has worked for the majority of her career. She gained extensive knowledge of the 24th District during her career, having served the district as a Tactical Lieutenant, Watch Operations Lieutenant and Field Lieutenant.

Commander of the 20th Lincoln District – Beth Giltmier

Commander Giltmier is a 34-year member of the CPD who most recently served as the Commander of the 12th (Near West) District, where she was the Executive Officer. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Officer of the 3rd (Grand Crossing) District.



Chicago Air & Water Show, same place, new date

One of the most popular North Side attractions is coming back, the Chicago Air and Water Show. Only this time on a new date.

The Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE], has released the full lineup for the 2024 Chicago Air & Water Show, scheduled for Aug. 10-11.

The event will take place along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak St. with North Avenue Beach serving as the show center from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. But jets will be seen flying as far north as Edgewater and south to Navy Pier.

Established in 1959, this event is the largest free admission event of its kind. Headliners include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights.

New participants this year are stunt pilot RJ Gritter aboard his acrobatic Decathlon 150 CS and the Trojan Phlyers showcasing their historical North American

Aviation Company T-28B aircraft.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will perform during Chicago Navy Week, flying their F/A-18E Super Hornets. The team first flew in 1946 and is known for its skilled maneuvers and precision flying. The U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will also return, performing jumps from an altitude of 12,000 feet to land on North Avenue Beach.

Herb Hunter, known as "the Voice of the Air and Water Show," will narrate this year's performances.

"Every year our team at DCASE is proud to present hundreds of free events throughout the city," said DCASE Cmsr. Clinée Hedspeth.

The event features military and civilian performers demonstrating aerobatic maneuvers along the North Lakefront. More information can be found at ChicagoAirandWaterShow.us.

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BY BOB KITSOS

Comedian, Bob Newhart, who put a flattering spotlight on Chicago with the opening montage of his 1972 TV show, died July 18 at the age of 94.

Born George Robert Newhart in Oak Park on Sept. 5, 1929, he attended grammar school in Oak Park and later St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. He graduated from Loyola Univ. Chicago with a bachelor's degree in business management; shortly after, he was drafted into the army.

After he was discharged, Newhart held a series of jobs; one was an accountant for U.S. Gypsum. He later said that his motto, "That's close enough" and his habit of adjusting petty cash imbalances with his own money showed he didn't have the temperament to be an accountant.

Bored with his accounting work, Newhart and a friend improvised comedy routines as phone calls. Later he parlayed that into his famous, halting-style,

one-sided phone conversations. Newhart started performing as a stand-up comedian in night clubs and signed with a new record company, Warner Bros.

Newhart came to prominence in 1960 when his album of comedic monologues, "The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart" became a bestseller and reached number one on the Billboard pop album chart; it remains the 20th-best selling comedy album of all time. That was followed by more successful albums, TV guest appearances, movies and numerous TV series, including the six-season run of "The Bob Newhart Show."

That show received some unusual recognition from American university students when a drinking game was started in the 1980s. Players would watch "The Bob Newhart Show" and take a drink whenever someone in the episode would say "Hi, Bob." The greeting happened frequently and the game spread beyond college campuses.



Bob Newhart

Old Town School names new CEO

Musician, arts leader takes over at music school

The Board of Directors of the Old Town School of Folk Music [OTS] has named performing arts leader Welz Kauffman as its next Executive Director and CEO.

Kauffman's appointment follows a national search for the post. His first day as the Old Town School's next leader will be Monday, Sept. 30.

"Welz's enthusiasm for music in all its forms is infectious," said Kate Tomford, Chair of the OTS Board of Directors. "He brings a passion for music and dance, [and] depth and breadth of experience as [an] accomplished leader of arts organizations in Chicago and around the nation."

Kauffman may be best known

to Chicagoans as the long-time President & CEO of the Ravinia Festival where he worked for nearly two decades. During his tenure, he expanded educational programs through Ravinia's Reach, Teach, Play initiative and its Steans Music Institute. He also diversified Ravinia's musical offerings across more than 150 annual performances, which included long-standing collaborations with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as bookings such as Bob Dylan.

Along the way, he significantly enhanced Ravinia's infrastructure for musicians and audiences alike, including the enhancement of performance facilities, food and beverage offerings, and the creation of the Ravinia Music Box Experience Center.



Welz Kauffman

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with Candy Store. The popular bookstore also relaunched a West Town location this spring.

REQUIEM: Hanley Dawson, Jr., 80, died in Rancho Mirage, CA, in late May with wife, **Catherine**, and children by his side. A proud resident of Ketchum, Idaho, he and Catherine were a love-match from Regis College days. Married for 58 years.

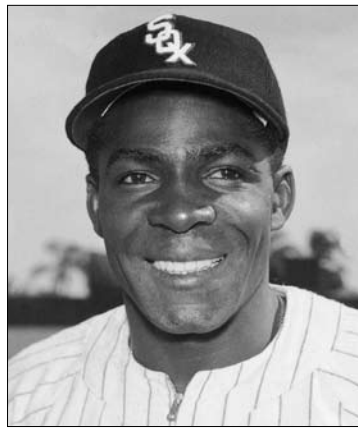
He opened the Cadillac dealership with his father in 1971 and later The Patrick Dealer Group in 1976. Luxury autos all the way. He brought sparkle, refinement, savvy-know how and the best of Chicago character to life. A thinking-man's Catholic, he served the Church with dignity, faith and intelligence. Whether that was at Regis, Loyola Academy or Loyola Univ. He was philanthropic in his love for the mission of the Church in Idaho, in its hospital ministry, educational mission and parish life.

A memorial for Hanley was celebrated in Sun Valley, Idaho, bringing the love, faith and friendship of a grand man to the heart of God.

RESIGNED: Gary Ginstling abruptly resigned as CEO and President of the NY Philharmonic following an investigation into the orchestra's culture. He became President and CEO of the philharmonic in July 2023, having spent a prior period of eight months as the orchestra's executive director.

THE MAC: The first party of the annual Sailboat Race to Mackinac Island on Saturday, July 13 brought old and new friends to the Chicago Yacht Club. Crowds turned out that Saturday to watch the start of the race. Winds indicated fast and safe sailing to all racers. **Rodger** and **Janet Owen**, **Jim Kinney**, **Brian White** and friends enjoyed the sailboat soiree. **John Dombrowski** and **Vicky Dal Santo** also off to Mackinac Island to await the arrival of daughter, **Cristina Dombrowski**, crewing aboard the Karma with a great crew for the 2024 Mac race.

PARIS BOUND? Want a great restaurant in the 6th arrondissement? Le Jardin Saint-Germain at 9 rue de l'Eperon is new on the scene, opened in April 2024, and well worth your time and money. Owner **Christian** and Chef/co-Owner **Shaan** will welcome you



Minnie Miñoso



Hanley Dawson, Jr.

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#1 COLLEGE: Lake Forest College is ranked as the top Liberal Arts college in the Midwest, Dec. 2023 by the Wall Street Journal. Congratulations for all your recent top rankings, highest of the modern era.

WHO'S WHERE: Myra and **John Reilly** in Sun Valley for Hanley Dawson's funeral... **Dr. Rose Gomez** in Bern, Switzerland... Violinist **Patricia Tracey** and husband, **Mark O'Malley**, finishing the soundtrack to new Irish film celebrating the landscape and its journeys. Now I hear **Keith Lockhart** and the Boston Pops may be involved... two of the **Dal Santo** sisters, **Lois** and **Colleen**, in Italy roaming the region north of Florence with husbands and adult children and loads of grandchildren... **Mark Olley**, grand gentleman of fashion and wit, celebrating a birthday with all good wishes... **Piccolo Sogno** owner/chef **Tony Pirola** with family checking out the western glaciers still snow-topped... **Dan Balanoff** in Las Vegas getting into the country shows and shuffling a few cards... **Sheila Swann** with cousin **Maureen Kelly**, also in Vegas, taking in Dead & Co. shows at The Sphere... Happy



Danielle Mullen



Anthony Jesus Loza and Nicholas Holland.

Birthday to ABC 7's ace reporter **Hosea Saunders**... **Dave** and **Carolyn Richter** at Woody's Dewey Beach in Delaware... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** are along the waters of the Danube in Budapest, Hungary... **Barbara Diner** with **Glenn Farber** and **Maggie Petray** at La Traviata at the Santa Fe Opera... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** in the Eternal City on a Roman holiday (just 18 hrs.)... **Thad Wong** with daughter, **Hattie**, at Zuma Canyon Trail in Malibu, CA... **Tom MacDonald** and **Meg Steel** in the Faroe Islands.

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Lollapalooza-area closures coming soon

As usual, the annual Lollapalooza music festival will cause the closure of a great part of Grant Park.

The festival runs from 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, through 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

Event specific information can be found at www.lollapalooza.com/information.

Similar to years past, several public portions of Grant Park will be closed to public use, they include:

Tennis and Pickle Ball Court Closure

The tennis and pickle ball courts will remain open until 5 p.m. Monday, July 29. The courts will re-open 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6. The courts will not be accessible via Balbo from the north during these times as the sidewalk between Balbo and 9th St. yard is closed

Dog Park Closure

The Grant Bark Park is now closed, and will reopen Saturday, Aug. 10. During this time, There will be a temporary dog park available for use southeast of the Skate Park.

While Grant Bark Park is closed, other Dog Friendly Areas near Grant Park include Fred Anderson Park, Lake Shore East Park and Montgomery Ward Park.

Street and Sidewalk Closures

Pedestrian access will remain

available from 11th St. through Columbus and Lake Shore Dr. tunnels to/from Museum Campus

- Metra Access near the 11th St. Bridge will remain available throughout the event.
- Columbus is subject to closure at the discretion of city officials.

Street Closures

- Balbo from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive: July 17 – Aug. 11
- Jackson, from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive: July 23 – Aug. 10
- Balbo, from Michigan to Columbus: July 29– Aug. 5
- Jackson, from Michigan to Columbus: July 29 – Aug. 5
- Columbus, from Monroe to Roosevelt: July 29th – Aug. 5
- Columbus (Northbound, two center lanes), from 13th Street to Roosevelt: July 29 – Aug. 5
- Congress Plaza Dr, from Michigan to Columbus: July 29 – Aug. 5
- Monroe, from Michigan to DuSable Lake Shore Drive: July 31 – Aug. 5

Sidewalk Closures

- Michigan, from Jackson to 11th St. Bridge: July 30 – Aug. 4
- Balbo (both sides), from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive: now – Aug. 11
- Columbus (Northbound side), from Roosevelt to the 9th St. Yard: now – Aug. 19
- Columbus (Southbound side),

- from 9th St. Yard to S. Ida B. Wells: now – Aug. 10
- Jackson (both sides), from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Dr.: now – Aug. 10
- Monroe (Eastbound side), from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive: now – Aug. 10
- DuSable Lake Shore Drive (Southbound side), from Monroe to Roosevelt: July 27 – Aug. 10
- Balbo and Jackson (both sides), from Michigan to Columbus: July 29 – Aug. 5
- Congress Plaza Dr, from Michigan to Columbus: July 29 – Aug. 5
- Congress Plaza Dr. (Westbound & Eastbound side), from Michigan to Columbus: July 27 – July 28
- Columbus (both sides), from Monroe to Roosevelt: July 29th– Aug. 6
- DuSable Lake Shore Dr. (Northbound side), from Monroe to Roosevelt: Aug. 6

The neighborhood will be taken over each day by thousands of music lovers; and event promoter claim that event safety personnel are in place to ensure the celebration is peaceful.

For more information visit website at www.Lollapalooza.com or contact them at info@loollapalooza.com. To report a concern during the event, text the Neighborhood Answering Service: 312-500-2646.

Public talk July 31 on life of Jazz on the road with touring musician

Join Jerry DiMuzio 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, as he reflects on over 50 years as a musician

the Chicago Federation of Musicians.



Jerry DiMuzio

DiMuzio has played with some of the best, including Frank Sinatra, Doc Severinsen, the Original Glenn Miller Orchestra and “subbed” with the Woody Herman and Ray Charles bands. He will be joined by his longtime friend and colleague Leo Murphy, percussionist and former vice president of

DiMuzio, a West Ridge resident, was in charge of the Pops saxophones for the Milwaukee Symphony for most of his career. He has played on over 1,000 radio and TV jingles as well as more than 75 New York Broadway productions. He was also a “jobber” for parties, weddings and other functions using live musicians in between gigs.

He has also “subbed” for the Chicago, Milwaukee, Israel, Lyric Opera, Elgin and Grant Park Orchestras.

Letter to the Editor

Vallas defeats Johnson

In the July 17 issue of [this] newspaper, Thomas J O’Gorman provides a litany of newspapers that he and his family read when he was a boy or young man; the list mentions several popular papers but he notes that the Chicago Sun-Times was not among them.

Interestingly the Daily News is listed; this paper in a sense was the evening Sun-Times except it was even more liberal or progressive in many of its political observations all the way until it ceased publication.

In junior high civics classes I learned that we should support our leaders at all levels even if we don’t always agree with them. O’Gorman by contrast blasts the Sun-Times for supporting Mayor Johnson who is still a relatively new mayor. Johnson won over the majority of Chicago voters in the mayor’s election easily defeating O’Gorman’s preferred candidate.

The Sun-Times has every right to cover the mayor and his proposals just as the Chicago Tribune does. Historically the Sun-Times has covered issues that some readers will find controversial. The Sun-Times has never sunk to the naive and ignorant level of a Tribune front page headline (during the time O’Gorman’s elders read the Trib) “Dewey Defeats Truman” the day after that 1948 election won by Truman.

In a bulletin board near the front porch in my grandparent’s house that headline was posted for many years while next to it a front page on another paper printed a day later has President Truman with a wide smile holding the previous day’s pathetic and laughable Tribune headline.

Fred Case
Lakeview

Ella Jenkins 100th birthday party Aug. 4 in Old Town

Ella Jenkins’ 100th birthday celebration will be held Sunday, August 4, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Ella Jenkins Park at Sedgwick and Wisconsin in Old Town.

Purpose: To foster community in celebration of the 100th birthday of long-time neighbor, COTTC member, and music legend Ella Jenkins.

The event will be open to the general public Open to community, who can participate in the sign-along, enjoy cake, ice cream, cookies, drinks and kids activities.

Jenkins is a beloved Grammy award-winning children’s musician. For many years, she lived a few blocks away from the park



Ella Jenkins

the Smithsonian Folkways label, including the 1995 album Multicultural Children’s Songs, which is the most popular Smithsonian Folkways release to date. She has traveled extensively in the US and abroad, performing her songs on all seven continents, including Antarctica.

Prior to the birthday party, the Old Town Music School of Folk Music will be holding an Ella Jenkins “This is Rhythm” family workshop 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at 4545 N. Lincoln Ave.

Guests will explore movement, sounds, and patterns in everyday life, such as clocks ticking, tops spinning, even a dog wagging its tail. Maryanne Johnson will lead

children on a musical journey with the poetry of Jenkins.

“Exploring sounds is important to all of us at some stage in life, especially when we are children. We seem to need to express ourselves percussively,” said Jenkins.

Later, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Old Town School will host outdoor family fun at

Gallagher Way at Wrigley Field. This performance will be a celebration of Jenkins’ vast impact on the world of children’s music, led by teaching artists and community members Shanta Nurullah and Mars Caulton. The event is targeted for youth ages 1-6 years, and and their parents.



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Authorities this year will have to balance prosecution, protection, and prevention priorities in criminal justice responses, at the intersection between forced marriage and human trafficking. Forced marriage, and indentured servitude in the migrant community is highlighted by trafficking.

The unprecedented irregular and illegal migration in the United States in the last three years has created the opportunities for trafficking among migrants, who often assume debts to pay smugglers and criminal cartels, and

are then vulnerable to trafficking when they are unable to repay that money.

Organized criminal gangs - both foreign and domestic - recruit, groom, defraud, threaten, coerce, and exploit victims, taking advantage their immigration status and lack of resources to force them into the sex trade.

Perhaps even more pervasive than the sex trade are those who become a victim of forced labor, or labor trafficking. In the U.S. and around the world, labor trafficking is as common if not more common than sex trafficking.

But there is one source of help

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on the streets of Chicago today.

For those seeking to escape, transportation is a critical need for survivors of violence and trafficking. Approximately 90% of human trafficking and domestic violence survivors helped by the Cook County Sheriff's office do not have access to a vehicle. Last week Uber announced the continuation of a partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to support transportation and grocery delivery service needs for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors receiving assistance through the Sheriff's office.

Uber will grant credits for access to free transportation and grocery deliveries for these individuals. The access to transportation provided by this partnership will help these individuals independently seek counseling and employment, shelter, medical care, and necessities.

"You just have to look at the numbers to see this partnership with Uber is making a difference," Sheriff Thomas J. Dart said. "Hundreds of rides and meals provided to victims completely in crisis, in about a year's time."

Uber first started the partner-

ship in 2023 through Uber's Access Fund.

Unfortunately, some governments are part of the problem. The U.S. Dept. of State claims that 13 countries exhibited a policy or pattern of trafficking. Belarus rejoined this list, and Sudan was newly added to the list. For the fifth year in a row, the department assessed 11 countries as having a government policy or pattern for trafficking. This would include Afghanistan, Burma, the People's Republic of China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Democratic Republic of Korea, Russia, South Sudan, Syria, and Turkmenistan.

LAWSUIT from p. 5

other members of the faculty appointment committees because they were White males.

Neither Volokh nor Young are plaintiffs attached to the lawsuit, according to the complaint.

Instead, the complaint asserts the Pritzker Law School has consistently chosen to hire "patently unqualified professors" simply because those professors are Black, female, gay or transgender.

The complaint points to the hiring of four Black professors, including three who were women, identified as Destiny Peery, Candice Player, Paul Gowder and Jamelia Morgan.

The complaint claims all of those faculty appointments were essentially chosen primarily because of their race or sex, or both, and came over concerns expressed by Northwestern faculty about their academic depth and credentials.

Further, the complaint asserts dissenters were forced into line by deans and others in the faculty, who allegedly threatened to withhold bonuses and allegedly told dissenters that only Black candidates would be considered for those positions.

And the complaint asserts that after they were hired, none of those professors distinguished themselves.

Player, for instance, "struggled in the classroom, and admitted to colleagues that she did not understand the material she was teaching and couldn't handle the students' questions." She later departed from the law school

in 2019 after students allegedly exposed her for plagiarizing "an exam hypothetical from another source, because Player was too lazy to write her own exam question."

Peery also departed from Northwestern, the complaint claims, after she was quietly warned not to pursue tenure, because she was allegedly not qualified. According to the complaint, Peery then allegedly accused the school of racism, "pretending that she was a victim of race and sex discrimination when racial preferences were the very reason she was hired in the first place."

Both Peery and Player have "failed to obtain another academic appointment after leaving Northwestern, despite the overwhelming discriminatory preferences that black women receive on the academic hiring market," FASORP's lawsuit says.

The complaint notes that since 2021, the university has extended faculty job offers to 21 candidates.

Of those, only three have been extended to White male candidates. But of those three, the complaint said, two went to White male candidates in tax law, a "high-demand, low-supply field" in which very few minority or female candidates are available, and one of those was a "sham" offer, extended to a White male candidate who administrators knew already had offers from the Univ. of Chicago and Stanford, both more prestigious schools than Northwestern.

The other offer to a White male student was extended to a professor candidate with pre-

existing ties to Northwestern, who was allegedly already well known and liked by Northwestern faculty, who had co-authored a study "claiming that race and sex preferences on student-run law reviews" benefit women and minorities. This "delighted the affirmative-action devotees and leftist ideologues on Northwestern's faculty and enabled him to earn their support despite his status as a White man," the complaint said.

The complaint further asserts white males have faced discrimination at Northwestern from the student editors of the school's Law Review, who have routinely sought to appoint black, female, gay and transgender members and editors and to promote scholarly articles authored by black, female, gay and transgender students.

They said the Law Review promotes such articles "while rejecting far better articles written by White men."

The lawsuit asserts the Law Review encourages authors to submit "personal statements" with their work, allegedly to allow editors to determine the race, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity of the authors and "to discriminate against White men."

The lawsuit claims the Law Review in 2023-2024 published an entire issue devoted entirely to "articles written by Black women." That issue further did not disclose "that only articles written by Black women were considered for publication, making it appear as though the normal selection process was used and that those

authors earned their placement in the Northwestern Univ. Law Review by writing better scholarship than the articles that were rejected."

"The student editors and members on the Law Review were told that this was done intentionally to promote the careers of these black women academics because of their race and sex," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit asserts Northwestern's conduct has violated federal civil rights law which bars discrimination on the basis of race and sex, even if such discrimination is targeted at White males.

The lawsuit asks the court to issue an injunction blocking Northwestern from continuing to allegedly engage in such discrimination and ordering the school

to establish new faculty-selection and Law Review selection policies that are "based entirely on academic and scholarly merit and that explicitly disavows any consideration of race, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

They are seeking the appointment of a court monitor to oversee such potential orders.

In response to the lawsuit, a Northwestern spokesperson issued a statement to The Cook County Record, saying:

"Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is among the top law schools in the country, and we are proud of their outstanding faculty. We intend to vigorously defend this case."

GAINS from p. 4

The median sales price rose in seven of the nine North Side neighborhoods. Edgewater led the way with a 19.5% gain to \$260,500, followed by Rogers Park, up 15.0% to \$230,000 and West Ridge, up 12.1% to \$185,000.

Other condo and townhome gains were: 9.4% in Near North/Gold Coast to \$432,055, 7.3% in Lincoln Park to \$625,005, 5% in Lake View to \$451,300 and 4.7% in North Center to \$565,625. However, the median price fell -19.1% to \$352,000 in Lincoln Square and slipped -0.1% to \$353,000 in Uptown.

Mortgage rates easing

On July 18, Freddie Mac's Pri-

mary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loan interest rates slipped to 6.77%, down from 6.89% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging an average of 6.78%.

"The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell to its lowest level since mid-March, dropping 12 basis points," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "However, home buyers have yet to respond to lower rates, as purchase-application demand is still roughly below spring numbers."

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

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City denies permit but offers alternate route for Chicago River Swim

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Citing safety concerns, particularly with the concentration of swimmers it would create on the main branch of the Chicago River, the City of Chicago has denied a permit for a charity event planned for September.

With water quality being closely monitored, as many as 500 experienced open-water swimmers were going to follow a looped course stretching from State St. west to Wolf Point on the morning of Sept. 22. More than 100 safety personnel would be on hand and the river was going to close to commercial and recreational vessels.

It would have been the first organized

swim in the Chicago River in more than 100 years. The event, organized by the nonprofit "A Long Swim," would raise money for ALS research and to help children in underserved communities learn to swim.

The permit application, received by the city on June 13, was denied after review by multiple city departments, including the Chicago Fire and Police departments, according to Erica Schroeder, Director of Public Information for Chicago Dept. of Transportation.

"While the City recognizes the positive nature of the 'A Long Swim' open water swimming event in the Chicago River, the proposed route and concentration of swimmers raised significant safety concerns

for participants, first responders, and the general public," said Schroeder on July 12.

'A Long Swim' was offered an alternate route that, said Schroeder, "allows the event to proceed while ensuring high standards of safety for all participants and the effective allocation of city resources."

Neither the city nor 'A Long Swim' elaborated on where exactly the alternate route is located on the river.

Doug McConnell, who founded 'A Long Swim' with his sister, Ellen McConnell Blakeman, says they are still aiming for Sept. 22 and are "diligently working" with the city to address concerns and meet requirements.

"The Chicago River Swim team is committed to ensuring a safe and successful

event for all participants and spectators," said McConnell. "We are taking every possible step to ensure the event adheres to the highest safety standards. We appreciate the city's cooperation and guidance throughout this process, and we are confident in our ability to resolve the current issues promptly."

In April, McConnell said that City of Chicago permits would be secured after the U.S. Coast Guard had finished its work to coordinate the event. He explained that because the River is a federal waterway, they were working "closely" with the Coast Guard, as well as various city departments.

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Ultimately, the BOR set the assessment at \$124 million.

However, while the matter was pending before the BOR, Calabrese said Steele directed him to prepare a version of the memo concerning the Bears assessment dispute and forward that communication on to the Cook County Board.

Calabrese said he disagreed with that directive, claiming that it was improper to discuss the dispute with a political and legislative body like the Cook County Board while the matter was still pending before the BOR, a "quasi-judicial body."

Calabrese said such communications could open the BOR up to a lawsuit from the Bears, because it could appear BOR commissioners were "soliciting the Cook County Board ... for advice" on the Bears' high profile tax appeal. Calabrese allegedly discussed the matter with the BOR's general counsel, who allegedly directed Calabrese not to comply with Steele's request.

When Calabrese formally declined Steele's directive, Balanoff allegedly forbade Calabrese from discussing such directives from Steele with the BOR's legal advisors, "because she (the general counsel) was 'working against' Steele and her 'agenda.'"

Calabrese asserts Steele directed Calabrese to work politically against Steele's colleagues on the BOR, George Cardenas and Larry Rogers Jr. According to the complaint, Steele supported the campaigns of Larecia Tucker and Theresa Mah in the March primary elections against Rogers and Cardenas, respectively.

Calabrese specifically pushed back on a memo allegedly prepared by Balanoff designed to politically harm Cardenas and Rogers. According to the complaint, both Calabrese and at least one Chicago journalist agreed the memo was "not newsworthy."

Calabrese was then stripped of his public communications duties and demoted. The complaint asserts Balanoff allegedly filed false disciplinary complaints against

Calabrese. Calabrese claims he was interviewed as part of an investigation being conducted by the Office of the Inspector General aimed at Balanoff.

The complaint further asserted Steele and Balanoff clashed with Calabrese over Steele's later directive in May allegedly requiring Calabrese to draft letters to lobbyists in Springfield on Steele's behalf. Calabrese allegedly told Steele and Balanoff such communications were unethical because "the lobbyists did not work on property tax issues and had nothing to do with Steele's official duties."

According to the complaint, Balanoff then demanded a list of all communications Calabrese had with people outside the District 2 office. He allegedly threatened to fire him "if he contacted (BOR) employees outside of District 2 again."

Calabrese allegedly then informed the Inspector General's office of the threat. Steele then fired Calabrese.

According to the complaint, Steele accused Calabrese of insubordination, claiming "he lied to me about his work." Steele

allegedly told the BOR secretary that: "I have lost all faith in his integrity and judgment." Calabrese says he "was a dedicated employee that enjoyed the work he did, and he planned to stay with BOR for the remainder of his career."

Calabrese asserts his alleged mistreatment from Steele and Balanoff has led to him suffering "humiliation, shock, and grief, as well as emotional, reputational, and economic harm."

He asserts Steele and Balanoff allegedly violated his First Amendment speech rights, by allegedly conspiring to prevent him from cooperating with the Inspector General's investigations and for refusing to campaign against Rogers and Cardenas, and then retaliating against him.

He further accused Steele and Balanoff of violating his rights as a "whistleblower" under Illinois law, and of allegedly violating his rights to due process by accusing him of misconduct and then firing him without giving him a chance to defend himself at a hearing.

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