

There comes a time when you have to stand up and be counted.

—Gale Sayers

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Feds aid local law enforcement through Operation Legend

Small number of offenders responsible for multiple shootings

PHOTOS AND STORY BY PETER VON BUOL

With the Cook County Courts revolving door of justice spinning faster than ever, Federal law enforcement officials continue to maintain an increased presence in Chicago as part of Operation Legend, a federal initiative aimed at reducing violent crime in nine cities, including Chicago.

And Chicago's thugs are discovering that the same crimes that earn a free pass from the State's Attorney office, can earn considerable jail time in a federal court.

The Operation Legend law enforcement initiative honors LeGenD Taliferro, a four-year-old Kansas City boy killed by gunfire while sleeping in his own apartment.

"The purpose of the operation is to make clear that his life mat-



The Gun Crime Intelligence Mobile Command Center [above] is a state-of-the-art mobile crime-fighting truck operated by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

tered. His name should be remembered and other innocent victims like him, including the eight-year-old girl [Dajore Wilson] killed in Chicago on Labor Day, should not suffer such senseless death," said Attorney General William Barr at a Sept. 9 press conference in Chicago.

The increased presence of federal law enforcement in Chicago has included the Gun Crime Intel-

ligence Mobile Command Center, a state-of-the-art mobile crime-fighting semi-tractor trailer-truck operated by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms [ATF].

According to an ATF spokesperson, the command center is equipped with four separate rooms with six workstations. The vehicle

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Howard Brown expansion project earns go-ahead from locals

Last week a zoning change was OK'd by 46th Ward Zoning and Development Committee by a vote of 21 in favor, 1 opposed.

The project is the planned expansion of the Howard Brown Clinic, which is acquiring the property at 3501 N. Halsted, presently operated as Little Jim's Tavern. The proposed development could be completed by late 2022.

Howard Brown is proposing to redevelop this site with a 70-foot tall, five-story glass and brick building for a new clinic and office space that would include 27

parking spaces and bicycle parking. The proposed development is still subject to City Council approval.

This parcel is currently zoned C1-2 and would require a Type-1 zoning designation change to C1-5 to build this proposed structure. The new property would double the capacity of Howard Brown's existing Halsted clinic for primary care appointments, provide additional space for walk-in sexual and reproductive healthcare, and house wrap around and behavioral health services.

Lincoln Park's North Pond is disappearing, Conservancy ready to pitch fix

Volunteers trying to stop pond from converting to wetland

BY SHEILA SWANN

This summer the Lincoln Park Conservancy was planning for the upcoming restoration of North Pond in Lincoln Park, and they will soon be hosting community meetings to roll out their ideas.

But now the pond's future is uncertain. They say that without immediate intervention, North Pond as most know it may disappear.

Designed by Swain Nelson and Olaf Benson in the late 1800's, North Pond has been a unique and popular feature of Lincoln Park for 130 years.

Because North Pond is so beautiful, few people realize it is a dying ecosystem and is slowly converting to a wetland. The Lincoln Park Conservancy hopes to raise over \$7 million to save North Pond as a pond, and they are now seeking help to ensure this area remains a pond for generations to come.

The pond needs to be dredged out, and quickly. The dredge component will begin with contractor bidding and selection during late Summer 2021, with dredging beginning Fall 2021. The Conservancy hopes to complete the full restoration project sometime in 2023.



The North Pond in Lincoln Park is transitioning from a pond into a stagnant wetland swamp. To remain a pond it will need to be dredged and deepened to at least eight-feet to increase water circulation, while decreasing water temperature to improve its aquatic habitat.

The pond needs to be deepened to at least eight-feet to increase water circulation and oxygen turnover, decrease water temperature, improve aquatic habitat, and reduce algae growth. Care must be taken during the dredge to ensure the minimal amount of disruption to resident animal and plant species and the general public. Due to concentration of heavy metals found in recent testing, sediment may potentially be relocated to a sanitation facility, if not reusable onsite.

The extensive design work, equipment mobilization, and sediment hauling and disposal

costs all contribute to making the dredge the most significant project cost. All subsequent steps are dependent on dredge completion.

As one of the Lincoln Park's only designated natural areas, North Pond holds an important place in the hearts of Chicagoans and is beloved by birders, runners, anglers, families, tourists, and locals alike. Designed as an aesthetic and recreational pond for us humans, the pond also serves as essential habitat for over 200 migratory and resident bird species. North Pond is home to over a dozen endangered or threatened Illinois birds, amphibians, rep-

tiles, and plants.

All of the background studies necessary to help understand the pond and the best approaches to restoring it have been completed. The Conservancy says that North Pond's restoration is directly dependent on community support and involvement, with 100% of project funding coming from private donors and foundations.

A feedback session was hosted in July with key North Pond partners, including the Chicago Ornithological Society, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, North Pond Restaurant, and the several volunteer groups that utilize the historic casting pier.

Following that meeting and the incorporation of key ideas from it, the Conservancy, its project consultants, and the Chicago Park District hosted a collaborative design charrette to share key findings from the studies and to discuss desired restoration outcomes and related strategies to achieve them.

All of this input is being assimilated into concept designs that will be shared with their constituents and the public later this fall. They plan on offering several public information and input meetings, either in person or via Zoom or related interactive technologies. Regular project updates

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Out with the old bridges

The Metra bridge renovation project on the North Side is about to enter its final stage, with the demolition of the old bridges along Ravenswood Ave. from Grace to Balmoral.

This \$70 million project along Metra's UPRR North line entailed the reconstruction of 11 railroad bridge structures and the construction of Metra's Ravenswood Station. The new bridges that have been built now carry traffic over 11 streets, including Grace, Irving Park, Berteau, Montrose, Sunnyside, Wilson, Leland, Lawrence, Winnemac, Foster and Balmoral.

Metra says that the old bridges are all more than 100 years old and could no longer be economically repaired and maintained. The new bridges will offer increased safety and will last for more than 100 years.

Concurrently, work on the new Ravenswood Metra Station located south of Lawrence Ave. will start up again. It should take about 30-months to complete. The Ravenswood Station is the busiest station outside of downtown.

The completed inbound half will mirror the outbound half of the station, which was completed in the first phase. The project will add longer, covered platforms and warming shelters, new lighting, space for a ticket office, vendor space, ramps, stairs and new landscaping. The new station will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Face masks won't keep us warm in a blizzard



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Totally by accident I have rediscovered Johann Sebastian Bach's "The French Suites," BWV 812-817. Six suites written for the clavier (harpsichord) between 1722 and 1725. They were discovered on Youtube, with famed pianist Andreas Schiff at the Steinway no less, at 5 a.m. while painting.

But first I had to make a mug of Barry's Red Label Tea. Strong, Irish, double teabag brew. And a slice of toast, the Publican's Oatmeal / Porridge bread with unsalted butter. There's never a better time for a steaming mug of tea than in the early hours of the morning. You can feel the pre-dawn chill disappear with each sip.

I'm good for a full two hours painting with Bach counting the rhythms of the hours. I once went on a riding holiday in Ireland, staying at a cozy country cottage and horseback riding from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. But first thing every morning at 7 a.m., there was a knock on the door, a mug of tea and plate of hot toast delivered to ward off the morning chill.

The counterpoint of the Bach's keyboard efforts is energizing. Just the thing to listen to while painting, or as background music as the list expands of venerated Chicago establishments closing up for good.

Heartbreaking and historic. I'm searching to see if this has ever happened in Chicago's past. (The Great Fire of 1871 not included.)

First the venerable Palmer House where the vile Infanta of Spain stayed during the World's Columbian Exhibition in 1893. She was on her way to the Palmer

Castle on Lake Shore Dr. for dinner with Chicago society when she found out that Potter Palmer owned the hotel. She stopped dead in her tracks and said she would not go. 'Spanish royalty doesn't eat with innkeepers.'

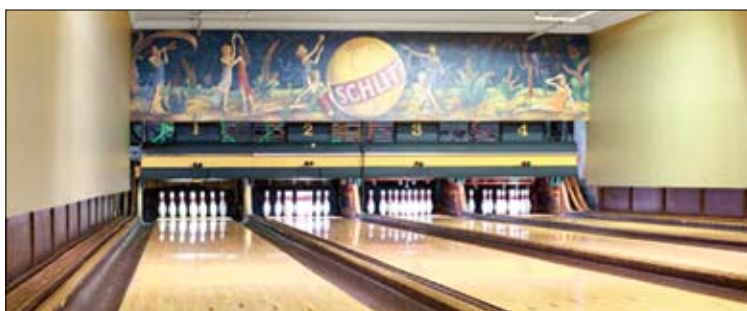
The Palmer House was one of my mother's go-to spots for lunch during Lent or on Fridays. She always took us there for fillet of sole. We loved it.

Word has also come that La Sardine, a true delicious favorite, has shut for good. So sad. What do you do with all those memories? And passion for their fine French food?

Now Kiki's Bistro has shut down. For more than half a century home to Chicago's truest French food aficionados, Kiki's closure is understandable but heart-rending. It was Julia Child's beloved bistro here. Her arrival once brought the restaurant's patrons to their feet for a spontaneous standing ovation when she came to dine. Where will Chicagoans go to relive their love for all things genuinely French? Monsieur Kiki greeted and seated every patron personally. Waitstaff all had their golden guest list of customers. Chicago's truest celebrities (judges, aldermen, artsy types, business owners, writers, TV folk and colorful 606-ers) were always quietly at home at Kiki's. There for the onion soup, the escargot, the roast duck, the coq au vin and chocolate mousse.

Southport Lanes, Chicago's historic and most original almost-century old sports bar has also shuttered its doors, and has pushed us over a threshold that no one ever thought we could cross.

The thing about Southport Lanes was that it was authentic. Genuine. Built by Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, not made from a kit. It really was a bowling alley, four lanes, all the pins set by hand - to its last day. Doesn't get more old-fashioned. The building goes back to 1900. The bar, restaurant, bowling alley



Southport Lanes

to 1922. It survived the previous Spanish influenza pandemic back in 1918 and miraculously lived through Prohibition, the ultimate social distancing. The secret of its success and survival was just that. Secrets. Secret gambling. Secret horse betting. Secret brothel. Secret rooms for mischief making. A secret tap.

No telling how a mischief-loving mayor of today would have responded to the law breaking of that era. But mayors back then tended to have bigger issues in their sights. Survival.

Although Chicago's only mayor to be gunned-down in office, Anton Cermak

was said to be one of the many who gathered for card games on Southport, in a hidden room of the enterprise there. Bad economic times make for many forms of illegal business. The brothel,

allegedly operating out of the Southport bowling alley, was hardly this city's only illegal house of ill repute, as the evangelists in town fondly recalled. Compared to the Everly sisters, operating the most famous whore house in town on the South Side, Southport Lanes' was a mom and pop store.

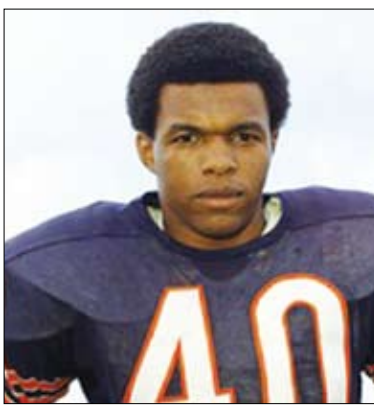
In the present era of the "Yuppie," customers run more towards gourmet hamburgers and boutique brews than rented bowling shoes and illegal sex. An enterprise that forced the present owners to confront the perilous predicament of restaurant livelihood.

When 75% of your business is wiped out by the strictures of a

forced pandemic lockdown, you don't have many options left but to close your doors.

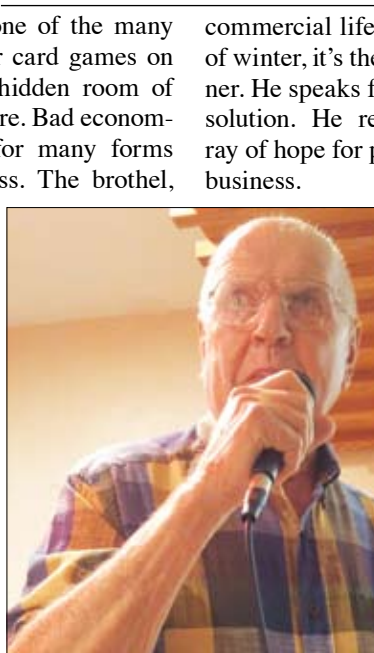
The property today is worth far more for its location than simply another Southport Ave. saloon. Its value is gilded in the property lore of neighborhood life. The Southport corridor is a flowing river of commercial enterprise and success.

Mayor Lightfoot's bringing in



Gale Sayers

the esteemed economic know-how of past presidential advisor and cabinet official Sam Skinner is a wondrous thing. If anyone has the brains and experience to turn around the tragedy of Chicago's commercial life before the snows of winter, it's the sturdy Mr. Skinner. He speaks fluent commercial solution. He represents a great ray of hope for people of Chicago business.



Harry Kempf

People who really know their bowling alleys from their whore houses. No matter how historic or nostalgic they may be. People who know that we can't keep eating on the sidewalks forever, and that face masks can't

keep us warm in a blizzard. We don't need more gaming or gambling. Especially the illegal variety. It would be fun, however, to explore illegal bowling alleys. With illegal shoe rentals. Or illegal libraries. Maybe illegal schools. Chicagoans seem to be students of our own history. Especially the illegal kind. We have always cherished the study of the road maps of how we got here and

what we've done in the time we have been here.

It's like trying to discover the curious and customary question of neighborhood residency for a mayor, hell-bent on refusing to declare where she actually lives. Could you imagine Mayor Richard J. Daley trying to hide the fact he lived in Bridgeport? What strange characters come our way. Well, at least we have the brains to stand for Julia Child.

CHICAGO CRIME: In the week ending Sept. 26, we had 96 shot and 20 total homicides. Say her name: Serenity Arrington.

BEAR DOWN: This column joins all Chicago in mourning the life of the great football statesman **Gale Sayers** who died last week at 77. His ability to befriend all Chicago is a mark of his enormous gentlemanly ways and true Bear character.

HIS WAY: Harry Kempf singing "I Did It My Way" at the opening of Chicago Brauhaus at the DANKHaus brought tears to the assembled eyes, including those of the singer. After 54 years, that night's honored guests and Chicago's German royalty witnessed a passing of the German fork and knife in Lincoln Square. The schnitzel will now be served at Himmel's.

OH YEA! OH YEA!: Ruth Bader Ginsburg has galvanized America in the last seconds of its dream for itself. The last moments when its awareness and perceptions of freedoms and rights teeter on the edge. About to disappear. Her frail frame and sturdy constitutional understandings became the ironic 21st cen-

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Kicking off Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and currently, there are more than 3.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. I thank God every day that I am one of them.

Thankfully, so is Dr. Sandy Goldberg, a 20-year survivor who, with her husband Gregory Hines, founded the nonprofit A Silver Lining Foundation (ASLF), 134 N. LaSalle St. ASLF offers free breast health testing through a network of partnerships with community, advocacy and health-care organizations including Illinois Masonic, Mount Sinai and Swedish Covenant hospitals, as well as the Univ. of Illinois Medical Center.

Twenty years ago, Dr. Sandy had been married just five months when she received a devastating breast cancer diagnosis and subsequently underwent treatment. It was then that she saw firsthand

the disparities between insured, and underinsured or non-insured women. She realized how fortunate she was to be able to afford treatment, insurance, and get the best advice available and wondered how others not so fortunate could navigate all that needs to be done to mitigate the disease.

"I had great health insurance, fabulous support and the best medical care and I didn't have to worry about what it cost -- I was the one percent," she recalled. "There's me, who didn't have to think about anything, and the others were people who couldn't get a test.

"It ultimately colored my life from there on," said Dr. Sandy, also a former TV personality who has shared her story for many years. "I learned how lucky I was."

In 2002, she founded ASLF, which funds the uninsured, underinsured, undocumented people with a high deductible or co-pay, and those with insurance that won't pay for the necessary testing. ASLF will help anyone who needs it -- no one is turned away -- and no one is asked for identification, a Social Security number or financial info.

"The only form of ID they need is a voucher from ASLF," said Dr. Sandy. "We're very specific because of the inclusion aspect of it.



Dr. Sandy Goldberg

Many organizations see a tremendous drop in immigrants because of ICE. We see just the opposite.

"Everything is based on my mother's philosophy, 'We are all family, and we have to help each other through the tough times,' and that's the premise upon which our foundation is based," added Dr. Sandy. "We serve the most disenfranchised, those afraid to walk out of their house because of immigration." (Her mother also taught her: "To whom much is given, much is required." Like

mother, like daughter).

Since the pandemic, the organization has also identified a new group of people, the newly-uninsured. One day they had a job, the next day they woke up and their employment and insurance were gone. Women scheduled for diagnostic mammograms realized they could not proceed without insurance. In one month alone, the foundation saw six women this happened to who were already scheduled for biopsies yet were calling and canceling their appointments when they suddenly found themselves with no insurance. ASLF now has more than 400 people in the queue for help due to COVID-19.

"They have to feed their kids, pay their rent, fortunately, they all had called a Silver Lining (affiliated) hospital," said Dr. Sandy. "Of the six newly uninsured women, three were diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Our hospital partners ensure that ladies diagnosed through ASLF will be treated for free," said Dr. Sandy. "Nobody gets a bill."

On Saturday night, ASLF will hold a free, virtual fundraiser with a reception and gala from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event will be emceed by WGN political analyst Paul Lisnek, and WGN's Micah Materre will celebrity bartend

and introduce the cocktail the Silvertini. There will be a fun auction, celebrity toasters throughout the evening including breast cancer survivors Roz Varon and Tracy Butler, and others. Catch a Wine 101 segment with a sommelier, and, hear the amazing Opal Staples sing the premiere performance of ASLF's anthem.

"It's our 16th annual gala, but our first virtual one," said Dr. Sandy. "This comes under the heading, an old dog learning a lot of new tricks."

There's also another way to support ASLF. Thanks to generous donors, funds raised by the foundation up to \$125,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. I know times are tough for us all, but if you have a buck or two to spare, this is a great place to give.

"It's fabulous! Mamma Mia!" Dr. Sandy exclaimed of the money matching. "Yes, we are extremely fortunate. The unfortunate fact is, who doesn't know somebody who has been diagnosed, whether it be a friend, relative or co-worker and especially, there but for the grace of God go I."

Early detection is key, Dr. Sandy said. Obviously, the earlier the cancer is detected, the better. According to the American Cancer Society's estimates for breast

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Utilities extend shutoff moratorium to Winter '21

Customers may contact their utility to determine their eligibility

BY RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois

Several state-regulated utilities have voluntarily extended a moratorium on disconnections into next year after requests from the Illinois Commerce Commission [ICC].

The ICC announced on Sept. 22 that most of the state's utility operators have agreed to halt shutoffs due to missed or late payments for all residential customers until March 31, 2021.

Commonwealth Edison, Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas and Utility Services of Illinois have all agreed to delay disconnections to the same date for residential customers who qualify for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, and those financially impacted by COVID-19.

To qualify for LIHEAP, residential customers' combined household income for the 30 days prior to submitting an application must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level for their family size. A spokesperson for the ICC said it is strongly encouraging all residential customers of the participating utilities to call their utility to check their eligibility. The LIHEAP application period runs from July of this year to June 30, 2021, or until funding set aside for the program is exhausted.

According to the ICC release, residential customers who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot pay their utility bill do not need to fill out any forms or provide paperwork to qualify for the moratorium. They just need to "make the phone call and verbalize" their situation to receive a delay on shutoffs if their state-regulated utility is participating in COVID-19 related moratoriums.

"This action will ensure a continuation of utility service. Deferred payment arrangements are also available for both residential and small business customers needing help managing their utility bill obligation during these difficult times," according to the release.

On June 18, the ICC approved a COVID-19 utility agreement with state-regulated utilities that included the first moratorium on shutoffs that some utilities have since voluntarily extended. The agreement also included consumer protections aimed at protecting utility customers during the coronavirus pandemic, such as deferred payment agreements, temporary waivers for reconnection fees and new deposit requirements.

"Illinois citizens are facing extraordinary challenges due to the pandemic. Low income families and those impacted by COVID-19 should not have to fear losing basic services like electricity, heat, or fresh water," said Carrie Zalewski, ICC Chairman.

North Side property owners still haunted by Berrios' ghost



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Will thousands of North Side and Northwest Side property owners continue to be haunted in 2020 and 2021 by the ghost of former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios?

As a parting shot after he lost his re-election campaign for assessor to reformer Fritz Kaegi, Berrios raised the estimated fair market value of some properties from 30% to more than 140% in some neighborhoods.

In 2018, the entire City of Chicago was reassessed. The sharply higher valuations sparked mind-bending real estate tax hikes when bills arrived in 2019, and those increases carried into 2020.

A new assessment study commissioned by Kaegi from an international nonprofit organization and released last week found that Berrios valued commercial properties far too low, unfairly shifting more property tax burden onto owners of less expensive properties.

The International Assoc. of Assessing Officers studied commercial property assessments throughout Cook County after Berrios completed his 2018 round of assessments, which affected tax bills mailed in 2019.

Earlier studies also concluded that Berrios' residential assessments were often inaccurate and tended to overvalue lower-priced properties and undervalue more expensive ones.

Since taking office, assessor Kaegi said he has dramatically revamped the assessment process, especially how commercial properties are valued. He started from the ground up, reworking the assessment formula and drawing on Multiple Listing Service information about sales prices.



A recent study found that in Cook County as a whole, properties were assessed at a median of 61% of their actual sales price, far from the acceptable range of 90% to 110%. The comparison was even worse in Chicago, where the median valuation of commercial properties was found to be just 52% of sales prices. The study also found that over-all assessments were regressive, leaving less expensive properties overvalued and more expensive ones undervalued, meaning less wealthy property owners carried more of the tax burden.

For the new study, the international assessors group looked at 1,643 business property sales throughout Cook County in 2018 and compared the sales prices with the assessed values.

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The study also found that over-all assessments were regressive. That means less expensive properties were overvalued and more expensive ones were undervalued, meaning less wealthy property owners carried more of the tax burden. The problem was worst in Chicago's central business district and on the Near South Side and the Northwest Side, according to the group's analysis.

An informal 2019 survey by The Home Front column revealed the following wide lack of uniformity in 2018 assessments for small apartments on Chicago's North and Northwest sides:

- Former Assessor Berrios hiked the estimated fair market value of a vintage Old Town 3-flat 93% to an astronomical \$1,973,610 from \$1,021,100. Many comparable properties in the neighborhood received reassessment increases of 28% to 34%.

After a mildly successful appeal at the Board of Review, the assessed value was lowered 28% to \$141,919 from \$197,361. However, based on the final 65% assessment increase, the 2018 tax bill jumped a hefty 27.5% to \$28,033 from \$21,991 in 2017.

- A Logan Square greystone 3-flat owner was shocked when former Assessor Berrios raised his property's fair market value 61% to \$683,000 from \$424,010. The assessed value jumped to \$68,300 from \$42,401.

The greystone owner raised the question of "uniformity" because the assessor set the market value of several nearby properties much lower. After appeal to the Board of Review, no reduction was granted. As a result, the 2018 tax bill jumped a whopping 52.5% to \$12,812 from \$8,401 in 2017.

- Irving Park. Former assessor Berrios said the 2018 estimated market value on a red brick 6-flat in the Old Irving Park neighborhood skyrocketed an incredible 112% to \$949,190 from \$448,350. As a result, the assessed value of the building jumped to \$94,919 from \$44,835.

After a successful appeal to the Board of Review, the assessed value was lowered 25.8% to \$70,420 from \$94,919. However, the 2018 tax bill still jumped a hefty 43.3% to \$13,888 from \$9,688 in 2017.

"There's nothing uniform when it comes to real estate tax assessments in Chicago," said a North Side property owner.

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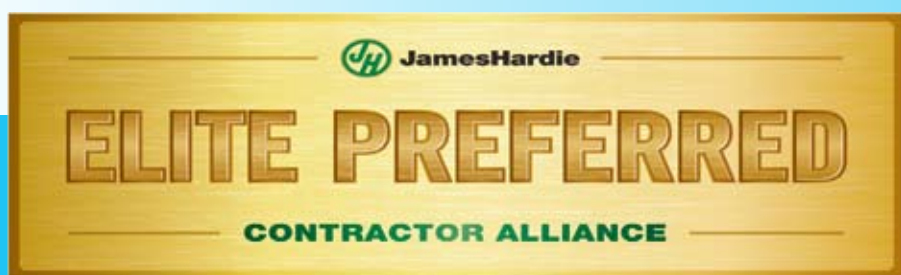
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All things entertainment Oct. 7



Chris Jones

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Jones will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on all things arts and entertainment in the Chicago area and beyond. To get an invitation to the digital presentation call 773-463-5560, or write to office@publicity.org.

Letter to the Editor

We need more Native American symbols, not less

[Why doesn't] the Lane Tech statue "Shooting the Stars" feature an "Indian" man shooting a bow and arrow, which have been left out of the sculpture? Are they delicate and hard to express in bronze? Regardless, he looks brave. Like any good Lane Tech student, he is aiming at the sky and looking into it, perhaps for inspiration—and does give the viewer inspiration, too.

Lane Tech High School honors the Native American with its murals, statue and team logo; it is obvious that it is referring back to history with these images. The "Indian brave" statue does present a stereotype of Native Americans, but it is a positive image; to honor Native Americans more, it could put the statue in front of the building and offer instruction in Native American history, peoples and themes. The school could hire an actual Native American teacher for this reason—and offer com-

munity educational workshops on Chicago's Native American legacy and tours of the murals.

Native Americans stewarded this country for thousands of years, not ruining it; they only took what they needed, and there was plenty available in this bountiful place. Europeans had basically enslaved their own populations, so many folks left for the New World if they had the chance. Here they really did find freedom. The presence of cultural symbols featuring Native Americans should be stronger, not weaker!

The veterans are right to appreciate the message of the stunning, young man looking at—and shooting for—the stars; he is a symbol of freedom, which they fought for in two unpopular wars, plus other engagements afield. Fighting has sometimes been necessary in our history—not that I approve of any war, especially not the one Native Americans bravely fought against the invaders of the New World. Until the world gets more global—finding a world language; engaging other peoples in peaceful cooperation to fight climate change; and actively evolving to a togetherness in which we learn how to interact politely and non-violently, angst will be normal.

We need more statues of Native Americans, for other inspiration—the "young brave" is not the only concept available to honor our predecessors on this continent with, though it is a strong one.

When in doubt, don't erase, but embrace art!

C. Jennifer Walbridge
Edgewater

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Photo courtesy Planetizen

Chicago's backyard chickens: A compre-hen-sive guide

BY SONNY PSYDUPP

Many sustainability-minded North Side residents capitalize on Chicago's live-and-let-live approach to urban farming by raising backyard chickens.

An ordinance introduced in 2019 banned noisy roosters from residential areas in Chicago and allow a household to keep no more than six hens and two live-stock animals, defined as four-legged farm creatures such as pigs, sheep and goats.

While most people are content with a pet dog or cat, others may seek less traditional animal friends whose eggs offer tasty pet friends with benefits. Chickens offer not only companionship but also egg production, soil fertilization, and educational opportunities to help forge the connection between farm and table.

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and only single-family homes and two-flats would be eligible. So most of our lakefront high-rise dwellers are excluded from this hobby.

In Chicago the hot neighborhoods for chickens today are Rogers Park, Logan Square and Humboldt Park.

The first rule of raising chickens is to be a good neighbor. This is a great rule to follow no matter what you're doing.

The first rule of raising chickens is to be a good neighbor. This is a great rule to follow no matter what you're doing. When you have companion animals living with you, it is a cardinal rule. No one likes living next to the house with the dog that barks all the time and the yard that reeks like a kennel long overdue for a cleaning. Likewise, no one wants to live next to a house with noisy, smelly birds.

You might want to do a chicken tour first, they're offered by Windy City Coop who hosts Eco-Yard Tours. They have given hundreds of tours to eager chicken enthusiasts who visit area coops and flocks, and see examples of innovative urban sustainability practices.

Hens are usually quiet, although it is possible to have a noisy one in your flock. Like all living things, there is variation in the population and some hens are noisier than others. Roosters are out, they are guaranteed to make noise. So be sensitive to their impact on your neighbors.

And those who are not sure if they'll like the hobby can contact organizations like the Roo Crew and Chicago Chicken Rescue to get advice on caring for hens, and Chicago Animal Care and Control can also take in unwanted birds and try to find them new homes. And residents who are

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cancer in the United States for 2020, about 276,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. About 48,530 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer). Sadly, about 42,170 women will die from breast cancer this year.

Yet there are higher rates of diagnosis than ever before, said Dr. Sandy, and she attributes that to enhanced technology. Before, when women were diagnosed, they were Stage 3 or 4. Now, the "tiniest of cells," can be detected. "Now women survive," said Dr. Sandy.

"Early diagnosis saves lives," said Dr. Sandy. "Mammograms and whatever testing is needed subsequent to that."

When she first launched ASLF, the organization coordinated research and outreach. Then former Mayor Richard M. Daley, whose wife, the late Maggie, died of breast cancer, "gave us 311," Dr. Sandy said. Therefore, if someone calls 311 and needs breast-related help, they are automatically referred to ASLF. It's something that Dr. Sandy is extremely proud of.

"We're the only metro area in the entire country with that link," said Dr. Sandy. She's also proud of the fact that ASLF accepts no

city, state or federal funds.

"We do not and will not," she said. "I don't want anything telling me who or what to serve."

"I don't care if they're from Mars," she said. "If they have two boobs, men, gender ID...if you need breast testing, we will help you."

And help she has in the last 18 years -- to the tune of more than 28,000 women (and men).

"The best thing is that people will call and say, 'Dr. Sandy, I had my mammogram and I'm OK,'" she said. "It gives me peace to know that in this world we live in -- a very hard world -- to know that from what I went through and what I have been able to do with a remarkable groups of hospitals and donors -- we can give life. That's what it's about. I can go to sleep at night and know people are not afraid any more, they have people to help them through the process," added Dr. Sandy. "My mother's legacy lives on. I can breathe. It gives me peace."

Register for the virtual gala at <http://asterlingeent.givesmart.com/> or <https://www.asilverliningfoundation.org/>.

For those of you that want to join in the festivities in one way or another, follow the Silvertini recipe.

And here's wishing a belated Happy New Year to all of my Jewish readers. May the New

A Silvertini by Micah Materre



Ingredients:
Vodka, tart or regular cherry juice, Cointreau (can substitute with triple sec), and lime juice. Lime wheel and Woodford Reserve Bourbon Cherries (can substitute with fresh cherries) for garnish.
Recipe:
½ ounce of Vodka
1 ounce of tart cherry juice
½ ounce of Cointreau
½ ounce of fresh lime juice
Cherries and lime for garnish
Add all ingredients into cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake well and strain into large martini glass. Garnish with lime wheel and cherries. Enjoy!

Year bring us all good health, good times, and continued blessings and peace.

Early voting opens this week

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election begins Thursday at the Loop Super Site, 191 N. Clark St., and begins Wednesday, Oct. 14 at neighborhood early voting sites and ends on Nov. 2.

Voters in all 50 wards can use any early voting location, it does not matter which ward you live in. Every early voting site will also have a secure drop box for vote by mail ballots. Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The most secure way to vote is still by going to your polling place on election day and doing so in person. Polling sites are still being determined, but for the most part they will remain the same as the last election.

Those who have not yet registered to vote can do so up to 16 days before the election, or in person at several locations like government offices and public

libraries up to 27 days before the election.

Beginning Oct. 7, voters will have to register in person - which can be done at any of the early voting locations using grace period registration - and be prepared to cast their ballots at the same time. Those wishing to do so are required to bring two forms of ID, one of which has the voter's current address.

Early voting locations on the North Side include:

Loop Super Site at Clark & Lake:

191 N. Clark St.

Ward 1: Goldblatts Building, 1615 W. Chicago Ave.

Ward 2: Ogden Elementary School, 24 W. Walton St.

Ward 32: Pulaski Elementary School, 2230 W. McLean Ave.

Ward 40: Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln Ave.

Ward 42: Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph St.

Ward 43: Lincoln Park High

School, 2001 N. Orchard St.

Ward 44: Inter American Elementary School, 851 W. Waveland Ave.

Ward 45: Hitch Elementary School, 5625 . McVicker Ave.

Ward 46: Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

Ward 47: Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.

Ward 48: Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway

Ward 49: New Field Elementary School, 1707 W. Morse Ave.

Ward 50: Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Vote By Mail

If you have not requested your VBM ballot yet, you have until October 29, but the US Postal Service recommends applying at least 15 days before the deadline to ensure your ballot is delivered in time.

Chicago voters may apply directly online on the Chicago Board of Elections website.

Once you have applied online for your VBM ballot, you will get an email notification:

- When your online application has been received and processed
- When your ballot is mailed to you, with a unique USPS tracking number
- When your ballot return envelope is received by the Board of Elections
- When your ballot return envelope has been approved for counting
- IF there is a question or problem with your ballot return envelope

If there is a problem with your ballot, you will be given the opportunity to correct any errors. VBM ballots may also be deposited in a Secured Drop Box starting October 14.

Call 312-269-7967 on or before Thursday, October 29 to alert the Chicago Board of Elections if you have not received your VBM ballot. For more information on the Chicago VBM program, visit <https://www.chicagoelections.gov/en/home.html>.

Election Day

You may also vote in person on Election Day, November 3. Those voting on Election Day must go to their individual precinct polling place. You can find your polling place online on the Chicago Board of Elections My Voter In-

formation page.

Thorough sanitation and safety plans will be in place at every polling station and social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

Election judges needed

The Chicago Board of Elections is still looking for election judges to serve on Election Day. Judges will be paid up to \$230. Anyone who is at least 16 years old, a US citizen and an Illinois resident for at least 30 days may serve as an election judge. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, visit <https://chicagoelections.gov/en/serving-as-a-judge-of-election.html>.

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Grinch of City Hall swipes TBOX Christmas bar crawl

One of the largest bar-crawls of the drinking calendar has been called off after the city's Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events refused to authorize the event.

The 12 Bars of Christmas [TBOX], a well-attended bar crawl through Wrigleyville was denied its request to hold the event due to pandemic fears. The annual festival of drinking was to take place on Dec. 12.

The Grinch is a grumpy, solitary creature who attempts to put an end to Christmas by stealing Christmas-themed items from the homes of the nearby town Whoville; whereas City Hall — also grumpy these days — is not solitary, but rather works best in packs sweeping through Chicago swiping the joy out of Christmas 2020.

The city has not issued any special event permits since the economic lockdown was announced in March and TBOX is just the latest victim of this policy. You can now likely forget about a Macy's Thanksgiving Parade this year too.



The cancellation of TBOX is another blow to Wrigleyville-area bars and saloons who were denied the ability to operate, and their employees and management were denied the right to make a living throughout the Spring, Summer, Fall and now perhaps the Winter too. Photo by Willbyington

TBOX founder Christopher Festa says he understands why, recognizing the the concept of TBOX is literally the exact opposite of social distancing.

But the cancellation is another blow to Wrigleyville-area bars who were denied the ability to operate, and their employees and management were denied the right to make a living throughout the spring, summer and now fall when baseball decided to ban

fans from games, and City Hall banned patrons from going to local bars.

The Illinois Restaurant Assoc. now says that they think that as many as 90% of Chicago's taverns and saloons will never reopen due to the economic lockdown.

Besides bringing business to the local bars, TBOX claims they've raised over \$300,000 for local charities since its founding in 1996.

Bridge lifts underway

Sail and power boat owners can now start their annual migration into winter storage as the autumn bridge lift is now underway.

Bridges along the main and south branches of the Chicago River will be lifted sequentially on a twice weekly schedule, Saturdays and Wednesdays, to allow sailboats and other recreational boats to make their annual trip from the open waters of Lake Michigan to their winter storage facilities.

During these "boat runs," the bridges are typically raised one at a time, with each bridge lift taking an average of 8-12 minutes. While the bridge is in the upright position, traffic is halted,

and drivers may use alternate streets or wait until the bridge is lowered. A list of affected streets, from Lake Shore Drive to the end of the South Branch is below.

Due to ongoing work happening on Lake Shore Dr., the bridge lift of Lake Shore Dr. Bridge may have longer than usual delays. Motorists planning to drive on Lake Shore Dr. around 9 a.m. on Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays should plan to re-route in order to avoid delays, as the bridge closure could last 45 minutes or longer.

A total of 27 bridges will be lifted in succession from Lake Shore Dr. to Ashland Ave. Bridge on the south branch of the Chica-

go River. In the event that no boat owners have made arrangements to move their boats on a scheduled day, the bridges will not be lifted.

Lift dates and times include Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday Oct. 3 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 10 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct.14 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 31 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m., and Saturday, Nov. 14 at 9 a.m.

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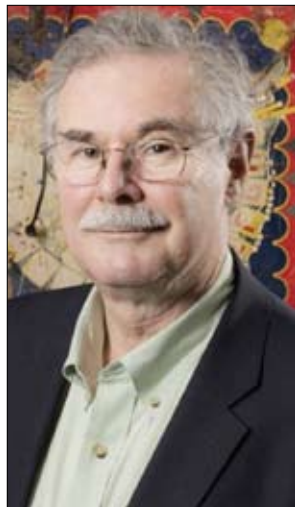
Constitution. She accomplished a feat few statesmen ever attain. She dies an American hero. Her life story holding the details of a life well-lived. We see her as the embodiment of the nation.

EAGLE EYE: Chicago veteran journalist **Bill Zwecker** gets a bird's eye view of the Art Institute while noshing on Michigan Ave.

QUELLE TRAGIQUE: The word from film director **Julien Landais** in Paris, the party is over at **Pierre Cardin**, it's official after 70 years, C'est Fini. Au Revoir.

PUMPROOM: Maestro **Stanley Paul** spending a wonderful late summer evening with **Geraldine Ann** and **Abigail Hart** and furry friends.

AVE ATQUE VALE: Artist/restorer **Frank Zuccari** of the Art Institute of Chicago died recently at 70. He was a most valuable treasure there, having little competition in the world of master painting conservancy. His two-year restoration of **El Greco's** "The Assumption of the Virgin" in 2018 was acclaimed a great life achievement. His third generation art-restorer hands lifted centuries of grime



Frank Zuccari

and dull varnish from the masterpiece, long a treasure of the AIC's collection. His work gave the painting fresh life and permitted viewers to see what the painter first intended. He was valued by museums around the world. He lost his life, young, from cancer.

SERVICE CLUB: Who knew overalls could be so comfortable! Writer **Sherrill Bodine** was trim, chic and masked for her trip to the orchard and luncheon in the country with the service club's "Apple Picking" outing. Her reward was "Best Dressed" for the day. The club's "Orchard Day" was a country outing of spirit-lifting note. From the swelligant bus ride to the country and the Service Club tent, to the farm-to-table lunch, to every apple picked from a tree, it was an old-fashioned day for old-fashioned girls. **Helen Spyra** was a most delightful hostess and re-

ally laid out the country before the city girls.

PALM BEACH: **Julie Harron** and **Jessica Dunne Lagrange** at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill, lunching and discussing plans for the Palm Beach market this season. They want to help, whether it's buying your dream home or decorating it.

LUNCH WITH MASK: So great to see **Linda Heistler** having lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill with **Baba Roche** with their masks fully in place. **Peter Axelsen** was well

and making everyone feel welcome, the reason he is the most favored server. A gifted artist, he has been using his time in the pandemic to create some stunning new images of Chicago neighborhood life.

PAX TECUM: The loss of **Jamee Field, Mrs. Marshall Field V**, removes a lover of the earth and its creatures from us. Her sensitive philanthropy and expansive humanity were sturdy resources for life for family and friends, for whom she was a loving champion. Great sympathies to all who loved her, especially her historic Chicago kin.

SILVER LINING: The 16th annual fundraiser for A Silver Lining Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 3, will include the following (valued at \$6,000) Digital Wine 101 with **Erik Segelbaum**, 2020 Wine Enthusiast 40 Under 40 Taster and 2019 Food & Wine Magazine Sommelier of the Year, who will guide a group of up to 12 guests through a one of a kind wine tasting experience. Each

guest will receive a kit of six vials of wines from bottles valued over \$100 each and an additional small bottle of bubbly.

FESTIVAL HIT: Chicago actor **John T. O'Brien**, a St. Ignatius College Prep Alum, was the hit of the Midwest Film Festival that just screened his "Dad Man Walking" for the attendees of the drive-in extravaganza. O'Brien's triple threat of stylish writing, cutting edge comedy and a serious bag of acting skills make him "golden" at the moment. Do I see a Saturday Night Live in the offing? Hello? **Lorne Michaels?**

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS: Christie's **Steven Zick**, back from his Cape Cod travels, is poking around the Glencoe gardens that are still in the final stages of full bloom. Question: Does he travel with his parrot?

ISLAND MANHATTAN: The savvy **Michael Dolan** is back amid the familiar terrain of NYC where he is in residence at Arlo NoMad on 31st Street, the Murray Hill region. The hotel is all micro and modern. Hope we get a report from the talented writer.

ZURICHGATE: Reminds me of Watergate. Once the bad decision is made and the deed is done, it becomes the talk of the nation. The culprits, (the American Institute of Architects Board) try everything to make it go away. The harder they try, the further they sink. Bad decision to get rid of **Zurich Esposito**. No fib is sufficient. No half-truth powerful enough. No member dumb



Jamee Field (Mrs/ Marshall Field V).

enough to believe there was no malice in the board's heart.

NO ICE YET: Talented photographer **Tom McDonald** with **Meg Steele** making plans for post-pandemic travel to the remote Faroe Islands and looking through his fab photos shot in Reykjavik, Iceland just three years ago. Stunning.

MANGE. MANGE: **Sherry Lea Fox** dining with **Chris** and **Frances Renk** and the adorable **Sienna** at Ciccio Mio on Kinzie. What a bunch of lovelies.

ART AND GREEK DINING: **Bonnie McGrath**, with Kenosha friends **Pamela Miller** and **Joan Chandler**, all seen noshing at Athena Restaurant in Greektown after checking out Chicago artist **Molly McGrath's** fabulous fish sculpture on Halsted St, one of the city's art installations. That's quite the fish... or as they say on Halsted, ICHTHYS.

OLD TOWN PATROL: **Shelley Howard** and **Robert Murphy** were seen trying to extend the time period when you can wear white after Labor Day. Isn't that a uniform?

DUBLIN ART: My friend, master painter **Tom Byrne**, has begun work on a portrait of **Dame Judi Dench**. I think this early version is fantastic.

To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize. - *Voltaire*

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Police Beat...

Worker used master keys to steal tenants' bikes from apartment buildings

An apartment management worker stole tenants' bicycles from West Town to Edgewater by exploiting his access to the company's master keys, prosecutors said during a bond court appearance this week.

Juan Aceves-Perez was in court to face his fourth burglary charge Wednesday, weeks after the state filed three initial cases in August. Police first arrested Aceves-Perez on Aug. 24 after he arranged to sell a stolen bike to undercover officers via the OfferUp app, according to prosecutors.



Juan Aceves-Perez

During Wednesday's court appearance, authorities said Aceves-Perez used the management company's master keys to steal bikes from secure areas of apartment buildings on the 5500 block of N. Winthrop in Edgewater on Feb. 24; the 900 block of W. George in Lakeview on Aug. 9 and Aug. 22; and the 700 block of N. Winchester in West Town on Aug. 22.

Investigators found multiple bikes in Aceves-Perez's own apartment after he gave them permission to search the premises last month, prosecutors said. A search warrant executed on his OfferUp account revealed that he was trying to sell other bikes, too, according to prosecutors.

The same management company operates all three apartment buildings, authorities said. Aceves-Perez, 41, has no criminal background.

Judge Arthur Willis released Aceves-Perez on a recognizance bond after the August hearing. On Wednesday, Judge David Navarro again released Aceves-Perez on his own recognizance because the fourth crime allegedly occurred before he was initially arrested.

Homeless fires gun in Millennium Park

A homeless man is facing felony charges after he found a gun and decided to fire near the Pritzker Pavillion in Millennium Park — just to make sure it worked, prosecutors said.

Police responded to a call of shots fired on the 300 block of E. Randolph around 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and met with a witness who pointed officers toward a man down the street who shot the gun, according to prosecutors.

Cops approached the man, Todd Seng, 46, and allegedly found a loaded handgun in his pants pocket during a pat-down search. Seng told cops he found the gun about a week ago.

He said he wanted to see if it worked, so he shot it "into a mountain" at Millennium Park to make sure nobody got hurt, an assistant state's attorney said during Seng's bond court appearance Wednesday.

Judge David Navarro set bail for Seng at \$2,000. As of Sept. 24, Seng remained jailed because he cannot pay the mandatory \$200 deposit bond. Prosecutors said Seng has

no criminal record in Cook County. However, he was wanted last year in rural Colorado for theft, according to online records.

Attacker robbed, tried to sexually assault woman in Edgewater

Police are looking for the man who battered, robbed, and tried to sexually assault a woman in Edgewater on Sept. 9. Detectives revealed details of the crime in a community alert Sept. 23.

The assailant approached a 21-year-old woman from behind and put her in a headlock as she walked southbound at Lakewood and Rosemont streets around 8:20 p.m. He told the woman that he had a gun and demanded her property. The woman surrendered her laptop, wallet, and other items.

After taking her valuables, the man ordered her to take off her face mask and to perform a sex act on him, according to the alert. The woman screamed, causing the offender to push her down and run away southbound, police said.

Detectives described the attacker as a Black man who's between 20- and 30-years-old. He stands 5'-7" to 5'-10" tall, weighs 120-135 lbs, and was wearing a red t-shirt with black shorts.

Anyone with information about the crime can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261 regarding case number JD-362090.

Parolee shot while sitting in stolen car

A 30-year-old man is in good condition after someone shot him while he sat in a stolen car in the Loop on Sept. 23, according to a CPD report. State records show the victim has more than five felony convictions and was paroled in March for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Police said the man was seated in the passenger side of a stolen Jeep Cherokee on the 800 block of S. Wabash when a dark-colored sedan pulled up and the occupants of the two cars began arguing around 2:50 p.m. Someone in the sedan pulled out a gun and began firing at the SUV, striking the victim in his shoulder. Police found 14 shell casings at the scene.

The two cars sped away. Police said the occupants of the Jeep jumped out and ran from the vehicle when it reached the 1100 block of S. State a few moments later. Police summoned an ambulance to transport the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Area Three detectives are investigating the case.

Police also said a male suspect is in custody, but the department did not clarify if the man was wanted in connection with the shooting or with the stolen Jeep.

Illinois Dept. of Corrections records show the shooting victim received a two-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm in March 2019. He was released early after serving half of the sentence this year. He previously received an 18-month sentence for defrauding a financial institution in 2018; two years for ID theft in 2016; a concurrent two-year sentence for forgery in 2016; and a three-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2013.

This victim is the 13th person shot in the Loop this year. That compares to three shootings during all of 2019. Three homicides have been reported in the neighborhood so far this year, the same number as in all of last year. However, only one of this year's murder victims was shot: one was stabbed, and the other was pushed between the cars of a moving Red Line CTA train.

Looter news

Six weeks after looters ripped Chicago's retail corridors, investigators continue to release footage of people who ravaged stores along the Magnificent Mile, in the Loop, and around Lincoln Park.

Police have identified more than 1,000 individuals in surveillance videos that have been released to the public since the Aug. 10 crime wave.

The latest videos from CPD include a 47-minute compilation of footage that shows looters making entry to scores of stores, restaurants, and salons.

Three clips in the so-called "points of entry" video show looters firing handguns to break store glass or display cases. Another surprise in the lengthy video comes from the Verizon store at 810 W. North Ave. Viewers see a lonely arm reaching through the store's gates — an arm that just happens to know exactly where the lock is located and how to operate it.

But, once the gate goes up, a stampede of looters rushes into the store. Anyone with information about the individuals seen in these clips can contact the Area Three Looting Task Force at 312-744-8263 or at 630LootingTaskForce@chicagopolice.org. They can also submit an anonymous tip at www.CPD.TIP.com.

West Ridge woman rescues her own car from carjacker

A West Ridge woman used her stolen car's GPS tracker to help cops find her vehicle, and the man who carjacked it Sept. 27, prosecutors said.

The woman became concerned when a man walked in front of her car and made eye contact after she parked on the 1900 block of W. Hood around 12:30 a.m. So, she decided to stay in the vehicle for a little bit.



Quanzell Marshall

When she got out, the man walked up, held out his hand, and said, "give me everything, or I will blow your sh*t up." She handed over her car keys and walked away. The man sped off with her white Hyundai Tucson.

But the woman still had her phone, so she called 911 and began tracking the stolen car on an app. Police who responded to her call radioed officers in the Old Town neighborhood to let them know that the SUV was "pinging" near the intersection of Clark and LaSalle.

Those officers quickly found the car and detained its driver, Quanzell Marshall, 18, prosecutors said. The woman identified Marshall as the carjacker, and prosecutors say he admitted to taking the woman's keys and car.

Marshall has no previous criminal record, according to the state. Judge David Navarro set his bail at \$50,000. Marshall will need to post a \$5,000 deposit bond to get out of jail before trial.

They robbed a man together in 2018 — now, accused of pulling off a carjacking together

Two men who received luxurious plea deals after they robbed a man on the Far North Side in 2018 are now charged with carjacking a man together in Lincoln Park.

About a month ago, we told you that prosecutors charged Joseph Perry, 21, with carjacking the driver as the victim sat on the 900 block of W. Armitage. On Sept. 22, prosecutors alleged that Perry's accomplice in the carjacking is Isaiah McMiller — who, coincidentally, was charged in 2018 with being Perry's accomplice during a robbery in the West Ridge neighborhood.

Perry was charged in the carjacking

Teen boy killed when he tried to rob drug dealer of single Xanax pill in West Ridge

A 17-year-old Evanston boy was fatally shot in West Ridge when he tried to rob a drug dealer after purchasing a single pill of Xanax, prosecutors said. The alleged drug dealer is now facing illegal gun possession charges.



Christopher Arellano and Arturo Munoz

Arturo Munoz, a senior at Evanston Township High School, was fatally shot in an alley behind the 6400 block of N. Hamilton around 2:50 a.m. Sept. 21, according to Chicago police.

Prosecutors on Sept. 23 said Munoz picked up two friends, retrieved a handgun, and then called 18-year-old Christopher Arellano to order the pill. Munoz told his friends that he intended to rob Arellano of a gun that he believed Arellano carried, according to the state.

After dropping off his two friends nearby, Munoz entered the alley and completed the drug deal. He then pulled out a gun and started follow-

ing Arellano as he walked away. When Arellano heard Munoz approaching, he turned around, and Munoz pointed the gun at his head from two feet away, according to prosecutors. A fight broke out, and the two allegedly exchanged gunfire.

One of Arellano's rounds passed through Munoz's arm and lodged in the boy's abdomen, prosecutors said. He fell to the ground and was later pronounced dead at St. Francis Hospital.

Both of Munoz's friends, who called 911 to report the shooting, and Arellano made corroborating statements, according to prosecutors.

Police recovered Munoz's gun from the scene. At Arellano's home, police allegedly found a gun and spent shell casings.

Arellano graduated this year from Rickover Naval Academy, according to his defense attorney.

Prosecutors charged Arellano with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and misdemeanor possession of a firearm. Judge David Navarro set bail at \$25,000. Arellano will need to post a \$2,500 deposit bond to get out of jail before trial.

case after members of CPD's vehicular hijacking task force recognized him while he was in a police station for another matter last month, according to prosecutors.

During a bond hearing, prosecutors said McMiller was one of the other two men who helped Perry pull the motorist out of his car and then drove the stolen vehicle to a suburban gas station where they used the victim's credit cards.

Surveillance photos from the gas station are what helped cops recognize Perry at the police station — and the same images show McMiller in the gas station, too, according to allegations.

Judge David Navarro ordered McMiller held in lieu of \$50,000 bail on the carjacking matter. McMiller will need to post a \$5,000 deposit bond to get out of jail. His public defender said McMiller works as a private security guard.

The third carjacking suspect remains at large.

In May 2018, a 54-year-old man told police Perry and McMiller were two members of a group that mugged him on the 2000 block of W. Devon. CPD bodycams recorded McMiller telling cops that "Joseph" had the victim's stolen phone.

Perry is also seen on bodycam footage telling cops, "I did not take the phone, but I was there... Isaiah [McMiller] took it and gave it to me afterward." Perry had the victim's phone, police said.

Less than a month later, Judge Marvin Luckman accepted a guilty plea to reduced charges of theft from Perry and McMiller in exchange for sentences of 18-months court supervision and six days of community service.

Fishermen find homicide victim in river near Lane Tech

Two fishermen discovered a woman's body in the Chicago River near Lane Tech High School Sept. 26-27, according to authorities. Detectives are conducting a homicide investigation.

The men found the victim as they fished near the 3400 block of N. Rockwell at approximately 12:14 a.m. Sunday, according to a CPD report. According to the Cook County medical examiner, the woman was found at 3600 N. Rockwell, which is at the Addison Street bridge.

Police said the victim, who appears

to be a woman in her early 20's, had multiple stab wounds to her neck and face area. She was pronounced dead at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

The woman was wearing a black shirt with black jeans, according to police. Neither CPD nor the medical examiner had identified the woman as of 6:30 a.m.

Cops nab Wrigleyville burglar thanks to sharp-eyed neighbor

A four-time felon is facing fresh burglary charges after a sharp-eyed neighbor saw him crawl into a Wrigleyville home Sept. 25, according to prosecutors. The witness was in



Malcolm Junious

their car behind the 3700 block of N. Wilton when they saw a man knock on an apartment's rear window, lift the screen, then climb

into the unit around 2:30 p.m. They immediately called 911 to report the break-in.

Police arrived quickly enough to see the prowler still inside the apartment. When cops ordered him to come out the back door, he ran out the front door instead, prosecutors said. Cops arrested Malcolm Junious, 27, after a brief foot chase.

The witness identified Junious as the man who crawled into the apartment, according to authorities. He did not have any proceeds from the apartment when cops arrested him, though. According to prosecu-

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considering getting chickens should adopt, not buy them.

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Coop design/build recommendations include using gauge of wire mesh, birds enclosed in pen, and a fenced yard for day-time foraging, with a minimum distance from nearest neighboring residence (keeping in mind the standard size of Chicago's residential lots).

Clean your coop and yard regularly and check for offensive odors. Good hygiene not only makes you a good neighbor, it is essential for the health of your chickens. Once you start collecting eggs, you'll definitely want to keep the living area clean and tidy so you won't have to scrape 'stuff' off of the eggs.

In Chicago, permit applicants must inform all neighbors within 500' of their plans, and a permit would be rejected if a majority objects.

Chickens are often well-suited to life in urban environments. They require about 2-3 square feet per chicken inside their coop, with an additional minimum of eight square feet of outside access.

Dr. Ashley Navarrette, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that chickens are quite intelligent and can even be trained. They

are very food motivated and can even be taught to complete agility courses, though this requires a lot of time and patience.

Potential owners should be aware that even if they have the space, their property may not always be the right place to keep chickens.

"Look into your local ordinances or regulations within your home owners association before considering acquiring a chicken or multiple chickens as a pet or backyard project," said Navarrette. "Also understand that chickens can live up to eight years and, therefore, are a long-term commitment."

Navarrette says that while they can be kept as solitary pets, chickens are a social species and are best kept in groups. Owners of multiple chickens should be wary of overcrowding, which can lead to stress and conflict.

"As with any group of animals, there will be social dynamics and there will be an established hierarchy," she said. "There is usually a dominant hen and subsequent 'pecking order' below. Males will also fight for the top spot. One must be careful in regard to housing roosters, as they can be aggressive, loud, and against many city ordinances."

Owners must also be wary of interactions with other species, as many dogs, cats, ferrets, and larger reptiles will see chickens as prey. Navarrette says interactions between chickens and other pets should be limited

and always supervised.

And don't kid yourself, rats like chicken feed too. So watch how far you spread it around.

"Children should be taught appropriate behavior around chickens and handling,

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not only for the safety of the chicken but also the child," Navarrette said. "It is also important to note that chicken feces can harbor salmonella and it can be present on the wings, feet, etc. Salmonella can pose a public health risk, particularly to children. All individuals handling the chickens should appropriately wash their hands afterwards."

Navarrette says that most chickens require minimal veterinary care and are usu-

ally treated as issues arise. Health issues can be largely avoided with appropriate care.

Most commercial chickens are vaccinated for Marek's Disease before 1-2 weeks of age, but unless an owner intends to show their chickens or there is a disease outbreak within a flock, additional vaccinations are uncommon.

To keep chickens in their best health, owners should feed their birds a diet based on their stage of life. Their diet can also be supplemented by allowing chickens to forage in dirt or grass, which is a natural behavior.

"Appropriate diets can be found at feed stores, and it's best to stick with those from nationally recognized brands, as they tend to have the greatest amount of research behind them and are appropriately balanced. It is best to avoid breads/starches, chocolate, onions, caffeine, avocado, and excess salt, as these can be harmful to chickens and other bird species. Be sure to research toxic plants in your backyard as well."

Sources for chicken info and products include: Aden Live Poultry, 2731 W. Lawrence Ave., 773-506-0169; Alliance Poultry Farms, 1636 W. Chicago Ave., 312-829-1458; Chicago Live Poultry, 6421 N. Western Ave. 773-973-2531, and Ciale's Poultry Store, 2141 W. Armitage Ave., 773-278-1118.

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tors, the person who lives in the apartment does not know Junious.

Prosecutors said Junious' criminal record includes felony convictions for theft in 2014, residential burglary in 2012; robbery in 2010; and possession of a stolen motor vehicle in 2010.

He's now charged with felony burglary. Judge David Navarro set bail at \$5,000. Junious will go home to await trial after he posted a \$500 deposit bond.

Cops looking for man who exposed himself to CVS worker

Police are trying to track down the man who exposed himself to a woman as she worked at a West Loop drug store recently.

The woman told police the man stood near her and tugged his shorts while she worked at CVS, 1034 W. Lake, around 12:20 p.m. on September 20. When she looked closer, the victim realized that the man's private part was sticking out of his clothing, too, police said in a community alert.

Police said the suspect is 25- to 35-years-old, 5'-5" to 5'-7" tall, and 180-185 lbs. He has dreadlocks and wore a hoodie that says "City of Angels" on its back.

Anyone with information about the suspect can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8200 regarding case JD-373398.

Teens charged with robbing woman on Red Line

Two teenagers face felony charges after a woman was choked and robbed while riding the Red Line near Belmont on Sept. 24, police said. Cops tracked down the offenders over a mile away by using the city's vast network of real-time surveillance camera feeds.

The 23-year-old victim was on a northbound train around 10:23 a.m. when a group of four teenagers got on at North-Clybourn and began to harass her, according to a report. Somewhere between the Fullerton and Belmont stations, a 16-year-old boy grabbed the woman by the throat and pinned her to her seat while a 16-year-old girl took her cell phone, said Officer Steve Rusanov, a CPD spokesperson.

The woman reported the crime to a CTA attendant at the Belmont station, and the transit agency determined that the group of teens exited at Sheridan a few minutes later, according to a CPD report.

Cops who were assigned to monitor the 19th District's camera network quickly spotted the teens standing on the corner of Broadway and Irving Park. Patrol officers detained the group and arrested the two offenders who were identified by the victim.

Prosecutors charged the boy with felony robbery and felony aggravated battery by strangling. The girl is charged with felony robbery. No further information is available about the suspects because juvenile arrest details are shielded by state law. Rusanov said the victim declined medical attention.

Federal charges filed against alleged carjacker who slammed into Divvy biker

Federal charges have been filed against a man who allegedly carjacked a West Town driver at gunpoint and then crashed the stolen car into a Divvy bike rider on May 27.

Elias Figueroa, 19, and an unnamed juvenile each displayed handguns and carjacked a Chevy Tahoe as its 45-year-old owner cleaned the vehicle in the 1200 block of N. Cleaver, police said at the time.

About three hours later, Figueroa was driving the Tahoe when he struck a man who was riding a Divvy bike on the 1300 block of W. Hubbard, police said. The crash impact reportedly threw the bicyclist onto the hood of a car that was traveling in a traffic lane.

During Figueroa's bond court appearance in May, a state prosecutor said the Divvy bike rider suffered spinal injuries, a ruptured artery, and remained intubated.

Bystanders tackled Figueroa and the boy, holding them both for police, state prosecutors said during the May hearing.

Today, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago took over Figueroa's case after a grand jury returned federal carjacking and firearms charges

against him. The federal carjacking charge carries a sentence of up to 25 years in prison, and the federal gun count brings a minimum seven-year sentence, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The juvenile continues to face state charges of felony aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm.

Shot and a beer

On Sep, 25, around 9 p.m., Chicago Police Officers from the 20th District responded to two males drinking alcohol in the alley of the 5200 block of N. Winthrop. As the officers approached, the two males ran off. One of the individuals was carrying a loaded handgun and during the pursuit, pointed the gun at the officers.

One of the officers fired a round, which did not hit the suspected gunman. The individual was arrested and the weapon was recovered and he was charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon. No one was injured in this incident. Anyone with additional information about this incident may contact Area North Detectives at 312-744-8263.

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can accommodate up to 16 people working comfortably. One of the tractor-trailer's rooms includes equipment connected to the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), a network which includes 230 partner sites. This equipment allows officers to quickly capture and compare ballistic evidence to quickly solve and prevent violent crimes involving firearms.

"The basic premise of Operation Legend is that by taking chronic violent criminals off the street, we will force crime rates down and the strategy is working. In Kansas City, [Taliferro's hometown] violent crime has dropped by 32% since we launched Operation Legend, with homicides down 18% and aggravated assault down a remarkable 47%," Barr said.

In each of the nine cities included in Operation Legend, Barr said federal law enforcement coordinates its efforts with local law enforcement.

"Together, federal, state, and local law enforcement in Chicago, working as part of Operation Legend and our joint task forces, have reversed that dangerous spike of violence. Federal agents and deputy U.S. Marshals, along with state and local task force officers have made more than 500 arrests, many for violent crime like homicide, sexual assault, and robbery. Federal prosecutors have brought forward federal charges against 124 defendants including 90 firearms-related charges and 30 with drug-trafficking related charges. Many of these defendants are now detained pending trial rather than causing harm on the streets," Barr said.

Also speaking at the Sept. 9 press conference was ATF Acting Director Regina Lombardo, who provided a description of her agency's efforts in Chicago.

"One of the ways we ensure that we stay focused on the most violent criminals, the actual shooters, is by using forensic science, particularly ATF's NIBIN. This allows us to use shell casings from recovered shooting scenes to specific firearms and to other shooting incidents. We know this from decades of experience that a relatively small number of offenders in our communities are responsible for multiple shootings. By generating prompt actionable leads, NIBIN allows ATF and our partners to identify,

investigate and apprehend the shooters before they re-offend. Almost without exception, within 48 hours, the Chicago Police Dept. can enter shell casings into NIBIN, our correlation center completes the correlation analysis that can link multiple shooting incidents or link a recovered shell casing to a specific firearm," Lombardo said.

Since the beginning of Operation Legend, stories published in the crime blotter of this newspaper, as well as in other local media accounts, have described incidents in which law enforcement officials had determined that a specific weapon had been used in numerous crimes, some within a short time period.

When this reporter asked the ATF's Chicago-based public information officer Kimberley Nerheim about possible specific incidents in which the mobile command center may have lent assistance, she said, "[While] the Operation Legend resources, such as the [ATF's mobile command center], are assisting in overall crime reduction and the citywide recovery of illegal firearms, I cannot comment about specific areas of these recoveries or how the firearms are being prioritized."

On Sept. 9, Lombardo had described the 48-hour-turnaround time as crucial to success in reducing violence.

"The 48-hour turnaround time is essential to providing timely leads so investigators can identify and apprehend shooters who are driving the grim statistics Chicago is combating. And as the Attorney General emphasized, our combined efforts are working. Operation Legend investigators are working around the clock. We have seized more than 500 firearms in nine cities, including 200 in Chicago alone. We are on the streets, making cases, watching our partner's backs, holding the line and holding accountable those who terrorize communities," Lombardo said.

According to Lombardo, guns used in violent crimes often can be traced back to the point of purchase.

"When we recover crime guns here in Chicago, we trace that weapon. Many of the weapons are either purchased maybe lawfully, but also go into unlawful commerce by trafficking organizations. Many of what we call the pipeline of weapons that are being recovered here in Chicago, do come from other states. Some come

from the Milwaukee area. Every state has a different source, but particularly for Chicago, we see a lot of that trafficking pattern. We focus primarily on those source states, to cut that pipeline down. When the firearms are recovered, we trace them to the last known purchaser. The foreign arms trace gives us what we call cradle-to-grave, where the firearm was purchased and where it ended up. We try to fill in the blanks, and it kind of gives us a life of crime it led between that time. We do see straw-purchasing [that is when a purchaser who is legally able to buy a gun purchases on behalf of someone else] and what we call 'lying and trying' and 'lying and buying,'" Lombardo said.

Because most of the weapons used in violent crimes are not from local sources, Lombardo said it is important for law enforcement to reduce the number of illegal weapons flowing into the area.

"We're looking at going after those traffickers, particularly to cut that pipeline of weapons coming into Chicago. That is also allowing us to put resources there in our source states because I believe if we cut the pipeline of weapons, we would have what we call a little bit less of the use of those

weapons," Lombardo said.

Being able to quickly access the ATF's NIBIN system through the mobile-command center provides new opportunities for the federal and law enforcement officers working together to solve gun-related crimes.

"We call that fishing with a spear as opposed to a net. Many times, the shell casings are recovered on the street. So, we take the shell case and we put it through our NIBIN system, and it makes a correlation. It's almost like a thumbprint of a set of fingerprints that you would do as a comparison. Our shell casings are compared to different shooting scenes, as well as the actual firearms of this one shell casing, which is unique to each fire-

arm. Putting all of that in a mobile unit in Chicago is really what has been helping the CPD's laboratories, because we can do that now in a 48-hour turnaround time. Those leads that are generated, investigators get the lead. And that leads to solving a potential homicide or an assault. It is all our special agents with all the law enforcement organizations working together. So, it is one shell casing that's allowing us to make those connections," Lombardo said.



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Attorney General William Barr at a Sept. 9 Chicago press conference.

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can also be found on the North Pond restoration project website.

Two weeks ago they hosted 15 people to their first-ever North Pond Champion training, held at the historic pavilion at North Pond. Those people will be advocates for North Pond and may help others learn more about the importance of its restoration.

Symptoms of deteriorating ecosystem

Without timely intervention, several factors will eventually kill North Pond, converting it into a wetland swamp. But the Conservancy says that there's still time.

Most people would be surprised to know that the Pond's maximum water depth now is only about 3.5 feet, limiting aquatic hab-

itat and inhibiting temperature regulation. That means water in the pond can reach high temperatures in the summer, creating algae blooms that prevent a healthy aquatic habitat.

The unstable shoreline is eroding and slowly falling into the Pond, leading to sediment and pollution accumulation and shallower depths. The pond is filling up with organic and mineral sediments such as fertilizers, grass clippings, leaf litter, bird feces and tree limbs, to name a few.

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