

September tries its best to have us forget summer.

— Bernard Williams

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Homeless shelter vacates Broadway Armory



The Broadway Armory at 5917 N. Broadway.

Photo courtesy 48th Ward Office

On Sept. 3 the city relocated homeless out of the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway. Since May the large building has served as an emergency Dept. of Family Support Services [DFSS] homeless shelter to allow for proper social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

DFSS relocated the individuals who had been staying there to two retrofitted schools with the goal

that the residents can live in safe and sanitary conditions. The city partnered with the YMCA and the Salvation Army to manage the site. At its peak, the facility housed about 50 men and women in gender-separate areas of the Edgewater building. It was one of five emergency housing shelters the city established to get homeless off the streets during the pandemic lockdown.

The Armory will now undergo a deep cleaning before programming resumes. “The Armory was opened at a critical time when City’s shelter system needed to increase space to keep its residents safe. I want to thank Nick Bojko and the rest of the team at the Armory for making this possible,” said Ald. Harry Osterman [48th].

The Armory, which is 87 years old, has five gyms and 13 rooms and is normally used by the Chicago Park District [CPD] for fitness classes as well as sports and public events and meetings. The indoor space totals 2.33 acres and is the CPD’s largest indoor recreational facility.

In 1916, architects Carpenter & Weldon designed the enormous Winter Garden Ice Skating Rink as a recreational amenity for the thriving community. By the end of World War I, however, the State of Illinois had modified the new structure for use as an armory. For years, the Illinois National Guard used the building for drilling and training.

In the mid-1970s, the Edgewater

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Pedestrian plaza re-opens at Northcenter Town Square.

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Several city officials joined the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce Sept. 3 at the ceremonial ribbon cutting for Northcenter Town Square, a new pedestrian plaza in the heart of the neighborhood’s shopping district built atop a former side street.

The city hopes the effort will activate the area and support local businesses as Chicago re-opens and recovers from the forced economic shutdown due to the pandemic.

The project grew out of efforts by the local Chamber of Commerce, and 47th Ward office over three administrations to enhance quality of life for North Center neighbors and businesses, hoping to encourage economic development. A new town square was created by closing a small segment of W. Belle Plaine Ave. between Lincoln Ave. and N. Damen Ave. The \$2 million proj-

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While mayor, top cop blame Foxx for weak prosecution, city lawyers drop scores of uprising cases

BY CWBCHICAGO

Hours after a night of social media-fueled looting ravaged the Mag Mile and other retail corridors on Aug. 10, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Police Supt. David Brown spoke with the media.

“Criminals took to the streets with confidence that there’ll be no consequences for their actions,” Brown said, laying blame at the feet of Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx.

Lightfoot echoed Brown’s theme, which focused on alleged weak prosecution of looters and rioters during another crime wave in late May and early June.

“We can’t continue to allow this to happen,” Lightfoot said, “for people to believe that there is no accountability through our criminal justice system...We need the prosecution and we need

the courts to step up and do their part.”

Less than 24 hours later, attorney’s from the city’s own law department dropped charges against a man who was arrested inside a looted Foot Locker on May 31.

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Since then, city attorneys — who report to Lightfoot, not to Foxx — have dropped charges against scores of people that police arrested during riots and looting between May 30 and June 1, according to court records.

While none of the defendants faced jail time for the city charges, some of them were caught red-

handed with looted merchandise or inside stores that were being pillaged, according to court records.

One man who managed to get arrested three times on uprising-related charges in May and June was arrested again along the Mag Mile during the Aug. 10 looting. City lawyers dropped one of his earlier cases last week.

Despite Brown’s and Lightfoot’s calls for vigorous prosecution of looting and riot offenders, city attorneys have tossed uprising-related charges for at least 50 defendants since the August looting outbreak, according to court records reviewed by this reporter.

But the city doesn’t want to talk about it.

Reached for information about the dismissals and internal poli-

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Police seek man in Edgewater sexual abuse case

Police are on the lookout for a man who sexually abused a woman as she walked in the Edgewater neighborhood, according to a community alert from CPD.

The woman, age 27, was on the 5400 block of N. Broadway when the man “approached her from behind and touched her inappropriately under her clothing” around 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20, the po-

lice notice said.

According to the same bulletin, the man also stole money from a nearby restaurant. He is 22- to 32-years-old, 5’-10” to 6’-1” tall, thin, and has dreadlocks.

Anyone with information about the man can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8200 regarding case number JD-339304.

Man gets 6 years for setting Red Line train on fire

A North Side man who threw paint thinner on a Red Line passenger, then set himself and the train care on fire in 2018, has been sentenced to six years in prison.

David Ferguson, 30, pleaded guilty to aggravated arson in a deal with prosecutors that required the state to drop seven other felony charges.

Just after 5:15 p.m., on Jan. 19, 2018, police received calls from passengers who reported that Ferguson had “gasoline and bottles” onboard their southbound Red Line train near Berwyn. One passenger said Ferguson splashed her with a chemical that he carried

in a water bottle. Ferguson then pulled out a lighter and threatened to set himself on fire.

As police moved in to arrest Ferguson on the train car at Argyle, he ignited a flame, and fire began spreading through the “L” car. Investigators later determined the flammable liquid that Ferguson ignited was paint thinner.

Ferguson suffered third-degree burns in the fire. CPD said a police officer received a leg injury that was “not fire-related.” A CTA train operator suffered smoke inhalation when he tried to extinguish the flames.

Judge Catherine Haberkorn oversaw the case.



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Forecast calls for cans of pumpkin pie filling and stewed tomatoes raining down from above



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I'm gobsmacked. The BBC [British Broadcasting Corporation] has accomplished something overnight that Adolph Hitler, in his years of warfare and the Blitz, could not accomplish.

The BBC ransacked the treasured patriotic tunes of British culture. The ones that give identity and meaning and encourage purpose.

You know, like "Rule Britannia," "Jerusalem" (Theme used in Chariots of Fire), "Land of Hope and Glory."

You perhaps aren't acquainted with them all that well. But then again, they're so popular you may know them by heart. At least from their cinema usage.

Brits were preparing for their 'Proms' concerts last week, the end of Summer musical extravaganzas at the Royal Albert Hall, in London. These are an intimate part of British life. Five thousand people in the Albert Hall and the rest of the nation listening as the concert series is broadcast on the BBC.

Then, it was announced that while the station would permit the patriotic concert tunes to conclude the program as the finale, they would not let the words to the tunes be sung.

That's like saying 'play "God Bless America," just don't sing the words. Or play "America the Beautiful," just nobody sing the words. Too over the top. Too colonial. Too white. Too political. Someone might be offended!

Of course all hell has broken loose in Britain. The Cancel Culture strikes again.

The ultra self-conscious national identity hating left-wing organization promoting the denigration of treasured European humanist ideals appears to have vanquished an imperial culture once again.

What's next, 45,000 Cubs fans not singing "Take me out to the Ballgame" during the seventh inning stretch? Clearly there is too much root root rootin' for the home team.

Yes, that sounds far-fetched, but so did cancelling "Rule Britannia" to the British.

The Brits still have a few practical options. Since the BBC get lots of public monies, recalling those finances could really decimate future plans at the station.

The timid bureaucrats who made the decision can be sacked. Advancing more courageous and patriotic executives might help.

But ultimately it comes down to standing up to the Millennials and the Bolsheviks and social democrats who are trying to advance cancel-culture around the globe.

What has brought about this strange cultural aberration? They are under-30-year-olds who only accept history and human knowledge from within the time-zone of their own living. The foundations of the British Empire, whatever the intentions, have little meaning for culture-cancellers. All White empires are evil and worthy of being crushed.

Is this because no one has ever said "no" to their harebrained analysis of life and the world? Is this because they fear the effects of gluten and dairy? You know, the evil plan of farmers to kill us off with homemade bread worth its sweet butter fat. Is this because all the adults around them from the cradle on told them how smart and gifted they were? Could this be blamed on all those safe rooms at school where these geniuses could flee if anyone disagreed with them or challenged their opinions or even just raised their voice?

Are we now seeing the affects of families never eating real dinners together? Or over-scheduled children being involved in too many activities from sports to band, so they could find a good university to accept them? When your "culture" turns out to be a suburban mall, a dog, McDonald's, a youth of sublimated childhood dangers, Zoomba and bullying at school, don't be surprised that you're not raising little Abraham Lincolns.

Why not get even and ransack the prevailing cultural norms of history that brought stability and

identity to the nation? Pull the rug out from under that and most people will be at sea.

Cultural destruction is essential to the socialist democrats' plan for America. With it you can co-opt those below the poverty line to see themselves as victims. Victims of politics not theirs. Victims of substandard education not theirs. And victims of employment denied not theirs.

Make that sound plausible and you have the magic potion for civil unrest, coast to coast, with all the looting and pillaging you can carry.

Without any moral words of social responsibility from local pastors or elected officials. Their silence a cold moral disorder, from which no one can be dispensed.

Chicago aldermen recently voted to allow women to be topless in strip clubs, but voted 46-4 against having the national guard here to help stop the violence and looting. A mayor without a clue how to prevent the destruction of the metropolis, mumbles the same tired rejection of outside federal

assistance, proud of her allegiance to the Univ. of Chicago, the hot bed of cancel-culture. She thwarts the warnings all around her that local citizens of our beleaguered high rent neighborhoods are tired of being the victims of criminal assaults, then she left for a family vacation in Maine.

The locals are fed up with living on barricaded streets and suspicious at the high number of local police the mayor insists guard a home she allegedly no longer inhabits.

Sorry madam mayor, no one feels safer because exotic dancers can show more of their naughty bits. We want the naughty bits that are located at the end of a military weapon, held by an American hero, their vision trained on the looters and criminals that you merely perceive as pranksters.

But I hear people are getting wiser.

Many I've talk to say that they are all ready for the next violent episode on Michigan Ave. They are all set with the family-sized cans of pumpkin pie filling and stewed tomatoes. When dropped from above the 20th floors of Chicago high-rises, they land with the force of a Steinway grand piano. So let the cancel-culture crowd know what awaits them. Canned goods galore with the words to

the Star Spangled Banner written in Sharpie raining on their cancel-culture parade. Rule Britannia. Britannia Rules the Waves.

CRIME TALLEY: 111 Shootings in Chicago last week, Aug. 30 through Sept. 5, with 20 homicides. Once again, no one tops us.

DR. GRIDIRON: Meet the doctor who's helping the Bears move faster. **Dr. Michael Risher** works with several Bears' players, and operates his business at EFT Sports Performance in Highland Park and at a Cross-Fit gym in Wicker Park. Bears fans are happy. Grandma **Myra Reilly** is beaming proud.

DRAMA IN THE PIAZZA: This is what I've heard, no one threw this over my transom. A small cabal of American Institute of Architects board members decided to go rogue nasty on the easy going, gentlemanly vice president of 14 years, **Zurich Esposito**. A tough female on the board decided to corral a couple of less stellar male members of the board whom she brought over to her way of bushwhacking Esposito.

These witless souls worked on other board members echoing the lady's secret complaints. Not all board members were on her side. Later an evaluative review group of non-board members reached a decision that there

were no grounds for concern or complaints. But the damage was done. The board wanted to muzzle Esposito, I hear. But he would not let them off the hook over the manner of their trashing him. So he walked. Members of the AIA are fit to be tied. The board is trying everything to keep their heinous actions secret, as at last

people see them now for what they are. In two days more than 300 AIA members have signed petitions to reinstate Esposito. That speaks volumes. Is not the refinement of the profession at stake by the dark actions of this architectural cabal? They ought to be rounded up.

S T U D I O CELEBRITY: So pleased to welcome **Gordon Sinclair** to my studio last week for a big look around. Imagine having such Chicago restaurant royalty arrive for a visit. Gordon basically reinvented grand cuisine in Chicago when he opened "Gordon" back in 1976. I ate there a lot. Exquisite food. Edgy address. Fresh, new style dishes. And quirky,

urban Chicago celebs filling the tables. Always a great time with Gordon.

BOUL MICH NEWS: **Thad Wong** is a mensch, investing while others flee. The new @properties office at 900 N. Michigan will be co-managed by **Rick Sobin** and **Grace Goro Kaage** and will open this Fall. Thad and Mike



Dr. Michael Risher

can't wait to see you there. That's the building where Thad dreamed up the @logo.

M A N G E : Former Quaker Oats Exec. **Tom Justic** wife **Jane**, and **Jim** and **Barbara Wheeler Justic** outdoor dining at Franconello's in Beverly, twirling

the best pasta.

SAILS FILLED: **Janet Owen** with **Sean Eshaghy** and **Peggy Snorf** noshing at the Yacht Club on a Summer night before they set sail on Lake Michigan.

TOASTING A BRIDE: Writer **Sherrill Bodine**, fashion designer **Lauren Lein** and bride to be **Sally Jo Morris** enjoy the Summer fare at Maple and Ash in advance of the much anticipated wedding of Sally Jo.

SALVE ET VALDE: My old pal, the American writer **Gail Sheehy**, died in New York recently at 83. I remember her from the 1990s when I was editor at Hibernia. She lived up around 57th St. and First Avenue. That was within walking distance from Jimmy

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Chicago 'pop-up' casino is perfect fit for Lakeside Center; is Wrigleyville now becoming Pottersville?



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Now that the Windy City's budget deficit has hit \$1.2 billion, Mayor Lori Lightfoot is spinning the roulette wheel and pushing for the launch of a giant Chicago gambling casino.

Mayor Lightfoot recently asked casino operators and real estate developers to submit plans on how they would build and run it. The request came after lawmakers in Springfield changed the casino tax structure and passed a pile of chips to the gaming industry.

Desperate for gambling tax cash, the mayor also asked applicants to give thoughts on operating a temporary casino while a permanent one is under construction. This just as nobody can (or wants to) go to a casino in the Pandemic Era, as the fastest growth in the gambling industry today is being done via smartphones. Duh?!

But, Lakeside Center—the original McCormick Place East—is the obvious choice for an instant



An adaptive reuse of Lakeside Center at McCormick Place as an "instant casino" is a good solution to the state and city's financial crunch because the state and city will not have to wait months or years for a revenue stream from a new-construction casino.



"pop-up" downtown casino that could raise millions in gaming tax dollars for the city as early as 2021.

Some experts say a ready-to-open-now downtown gaming palace would rapidly kick-start lost convention and tourist business that was killed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once the virus crisis is cured with a new vaccine, and downtown looting and race riots subside, spin-off revenue from the casino should flow to the nearly bankrupt hotels, restaurants, museums and boarded-up Michigan Ave. shops.

Experts have estimated the casino would generate up to \$6.6 billion in annual revenue, with

direct tax revenue of \$3 billion to \$4 billion to the city and state. But that's an awfully bold prediction when competition is everywhere. Thirty-nine states now have casino gambling of some kind and 20 states have big, stand-alone casinos. That's a lot of competition for gambling dollars. In total, gambling in all of Las Vegas accounted for about \$11.92 billion in 2018. Can Chicago do 50% of that with just one casino?

Still, any new revenue will help lead Illinois and Chicago back to fiscal stability.

An estimated 25% of Chicago's population are casino gamers or video poker players, and experts say they are eager to line up for the action and the fun of downtown gambling.

"Everyone from Chicago will travel downtown to the casinos," predicts Roger Zak, a twice-a-week casino gambler who plays for entertainment and perks. "It's all about money. I'm betting on a Chicago casino, and the odds of getting one are 100%."

Lakeside Center, which looks a lot like an aircraft carrier and already is anchored on the shore overlooking Lake Michigan, could also be a great permanent Chicago casino location.

Construction sources say the building originally was designed and wired decades ago for a fu-

ture casino and there is plenty of nearby parking.

A veteran union tradesman who has worked setting up conventions at Lakeside Center estimates in a typical good non-virus year the building is only used about 10 to 20 times a year for major business gatherings.

Earlier this year some \$15-million in upgrades were pumped into Lakeside Center to convert it to an emergency hospital for up to 2,500 COVID-19 patients.

Union tradesmen and women worked around the clock to install 100 new water lines, wiring 1,000 electrical outlets, and more than 100 data lines to supply an electronic records system to accept and monitor patients. FEMA paid for the work, and the Army Corp of Engineers supervised construction.

Seems like some of these high-tech construction perks, along with other upgrades could create hundreds of jobs, and the work likely is compatible with the immediate needs of an instant gambling casino.

Move in 1,000 slots and video poker machines, add 200 manned gaming tables, toss in a few restaurants and bars and Mayor Lightfoot's cash register could start going "ka-ching."

Earlier, the city pitched five potential sites scattered across

the Far South and West sides—including Harborside golf course at 111th Street and the Bishop Ford Freeway and the South Works site along S. Lake Shore Drive between 79th and 91st streets.

However, a study by gambling consultants preferred a convenient downtown casino site close to hotels and restaurants, not sites in outlying neighborhoods so out-of-towners with money to spend would be easily attracted.

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Other than Lakeside Center, the best future new-construction site is the former Michael Reese Hospital acreage just south of McCormick Place, where the city already has spent \$100-million for site acquisition and development.

Betting on more betting

On Sept. 3 the Chicago Cubs announced plans to open up a sports betting parlor in Wrigleyville, a perfect accouterment to all the bars and the new Sunnyside* pot shop in the neighborhood. Well, well, Wrigleyville is now 75% of the way to being like the famous Pottersville from the movie "It's A Wonderful Life."

The Cubs have partnered with the Boston-based sports betting outfit and plans to establish DraftKings Sportsbook at Wrigley Field, pending necessary approvals.

Could this new sportsbook be what finally fills the top floor of the Cubs hotel adjacent to the ballpark? No target opening date or location was offered for the facility.

The city of Chicago would need to sign off on the project, and there likely is to be scrutiny from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Also required would be a license from the Illinois Gaming Board, which comes with a \$10 million fee.

Illinois already is home to DraftKings at Casino Queen in East St. Louis, one of eight states in which it operates retail sports books.

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Clark Park river clean up Sept. 12

Several local neighborhood groups are joining together and seeking volunteers to help clean the Chicago River starting at 9 a.m. Sept. 12. Volunteers can meet at WMS Boat-house at Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell St. Cleanup supplies will be provided.

Registration is required and space is limited to ensure proper distancing. Everyone must wear masks and social

distancing will be enforced.

To register visit www.bit.ly/riverdaycleanup.com

The clean up is co-hosted by Cook County Cmsr. Bridget Degnen, U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, State Rep. Ann Williams, alderman Matt Martin [47th] and Scott Waguespack [32nd], the Clark Park Advisory Council, Friends of the Chicago River, Openlands, and Friends of the Forest Preserve.

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Hard to believe that Sydney, left, and Shannon are in kindergarten.



Will Quam, Photo credit Squatch Media. The stunning terra cotta on Bruno's Lounge, 6562 N. Sheridan Road.



Roz Byrne hitches a ride on one of the Ducks on Parade on the Mag Mile.

Kindergarten starts in different ways for this family



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Dear Shannon and Sydney,

You're in kindergarten! I hope this starts a lifelong love of learning for you both.

You're two of the smartest little girls I know. School will be a breeze.

I'm really sorry that kindergarten is not starting out the way we

thought it would -- the usual way. Shannon, you're in a classroom with six kids, total.

Sydney, you're sitting on a computer all day, five days a week, learning from home.

It's not what any of us expected. It's not the situation we'd hoped for. But I know you both will thrive anyway. Because that's life, and in life we deal with challenges.

But I so wish it was different for you. I wish you were there meeting new little friends -- ones you could run and play and giggle with and get close to. I wish it was life as usual and kindergarten as usual also.

Shannon, you're enrolled in a

school where every precaution is being taken to keep you safe and sound. You're lucky, as you still can experience kindergarten, even though it's on a smaller scale. Have fun, I know you will my little diva. But I wish you didn't have to wear a mask all day long, your tiny, hot breath stifled under it. I know you'll get through it though. You're a tough cookie.

Sydney, I wish you could be in your CPS classroom, experiencing the buzz and excitement that starting kindergarten brings. Sitting at home staring at a computer for hours is not the best way to be, but this too shall pass my little sweetheart. Hopefully you'll soon be in the classroom, and moaning

and groaning about getting up so early every morning for school. But until then, I know you too will get through this, because you too are one tough cookie,

You're both named after my dad, Sidney. If he could see you now he would be so proud. I know I am. It's hard to believe that you're both five-years-old already. Where has the time gone? (Can't help but think of the song, "Sunrise, Sunset," and the lyric, "I don't remember growing older, when did they?")

Gobble up the knowledge that you're taught, my little loves. Do your best. Work to make the world a better place. Be good, to each other, and to others.

I love you both very, very much. I know that you two will do great and have a wonderful school year, no matter where you're learning from.

Have a great time in kindergarten. Love you forever and ever, Grammy.

No lame ducks ... at Ducks on Parade on the Mag Mile, the public art display serving as a reminder of the important work of the Special Olympics Illinois. The 25 sitting ducks are unique, 40" tall sculptures designed by various professional Chicago artists, some of who have disabilities.

These sculptures are really

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Police Beat...

Hit-n-run of 2-year-old in Ravenswood Manor



The Major Accident Investigation Unit is seeking to identify the above vehicle in connection with a Hit and Run Accident. The incident occurred on the 4300 block of N. California Ave. 5:54 Aug. 29 at 5:54 p.m.

The rear of a black 2016-2021 Chevrolet Malibu sedan made a left turn onto California Ave. from Montrose Ave. and struck a two year old victim as he crossed California with his parent causing minor injury.

Following the crash, the vehicle fled southbound on California and westbound on Irving Park Rd.

Man stabbed during altercation on Red Line train

A 46-year-old man was stabbed in the head Sept. 5 during an altercation on the CTA Red Line, police said.

According to CPD, the victim and another passenger got into an argument as they rode the train near Bryn Mawr around 8:45 p.m. The situation escalated, and the offender began stabbing the victim in the top of his head with an unknown object. Police said the attacker got off the train when it stopped at the Bryn Mawr station, 1119 W. Bryn Mawr, a few moments later.

An ambulance transported the man to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. His condition was not known.

The suspect was described as a Black male who's about 50-years-old and stands about 6'2" tall. He's thin, has light salt-and-pepper facial hair, wore a white t-shirt with jeans, and carried a blue bag or backpack, according to a witness. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Man robs 11-year-old boy of his new mountain bike

A grown man displayed a weapon and robbed an 11-year-old boy of his new bike in Lakeview on Sept. 6, according to a CPD report.

The boy was riding his bike on the 1300 block of W. Roscoe when the man approached him, displayed what appeared to be a knife, and demanded his bike around 3:40 p.m., said Officer Ronald Westbrook, a CPD spokesperson. Police said the boy, who was not injured, complied and ran from the scene while the man pedaled away with his new bike.

Taken was an adult-sized mountain bike that is mostly blue with a small amount of orange highlighting. The robber is described as a Black male in his 20's or 30's who wore a black hoodie and face mask.

Police were in the area looking for a burglary offender when the boy's family waved them down to report the robbery.

In the burglary case, a would-be burglar threw a gardening paver through a family's first-floor window on the 3300 block of N. Lakewood. The man tried to crawl into the family's home, but he ran away when they saw people were home, according to police.

While police would not formally connect the two crimes, the offenders had similar appearances.

Happy Camper fires worker after cop finds "quit your job" written on receipt

A Wrigleyville bar and pizza restaurant has fired one of its employees after she allegedly scrawled "quit your job" on a Chicago cop's carry-out order receipt Sunday.

After seeing the note written on the receipt for his \$66 purchase at Happy Camper Pizza, 3459 N. Clark St., the detective threw the entire order out, fearing that the food had been tainted, according to a Facebook post made Sunday.

The detective had worked 12-hour days with limited time off and was in full uniform when he picked up the order, according to the post.

Happy Camper management today said the company "immediately took action to terminate the employee" upon learning of the allegations.

"Our company works incredibly hard to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all customers," the company said in a statement. "We sincerely and humbly apologize – the action of one does not accurately reflect who we are as a company. We have zero tolerance for any behavior that doesn't give our customers the full respect they deserve."

Happy Camper management has also reached out to the detective directly to apologize, a spokesperson told this reporter.

Paroled burglar charged with burglarizing Lincoln Park apartment buildings (again)

A 10-time convicted felon who's on parole for burglary is charged with burglarizing two Lincoln Park apartment buildings this week — while he was on a recognizance bond for burglarizing yet another Lincoln Park building in May.

Maurice Kirby, 57, is now charged with two new felony burglary charges and a new felony theft charge.



Maurice Kirby

A witness saw Kirby on their front porch near Sedgwick and Webster Sept. 3 and followed him down the street because he was acting suspiciously, Assistant State's Attorney James Konstantopoulos said.

The witness watched as Kirby went on several porches and then saw him enter a building on the 400 block of Webster. Kirby walked out with a black garment bag that he stuffed into a piece of luggage, Konstantopoulos said.

Police who responded to the witnesses' 911 call stopped Kirby nearby and allegedly recovered the garment bag and multiple packages that were addressed to a building on the 2000 block of N. Sedgwick.

The garment bag contained three dresses that a woman ordered from a consignment shop, Konstantopoulos said. Video from the Sedgwick building shows Kirby using gardening shears to force open an interior door and then taking two packages, which were found in his suitcase, according to prosecutors.

Kirby was released from prison on Nov. 27, 2019, after serving half of an eight-year sentence he received for residential burglary in 2015.

In May, prosecutors charged him with felony burglary after he allegedly broke into a residential complex on the 1800 block of N. Lincoln Park West and stole items from the mailroom. Judge David Navarro released Kirby on his own recognizance the next day.

During a bond court hearing on Friday, Judge Susana Ortiz ordered

Kirby held without bail for violating the terms of his bond in the May case. Once that matter is resolved, he will need to post a \$2,000 deposit bond and go onto electronic monitoring if he wants to get out of jail to await trial on the latest charges, Ortiz said.

Parolee charged with burglarizing same apartment building four times

A Chicago man is charged with burglarizing a Lincoln Square apartment building four times over the summer.

Prosecutors charged Sean Ahern, 28, with four felony counts of burglary after his dog walker recognized him and his pooch in surveillance footage that aired during a TV news report about the break-ins.

Ahern pried open a lock to enter the building and then stole bikes and packages, prosecutors said. He allegedly used a postal master key to access the contents of residents' mailboxes, too. Investigators don't know where he got the key.



Sean Ahern

The first burglary was reported on July 9, less than two weeks after Ahern was paroled from prison on a narcotics case. More break-ins followed on July 14, July 23, and July 27, according to CPD records.

The building's manager provided surveillance video of the burglar to a TV station, which aired the footage during a recent report. A woman who said she occasionally walks Ahern's dog recognized him and his dog on TV, prosecutors said during a bond court hearing.

Ahern also has a distinctive tattoo on his arm that matches one seen on the burglar's arm, according to prosecutors.

Judge John Lyke ordered Ahern held without bail while officials consider revocation of his parole. Should the state decide not to send him back to prison, Ahern will need to post a \$1,500 deposit bond and go onto electronic monitoring if he wants to get out of jail.

Woman pepper-sprayed, robbed while walking her dogs

An Uptown woman was pepper-sprayed, battered, and robbed by two people as she walked her dogs Sept. 6, police said. The offenders reportedly showed up at a nearby hospital for treatment a short time later, but ran away when their can of pepper-spray fell to the floor.

The victim, age 41, told police she was walking her dogs when a man and woman pepper-sprayed her on the 4000 block of N. Sheridan around 9:45 p.m. Then, one of the offenders took her purse while the other punched her in the face, knocking her to the ground, said CPD spokesperson Officer Ronald Westbrook.

A passer-by directed police to the woman's purse and keys, which were ditched nearby in an alley behind the 900 block of W. Cuyler Ave. The victim's phone remains missing, though.

Police accompanied the woman to Thorek Hospital for treatment of a dislocated finger and pepper spray exposure, Westbrook said. While they were there, a hospital security guard told officers that a man and woman had just come into the hospital for unspecified treatment. But, the couple fled after the woman dropped a can of pepper spray on the floor, the guard said.

The suspects are a Black male and a Black female according to the guard, who said the man stands about 6'-3" tall and wore a Golden State Warriors hoodie with sweatpants. Witnesses said the woman stands about

Don't try to hide a gun under a CPD surveillance camera

Two of Chicago's most ubiquitous infrastructure features — Divvy bikes and police POD cameras — teamed up to create an awful night for Brian Miller and Antonea Mason.

Prosecutors said the couple's car crashed into a Divvy bike station in Streeterville.

Then, police who were monitoring the situation via surveillance cameras saw them fumble with a handgun before patrol officers arrived. Now, they're both facing felony weapons charges.

Miller, 30, was driving their 2007 Pontiac when it crashed into a Divvy bike rack on the 500 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. around 3:15 a.m. Aug. 31, according to Assistant State's Attorney Ryan DeGroot. Mason, 25, was reportedly in the car's passenger seat

CPD surveillance footage captured images of the couple getting out of the crashed car and switching seats, DeGroot said. The video allegedly goes on to show Miller reaching under the driver's side dash, retrieving a handgun, and placing it in Mason's purse while she held it open.

The duo then got back out of the car and spoke with arriving cops — who had just been tipped off to the gun's location by officers who were watching the POD camera feed, De-



Brian Miller

Groot said. Mason placed her purse on the trunk of the car, and officers allegedly saw the gun lying inside.

She allegedly told police that the gun belonged to Miller while a squad car dashcam was recording her statement.

"Her alleged actions were, uh, not very smart," Judge Susana Ortiz said before setting Mason's bail at \$5,000. Charged with unlawful use of a weapon, Mason will need to post a \$500 deposit bond to get out of jail.

Miller's situation is a bit more precarious. He's on parole for driving with a suspended license, and he still isn't licensed to drive, according to DeGroot, who said Miller's been convicted three times for driving on a suspended license since 2017.



Antonea Mason

He's now charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and driving on a suspended license (again).

Ortiz set Miller's bail at \$50,000 and ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a \$5,000 deposit bond. But she also ordered him held without bail because the state is considering revocation of his parole.

5'-7" and was wearing a dark-colored jumpsuit.

Burglar faces six- to 30-years in prison for stealing Dr. Pepper

A 58-year-old man with an extensive criminal background is facing a potential prison sentence of six- to 30 years for allegedly breaking into three North Side businesses. But prosecutors say he got away with nothing more than a few cans of ice-cold Dr. Pepper.

Anibal Lopez, who has seven previous burglary convictions, is charged with three felony counts of burglary for the break-ins. He qualifies for Class X felony sentencing based on his background, prosecutors said during a bond court hearing.

Around 12:20 a.m. Aug. 29, the front window of Bleach Salon, 1816 W.



Anibal Lopez

Belmont, shattered when a man tried to pry it open with a screwdriver. The burglar ransacked the shop but didn't take anything. Prosecutors said "very good quality" surveillance video proves the burglar is Lopez.

And, a high-quality surveillance video allegedly shows Lopez using an object to pry open the front window of Pizzeria Serio, 1708 W. Belmont, around the same time. After the pizza shop's window shattered, Lopez walked in and searched the cash register, but he left without taking anything, according to prosecutors.

Finally, at 1:45 a.m., a witness called 911 after they saw a burglar smash the front glass door of Snappy's Shrimp, 1901 W. Irving Park. The witness provided police with a description of the burglar, and cops arrested Lopez nearby. Officers saw him drinking a Dr. Pepper that prosecutors say he stole from Snappy's.

Lopez had a bag that allegedly contained a screwdriver, gloves, and eight more cans of Snappy's Dr. Pep-

per. The restaurant's "high definition surveillance" system reportedly recorded Lopez committing the break-in.

Prosecutors said Lopez was discharged from parole on March 3 at the end of a six-year sentence he received for aggravated robbery. He has seven previous felony convictions, all for burglary, the state said.

Judge John Lyke reiterated the state's position that Lopez's background puts him in jeopardy of receiving a six- to 30-year prison sentence if he is convicted of burglary. Lyke set bail at \$10,000. Lopez can get out of jail to await trial by posting a \$1,000 deposit bond.

While each of his three burglary counts carries a potential 6- to 30-year sentence, prosecutors almost always drop duplicate counts during plea negotiations.

Man shot dead in Uptown

A 29-year-old man was fatally shot Sept. 3 in Uptown according to Chicago police and a source. No one is in custody.

The victim was riding a bike on a sidewalk in the 1000 block of W. Winona when a masked man got out of a grey car and shot him multiple times at 11:33 p.m., police said. Witnesses said the gunman then fled southbound on Broadway in his vehicle.

Investigators found a handgun at the shooting scene, according to a CPD statement, but the department did not say if the gun belonged to the victim.

Police said the victim was pronounced dead at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Authorities have not publicly named the man or revealed his age, but a source identified him as a 29-year-old with a history of arrests in the area.

Between June 2015 and April 2016, he was arrested five times for having street gang contact while

Brauhaus ready for grand opening in new location



In an earlier era, for 52 years the Chicago Brauhaus served up steins of beer and authentic German food at 4732 N. Lincoln Ave. Their former bar has now relocated around the block into the Dank Haus.

The grand opening of the newly remodeled Chicago Brauhaus Room at the Dank Haus is about ready to happen.

The opening night is targeted for Sept. 17.

While the opening events will have COVID-19 safety protocols in place, the Lincoln Square institution will still feature entertainment from the famous Chicago Brauhaus trio and food from another nearby German restaurant, Himmel's.

In an earlier era, for 52 years the Chicago Brauhaus served up steins of beer and authentic German food at 4732 N. Lincoln Ave. in the heart of Lincoln Square. Now much of the restaurant's former interior has been installed in the DANKHaus German Cultural Center's second floor, 4740 N. Western Ave.

The Kempf Family originally operated the Treffpunkt Restaurant & Cocktail

Lounge, 4743 N. Lincoln Ave., in Lincoln Square, but that restaurant burned down due to a fire in an adjacent building that spread to the beloved local restaurant. So this will be the third location for the local restaurant.

The announcement was made in March when brothers Harry and Guenther Kempf donated their interior to the organization and cooperated with the reconstruction.

Speaking of German food, the DANK Haus is picking up the German-American Fest banner and offering German food for curbside pick up on Saturday, Sept. 12. The annual German-American Day festivities were cancelled for the year due to the pandemic lockdown. The annual Lincoln Square Germanfest is one of the oldest cultural festivals in Chicago, at over 100 years old.

Tourism decline could put you on the hook for McCormick Place bonds

Chicago area sees 85% drop in tourism tax collections in August

BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

The bad local economic news just keeps coming.

A drastic drop in tourism and convention revenues in the Chicago area brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic economic lockdown could put the state on the hook for making bond payments on behalf of the operators of the McCormick Place convention center, according to the bond rating agency Moody's Investor Services.

McCormick Place, which bills itself as the largest convention center in North America, is operated by a municipal corporation, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, commonly known as McPier.

According to Moody's, McPier has about \$2.9 billion worth of outstanding bonds backed by various tourism-related taxes in Chicago and, as a backstop, Illinois state sales tax revenues, which are used whenever the local revenues are insufficient to make the bond payments.

State sales tax revenue covers up to \$300 million in debt service in such a situation when McPier's pledged tax revenue falls short, according to Moody's.

Officials at McPier said they are working on a debt refinancing package that they hope will make it unnecessary to draw on state funds. According to the state comptroller's office, as of June 30, McPier had a total outstanding bonded indebtedness of just under \$4.2 billion.

In an email statement, McPier's chief financial officer Jason Bormann said the corporation has taken a number of steps to cut its operational costs this year. He also said McPier plans to refinance \$118.4 million in bonds that mature during the current fiscal year.

"These bonds financed McCormick Place's South and West Buildings, among other things," Bormann said. "These facilities

help drive tourism, economic activity and tax revenues to the state of Illinois and city of Chicago."

The possibility that McPier might have to draw on state revenues this year was reported as early as April by the Civic Federation, a nonpartisan policy think tank in Chicago. It noted that Met Pier had to draw on state revenues during the recession that followed the financial crisis in 2008, although it was later able to repay that money.

But local revenues that support McCormick Place have been plummeting again since Gov. JB Pritzker first issued a statewide stay-at-home order and economic lockdown in March. Although that order is no longer in effect, the convention center and state tourism have continued to suffer as allowable crowd size remains limited to 50 people. In August,

the city reported revenues from those local taxes were down 85% compared to the same month a year ago. The trickle down affect of those missing conventioners and tourists is knocking the block off the city and state's budgets.

"McPier's weak August tax revenue marks another in a series of declines that began in April," the Moody's report stated. "Monthly collections for June through August were 78% below year-earlier levels on average. McPier's convention center, McCormick Place, has suffered from a wave of cancellations because of the pandemic."

Gina Speckman, executive director of the Chicago North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau, said in a Sept. 1 interview that the loss of convention business at McCormick Place is being felt throughout the Chicago metro-

politan area.

"In the Chicagoland area, a lot of our visitor traffic is business-related," she said. "McCormick Place has one of the largest convention centers in the country and it basically has been shut down since the end of March." There have been about 145 events that were taking place at McCormick Place that were canceled from March until next early next year. "So that has had a tremendous impact on the city, which is very heavily dependent on meetings and group business, that is not taking place."

Speckman said that even if the pandemic were to disappear immediately, industry officials

estimate that it could take at least until 2023 for travel and tourism business to return to pre-pandemic levels.

"And, you know, I don't think that we're going to get back to everything the way it was before," she added. "Meetings are going to be more hybrid. People are going to want to have the Zoom options versus in-person options for meetings. And meetings are going to have to be able to accommodate that reality. The makeup of how meetings and conventions and conferences happen moving forward is going to look different."

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Author to discuss character actors from Hollywood's Golden Age

If you are a connoisseur of Hollywood classics like American In Paris, All About Eve, High Society and other movies from the 1930s to '50s and long wondered about the character actors who make these movies so memorable, you'll want to hear about Celeste Holm Syndrome: Character actors from Hollywood's Golden Age (University of Nebraska Press), a new book by David Lazar, a well-known author and creative writing professor at Columbia College Chicago.

The Book Cellar, 4736 N. Lincoln Ave., will be hosting a virtual discussion with Lazar about his new book on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are free. To attend, RSVP to words@bookcellarinc.com.

Character actors from the classical era of the 1930s through the 1950s including Thelma Ritter, Oscar Levant, Martin Balsam, Nina Foch, Elizabeth Wilson, Eric Blore, Edward Everett Hor-

ton, and the eponymous Celeste Holm all make appearances in these considerations of how essential character actors were, and remain, to cinema.

In these essays, Lazar looks at America's intimate relationships with characters, both well-known and lesser known, from Hollywood's Golden Age. Veering through considerations of melancholy and wit, sexuality and gender, and the surrealism of comedies of the self in an uncanny world, mixed with his own autobiographical reflections of cinephilia, Lazar creates a hybrid of essay forms as he moves through the movies.

Lazar is the founding editor of the literary magazine Hotel Amerika and began teaching at Columbia College Chicago in 2006, where he is currently a professor of creative writing. Lazar now lives in the Lake View neighborhood.

FORECAST from p. 2

Neary's restaurant and saloon. Sheehy was always there. So was **Maureen O'Hara, Sen. Ted Kennedy and Sen. Chris Dodd.** That crowd thrived there. **Jimmy Neary** insisted every man wear a suit coat and tie. He separated us from the rabble. Sheehy was a popular writer, especially for New Yorkers. She knew how to talk to them. I liked her. She liked me. Rest in peace dear.

VALUED PRO: Univ. of Wisconsin's **Cristina Dombrowski** soaking up the spray, itching to sail. Hope the Wisconsin Sailing Team gets to at least practice this Fall. Some fun is necessary. They're too good.

FASHION FIRST: Happy 99th to the divine guardian of American sophistication, **Iris Apfel**, who long ago established her New York look of timeless chic.

MY FAVORITE: I've written that when feeling low about the current status of White House life, I indulge myself by watching back episodes of "West Wing." I mustn't be the only one. Good news. A West Wing Reunion Special is set for production at HBO Max to promote voting in the 2020 in advance of November's election. Hard to believe it's been almost 20 years. Full cast will return.

AIC: **Claude Monet** has returned to the Art Institute of Chicago. A must see Autumn show, "Monet and Chicago." It traces the incredible bond between Chicago and the greatest of the French Impressionists who so dazzled **Mrs. Potter Palmer**, one of the artist's most virulent collectors. Seventy works from the AIC's valued collection and other Chicago collections. A special \$7 ticket will be required.

CHICAGO STARS: **Frank-Joan D'Rone** is with **Bobby Schiff** and **Paul Marinaro.** These stars were at the Chicago Cabaret Professionals Gala for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Picture by **Steve Starr**, Photographer Extraordinaire.

PHILANTHROPY: **Kyle and Phyllis Robeson** exemplify philanthropy in East Central Illinois at its best. Each year, the award named in their honor is bestowed upon another whose vision, philanthropic leadership and generosity are leaving an indelible imprint upon the region. This year they are honoring **Alice O'Neill Lamb** for her extraordinary generosity to those in need, particularly in the Champaign, IL, community of which she is a lifelong resident and supporter. Alice is the beloved sister of Chicago/Dublin society hostess **Rose**



Alice O'Neill Lamb receives the Kyle & Phyllis Robeson Philanthropy Award. Seated, daughter Sarah Rouse, Alice, Standing, son, Joseph Lamb, Catherine Lamb Heinz, Rachel Lamb Schrepferman and Libby Lamb Lucas.

Marie O'Neill. And the mother of two Chicago Gold Coast women of high accomplishment, **Libby Lamb Lucas** and **Katie Lamb Heinz.** Congratulations, Alice.

GEORGIA ON MY MIND: **Stephanie Leese Emrich** was joined by husband **Jeffrey Emrich** and **Karen Miller** to celebrate the always exciting birthday of mom, **Georgia Leese**, who also celebrates it as the day she was wed. That's the day she married her beloved **Jack Leese** 65 years ago. A lot of love and living to cheer on the same day. She's been a favorite part of the volunteer landscape of the Art Institute and Lincoln Park Zoo for 29 years. And a Cubs Fan. She really knows her **Claude Monets** and **Edouarde Manets** from her **Anthony Rizzos** and **Kyle Schwarbers.** She's a Chicago treasure. Happy Birthday, sweet Georgia.



Gail Sheehy

THE CSO: From the CSO's Archives: **Maestro's Choice—For All Music Lovers** in These Difficult Times Tune in to WFMT 98.7, Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.

HIGH FASHION: **Sherry Lea Fox** is with **Contessa Bottega** at Contessa Bottega. The boutique has reopened. Please support local merchants.

CHICAGO DESIGN: Hats off to popular fashion Chicago designer, **Lauren Lein** whose stunning work and business smarts were the focus of a special feature in Crain's Chicago Business. Fashion, first and foremost, is business and without the smarts to manage that there are no chic designs. Lauren is a wise woman and proves it. Brava.

RUSH ST. DINING: **Jennifer Renee** is feeling blessed with **Paula Borg** and **Candace Tillman Tyndall.** Perfect night



Iris Apfel

new patio at Maple & Ash with dear friends.

ORIGINS: Forty-six years ago **Rich Daniels** was invited by **Michael James Moore** and **Fr. Paul Seaman** to a rehearsal for a band they were starting. This would become "The Big Band Machine" and eventually "The City Lights Orchestra." Today City Lights entertains at high social events all over town. They add their own unique Chicago brand to everything they touch. Nice going guys. What a legacy you have created.

STAY WELL: **Lydia de Chanov** is with **Jane Siegal** and **Leslie Yamshon.** Thank you my lovely ladies for a "stay well" lunch at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

GOLDEN FRIENDSHIPS: **Dame Charlene** and **Scott Seaman** dining with **Alex Aurelio, Rosa Turturici Aurelio, Judi Leo,** and **Maria Palazzolo,** friends from teenage days on Taylor St. always stir the heart and taste buds.



Georgia Leese

HERITAGE AND BEAUTY: **Myra Reilly** celebrating three generations of family with **Leigh Brinckerhoff** and saluting tiny tot, **Grammie** on a big birthday.

DINER DE JARDIN SUPREM: **Todd Schwebel, Brian White, William**

Beggs IV, Jim Kinney, Chris Strauss and the divine **Cynthia Olson** sprinkled among the most beautiful of gardens at Todd and William's stunning Summer soiree.

RELIVING A BIRTHDAY: **Shelley Howard** throwback. The "Can't Drive 55" birthday party at Nine. Distinguished guests included **Bobby** from Yvette's, **Mike** from Mondelli's, **Jay** from Faces, **Judge Irv Sulganic** and old wingman **Thom.** When giants walked the Earth.

The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all.

-- Thomas Jefferson

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Boseman had many links to Chicago

BY PATRICK BUTLER
AND SHEILA SWANN

Most of “Black Panther” star Chadwick Boseman’s fellow performers and even many of his closest friends had no idea he had been fighting a four-year battle with colon cancer while continuing as a busy actor.

After all, his mother had always taught him not to focus too much attention on his own problems.

Actually, he probably never had much time for that anyhow.

A Howard University graduate, Boseman was an actor, director and playwright, writing the play “Deep Azure,” a hip-hop drama (fifteen years before the popular “Hamilton” came out), inspired by the killing of a friend and classmate, Prince Jones, by a police officer. “Deep Azure” was produced and performed at Chicago’s Congo Square Theater Company, 1016 N. Dearborn, in 2005 and earned him a nomination for the Jeff Award for Best New Play.

Boseman’s Howard University classmate Derrick Sanders, a Congo Square founder, directed the play.

The play tells the story of a Black police officer who inadvertently shoots an innocent suspect in what Boseman once described as “a slate of culture complex enough to include jazz, Hebrew, Louis Farrakhan and Spider Man.”

Evidently nobody ever said Boseman was simple to comprehend.

Boseman would later become an artistic associate at Congo Square.

A familial link to the city, his nephew, Aaron Reese Boseman, is the founder of Pulse Theater Chicago, 7558 S. Chicago Ave.

Another Boseman connection to Chicago is his soon-to-be-released final film, “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom,” adapted from the August Wilson play, set in 1927 Chicago. He plays a trumpet player in the story about the “Mother of Blues” Ma Rainey and her experience with white management.

In 2013 Boseman was nominated Most Promising Performer by the Chicago Film Critics Association for his role in “42,” portraying baseball player Jackie Robinson. The actor died on Aug. 28, the same day that MLB celebrated Jackie Robinson Day.

Boseman took on his first producing job in last year’s “21 Bridges,” in which he also stars as a NYPD detective.

He also acted in ABC’s “Lincoln Heights” and NBC’s “Person’s Unknown,” and performed in his only football drama, “The Express.”

In 2014 he portrayed James Brown in the film “Get On Up,” which is hailed as the best performance of his career.

Boseman was last seen on

screen in Spike Lee’s “Da 5 Bloods” leading a group of Black soldiers in the Vietnam War.

But his best-known role was his role as King T’Challa in “Black Panther,” even though Boseman at least once told reporters his greatest pride was playing Thurgood Marshall, the U.S. Supreme Court’s first Black Supreme Court Justice in the film “Marshall.”



Chadwick Boseman holding the pose associated with the line “Wakanda forever” from the “Black Panther” movie.

“Marshall” opened the 53rd Chicago International Film Festival in 2017 at the AMC River East 21 theater.

In 2013 Boseman was nominated Most Promising Performer by the Chicago Film Critics Association for his role in “42.”

“Black Panther” netted more than \$1.3 billion in global box office receipts, and was the only Marvel Studio film to get a Best Picture Oscar nomination. The film currently ranks as the No. 10 top-grossing title of all time.

“Black Panther” is the first superhero of African descent in mainstream American comics and Blacks, young and old, around the world flocked to the movie theaters to see a superhero who looked like them.

In the estimation of his fans and the studio, he was truly the “King.” So much so that the tweet message announcing word of his death generated six million messages less than 24 hours after it was posted.

Despite the triumphs, Boseman also had his ups-and-downs – like the time he was fired from a TV show after questioning what he considered the “racial stereotypes of his role.”

Being Black was something he was especially conscious of, he once told reporters, if only because of the need to remember where he and his ancestors originated.

“All African-Americans, unless they have some direct connections, have been severed from that connection. There’s things that can’t be tracked. You were a project. Sold. So it’s very difficult as an African American to connect at some points directly to Africa. I have made that part of my search in my life,” he once told reporters.

“You don’t have the same experience as a Black actor as you do a white actor. You don’t have the same opportunities,” he told the Associated Press while promoting “42.”

Boseman was last seen in Chicago in February when he attended the NBA All-Star Game and also attended Invictus Theater for a performance of “A Raisin in the Sun” at the 50-seat theater to lend support to the theater’s group of actors.

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Letter to the Editor

Emotions in high gear don’t provide solutions

In the [Aug. 26] letter-to-the-editor the writer speaks of the criminal behavior of looters. This behavior has been in the making for decades.

Former Mayor Jane Byrne saw the dangers of sweeping unsolved problems under the rug, moved in to the Cabrini Green projects to get a sense of how the other side lives. Back in her Gold Coast apartment in short order, any accomplishments were questionable.

The problem “under the rug” is festering human nature waiting for the perfect moment to erupt.

The reality is that in good times we all act like we are entitled and the universe owes us. It is in good times that we need to prepare that the bad times never come. Preventive maintenance.

With the population exploding, the dissatisfaction of the “oppressed” and “disadvantaged” becomes inevitable and everyone’s problem.

Leaving the city is hardly a solution. With today’s technology, China’s problems today are our challenge tomorrow. The problem

of the tax bill shrinks when you consider the poisoned air, water and soil forced upon us. The facts are, looters were created while many people were so proud to say “I’m from Chicago.”

The suggestion that they should federally prosecute these animals begs the question: who would pay for more prisons and the cost of keeping people in prison? Who would be equipped to deal with the rage people feel once they leave prison?

As for calling these people “animals,” based on my involvement with animal welfare work, I disagree with the letter’s author... the animal kingdom is far more sensible than the author’s limited knowledge of them seems to be.

I am reminded of the quote, “Give me a child for the first seven years and I’ll give you the man.” Society needs to guarantee an education system where the best foundation can be laid early and teach an intensive course in human nature.

Ava Barcelona
Andersonville

Sly thief stealing unattended cash registers on North Side

Chicago police just issued a community alert to warn North Side stores about a man who is stealing unattended cash registers. The thief, who struck four times last week in Lakeview and Uptown, has mostly targeted Walgreens stores.

According to police, he enters the stores during business hours and waits for the cashiers to leave a register unattended. Then, he reaches over the counter and removes the lower half of the register where the cash is held, police said.

He took registers from the Walmart Neighborhood Market, 2844 N. Broadway, at 8:05 p.m. Aug. 23; the Walgreens, 3046 N. Halsted, at 9:27 p.m. Aug. 26; Wal-

greens, 740 W. Diversey, at 9:40 p.m. Aug. 26, and the Walgreens, 4720 N. Marine, at 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

Police said the suspect is a Black male between 20- and 25-years-old who has short hair, weighs about 150 lbs, and wears dark clothing.

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quacking people up! Catch them in Streeterville, River North and the Gold Coast through Sept. 27.

“The ducks are great,” said Roz Byrne, who was down there checking them out last week. “They add needed color and compassion to the end of our pandemic summer.”

Many of the ducks will be sold at public auction and proceeds will support the more than 23,000 Special Olympic Illinois athletes throughout the state. More than 80% of monies raised go back into programming. Anyone interested in the auction contact Chris Winston, 312-315-6185 or cwinston@soill.org.

Waddle on down and safely

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“Friend” robs and shoots man in Old Town

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support our ducks and our downtown businesses if at all possible. See you there, I hope.

Rogers Park gems... check out this cool virtual tour of Rogers Park being given by Will Quam, an architecture photographer, researcher, and the enthusiast behind Brick of Chicago, whose neighborhood brick tours have been named one of Chicago’s best.

His virtual Rogers Park tour is at 7 p.m. Sunday (register at brickofchicago.com/buy/rogerspark. Tix are \$8, or \$15 if you want to support his work with a little extra money). There are 23 buildings on the tour including St. Ignatius, Sullivan High School, the former B’Nai Zion Synagogue, and one of my favorite

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

RP architectural gems, Bruno’s Lounge, where the terra cotta façade is by far one of the prettiest in the city.

“I chose Rogers Park because it features an amazing mix of buildings that illustrate the ways of architects of the 1910s to ’40s used brick,” said Quam, who lives in Lincoln Square. “And, they’re great buildings.”

Rogers Park features some of the finest examples of Chicago’s later brick and terra cotta period, said Quam. Between 1900 and 1930, thousands of buildings were constructed --most of brick and terra cotta -- to serve the new population, which had more than quadrupled, he said. This period also coincided with a time when Chicago was producing mil-

lions of bricks locally (10% of all common brick in the nation) and sourcing even more from all across the country, said Quam, who is also a columnist for Masonry Design Magazine.

Expect to see “an enormous variety of brick designs, textures, colors, built into courtyard apartments, turn of the century mansions, and even brick and terra cotta skyscrapers.” You’ll also learn how architects designed and selected terra cotta and how brick and clay manufacturing was revolutionized throughout the 1900s.

This virtual tour will occur over Zoom and feature more than 80 slides of photos detailing each building and design element, said Quam, whose work has also appeared in numerous publications

and on TV.

More RP enjoyment... on Sept. 11 and 12, the first installation of Art on the Avenue will be held at Le Piano, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave. “Listen to a top tier jazz quartet, sip champagne, taste the cuisine, all while observing a spontaneous and one-of-a-kind piece of art in the making on the sidewalk,” outside of Le Piano, organizers say. Be the highest bidder at 10:30 p.m. and take home the art the same night. Call 773-209-7631 to make a reservation.

The happiest of birthdays... to my oldest brother Scott, who turns the big 70 today. Many happy more bro. Love you.

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Both men got out of the vehicle and were able to get into a passing car, which transported them to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, according to a witness. Both victims were transferred to Stroger Hospital for treatment of burns to their bodies, police said. One later died, according to police.

The crash remains under investigation.

Men rob concealed carry holder at gunpoint

A concealed carry gun owner was outmatched by three men who robbed her at gunpoint in Streeterville Sept. 5.

The 23-year-old woman was legally carrying a concealed handgun as she sat on a bench in the 400 block of N. New St. around 3:45 a.m. That’s when three men approached her and demanded her property at gunpoint, according to Officer Jessica Rocco, a police spokesperson. The woman turned over her valuables, which included her handgun, according to a CPD report.

An officer at the scene said the victim provided video of the offender’s vehicle, which bore a license plate that begins with BN7. The woman was not injured. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Police warn of burglaries

Businesses in Lakeview are being warned of recent commercial burglaries. In each burglary, the offenders broke the front door glass to gain entry into to the businesses. One inside the offenders removed property before fleeing.

Incidents include one on the 2100 block of W. Belmont Ave, 3:49 a.m.

Aug. 25; the 3000 block of N. Ashland Ave., 2:46 a.m. Aug 29, and on the 800 block of W. Irving Park Rd. 3:02 a.m. Aug 29.

The offender are described as males(s) African American approximately 18-30 years of age.

Break ins were also reported on the 1800 block of W. Wilson Ave. 11 p.m. Aug. 31, and the 4600 block of N. Rockwell St., 2:18 a.m. Sept. 2.

Man robbed 5 women on CTA trains across city

A West Side man robbed five women aboard CTA trains over the past month in separate crimes that stretched from Jefferson Park to the Loop to Uptown, according to prosecutors.

Jajuan Vaughn, 29, was charged with three felony counts of robbery and two felony counts of theft after police finally caught up with him last week. All of the crimes took place during afternoon hours, according to CPD records.



Jajuan Vaughn

Around 4:30 p.m. Aug 27, police responded to a robbery call at the Chicago Brown Line station, 300 W. Chicago. A 24-year-old woman told cops that a man reached over her shoulder and tried to grab her phone as she sat on the train. She wrestled with the man, but he gained control of her iPhone and ran from the station.

Police arrested Vaughn about a block away after the victim identified him as the robber, prosecutors said. Vaughn was carrying the woman’s

phone, police said, and officers returned the property to her.

Prosecutors said Vaughn later identified himself in CTA surveillance images of four other robberies and thefts on CTA trains at the Jefferson Park Blue Line station around 4:30 p.m. July 30; at the Lawrence Red Line station at 3:50 p.m. on Aug. 18; at an unnamed Loop elevated station at 3:35 p.m. on Aug. 19, and at the Chicago Red Line station on Aug. 26.

Judge Arthur Willis set bail at \$100,000. Vaughn is required to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the mandatory \$10,000 deposit bond, Willis said.

Serial robber on North Side

A serial robber who has been targeting 7-Eleven stores and Subway restaurants on the North Side struck two more times on Sept. 1, according to police records. The man, who sometimes works with an accomplice, is now suspected of committing at least 10 robberies since Aug. 24.

Just before 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the offender implied he had a weapon as he robbed the 7-Eleven store at 3801 N. Western. He fled eastbound from the scene. It’s the second time the man has robbed that location since Aug. 30.

Then, about 30 minutes later, he again implied that he had a weapon as he robbed the Subway restaurant at 3167 N. Lincoln. This time, he fled southbound in a nearby alley.

No accomplice was seen during Tuesday’s hold-ups. However, the offender was again wearing distinctive yellow gym shoes.

The robber, who has been seen using a bicycle to get around, struck four times over the weekend — in Up-

town, Lakeview, and Lincoln Square.

Police issued an alert last week after the offender and his sometime-accomplice pulled off their first four robberies.

The man’s technique has quickly evolved, too. Early in the spree, the primary offender hopped counters to steal merchandise and cash while another man served as a lookout.

Over the weekend, the offender appeared to go solo while continuing to jump counters and sometimes complain about the scant proceeds he was getting from the crimes. On Sept. 1, the man began implying that he had a weapon as he robbed the shops.

The main offender is a Black male with short hair who’s between 15- and 20-years-old. In some recent cases, he wore a black t-shirt, black shorts with the word “Adidas” on the side, and distinctive yellow gym shoes.

Police said his accomplice is a Black male between 15- and 20-years-old who stands 5’-7” to 5’-10” tall and weighs 120-150 lbs.

Prior to Tuesday’s crimes, other robberies linked to the pattern were reported at the 7-Eleven, 6401 N. Sheridan, 10:04 p.m. on Aug. 24; 7-Eleven, 3519 N. Clark, 4:32 p.m. on Aug. 25; Subway, 3815 N. Broadway, 6:55 p.m. on Aug. 25; Subway, 5324 N. Broadway, 10:50 p.m. on Aug. 26; 7-Eleven, 1136 W. Wilson, 1:40 p.m. on Aug. 31; Subway, 3952 N. Sheridan, 4:45 p.m. on Aug. 31; 7-Eleven, 3801 N. Western, 5:50 p.m. on Aug. 31; and the 7-Eleven, 4631 N. Western, around 5 a.m. on Aug. 30.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- DEAN RAHM A/K/A DEAN R RAHM, ASHLEIGH RAHM, SHEFFIELD PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 16 CH 09975 1837 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE, UNIT #3 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 April 11, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 23, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1837 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE, UNIT #3, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-32-411-096-1003 The real estate is improved with a yellow brick, three story condominium with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be

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Feminist author advocates for women's basic needs; program Sept. 15



In an online program on Sept. 15, Mikki Kendall, author of *Hood Feminism*, will discuss issues that she contends must be part of the modern feminist movement.

Beginning with the right to vote, the feminist movement has since advocated for reforms related to equal pay, maternity leave, domestic and sexual violence among other major issues. But the most basic needs – such as food, education and health care – have not been part of the feminist conversation.

Mikki Kendall, author of a *Hood Feminism*, addresses these and other issues covered in her book during a program sponsored by Friends of the Edgewater Library. The free program will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, via Zoom.

You may register on the Events page of foelchicago.org.

The program will be a conversation between Kendall and author Michi Trota with an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

“Feminism has to come through to combat food insecurity from higher prices for fresh foods to insufficient government funding for programs that address hunger on a systemic level,” notes Mikki Kendall.

In *Hood Feminism*, Kendall focuses on experiences faced by most women – particularly families headed by women and by other marginalized people. “Tackling those larger issues is key to equality for all women,” she writes. “It is past time to make the conversation a nuanced, inclusive and intersectional one that reflects the concerns of all women, not just a privileged few.”

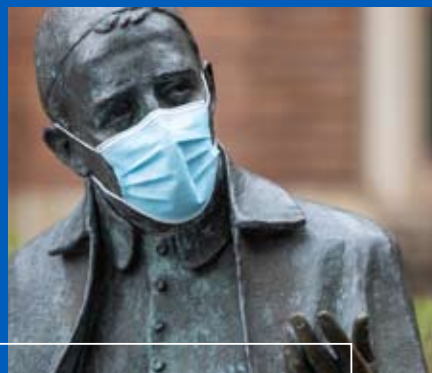
At the most basic level, she notes, “feminism has to come through to combat food insecurity from higher prices for fresh foods to insufficient government funding for programs that address hunger on a systemic level. As feminist issues go, there are none that span more women and their families than this one.”

This thought struck a chord with Jane Ward, president of Friends of the Edgewater Library who has written about and discussed food sustainability and food security.

Ward said, “In *Hood Feminism*, Mikki offers the practical reminder to white feminists that by homing in on kitchen table issues of housing, healthcare, and hunger, we might lift all women into a world of increased opportunity and true equity.”

According to Kendall, bringing about feminist changes will only be truly possible if mainstream feminism works to combat discrimination in all its forms. “True equity starts with assuring that everyone has access to the most basic of needs,” she said.

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cies, a city spokesperson said, “the Law Dept. does not comment on its prosecutorial decisions.”

Here are the details of a few cases that the city has chosen not to prosecute since Lightfoot and Brown demanded that Foxx hold people responsible. We are identifying the defendants by initials because their charges have been dismissed.

Foot Locker

On May 31, during the height of this Spring's looting activity, police arrested 51-year-old ME after they saw him inside a Foot Locker store that was being ransacked on the 3900 block of W. Madison, according to police records. He was charged with disorderly conduct and released.

Then, on Aug. 11, the morning after Brown and Lightfoot suggested that a lack of prosecution in the May-June uprising contributed to the latest round of looting, city law department attorneys dropped his charges in open court.

Four arrests

JC, a 25-year-old who has been charged with shoplifting 14 times since June 2018, was arrested three times during the May-June uprising and then got arrested again during the August 10 Mag Mile looting, according to court records.

On May 30, he was in a “violent” group of more than 50 people who obstructed traffic and threw objects at police in River North, according to allegations made in court records. He was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct, and released.

Two days later, police who were posted to prevent looting at a South Side strip mall arrested him again. He was released after being charged with disobeying a lawful order to disperse.

On June 3, he was scooped up in a mass arrest on the 300 block of E. 47th. He was hit with another disorderly conduct charge and released.

Then, at 8:47 a.m. Aug. 10, a witness told police on the Mag Mile that JC had just run out of the Bloomingdale's store with a shopping bag full of merchandise. Police

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who caught up with JC found him carrying a Bloomingdale's shopping bag that contained eight sealed packages of luxury bed linen, according to an arrest report. He was charged with disorderly conduct again, but not with looting.

Last week, city attorneys dropped the June 3 charge against JC. The other cases have upcoming court dates.

As a side note, JC has been arrested two more times for shoplifting since the August 10 looting — both times at Water Tower Place.

Best Buy

On June 1, police arrested PG because she refused to disperse from a large group on the 700 block of E. 75th, according to CPD records. She was charged with disorderly conduct and released.

Cops arrested the 30-year-old woman again early on August 10. Police said they saw her running from the Best Buy store,



Terra Cotta lion seeks new home

The owner of 1315 W. Loyola, Gold Construction Group, Inc., began demolition of the existing building in mid-August.

During the demolition of the building, the property owner was able to salvage some of the terra cotta from the previous building, like this lion piece. Gold Construction is working with Preservation Chicago to find a permanent home for the lion among other pieces. They are also brainstorming ways to potentially incorporate salvaged pieces into the new building. Those with a suggestion may contact the 49th Ward office at office@49thward.org or at 773-338-5796.

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ect added several improvements including street furniture such as tables, chairs and benches; new pavers; lighting upgrades; landscaping; a play mound; and a turf area. The focal point of the plaza is a raised performance space with an overhead canopy.

“I am thrilled to see this project finally complete after years of community consultation. In these times, our neighbors feel an increased need for public space for pedestrians to spend time outside in a socially distanced manner,” said Ald. Matt Martin.

“As longtime stewards of Northcenter Town Square, we are excited to see the future of our beloved neighborhood space,” said Lindsay Eanet, Executive Director of the Northcenter Chamber. “This is the result of years of the Chamber, residents, business owners and local government collaborating and pushing forward on a shared vision for a vibrant and accessible year-round public space that welcomes everyone to our amazing neighborhood.”

The Northcenter Special Service Area will be responsible for maintaining the upgrades.

Project highlights include expanded community plaza space with pavers, a performance area with a stage, canopy and a turf sitting area, new lighting, pedestrian crosswalks and bump-outs, trees, landscaping and site furnishings.

Civiltech was the design engineering firm for the project, while the original concept plan was created by Port, an urban design firm who helped created the vision for the plaza.

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Community Council began advocating the development of an indoor recreation center at the Broadway Armory. In 1979, the CPD signed a 25-year lease with the state for the use of a portion of the structure, and the CPD opened the new Broadway Armory indoor recreation center in 1985. The CPD purchased the armory in 1998, after the state decided the facility was no longer needed for military purposes.

555 W. Roosevelt, as it was being looted. She was charged with disorderly conduct again.

On August 26, city attorneys dropped the June 1 charges.