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The Chicago Fire Dept. Engine 71 at 6239 N. California is in the middle of a fundraising campaign to fix up and modernize the property.

Petition campaign underway for West Ridge firehouse upgrades

The West Ridge and West Rogers Park communities are undertaking a campaign to get upgrades to their local firehouse, Chicago Fire Dept. [CFD] Engine 71 at 6239 N. California.

Among other improvements, they're calling for upgraded quarters for the CFD crew and to build out a new ambulance attachment.

And the effort has gotten off to a great start after the Jewish Neighborhood Development Council of Chicago [JNDC] helped lobby for, and got \$5 million in taxpayer funding which has been earmarked for this cause by the State of Illinois.

JNDC claims they have been urging local political leaders for years to remedy what they're calling an "unacceptable situation."

The surrounding community has now undertaken a petition campaign, saying that CFD Engine 71's Firehouse "is in dire need of renovations, both to improve the working and living conditions for our heroic first responders and to add an ambulance attachment that would al-

low for faster response times to emergency situations."

The total cost to renovate CFD Engine 71's Firehouse is estimated at \$5 million. Those taxpayer funds have now been secured by State Sen. Ram Villivalam [8th] and Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] who have both championed this project since 2019.

The petition also credits the support and advocacy of residents, non-profit community organizations, and other elected leaders, including State Rep. Kevin Olickal [16th] and State Rep. Mike Kelly [15th], where "there is a strong commitment to move this project forward."

With the petition, they are formally requesting that "the City of Chicago and relevant agencies commit to completing the renovations needed to provide dignified quarters for our first responders, as well as constructing an ambulance attachment" at the firehouse.

For more information write to ellen@jndcchicago.org, or visit jndcchicago.org.

Zen Leaf cannabis workers vote to join Teamsters Local 777

On Aug. 15 the Rogers Park and Evanston locations of Zen Leaf voted to join Teamsters Local 777. There are now four Verano stores in Illinois which have unionize with the Teamsters' Local 777.

Cannabis advisors and agents-in-charge at the Zen Leaf dispensary in Rogers Park, 7305 N. Rogers Ave., voted overwhelmingly to ratify their first Teamsters contract. Then on Aug. 15, workers at the Evanston location, 1804 Maple Ave., voted overwhelmingly to join the union.

The contract for the Rogers Park location includes wage increases of at least 18% over the lifetime of the agreement, more paid holidays and time off, employer-funded 401(k) contributions, and protection against unjust terminations. Another significant win was a

provision that requires a successor employer to honor the collective bargaining agreement in the event another company takes over the operation.

"Cannabis belongs to the people, people who have paid and those who continue to pay the unfair price for its use and possession," said Jesse Guice, a Local 777 member from the Rogers Park dispensary. "As the cannabis industry has grown, profits have been prioritized over people far too often. Unionizing is the first step for the people to take cannabis back."

"Teamsters collective bargaining agreements in the cannabis industry are negotiated with the long-term prosperity of our membership specifically in mind," said Peter Finn, Teamsters Western Region International Vice

President. "Everything we do is geared toward building middle-class prosperity in this craft."

Local 777 also has unionized at least six Sunnyside pot stores operating in Illinois, including their River North store, which is owned by Chicago-based MSO Cresco Labs.

"Cannabis is an emerging industry, and organizing as a union ensures that the people who make the industry thrive are rewarded with fair compensation and a true sense of a meaningful, long-term career," said Patrick Paddock, a budtender with Zen Leaf. "The Teamsters' commitment to both individual groups and the advancement of labor conditions as a whole makes them a true force in the movement to establish equity in cannabis."

Emergency Room alternatives emerge as mental health crises grow on North Side

BY MARTHA ROSENBERG

"Nationwide, communities are starting to build comprehensive and coordinated crisis systems to improve responses to people experiencing a behavioral health crisis and reduce over-reliance on law enforcement officers in these situations." So reads a 2021 announcement from the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance [BJA] explaining the new, mental health specific phone number—988—that can be used in lieu of the crime-oriented 911.

Reducing "over-reliance" on law enforcement officers for mental health crises is only one benefit from emergency room alternatives. So is reducing over-reliance on medical and hospital resources. And that's before we

get to the patients.

Emergency care seldom includes case management services like housing, food and economic assistance that patients often need. The presence of armed guards and law enforcement personnel can escalate a mental health crisis (one woman reports being locked up and chained to a cot after a "wellbeing" call to 911).

Moreover, people with mental health events often have to wait for long periods of time in emergency departments as acute conditions like heart issues are seen first. Finally, there is the issue of money and health insurance, which many lack.

Replacing armed police with social workers during a mental health crisis is not just happening in Chicago—it's a growing,

national trend. "Calling 911 in Cambridge?" wrote the Boston Globe this summer. "Soon, the city may send social workers instead of police."

On the North Side, Thresholds, a group serving persons with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders in Illinois, has operated the Living Room, an emergency department alternative in the 47th Ward at 4423 N. Ravenswood Ave. for about four years. Run for those in recovery, by those in recovery, the Living Room offers "peer support" in a homey setting including food and a place to catch up on sleep for a night or two if needed, team leader Lilin Boachie told Inside Publications.

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Man gets 25 years for murdering 75-year-old man in Rogers Park knife attack

BY CWB CHICAGO

A man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for stabbing a 75-year-old man to death in Rogers Park. Judge Peggy Chiampas handed down the sentence on Aug. 27 after Cash Johnson, 29, pleaded guilty to one count of murder, according to court records.

The victim, Nanda Bhattarai, initially survived the March 19,

2021, attack but died 12 days later.

Footage from a string of surveillance cameras showed Johnson walking from his home to a nearby McDonald's, where he bought food with a credit card and began walking home around 5:40 p.m., officials said. More footage showed Johnson walking back toward his home with Bhattarai walking along the same route behind him.

Video showed Johnson entering a gangway in the 1600 block of W. Morse and Bhattarai, walking with a cane, following behind him. About a minute later, Bhattarai walked out of the gangway holding his stomach and bleed-



Cash Johnson

ing, prosecutors said. Gravely wounded by eight stab wounds, he walked about two blocks to his home and called 911.

Camera footage allegedly shows Johnson fleeing out the opposite end of the gangway after the stabbing and then jogging to his own apartment.

About a month after the attack, police arrested Johnson at his home and confiscated the shoes and jacket he was wearing in the

video, according to prosecutors.

Johnson allegedly gave various explanations for what transpired in the gangway, including that some men who were armed with a knife tried to rob him. He later claimed that he called the elderly man into the gangway because he thought the 75-year-old wanted to buy weed from him, according to prosecutors.



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INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

Dear readers, we thought the boxes would be returned to their locations



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I trust in Divine Providence. That dimension of the Deity, that makes its way in poetic passage through the pitfalls and disappointments of human life. It's Divine Providence that provides us with the common sense and rational judgement to see beyond the limits and frailty of life.

I've always believed that since the night the White Sox won the American League pennant in 1959. Sadly that moment is often eclipsed by the actions of Chicago Fire Cmsr. Bob Quinn. In a moment of celebrated Bridgeport madness, he turned on the city's air raid sirens to celebrate. But without telling anyone.

Usually the sirens were reserved to alert, during the Cold War, that a nuclear attack was about to get underway.

Our parents were out having dinner, so Grandma O'Connor was watching my sister and me. She marched us to our dining room and climbed under the antique oak table there with us. I asked her if the table could survive a nuclear explosion nearby. She pinched me and began reciting the Rosary.

Soon common sense helped us realize the Russians hadn't waited for a White Sox victory to catch us off our guard. Not even the Ruskies could be that evil.

Whispering my response to grandma's "Hail Mary," realizing we were safe, not Hiroshima doomed, was a childhood memory of the workings of Divine Providence. I still cling to that theological mystery.

I need a heavy dose of Divine Providence at this moment in time. I just heard from my publisher, and some other erudite newspaper wags that in preparation for the Democratic Convention, our Mayor Brandon Johnson, had all the newspaper boxes in the Boul Mich-Gold Coast neighborhoods removed. Streeterville and across the boulevards of Chicago as well. Even that huge 12 box stand in front of Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill, where this reporter once got his own hot off the press copy.

The newspaper boxes were originally the genius idea of former Mayor Richard M. Daley. He saw them on a visit to Paris and how they were an answer to a big city prayer.

Their handsome design and efficient utility were perfect for the newspaper-rich Chicago. Daley was never afraid of a good fresh idea. He remains a child of vast belief in Divine Providence. "Everybody likes to see something nice at work."

We guess that strategic safety move saved untold number of convention delegates and VIP



Chicago's multiple-box news racks were removed from Chicago streets by the city to stop the Democratic Party's mad-bombers from filling them with explosives. But it appears they will not return to city streets now that the DNC has left town. These racks once held The Chicago Tribune, Sun-Times, Reader, New City, Crain's, Skyline, La Raza, and other assorted specialty newspapers. *Image courtesy Pilsen Delivery Express*

Democratic stars from mad-bombers, filling the newspaper boxes with explosives. But where are Chicagoans supposed to get their Tribune, Sun-Times, Reader, New City, Crain's, Skyline, Inside-Booster, News-Star and assorted specialty papers?

Everyone thought they would be returned to their previous locations after the convention. No one wanted to believe Johnson was using the Mein Kampf playbook to rule. The effort to remove the boxes has not stopped now that the DNC has left town. A source told us that on Aug. 28, newspaper boxes were removed from a location on Damen in Bucktown.

In 1988 and again in 2008, federal courts struck down a law in a Cleveland suburb that gave the mayor the power to decide which newspapers would get licenses to distribute their newspapers in racks on city streets.

According to the American Newspaper Publishers Assoc., almost half of the distribution of single copies of newspapers in the United States takes place through newspaper boxes.

In his 2008 ruling, U.S. Circuit Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III said of newsrack bans, "It must be remembered that a newsrack ban primarily restricts political speech and that political speech, of course, is at the core of what the First Amendment is designed to protect ... An informed citizenry is at the heart of this democracy, and narrowing the arteries of information in the manner sought by the Authority will only serve to impair our country's coronary health."

18 U.S. Code § 1703 - Delay or Destruction of Mail or Newspapers states that whoever, without authority, opens, or destroys any mail or package of newspapers not directed to him, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Of course these court rulings only apply in America. Unfortunately we live in Chicago.

Johnson is the first Chicago mayor to use such an emphatic censorship of the press. There were still fresh newspapers in those boxes when they got taken away. During a Presidential election season.

Tito in Yugoslavia was a great press censor. So was Stalin who regularly sent editors to Siberia to chill out. Mussolini carried a grudge and tormented newspapers for sport. General Franco filled Spanish prisons with foolish writers and poets. And Iran raised the bar for everyone with their brutality and torture of well-

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CTA now using AI gun detection technology

It is perhaps a sad commentary on crime and violence in Chicago today that it's come to this, that the Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] is now using Artificial Intelligence [AI] to track gun use on the CTA train network.

In an effort to enhance the security of riders and CTA employees, the CTA has announced the pilot implementation of AI-based technology with existing security cameras to specifically monitor for and alert security officials to brandished firearms.

"This pilot allows us to explore how new technology may be able to support these efforts and further enhance [the] technologies

currently in place," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. "Our hope is this added measure of protection provides additional peace of mind to everyone."

So there, the CTA will become even more aware when somebody pulls on gun on you on a CTA platform.

As part of its ongoing effort to combat crime on and near CTA properties, the CTA has partnered with the technology company ZeroEyes, which provides a visual gun detection and situational awareness software platform based on computer vision and advanced machine learning AI.

CTA awarded a 12-month con-

tract to ZeroEyes, valued at up to \$200,000, and will provide 24/7 monitoring of multiple cameras across the rail system, plus supervision and supporting equipment.

This technology has already been implemented in a variety

This AI technology, though, will do nothing about boosting Cook County's policy against prosecuting the criminals holding those guns, that is strictly a human task and decision.

ZeroEyes technology uses exist-

The ZeroEyes staff would then verify if the object detected is in fact a true brandished firearm and will then notify local law enforcement so they can respond, if any police are available to take the call.

With the AI technology, Chicago police would be notified of a threat, often under one minute, after the system has a detection. Notification to police would include a photograph of a suspected gunman, gun type and specific location.

The Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] provides law enforcement and patrols the CTA system, and CTA's extensive security-camera network is used to identify criminal activity and investigate reported customer and employee issues on the rail and bus systems.

of settings including other major transit agencies, schools and more, and is also currently in use at Chicago's Navy Pier.

ing digital security camera footage to identify only brandished guns. If a brandished firearm is detected, an image is automatically sent to the ZeroEyes Operation Centers, which are staffed by military and law enforcement veterans for human verification.

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CTA boss overlooked city stations while traveling world

Dorval Carter paid \$376,000 annually but traveled three months

BY BOB ZULEY

In the past year, CTA president Dorval Carter, Jr. traveled more than three months visiting other transit systems around the world while scheduling only a few visits to CTA stations or staff events, according to Manny Ramos of Block Club Chicago.

The report detailed attempts by Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] and his replacement, Bennett Lawson, to have Carter visit the troubled Belmont Ave 'L' station.

Carter downplayed most of the aldermen's other concerns.

Lawson had to wait for Carter to return from a six-day convention to Portland, OR. This as many Chicagoans forgo work travel on the CTA with the advent of emails and Zoom meetings.

From the end of May 2023 to May 2024, CTA passengers suffered through ghost trains,

unsanitary stations and growing crime as Carter spent nearly 100 days out of town at conferences, his schedule shows.

Most of Carter's travels were for events related to the American Public Transportation Assoc., a nonprofit advocacy group he chaired in 2022 and 2023. Carter spent a week in Pittsburgh and another in Orlando, six days in Puerto Rico, and five days in Washington, D.C. He also traveled to Spain, New Zealand and Australia.

In total, Carter was out-of-town for 97 of the 345 days Block Club

reviewed his schedule, or 28% of that period outside of Chicago.

During that same time period, Carter scheduled just nine field trips to CTA train stations and bus terminals.

Mayor Brandon Johnson's office declined to comment on Carter's travels but has supported him as some aldermen, transit advocates, and the editorial pages of the Sun-Times and Crain's Chicago Business have all called for new leadership at the CTA.

Carter characterized criti-

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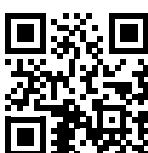
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NEXT WEEKEND

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Guests will indulge in the season's best wines paired with delectable bites from Lincoln Park's neighborhood restaurants.

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Ave. businesses between Diversey and Webster as they transform into pop-up tasting rooms featuring wine selections from Vin Chicago.

Tickets range from \$48 to \$65, and they are expected to sell out. Tickets include wine samples and light fare from local businesses, visit <https://lincolnparkchamber.ticketsauce.com/e/uncorkedlincoln24>.

Lake Shore Dr. repair work underway

On Tuesday, work crews started work on a portion of N. Lake Shore Dr. The construction project will include northbound Lake Shore Dr. from Lawrence Ave. to Hollywood Ave. and southbound Lake Shore Dr. from Hollywood Ave. to Lawrence Ave. and from W. Irving Park Rd. to

LaSalle St.

During construction, temporary lane closures will be set up as required. The work is scheduled to be completed by late-October.

Bigane Paving Co. is the general contractor for this project and Wight & Company is providing Resident Engineering services for the city.

The work under Phase II of this project will include milling and paving the existing asphalt pavement and installation of permanent pavement markings. Phase I, which took place in the spring of 2024, consisted of pavement patching and curb and gutter removal and replacement.

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cism of his travel as personal attacks. His extensive travels during the past year came as riders grew frustrated over inconsistent service, dirty trains, and violent crime on the CTA.

The CTA routinely disregarded public record requests from local media, which is mandated by state law and ignored follow-up inquiries. Block Club then reported the CTA's failure to respond to the public access counselor in the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The CTA also ignored inquiries from that official as well.

In March, the public access counselor issued a binding opinion finding the CTA violated

the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and should immediately respond to media information requests.

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Carter used his CTA-issued ride-card only 24 times between 2021 and 2022, but swiped his work pass 58 times in 2023.

Carter earned the enmity of many when he refused to appear before a City Council meeting in 2022. When Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th] asked why Carter wasn't there, Chief Innovation Officer Molly Poppe, said the CTA staff were there to represent him.

"That didn't answer the question," Vasquez responded. "Is he ghosting us?"

"President Carter takes CTA



CTA president Dorval Carter, Jr.

service very seriously," Poppe assured him.

"If he was taking it seriously he would be here," Vasquez fired back. "That's a disrespect to the Council, to the ridership, and to the workers."



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Chicago budget deficit soars to almost \$1 billion under Mayor Johnson

BY JIM TALAMONTI
The Center Squared

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson says the city's budget deficit will grow to nearly \$1 billion next year.

The mayor's office released the city's 2025 Budget Forecast on Aug. 29. The report estimates a \$222.9 million deficit for the end of 2024 and a \$982.4 million deficit in fiscal year 2025.

And the worst affect from the budget hole may be yet to come for city residents. The crash in Chicago's commercial property base means that the property tax burden will have to be shifted from commercial property owners to residential property owners after this year's reassessment.

Republican Committeeman Tyler Shasteen [5th] said Mayor Johnson did not inherit the budget gap. "Don't forget that the mayor also rolled over a \$50 million budget surplus from 2023 into this year's budget and still had this large of a deficit," Shasteen said.

Shasteen attributed a lot of the new spending to the migrant situation in the city. "If we just took the amount of money that the Mayor's office has spent on the migrant crisis in this last fiscal year and put that toward the budget and we just didn't spend that money there, then we would actually have a surplus," he said.

To that point, Mayor Johnson has still not repudiated, nor retreated from Chicago's sanctuary city status, a policy that helped create the current migrant crisis by encouraging border states to send hundreds of thou-

sands of illegal aliens to sanctuary cities nationwide.

Johnson now says the budget forecast presents a significant challenge for the city. "My administration is committed to

"Don't forget that the mayor also rolled over a \$50 million budget surplus from 2023 into this year's budget and still had this large of a deficit," Tyler Shasteen said.

finding solutions that balance fiscal responsibility with our obligation to invest in the people of Chicago. Together, we will ensure our budget reflects the values of

equity, fairness and shared prosperity," Johnson said in a statement, while not suggesting any spending cuts.

According to Chicago Budget Director Annette Guzman, the forecasted budget gap is a clear indication of the financial pressures facing the city.

"It also highlights the critical need for structural solutions that address these challenges not just for the coming year, but for the future. We will continue to explore all options to close this gap while minimizing impact on essential services and making prudent investments in our city's future," Guzman stated.

Shasteen said the budget deficit under then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 was \$1.2 billion. "That

was in the midst of a pandemic. We're out of that now. To have the budget deficit up to those same levels is just insanity," he said.

Shasteen said Mayor Johnson does not have a sustainable plan.

"The gap in how much tax revenue they brought in and how much they spent is much larger than this. It's just that they were able to use a lot of these one-time funding opportunities that they're getting from the federal government," Shasteen explained.

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CTA extends #9 Ashland to Ravenswood Metra Station

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] announced the extension to one of its most heavily ridden routes, the #9 Ashland, to the Ravenswood Metra station located at Lawrence and Ravenswood.

The one-mile extension will include nine new bus stops spaced roughly every two blocks.

The extension will reportedly reach an additional 21,000 residents - within one-half mile - as compared to the current routing. The new routing also provides additional connections for riders connecting to the Metra UP-North line and two more major bus routes, #78 Montrose and #81 Lawrence.

The #9 Ashland service starts as far south as 104th St.

"The #9 is among our best-utilized routes, transporting an average of more than 16,000 riders every weekday," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr.

The new routing will extend north of Irving Park along Ashland to Wilson, to Ravenswood, terminating just south of Lawrence Ave. and then return on Ravenswood to Lawrence, to Ashland. The route currently terminates on Clark just north of Irving Park at Belle Plaine.



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Police Beat...

Cops hunt man who mugged 'elderly' woman in the Loop



CPD's transit unit is asking for help as they try to locate the guy who mugged a senior citizen on the Red Line on Aug. 26.

The man in these images was on a train when it arrived at State-Lake around 2 a.m., according to a "seeking information" bulletin police issued. When the doors opened, he looked up and down the platform to see if anyone was around and then snatched the "elderly" victim's purse, the police said.

CPD said anyone with information about the man can contact them at 312-745-4706. The case number is JH-402191.

Businesses clean up after gunman opens fire in River North

River North businesses are cleaning up after a gunman opened fire Aug. 26, sending bullets through several storefront windows and into parked cars.

No injuries were reported after the man started shooting from a parking lot on the corner of Ohio and Franklin around 1:32 a.m.

Chicago police officers were actively surveilling the intersection via video feed when the man opened fire. They described the shooter as a heavy-set Black man with medium-length dreadlocks wearing a white t-shirt. After the incident, he ran north on Franklin.

On Aug. 26, shattered glass littered a sidewalk just south of the intersection as a work crew repaired several panes of glass that were damaged by bullets.

Across the street, two large display windows showed bullet damage at Renaissance Tile & Bath. A bullet was still lodged in one of the windows.

"Is that what it looks like?" a man asked as a CWBChicago staffer took photos of the scene.

"Holy sh*t!" he exclaimed upon seeing the rest of the damage.

Shooting at Edgewater pizza stand is 14th of the year for neighborhood that had 5 shootings in 2023

A man was shot and a woman was battered during an argument inside an Edgewater restaurant on Aug. 26. The incident marks the 14th shooting in Edgewater this year, one shy of the total victims seen in 2022 and 2023 combined.

The situation started around 9:10 p.m. when a group of men ap-

proached a 22-year-old man inside Primo Pizza, 5600 N. Clark, according to police. One of the men began arguing with the victim, pulled a gun, and opened fire.

Police said the victim, shot one time in the thigh, was taken to St. Francis Hospital in fair condition.

The gunman and two other men ran from the restaurant after the shooting, heading north on Clark St. An officer at the scene described the shooter as a Hispanic man between 25 and 30 years old, 5'-10" tall, wearing a blue bandana and a black hoodie.

Monday's victim is the 14th person shot in Edgewater this year. The neighborhood had five victims total in all of 2023 and 10 for all of 2022.

Six of this year's victims were shot inside or directly outside the same apartment building in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore during a string of incidents on May 22, May 24, June 6, Aug. 8, and Aug. 12.

In the most recent shooting, 13-year-old Ashawn Davis was fatally shot inside an apartment occupied by several of his friends, according to information from family members and officials.

After the third person was shot at 6002 N. Kenmore in May, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] launched a policy of not telling her constituents about criminal activity in her ward unless they "opt-in" to a special mailing list.

The alderman said she believes informing people about crime is racist and leads to a perception of increased crime. She said her decision was based on her concerns about racism and her belief that "over-reporting of crime leads to an inaccurate public perception about crime rates."

Monday's shooting occurred in the neighboring 40th Ward, which is represented by Ald. Andre Vasquez. He does not withhold basic public safety information from his constituents. He issued this email after last night's incident:

"This evening, we were informed by the CPD 20th District Commander Beth Giltmier that at approximately 10 p.m. there was a shooting incident on the 5600 Block of N. Clark."

"One person was shot, and is now in stable condition. Detectives are on the scene."

"We will continue to follow up with the 20th District and we will share additional updates as we receive confirmed information from any related investigations."

Two more members of prolific armed robbery crew get 10-year prison sentences

The third and fourth members of a prolific armed robbery crew that ran havoc across the city in the winter of 2022 have pleaded guilty to their roles in the crime wave. Like two co-defendants who pleaded guilty before them, they received ten-year sentences.

The judge who first heard about the allegations during a bond hearing characterized their work as "an unmitigated crime spree ... robbery after robbery after robbery after robbery."

Prosecutors said the group consistently used the same tactic during the Dec. 11-12, 2022, spree: they boxed in someone who was sitting in a parked car, swarmed the victim with guns drawn, and took valuables. Three of the victims were warming up their ve-



Marcus Carter, left, and Dashun McGraw.

hicles as they prepared to go to work. Another had just parked when the crew spotted them.

Early on December 12, the crew robbed a 42-year-old man who was in his car in the 4300 block of N. Leavitt. Four men pulled up in a silver sedan and robbed him of his phone and wallet at gunpoint.

Three men robbed a 20-year-old man at gunpoint in the 2400 block of W. Berwyn in Lincoln Square moments later. The offenders rifled through the man's car and then escaped in a silver vehicle. That crime was caught on video.

Minutes later, three armed men robbed a man who was unloading his vehicle in the 3100 block of W. Leland. One of the robbers punched the victim in the face before the group fled in a silver sedan.

Four other robberies resulted in charges: two in quick succession in the 2100 block of N. Claremont, one in the 410 block of N. Wolcott, and another in the 1100 block of W. 31st St.

Several similar holdups occurred while the spree unfolded, but none resulted in criminal charges. Dozens of similar robberies were reported in the days before the men were arrested, but those were never prosecuted, either.

Marcus Carter, 22, pleaded guilty to seven counts of robbery before Judge Tyria Walton on Aug. 28. She sentenced him to 10 years on each count to be served concurrently. Dashun McGraw, 21, entered a similar plea last month and received the same sentence from Walton. Marquise Green and Marchello Hicks, both 22, each pleaded guilty to seven counts of robbery earlier this year. They received identical sentences from Walton.

All four men will receive credit for time spent in jail and a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior.

Seven people robbed during downtown holdup spree

Police are investigating four armed robberies reported Aug. 27 in the downtown area. At least seven victims were robbed during the holdups.

During each robbery, one or two armed men confronted one or two victims on the street and took valuables at gunpoint.

The first robbery was reported at Clark and Delaware around 1 a.m. A robber, who appeared to be 16 or 17 years old, displayed a gun and took the victim's phone and wallet, then fled westbound on Delaware, according to initial information.

At about the same time, a woman was targeted at Dearborn and Delaware by the same robber. He was described as Black with short hair and wearing a gray hoodie.

Around 1:30 a.m., two men robbed a couple on Lake St., just west of LaSalle in the Loop. They told police that two men displayed guns with extended magazines and took their wallets, phones, and a purse. The victims, who were staying at a nearby hotel, told police that the primary robber wore a bandana over his face, a white hoodie, and blue jeans. Both offend-

ers escaped in a white car, possibly a Nissan Altima.

Finally, at 6 a.m., three men were robbed in the 200 block of E. Delaware. A CPD spokesperson said a silver Saturn rolled up on the men and two gunmen got out of the vehicle to demand their property.

The victims cooperated, and there were no reported injuries during the holdups.

Robberies in the CPD district that patrols the Loop are up 16% this year and 54% compared to 2020. Across the river, the Near North 18th District is experiencing a 4% increase, according to CPD's latest stats. Near North robberies are up 34% compared to 2020.

Last week, Chicago police released a community alert after detectives linked armed robberies in the Loop and West Loop to the same holdup crew. A Texas delegate who was in town for the Democratic National Convention was one of the victims of the holdups.

Career bank robber charged with robbing banks in Rogers Park and Dunning



The FBI said this man robbed banks on the north and northwest sides on Aug. 2 and 3.

The FBI says a man on supervised release for bank robbery is responsible for robbing two banks on the city's Far North Side this month. Jeffrey Sulaski, 64, was arraigned at the federal courthouse downtown on Aug. 29.

All together, Sulaski is suspected of robbing at least 17 banks in at least four states over the past 24 years. One of his previous defense attorneys claimed that the bank robberies fueled Sulaski's gambling addiction.

Wearing a bucket hat and implying that he had a gun, Sulaski tried to rob Huntington Bank inside Jewel-Osco, 6430 W. Irving Park Rd., around 5 p.m. Aug. 2.

The next day, around 11:45 a.m., he successfully robbed Associated Bank inside Jewel-Osco at 1764 W. Howard, a federal indictment said. Federal agents estimate he got away with \$1,404.

In 2011, Sulaski was accused of "extorting" \$65,000 from Chase Bank, 2501 N. Clark, in Lincoln Park by threatening staff members over the phone. A grand jury also indicted him that year on charges of robbing TCF Bank, 4250 N. Lincoln, of \$1,974; robbing TCF Bank at 3570 N. Elston of about \$3,500; robbing TCF Bank at 1341 North Paulina of \$298 during one holdup and \$887 in a second robbery.

At the time of the 2011 crimes, Sulaski was on supervised release for a flurry of bank robberies in Ohio.

16 months later, charges filed in hit-and-run crash that killed road construction worker in Lakeview

Charges have finally been filed in connection with the fatal hit-and-run crash that killed a road construction worker on Lake Shore Drive in Lakeview last year. Bahiyya Bost, 50, was charged Aug. 30 with reckless homi-

cide in a construction zone and failure to report a fatal accident.

Chicago police officers actually detained Bost shortly after the April 21, 2023, crash that killed 45-year-old Kenneth Hernandez. But it took 16 months to gather enough evidence to convince prosecutors to charge her.

Hernandez was in a marked construction zone, standing next to the street sweeper he operated, when Bost allegedly barreled her 2004 Volvo through the construction zone and struck him around 10:50 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Federal investigators determined that the construction zone had a site-specific traffic control plan that was properly marked.

According to Bost's arrest report, CPD investigators compiled video evidence tracking her movements before and after the crash. Shortly before the crash, she swerved across the center line of Fullerton Ave. at Cannon Dr., then headed north onto the drive, according to camera footage. Less than a mile up the road, she allegedly drove through the construction site, killed Hernandez, and kept going.

A short time later, she crashed into another car at 3958 N. Clarendon and fled that scene, too, the police report said. With her windshield caved in, she ran a red light at Sheridan and Pratt, barely missing three pedestrians in the crosswalk, according to the report.

As we reported on the day after the crash, police arrested the 48-year-old driver of a damaged Volvo about two hours after Hernandez



Deandre Davis

was killed. That person was Bost.

But prosecutors needed more evidence that she was behind the wheel of the car that struck Hernandez, and

CPD's Major Accident Investigations Unit painstakingly pieced a case together. Bost surrendered to CPD on Aug. 28.

Judge William Fahy rejected a prosecution request to keep Bost in jail pending trial, opting instead to send her home on an ankle monitor.

Robbing a West Ridge postal worker gets man a six-year prison sentence

Chicagoans have heard a lot about postal workers being robbed at gunpoint over the past couple of years. But it's not often that we hear about people being sent to prison for those crimes.

That'll change now as we report on the recent sentencing of Deandre Davis, a 23-year-old who has pleaded guilty to holding up a mail carrier on the North Side last year.

Davis was on parole for armed robbery when he allegedly pointed a gun at the postal worker and demanded her master keys in March 2022. Mail thieves use the stolen keys to steal mail, which goes on to fuel well-organized identity theft rings.

Surveillance video showed Davis get out of a Toyota Camry to rob the postal carrier in the 6400 block of N. Hoyle around 2:40 p.m., prosecutors said. He allegedly demanded the 36-year-old man's work keys, then fled in the vehicle.

Chicago police detectives found additional surveillance video of Davis getting out of the Camry in front of a Rogers Park apartment building after the robbery. A building manager and Chicago cops who'd had previous contact with Davis identified him in the footage.

CPD arrested Davis a couple of months after the robbery when he showed up for an appointment with

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While burglaries are down across Chicago, neighborhoods like Uptown and Lakeview aren't so lucky

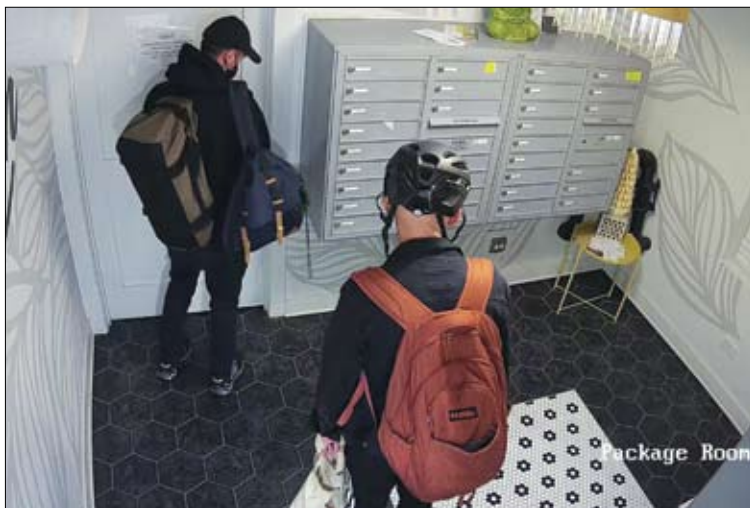
BY CWB CHICAGO

If you look at the Chicago Police Department's latest statistics report, you'll see that burglaries are down 5% this year. That's good. But your mileage may vary. And one neighborhood where your mileage will especially vary is Uptown, where burglaries are up 24% this year.

Burglaries aren't the neighborhood's only problem. A CWB-Chicago bi-annual analysis of crime reports found that Uptown had more crimes reported during the first half of this year than any other year since at least 2014.

Violent crime reports and burglaries are also at their highest levels since at least 2014.

One of the burglary victims is a man who lives in the 800 block of W. Montrose. He sent along video of the two men he believes stole his Cannondale bike from his



An Uptown resident says these two men broke into his building's storage area and stole his Cannondale bike.

building's locked storage room.

The footage shows one man fiddling with the storage area's lock, then stepping outside to grab something from a basket on the back of a bicycle. The victim believes he fetched tools to help him compromise the lock.

A second man joins the first, and nearly 30 minutes after their efforts began, they walk out the back door with the man's bike.

No arrests have been made thus far. A CPD report says the men entered the room by punching the lock.

Burglaries dipped during the pandemic as more people worked from home. But that trend is reversing in some areas.

Another neighborhood experiencing a high number of burglaries this year is Wrigleyville and Boystown. Break-ins increased by more than 100% in the first half of the year, from 26 to 56.

The greater Lakeview area is also experiencing a sharp increase in burglary reports, up 63% as of June 30.

Next door in Roscoe Village, 18 burglaries were reported during the first half of the year, up 50% from 2023. That's the second-worst performance since we started compiling reports for the neighborhood in 2015.



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Artists, bands wanted for music showcase

The Chicago Made Music Showcase is seeking local solo artists and bands to enter their next competition. Audition dates are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 14, 16 and 17, and all auditions will be held at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 W. Washington, in the Claudia Cassidy Theater.

Twenty semi-finalists will be selected to perform at the House of Blues Foundation Room, Monday Sept. 30, and 15 finalists will be chosen to perform in the Chicago Made Music Showcase Finale at the Chicago Cultural Center, on Saturday, Oct. 19 where the winners will be announced.

The winning contestant will get \$10,000, career-building consultations and opportunities to perform at other produced events. To participate, visit <https://events.eventnoire.com/e/2024-chicago-made-music-auditions/resend>.

Man stabbed, seriously injured during fight in Boystown

BY CWB CHICAGO

A man is in serious condition after being stabbed multiple times during a fight in Boystown on Sept. 1, police said.

It happened around 3:50 a.m. in the 3600 block of N. Halsted, just north of Addison.

A CPD spokesperson said a 33-year-old man got into a "physical altercation" with another man, who stabbed the victim throughout his body. Police officers found the victim on the ground, but the assailant was gone.

EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in serious condition.

A witness reported that one of the men was chasing the other, heading south on Halsted St. Police received conflicting descriptions of the attacker. Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.



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meaning journalists.

But only the Taliban has displayed power as far-reaching as Mayor Johnson's. Just this week the turbaned despots have ruled prohibiting women from public talking. So the Taliban gives the mayor a handy challenge for the weeks and months ahead.

This assault on American journalism is a fresh demonic boom-lowering on a free press that once, long ago, was the dream of American patriots.

It's a cataclysmic bombing of independent newspapers. The one you are reading now included. An action of ludicrous proportions already the talk of the nation's press corps.

Is there some secret story the mayor is trying to conceal? Is there some nugget of news that

he really wants suppressed? Is there some big cover-up actually underway?

Only time will tell. Divine Providence may have its own agenda.

The removal and total destruction without consultation with any Chicago newspaper leader is a stain on this city thanks to this buffoon. Did he think this up, or did this originate in the mental spin class of his boss, President Toni Preckwinkle?

In some ways the total lack of intelligence has Cook County politics written all over it.

There's plenty of room for our need of Divine Providence at this moment in our history. America has never been as bright and intelligent as when a woman of mixed race stands before the nation seeking our highest office. With plans for more dynamic patriotic ways of being an American. With wisdom to examine what makes us work, or not. Unlike Mayor Johnson's anti-American attack on the Chicago Press.

Had he thought longer and harder about what he so destructively unleashed, he may have been less foolish. He wouldn't be in the sinking dingy he's about to tread water in.

Chicago is in desperate need

of the assistance of Divine Providence. Some force to lift us from hiding under oak tables when a nuke is about to go off.

In the meantime, if you favorite newspaper box was just swiped, call our office [773-465-9700] with some suggestions as to where we can drop off newspapers that is convenient for you, and out of the mayor's reach.

It's a "Hail Mary" moment.



Holly Mitchell wearing Takara Beathea-Gudell's VOTE ring.

VOLUNTEER: Tamima Itani, has been recognized by the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources as a 2024 outstanding volunteer. Itani managed up to 190 volunteers covering 70 shifts per week for nine weeks to monitor Piping Plovers and their nests on Chicago's lakefront. Itani has been instrumental in the protection of Plovers and their habitat, creating educational materials, and establishing conservation partnerships. She has worked with many organizations including the Chicago Park District, while finding the time to create educational materials for children.

PRITZKER CONVENTION: It really was Gov. **JB Pritzker's** convention. His tall stack of green-backs really greased the skids and opened the doors of Chicago to nationwide Democrats. The scenes of delegates was truly a glimpse of America. Everyone from everywhere reaching out to protect America with reason and heartfelt emotion. Patriotism is sage and now in the warm embrace of its people.

HOSTAGES: Ambassador **Michael Herzog** and Consul General **Yinam Cohen** took the time during the Democrat National Convention to visit the Hostages Square put up by the Israeli-American Council and members of the Chicago Jewish Community on the Near West Side. Together, they attended over 25 pro-Israel and Jewish events around the city. The square, which mirrored the Hostage Square in Tel Aviv, aimed to raise awareness for the hostages still being held in Gaza. The one-day art installation was meant to draw attention to hostages still being held by Hamas. The display featured numerous art projects and memorials dedicated to the hostages.

SWEEPING COMPOUND: Financial woes are forming a tidal wave of death and political destruction for Chicago Mayor **Brandon Johnson** with insurmountable problems that even all our socialist alder-idiots can't arm wrestle their way out of.

KENNEDY COMPOUND: On "The Howard Stern Show," **Brook Shields** revealed that the late **JFK Jr.**, son of **John F. Kennedy** and **Jackie Onassis**, stopped talking to her after she refused big intimacy on their first

and last date. **Ben Affleck** is supposedly dating "**Kick**" **Kennedy** during his divorce troubles... dating a Kennedy is just the start of his troubles, she's the daughter of **Trump** intimate **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**

BLING: And just like that the Chicago Tribune freeze-framed **Holly Mitchell** (LA County Supervisor 2nd District) on the floor of the DNC wearing **Takara Beathea-Gudell's** fabulous VOTE ring.

AM/FM: Chicago Radio Legend **Robert ("Murphy in the Morning") Murphy** getting at the controls on National Radio Day, giving all of us a jolt of Chitown nostalgia.

TASTE OF GREEKTOWN: The Taste of Greektown is this weekend, celebrating Greek culture and cuisine. Guests have the opportunity to indulge in a range of delectable Greek delicacies. Additionally, there will be live music and cultural presentations. It's a lively event attracting both locals and tourists, offering a chance to experience the rich Greek heritage of the area.

CIVILITY: **Chaz Ebert** and **Richard Roeper** recently had a great experience sharing the stage with the Chicago Sun-Times film critic, and writer, at the Univ. Club of Chicago. From discussing It's Time to Give A FECK, to an initiative to restore civility



Zach Koran

in politics, with their call for the elevation of unity among humanity and a movement to transform empathy into action. It was truly a special event.

DREAM TOWN: **Zach Koran**, of Dream Town Real Estate, is honored in Chicago Agent Magazine for his outstanding performance and sterling efforts in revitalizing the market, as well as buying a new home, getting engaged, helping his son, **Myles**, start High School, as well as welcoming a new puppy. No half measures here.

FORE: Excitement builds around the crowning of the 2024 Individual Champion at LIV Golf Chicago, taking place from Sept. 13-15 at Bolingbrook Golf Club. Look for LIV Golf star **Jon Rahm** around town with Torque GC Captain **Joaquin Niemann**, **Bryson DeChambeau**, five-time major winner **Brooks Koepka**, six-time major winner **Phil Mickelson**, and many more players you'll know.

LIVE: The fourth annual Chicago Live! festival, is Sept. 21-22 at Navy Pier. More than 100 Chicago-grown acts -- from headliner **Jeff Tweedy**, to North Side world-class stalwarts like The Joffrey Ballet, Second City, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Black Ensemble Theater, and the Blue

Man Group, to pop culture icons like **Ginger Minj** from RuPaul's Drag Race, Tony-nominated Felicia Fields, The Voice's **Oliv Blu**, and many up-and-comers.

VATICAN NEWS: **Pope Francis** is expected to name a new nest of cardinals after his return from his historic Asia visitation. He has truly reshaped the life of Catholicism.

WHO'S WHERE: **Peggy Snorf** regaled for a sail on a bright and breezy Chicago day with Ensign **Brian White**, where's my paint brush... Top Italian restaurateur, **Giovanni Scaldo** and his beloved wife, **Jennifer**, observed their 40th wedding anniversary amid the cheers from staff and customers at Via Carducci on Division... **Jim Kinney** starting off their "Buckatabon" Wisconsin Supper Club adventure at the bar with **Brian White**, **Hopie** and **Annie Hambleton**, a definite German vibe was in the air... **Adam Umbach** has a remarkable exhibition in Nantucket at Cavalieri Galleries... **Frank Harmon** with his grandson, **Marty**, the LaCrosse champ at St. Ignatius College Prep... Famed architect **Lucien Lagrange** doing what he does best, designing more stunning buildings... **Whitney Reynolds** and the twins cheering papa, **David Heiner**, first Olympic triathlon finish, so proud... ABC'S **Roz Varon** twinning with wine maven **Bobbie Kongsgaard** at Cooper's Hawk Winery in Burr Ridge... Fashionista **Contessa Bottega**, beautiful memories from Tripoli in Greece with **Petros**... **Paul Tuminaro** taking a break from Harvard with some time in Saint Remy, France, where some WWII liberation events are being staged, lots of Jeeps, flags and GI Joes... lovely **Jolanta Ruege** on the roof of the Ritz-Carlton... Happy belated birthday to **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, hugs and bubbles on your day... **Irene Michael** with **Arny Granat**, thrilled performing with the Rat Pack at Carnivale, brought back some great memories for her with the **Tony Ocean Show**.

OOH-LA-LA: **Bill** and **Erin Kresse** in Paris observing that on Sundays, Parisians and visitors climb to the top of Montmartre to attend Mass at the Basilica of the Sacré-Cœur.

JUST AS GOOD AS THE NIGHT BEFORE: No Irish sausages and bacon for breakfast today. And I've left my duck eggs in their cushioned carton. And not a croissant in sight. Instead the breakfast menu has been fashioned from last night's feast from Via Carducci. Two slices of mouthwatering cold cheese and mushroom pizza. As thin as a Lake Shore Drive socialite.

There is usually not that much pizza left behind. When it's parchment thin it just disappears, it never has time to chill.

So you have to savor those moments when providence leaves a bit behind. "It was meant to be," as the Romans used to say. After all, they invented pizza 3,000 years ago. That means leftover pizza was invented 2999 years and 364 days ago.

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German American Day Fest starts Sept. 6

The United German American Societies of Greater Chicago, the parent organization for over 50 German American organizations in Chicago, will be hosting the 58th Von Steuben Parade 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, on Lincoln Ave. from Irving Park Rd. to Sunnyside Ave.

German-American Day is an annual celebration of German heritage. It is part of the oldest cultural festival in Chicago, the 102nd Annual German American Festival in Lincoln Square.

The Von Steuben Parade is named after Friederich Wilhelm von Steuben, originally from Magdeburg, Prussia (now Germany), who was Inspector General under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

In 1777, Von Steuben went to Paris to meet America's Ambassador to France Benjamin Franklin to offer them his military services. The Continental Congress, much impressed by Von Steuben's title and his refusal to accept any salary while in service, immedi-

ately sent him to George Washington at Valley Forge.

Von Steuben had an illustrious military career and with his expertise joined in the war efforts in the American colonies. He was one of Washington's most trusted generals. A masterful military tactician, he trained countless American regiments — despite not speaking any English and having to rely on an interpreter.

The Von Steuben Parade showcases the many German cultural Clubs & Organizations in the

greater Chicago area, including musicians, dancers and choral groups.

The German American Festival kicks off Friday, Sept. 6 and runs through Sunday Sept. 8, centered on Lincoln Ave., between Wilson and Sunnyside avenues in Lincoln Square. For more information visit <http://germanday.com/>.

The German Day Assoc. was founded in 1920 by dedicated Germans wishing to promote the usage and continuance of the German language, customs and songs in Chicago. At that time the Association became the umbrella organization for all of the German Organizations under the name of the United German American Societies of Greater Chicago.

The festival helps fund the continued education of youth and traditional culture. The location of the German-American Day celebration has changed several times over the years, from Riverview Park, Saint Paul Woods, Navy Pier, Schwaben Center, and Grant Park to Lincoln Square for the last 25 years.

She is an active member of the German Community since she was



Lorelei Schubert

a young child when she started performing with the American Aid Society Kindergarten at age 3. She is still an active member

there today in the American Aid Society Jugendgruppe.

Her love for dance has also drawn her to join the Chicago Rheinischer Verein Amazonen Dance Group a few years back and she is now actively performing with them year-round for their engagements also.

Lorelei will be a senior this fall at Woodstock High School. She enjoys playing on her school's volleyball team and she is continuing her French studies there also, in hopes of participating in an exchange program in Le Mans in the spring.

Letters to the Editor

It's city budget time

Chicago is facing a more than \$900 million budget deficit. So if they admit to nine, it must be twice that.

We've done half the work. We've elected the Mercedes Marxists, Lexus Leftists and Cadillac Communists to the offices of Governor, Attorney General, County Board President, Cook County States Attorney, Mayor and Aldermen. Now comes the time to finance The Revolution.

Property taxes will soar. What? You can't afford it? Too bad. Sell. And leave. We have migrants who need to be provided for. And you thought your lazy brother-in-law that moved in, 'for two weeks to flatten the curve,' during COVID was a mooch.

We have Chicago Teacher Union members that need a 50% raise from the \$120 grand a year salaries they're getting now.

And how about all those lawyers and administrators investi-

gating cops overseeing the Police reform? They want more. You know, the police who are not allowed to chase rapists, armed robbers and murderers, but worked overtime to protect the DNC delegates.

And how about all those City employees who spend the last six hours of their eight hour work day parked, looking at women or sleeping in the truck?

What's blue and sleeps five? A City of Chicago Water Dept. truck.

All these people cost money. And guess who pays for it? Not the big corporations downtown whose office workers now work at home. Not the sales taxes from vandalized, looted and closed stores on Boul Mich and State St. Not the temporary casino that is only bringing in one third of the projected revenue.

No, the tab this time is on the homeowner. The two flat owner,

Comicon correction

Just a correction to John Porubsky's Fan Expo article [Aug. 21]. My partners at the time we were at Chicago Comicon sold to Wizard in 1997 were Bob Weinberg and Gary Colabuono. Joe Sarno moved on from the Comicon around 1980.

Larry Charet
Edgewater

the small business owner.

But you know who doesn't have to pay? Out-of-town developers cashing in on give-aways, and the out-of-town owners of the Bears and White Sox who want billions of your tax money to build new ATMs, er, uh, I mean new sports stadiums.

And Brandon Johnson will give them your money. Just like you voted for.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Where are the Potawatomi artists with obtrusive viaduct murals?

I finally saw the "artwork" on the north wall of the Ridge Ave. viaduct by the new Peterson/Ridge Metra station. Except for a few well-done cartoon characters, it's horrible; visual noise. This style is busy, bold, and multicolored in order to be obtrusive. It has nothing to do with "representing" any racial or ethnic group. It's part of some sub-cultures which include illegal vandalism on walls of property which belongs to others. It represents criminal behavior, possibly not limited to defacement of others' walls.

I'd rather be subjected to a single work of Banksy on the original paint type and color which the railroad applied. Some might say

that Banksy's work doesn't fit here because he's an Englishman. But his cultural background is much closer to those of the peoples who created West Ridge and Edgewater, than most of those who are graffiti vandals.

We might also note that none of the "artwork" on these new viaduct walls was done by Potawatomi artists, to represent some of the last native peoples forced out of this neighborhood. So much for "land acknowledgement."

There's something wrong with people who can't tolerate a blank wall here that matches the new Metra station color scheme, especially in this context which has enough visual variety.

I hope that before too many more aldermanic elections, these viaducts are represented by someone who will have the railroad restore the original paint color and type, and maintain it; and also give priority to installing screening to prevent pigeons from roosting and nesting under all parts of these viaducts. The piles of pigeon poop are already building up pretty thick under the street lights, whose flat tops weren't properly screened in the first place, and still aren't, despite pleas to Metra officials.

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his parole officer.

In a deal with prosecutors, Davis pleaded guilty to armed robbery in exchange for a six-year sentence from Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer. He is expected to be paroled on April 30, 2026, after serving half of the sentence.

Court records show Davis received a six-year sentence for armed robbery in 2021, too. In that case, he was convicted of participating in a Jan. 2020 armed robbery that ended with the victim being shot and killed when someone stepped out of an alley and

started shooting at them, according to Chicago Police Dept. records. He was never accused of shooting the victim.

Prosecutors said he also had two juvenile adjudications, one for armed carjacking and the other for robbery and aggravated battery.

Teacher who brought underage boy home from Argentina gets 7½ years

A former employee at a private school on the North Side has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison by a federal judge in Miami. Emilio Vrdoljak pleaded guilty to

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transportation of child pornography, a case that began when he tried to re-enter the United States with a 17-year-old boy he met in Argentina.

Vrdoljak and the boy arrived at Miami International Airport on a flight from Buenos Aires on June 29, 2023, and customs agents selected the boy for a secondary inspection, federal officials said. The teen told customs officers that Vrdoljak was his English teacher, and he planned to stay with Vrdoljak in the U.S. for two weeks as part of his studies.

The officers inspected phones belonging to Vrdoljak and the boy "in an attempt to verify the story," an agent wrote in an initial complaint. Vrdoljak's phone allegedly contained im-

ages of another underage Argentinian boy and a sexual chat he had with Vrdoljak.

According to an agent's affidavit, Vrdoljak also sent the unidentified male an explicit video and asked the male to send one back. They chatted and exchanged images and videos over several days, officials said.

Vrdoljak told the agent that he teaches Spanish at a private preparatory school in Chicago and English in Buenos Aires.

When asked why he continued to chat and exchange files with the person who said they were 16, Vrdoljak told the agent he was "thinking with his butt," according to the affidavit.

The agent wrote that the Argentin-

ian boy who traveled to Miami with Vrdoljak told investigators that Vrdoljak asked him if they could sleep in the same bed while staying at a hotel in Buenos Aires, but the boy nixed that idea.

Vrdoljak also showed the boy pornography in Buenos Aires, and again while they were waiting for their flight to depart for Miami, according to the affidavit. The agent said Vrdoljak denied showing the boy anything on the plane but admitted to the first incident.

In a plea deal with federal prosecutors, Vrdoljak pleaded guilty to one count of transportation of child pornography, which carries a minimum sentence of five years.

Senior U.S. District Judge Robert Scola gave Vrdoljak 7½ years and ordered him to remain on supervised release for 25 years after he gets out of prison, according to court records.

After Vrdoljak was arrested, the president of DePaul College Prep in North Center emailed school employees and parents about the development, saying Vrdoljak is "a former, short-term employee" who no longer works for the school. The allegations did not involve anyone else from the school.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v- CHARLES BUCKNER, THE METROPOLITAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 01225 5320 N SHERIDAN ROAD #1310 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 3, 2024, 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 5320 N SHERIDAN ROAD #1310, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-209-022-1120 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal

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fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-9300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-00877 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2024 CH 01225 TJSJC#: 44-1444 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 01225 **13251118** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Real Estate For Sale

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Plaintiff, -v- JONATHAN MONTET, 3813 KENMORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 08423 3813 N. KENMORE AVENUE, UNIT #3S CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 11, 2024, 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 3813 N. KENMORE AVENUE, UNIT #3S, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-211-048-1005 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$567,844.04. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal

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fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 23 0488. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650 Chicago, IL, 60602 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 23 0488 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2023 CH 08423 TJSJC#: 44-2062 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 08423 **13250920** 040404

Real Estate For Sale

282828 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- JULIETTE EILEEN GAINER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE JEAN ELLEN PERRY TRUST, DATED APRIL 27, 2021; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; THE CLOVER BUILDING CONDOMINIUMS F/K/A 1100 WEST LELAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF JEAN ELLEN PERRY TRUST, DATED APRIL 27, 2021; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023CH02793 4706 North Winthrop Avenue Unit 2B, Chicago, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/1/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on 10/2/2024 located at Auction.com, 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4706 North Winthrop Avenue Unit 2B, Chicago, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-17-201-020-1006 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$190,607.84 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DANIEL P. SHANNON A/K/A D P SHANNON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST- THE ESTATE OF DANIEL P SHANNON A/K/A D P SHANNON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DANIEL P. SHANNON A/K/A D P SHANNON, DECEASED, WINTRUST BANK, N.A., 600 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CHRISTOPHER T. SHANNON AND JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DANIEL P SHANNON A/K/A D P SHANNON, DECEASED, Defendants 22CH10749 600 N LAKE SHORE DR, UNIT 2509, CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/10/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on 10/16/2024 located at Auction.com, LLC, 100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL, 60602, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 600 N LAKE SHORE DR, UNIT 2509, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-208-020-1273 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$477,888.19 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will en-

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CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 26, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 27, 2024, 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 401 E ONTARIO ST., UNIT 3010, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-208-017-1117 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$227,901.97. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE

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450 WRIGHTWOOD #1 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 21, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 23, 2024, 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 450 WRIGHTWOOD #1, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-309-034-1005 The real estate is improved with a condotown/warehouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS

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for public sale.
This sale is to be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 2:00PM
Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale

Pro Self Storage intends to enforce its lien on certain self-service Storage Spaces in default listed below on the 11th of September, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at 2724 W. 21st St, Chicago, IL 60608 at www.storage-treasures.com with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00 p.m. 1009 Karen Adams
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This public sale will result in the goods being sold to the highest bidder. The winning bidder must pay by cash at the time he/she is declared the winning bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply; see the Manager for additional details.

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Event tickets are \$15 to \$35, and include exclusive after-hours access to Zoo. For more information visit www.lpzoo.org/.

Legion Park needs volunteers

Neighbors are organizing to help install improvements at Legion Park, 3103 W. Peterson Ave. They are seeking volunteers to help spread fresh wood chips over the playground near Hollywood Ave.

Those willing to volunteer may join in 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, to help make the park a safer and nicer space for children to play.

Redtwist Theatre's production of *The Normal Heart* playing after recent renovation

The Award-winning Redtwist Theatre's *The Normal Heart* is now playing through Sept. 29 at the newly renovated Redtwist Theatre, 1044 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

The performance, written by Larry Kramer and directed by Ensemble Member Ted Hoerl, is schedule for Thursdays - Saturdays.

Kramer's searing play about the earliest days of the AIDS epidemic, is based on his experience organizing Gay Men's Health Crisis. It is the opening production in Redtwist's newly renovated venue.

The play tells the story of an advocacy group that struggled against government suppression and internal strife in the face of the disappearance of their community. The humanist play was written more than 40 years ago about a small group of advocates calling for action from a government that insists that nothing is wrong.

Kramer found a new calling in activism in July 1981, following the announcement of an outbreak of Kaposi sarcoma, a form

of cancer that was eventually attributed to AIDS, among gay men.

As gay friends and associates began succumbing to AIDS, Kramer set off in pursuit of a solution. Bureaucratic, medical and political inertia, abetted by social prejudice against homosexuality, had resulted in an inadequate response to the AIDS crisis, with long waiting lists for trial treatments and often astronomical financial burdens.

In Aug. 1981, Kramer convened a group of interested parties, including one of the doctors who had initially noted the phenomenon, in order to devise a strategy for combating the disease. The group officially became the Gay Men's Health Crisis [GMHC] in early 1982. To this day, GMHC fights to end the AIDS epidemic and uplift the lives of all affected. To learn more about GMHC visit <https://www.gmhc.org/>, or call their hotline at 800-243-7692.

Kramer dramatized his experiences as an AIDS activist in the play *The Normal Heart*. Kramer was himself diagnosed with

the HIV virus in 1988, though the virus never developed into AIDS.

In 1996, Kramer received the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature. His life and career were chronicled in the documentary "Larry Kramer in Love & Anger" (2015).

About that renovation

Redtwist partnered with the City of Chicago to build back better following the government-impose COVID quarantine and economic lockdown. The lockdown was then followed by the disruptions caused by the Chicago Transit Authorities' rebuilding of the Red Line. They were selected as a finalist for a 3-to-1 matching grant from the City of Chicago, which provided up to \$250,000 in funding to renovate its performance space, lobby and street frontage.

The theatre reopened to the public on Aug. 24.

These renovations mean a fresh face for Redtwist's corner of Bryn Mawr and Ken-

more in Edgewater, drawing in audiences from across the city and bringing new life to Edgewater's Bryn Mawr Historic District that was devastated by the COVID-19 lockdown.

On the Western side of the building, the lobby was reimagined; increasing accessibility and installing a new cafe to provide concessions for all Redtwist shows. The renovation also created a revived performance space with added production capabilities, which will allow the Company to continue creating performances in its intimate black box space.

In late 2024, Redtwist Theatre will launch its first ever Twisted PlayFest featuring 10 Chicago playwrights, Dec. 17 - 22. The festival includes one fully produced script, at least three staged readings and at least six stand readings. In year one, plays will be chosen for every level of production by the Twisted PlayFest reading committee. For more information visit RedtwistTheatre.org.

ALTERNATIVES from p. 1

Since 2011, Turning Point, a 50-year-old nonprofit outpatient mental health center, has operated a Living Room at 8324 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie. Also an alternative to emergency and hospital treatment, in the last five years, Turning Point's Living Room has boasted a 98% success rate of deflecting patients from emergency department visits, according to its communications. And now, north suburban Evanston has a Turning Point Living Room.

The Evanston Living Room, a bungalow adjacent to Ascension Saint Francis Hospital, 311 Elmwood Ave., did not happen overnight, said Ann Raney, CEO of Turning Point Behavioral Health, as the Living Room facility was debuted to the public

on Aug. 29. The new program and location relied on the "courage, creativity, altruism, and most importantly tenacity" of many partners, she said. They include Ascension Saint Francis (which owned the Elmwood location), PEER Services, Impact Behavioral Health, Connections for the Homeless, Evanston law enforcement personnel and elected local, state and federal officials who helped with logistics and funding.

"The idea of community care is so important" said U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky [9th], who spoke at the event and lauded Turning Point personnel on their "incredible work." The emergency department is "not the best way to serve people who are in crisis," said Schakowsky, noting that the first Living Room, in Skokie, is "near our

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[congressional] office" and that Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen is well aware of it. "It takes a village," she said.

With a kitchen and newly painted visiting rooms, the new Evanston Living Room may feel to users more like a visit with loving family or friends than a medical visit that could result in hospitalization. Like the Living Rooms on Ravenswood and in Skokie, the services of the Living Room are free.

Debuting along with the Evanston Living Room is a roomy Turning Point van that will circulate through neighborhoods and can be called to specific locations.

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