

Fall seven times, stand up eight.

— Japanese Proverb

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Shot fired during West Rogers Park liquor store robbery, second store targeted in Lincoln Square

BY CWBCHICAGO

A gunman pistol-whipped two liquor store employees and fired a shot during a robbery in West Rogers Park on Oct. 23, Chicago police said. It happened about 20 minutes after another liquor store was robbed at gunpoint in Lincoln Square.

Three robbers brandished handguns as they announced the robbery at Issha Liquors, 2901 W. Devon, around 10:28 p.m., but the store's two employees refused to cooperate, according to CPD.

Police said the robbers pistol-whipped the workers, ages 65 and 49, and one offender fired a shot toward a beverage cooler. No one was struck by the bullet, but both victims were taken to Swedish Hospital for cuts on the head.

An officer who reviewed surveillance video said the robbers were Black males between 14 and 19 years old wearing black clothing.

In Lincoln Square, Cardinal Wine and Spirits, 4905 N. Lincoln, was robbed around 10:05 p.m. The cashier's wallet was also

taken. No injuries were reported there.

The holdups continue a pattern of similar crimes that began developing earlier in the month.

Last Wednesday evening, two liquor stores were robbed within minutes of each other in Logan Square: L'Flamingo Liquors, 3556 W. Fullerton, and Albany Food, 3048 W. Fullerton.

Police said two masked men entered the stores around 9:50 p.m. and pulled out handguns.

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Amundsen senior wide receiver Daniel Echeverria pulled down near the goal line by Belvidere North defenders Ripley Wandtke and Landen Lumsden.

Amundsen falls to Belvidere North in 6A Playoffs

STORY AND PHOTO BY JACK LYDON

With the halftime score Belvidere North 17 and Amundsen 0, Amundsen head football coach Nick Olson said on the sideline just before the start of the second half, "21 to 17. Write it down, 21 to 17 is the final score."

He said it with such conviction, and given the enthusiasm of his players, this reporter wasn't sure he was wrong.

He was right about the Amundsen part, just not the Belvidere North part. The Amundsen Vikings lost to Belvidere North Blue Thunder 38-20 on Friday night in IHSA 6A first round playoff

game.

As has been the case in recent games with the Vikings, early mistakes put them behind. Behind 7-0 after Belvidere North scored on 27-yard run around the left end by Belvidere North senior running back Joseph Brown, the Vikings were moving the ball when mishap struck.

With first and 10 on their own 37, Amundsen sophomore quarterback Smith Beeson took the snap and handed the ball to the receiver in motion, except the receiver didn't take it. Beeson dutifully continued with his fake dive up the middle. But the ball was

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The hole story: Stan's Donuts & Coffee opens in Uptown

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB KITSOS

Uptown's hardscrabble neighborhood just got a new entry in the city's donut wars with the Oct. 28 opening of Stan's Donuts at 4601 N. Broadway.

Customers queued up as early as 3 a.m. (it opened at 6 a.m.) for the grand opening. The first 100 customers received one free, boxed donut and a limited-edition

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The new Stan's Donuts & Coffee, which held its grand opening on Oct. 28, is on the ground floor of a 200-unit apartment building at 4601 N. Broadway. A customer views the expansive variety of gourmet donuts and other tempting items at Saturday's grand opening.

Chicago Fire Dept. divers conduct lifesaving training at Montrose Harbor

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RENO LOVISON

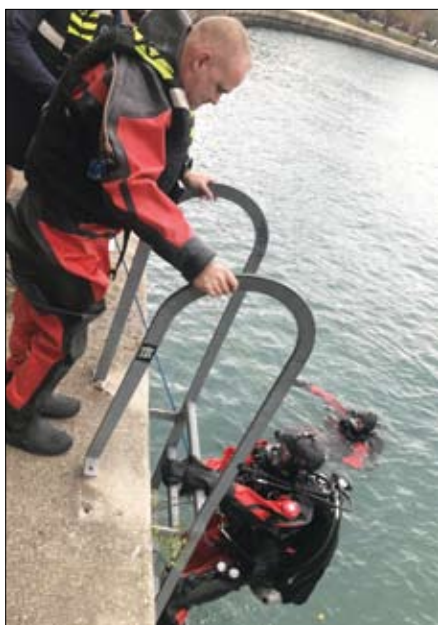
On Oct. 26, dive instructor Lt. Davis of Chicago Fire Dept. [CFD] prepares his team of divers for lifesaving training at Montrose Harbor. Winter is around the corner and that is a uniquely dangerous time on the lakefront.

The 300 divers on the CFD's Special Operations Scuba Team trains 365 days a year. There are 30 divers on-call every day in every season.

When the water gets cold, time is not on the side of those who end up in the water. Hypothermia can start to take affect in as little as three minutes. After 20 minutes it's likely too late.

"We drill once a month with first responder squads on their diving skills for rescue diving," said Davis. "We work within a 90 minute window in rescue mode looking for people who fall in the water."

The team uses a rescue dummy that quickly sank under the waves



(L)CFD rescue diver emerges from Lake Michigan after a successful rescue dive training. (R) Divers enter the water for rescue training.



that day. After reviewing a safety check of their equipment, divers were tasked with finding and retrieving the hapless mannequin which they achieved successfully.

The CFD's Air Sea Rescue Unit

was established in 1965. They provide search and rescue services for 37 miles of lakefront, an extensive river system, numerous lakefront venues, and the largest harbor system in the U.S.

Chicago's busy lakefront offers

the Air Sea Rescue Unit unique emergency challenges including, assistance to boats in distress, water rescues and air search missions. Divers assigned to the unit are trained under public safety rescue diver guidelines specific

to Chicago's needs and particular environment. Air pilots are trained in helicopter search and rescue, and hoist rescue techniques patterned after nationally recognized standards.

The unit's dive rescue vehicles are equipped with the latest available communications devices, full facemask and dry suit dive equipment, and lighting for night operations. They also have a dedicated swimming pool for training the members.

Water safety is something all of us should be aware of as we walk, bike, run or of course boat on or near the lake.

The Chicago Park District recently installed over 100 life preservers along the waterfront. Take note of their positions as you travel near the water in case you might be in position to help save a life.

Maybe your quick action will save these divers from their grim task.



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Add what you have for 'Restaurant Soup' - the learning never stops



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've had a gentle, reasonable heat driving the chill from my house. It was either that or start wearing socks to bed.

Small increments of warmth meant to keep me healthy and safe from foolish colds and the monster of pandemic are a needed necessity.

Sadly isolation must be an ingredient of that prescription. No reason to poke the mad dog of other people's disease.

In the meantime, on the upside, there has been a further expansive payoff to personal creativity. Writing and painting and cooking fill the day and night for me. Amazingly I am strangely satisfied. Content that there is a quality product to my warm isolation.

My first delight centers on a new soup. I'm sending the recipe right to my editor Sugar Rautbord for the cookery book. Grand. Hearty. I even suspect healthy. It certainly

has a positive economy to it. Many of you who get restaurant deliveries will delight in it. I call it "Chicago Restaurant Soup."

It's really a quick way use up restaurant food.

Like all good soups you must start with at least a quart of broth. Measurements aren't all that necessary here. You can make the broth from scratch, or just pour it out of a carton. Just make sure it's really good broth/stock.

Then line up the ingredients. I had fabulous leftover mushroom risotto from Via Carducci. I had Greek chicken and sautéed spinach from Erie Cafe. Mashed potatoes from Gibsons. Fresh grated parmesan from Tortollo. And fabulous bread from Club Lucky.

When the beef stock is simmering in its copper pot, add a big splash of wine. Red or white. I added five large spoons of the risotto. (Put more in if you have it.) This risotto was rich with porcini, oyster and cremona mushrooms.

Stir that in and let it simmer for five minutes, then add a cup of sautéed spinach, folding that into the mix.

Then dissolve the mashed potatoes into the soup.

Then a half cup of the cheese. That's those five little packs of cheese you've saved from your favorite local pizza joint.

Then add a cup of Greek chicken, pulled apart. Add two tablespoons of tomato paste. Some chopped fresh parsley and finely chopped rosemary to taste. Sprinkle some red pepper flakes. Pinch of sea salt. And a few grinds of pepper.

Simmer low for 20 minutes. You will have a great chill-chasing soup from your favorite restaurants. You get the idea. Add what you have.

I had some cheese tortellini in vodka sauce at Tufanos. I brought them home along with some sweet roasted peppers and peas. I have chicken stock in the refrigerator. Can't wait to try this out.

I used up all my blank canvases last week. But I decided I wouldn't stop painting.

I found a wonderful old sketchbook of very fine, very large, thick handmade paper. When I layered on my paint in a rich, heavy impasto, I found the paper dried like fine



Soup made from leftovers provides small increments of warmth meant to keep one healthy and safe from foolish colds and the monster of pandemic during cold winter days and nights.

canvas. So I have been fast at work each day creating a fresh series of works made on this material. I love the way it soaks up the paint and permits working with a remarkably refined brushstroke.

Non-painters don't realize that painters go through all sorts of periods of learning about what they do. You discover fresh techniques and better ways to create more dynamic works. That's what I think I am going through right now. It changes the work you do and what you try to create. But the learning is robust. It's like getting better at a new language.

The paint and brushstrokes become your vocabulary. Very much your personal expression. Refining that is the task for the painter.

So I appreciate finding this new surface on which to paint. My fans will like them as well. It is critical for a painter to like what they create. I couldn't paint if I wasn't excited about what I create. The fact that others like the work is a double reward. So I head toward winter pleased with the works I am developing. I'm so glad painting stays fresh and new for me. Like cooking, there's always a very clear, concrete product at the end of the day.

I've also been excited about my new column in the Irish American News, called "An Irish Complex." If you haven't seen it let me know. I will put you on the list.

What I enjoy about this piece of literary effort is that my goal each month is simple. Attempt to raise some cultural issue or artistic issue of Irish life and examine its importance to our self-understanding of being Irish.

In the process we can come to fresh understanding about our identity. We can open new doors about our past. Discover new lay-

ers of historic meaning. And find new clues about the origins of our cultural roots as citizens of two dynamic Republics.

Finally, as winter snuggles closer, I've sent the manuscript for my portion of a Chicago work that will look at growing up in Chicago. My section is about growing up Irish on the South Side.

My friend Neal Samors is writing about growing up Jewish in Rogers Park.

Other Chicago writers have been invited to contribute to the work that will showcase Chicago's unique geography for growing into the world of adulthood primed by the Chicago grandeur of culture, faith, politics, sports and neighborhood.

There's no place like Chicago. I'm delighted at the panorama that such literature reveals. You will be too. So we can keep the thermostat low, you don't have to wear socks to bed.

SISTER ACT: The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are seeking to build a senior living center on its 14-acre campus in West Ridge. For more than a century, the nuns have lived and worked on a nearly 15-acre campus at 7430 N. Ridge Blvd. in West Ridge, which at one point housed about 200 nuns. The girls are forgiven, they're getting too old now to mow the lawn and shovel the snow. They did their part a hundred times over.

DAVENPORT'S 25th: Broadway star **Karen Mason** of Mamma Mia, Hairspray! and Sunset Boulevard, who got her start as a singing waitress at the old Lawrence of Oregon, returns to Chicago, Nov. 10-12. She will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Wicker Park's Davenport's, which she helped open in 1998.

ARIEL: Desiree Glapion Rogers in Washington, D.C. for a night celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ariel Investments with **John W. Rogers, Jr.** and **Victoria M. Rogers**, moved and honored to celebrate the lifelong work of **John Rogers Jr.** and **Melody Hobson**. Black excellence every day.



Karen Mason



John Rogers Jr. and Victoria Rogers.

PAWS: **Bonnie Spurlock** says "Great to join PAWS Chicago Development Board members **Michelle Mistovich**, **Renata M. Block** and **Meigan Kelly** at PAWS Chicago Fur Ball meeting, held Oct. 17 at the Drake. Our after-meeting dinner at the iconic Gene & Georgetti Chicago the best."

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Robberies up 140% since alderman announced “concrete and collaborative plan” to stop them

BY CWBCHICAGO

It’s been three months since Ald. Daniel La Spata [1st] told his constituents that Chicago police had “a concrete and collaborative plan” to combat surging robbery reports in the area.

How are things going? Not so good. Robberies in La Spata’s ward are up 140% since his announcement.

“While I cannot share their specific strategies publicly – and consequently jeopardize their chance of success – please know that the 12th, 14th, and 25th districts have a concrete and collaborative plan for addressing this issue,” La Spata wrote in a July 21 newsletter after his ward experienced 57 robberies in three months.

Since then, the ward has seen another 137 robberies, according to the city’s data portal, a pace even worse than before he announced the “plan.”

And the three police districts he named have had a mind-jarring 950 robberies since La Spata claimed that CPD had “concrete” plans in place. That’s up from 452 robberies during the 90 days preceding his announcement.

La Spata’s ward twists and turns through neighborhoods plagued by a seemingly endless wave of robbery sprees for months on end. His website says that parts of Logan Square, West Town, Wicker Park, Bucktown, Humboldt Park, Ukrainian Village, and East Village are in the ward.

Community groups from those neighborhoods signed off on a letter this week that calls on city and county officials to take ac-

tion to reverse the relentless violent crime problem.

How bad is the robbery problem? Here are the numbers from Chicago’s data portal, showing the number of robberies in the 90 days before “the plan” and the 90 days after “the plan” for this year, last year, and 2019, the year La Spata took office.

First Ward robbery reports

April 15 to July 15, 2023: 57
 April 15 to July 15, 2022: 55
 April 15 to July 15, 2019: 39
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2023: 137
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2022: 60
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2019: 46

CPD efforts to tamp down on the robberies have been hampered by CPD’s strict vehicle pursuit policy. The department’s pursuit policy, enacted in 2020, is 11 pages long. It specifically prohibits Chicago officers from pursuing anyone for a traffic offense other than DUI. And it states explicitly that CPD will not discipline any member for ending a motor vehicle pursuit. If they continue a pursuit, though, they’ll be held responsible for anything that goes wrong.

12th, 14th, and 25th District robbery reports

April 15 to July 15, 2023: 452
 April 15 to July 15, 2022: 277
 April 15 to July 15, 2019: 272
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2023: 950
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2022: 417
 July 15 to Oct. 15, 2019: 300

La Spata’s office did not respond to an email seeking input for this story.

Budget question

In an email to La Spata’s office on Oct. 26, we also asked about a recent talking point he has raised in his newsletter and elsewhere about the city’s 2024 budget pro-

posal:

“How come, in the City’s corporate fund, there are fewer full time staff for the Dept. of Housing [DOH] (23) than there are police officers in the Mounted Unit for the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] (29)?”

We were curious because the city’s online employee roster shows that the DOH currently has 92 salaried employees, not 23, and 34 of those employees make more than \$100,000 annually.

The 2024 budget calls for DOH’s full-time headcount to stay in the low 90s.

for 23 housing positions next year. But other sources of income will continue to pay another 70 or so employees.

It’s unclear why La Spata compared a fraction of the DOH’s headcount to the CPD’s entire mounted unit.

If we hear back from him, we’ll be sure to let you know.

Pursuit problems

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Those policies have benefits and consequences.

Chicago has paid out tens of millions of dollars for lives lost and injuries caused by pursuits that ended with crashes. CPD supervisors have become so skittish about the possibility of something going wrong, that they’ve ordered cops to stop pursuing a car suspected of carrying wanted murderers.

In observance of the policy, cops downtown decided not to pursue a stolen BMW wanted for

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Lincoln Park Chamber sends out warning over online scammers

On Monday the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC] sent out a warning note to its membership about some LPCC members getting fraudulent emails claiming that the Chamber’s member and event lists are available for purchase.

“These emails are a scam, and the LPCC has not authorized or initiated any sale of our email lists to any external parties. We do not sell or have ever sold our membership list. These emails are not authorized by or affiliated with the LPCC - they are part of a phishing scam aimed at our valued members.”

It is the kind of warning that has become ubiquitous in business and personal lives during the Internet era where scams are a

daily occurrence. The chamber is working with IT professionals to address these fraudulent emails.

As always, those who suspect an email is part of a scam, do not respond or provide any personal or financial information.

Mark the email address as “Spam” to filter them out in the future.

Federal Trade Commission [FTC] data shows that American consumers reported losing nearly \$8.8 billion to fraud in 2022, an increase of more than 30% over the previous year. The FTC received fraud reports from 2.4 million consumers last year, with the most commonly reported being imposter scams, followed by online shopping scams.



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North Side's roller-coaster housing market continues



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

If you are planning to buy or sell a home on Chicago's volatile North Side market this year, better buckle your seat belt and prepare for a bumpy ride.

The residential real estate market continued its roller-coaster ride in the third quarter of 2023, with median resale prices rising sharply in several neighborhoods, according to the North Side Market Report, prepared by Mary Jo Nathan of Baird & Warner's North Center office, 4037 N. Damen Ave.

While the market struggled with extremely low inventory, the report disclosed that median-home

prices appreciated at double-digit levels in four key neighborhoods:

- **Edgewater:** Median single-family home prices skyrocketed 45.3% to \$1.24 million.
- **Lincoln Square:** Median detached home prices spiked 26.5% to \$980,000.
- **North Center:** Median single-family home prices rose 13.1% to \$1.405 million.
- **Lincoln Park and Old Town:** Median detached home prices advanced 12% to a hefty \$2.1 million.

The North Side Market Report tracks home sales in nine community areas: Edgewater, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

Median single-family home prices rose 7.4% in Uptown to \$1.3 million, and inched up 4.2% in West Ridge to \$495,000. However, median prices plummeted a whopping -53.2% in the Gold Coast and on the Near North

Side. Median prices fell -12.2% in Rogers Park, and slipped -6.8% in Lake View.

Sales of single-family homes across the North Side totaled 211 units for the quarter, down -18.5% from the same period last year. However, detached home sales rose in three neighborhoods: Rogers Park, up 12.5%; West Ridge, up 28%; and Uptown, up 83.3%.

The North Side median home sales price gained 5.8% to \$1,375,000. That's the highest median price for the North Side since the report was initiated in 2007.

According to the report, third-quarter 2023 combined sales of detached and attached homes totaled 2,289 units. "That was a drop of -11.2% from the same quarter last year, but much less of a year-over-year decline than the -33% drop recorded during the first six months of 2023," Nathan said.

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Women in housing industry raise their voices, kick-off event set for Nov. 14

Women in housing are shouting from the rooftop about a new organization, Women Housing and Income Providers [WHIP], that is bringing together women from multiple sectors within the housing industry to learn from and collaborate with each other.

WHIP Founder and Board President Tracy Scanlon, principal at Edge and Up Management Group, a North Side property management company, formed the new group after discussing the idea with women who often felt invisible in male-dominated housing industry groups.

"It has taken decades to effect change and open the doors to women in the housing industry. One reason is that women working across these sectors don't talk to each other—they tend to stay in their lanes," Scanlon said. "I've always felt that women needed to talk and collaborate more so we could form alliances to share and learn from our collective experience and advocate with one voice."

Women working in the Chicagoland housing industry are invited to WHIP's kick-off breakfast to hear more about the organization. The event, "Shift Your Perspective on Women-Owned Housing," will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The Chicago Mosaic School, 1127 W. Granville.

Tickets are \$50, which can be applied to WHIP membership. Register at whipchicago.org/tickets.

Women in property, housing industries

Women are visible only in certain areas of the property industry: 57% are real estate agents



Women in the housing industry in Chicagoland are invited to WHIP's inaugural event, "Shift Your Perspective on Women-Owned Housing," on Nov. 14.

and brokers, and 88.8% are interior designers and decorators.

Women are under-represented in many housing industry segments: 11% work in construction and contracting, 30% work in architecture, 50% are property, real estate, and association managers, and nine percent are CEOs in commercial real estate companies, according to a 2023 Bankrate.com article, "A Woman of Property: Facts About Women in Housing."

In addition, the wage gap continues to value men over women, except in construction, where wages between the sexes are almost equal.

However, there remains a gap in the financing industry for obtaining loans and property sales. Women pay more for loans, and their property values are lower when selling according to the same Bankrate article.

"Change is on the horizon within the industry, and we're a part of that," Scanlon said. WHIP's all-women board

represents business owners and corporate executives in property management, real estate development, finance, construction, and contracting.

The Nov. 14 kick-off event will bring together women in all these housing sectors. "Often women are the primary income providers in their households," Scanlon said. "This will be an opportunity to network and learn from their peers and colleagues."

Speakers Katherine Elmore, business development program manager at Community Investment Corporation, and Jaimie Steiner, investor relations senior associate at Origin Investments and WHIP board member, will talk about creative funding for housing projects.

The event will wrap up with a tour by Edgewater-based owner/developer Rae Ann Cercle of R&L Developers' renovation of the 1101 W. Granville property, once an unsightly corner grocery, into energy-efficient, elegantly designed studios.

Cercle also is responsible for transforming the property that houses The Chicago Mosaic School, the event venue.

Qualifying disabled veterans are fully exempt from paying property taxes

Hand-written letter results in tax-free home

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Veterans deserve our thanks, especially those whose abilities were diminished as a result of active military service.

Illinois law recognizes that. Qualifying veterans whose disabilities are certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs are eligible for tax breaks.

Veterans classified as fully disabled are exempt from paying any property taxes on their homes.

Ronald and Josephine Rabito qualified for the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities, which has been available since 2007. Josephine Rabito was a guest on a weekly

radio show I host and told listeners how she learned about the benefit.

Her husband served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, she said. The Rabitoys, who are both senior citizens, bought a home in north suburban Norridge a few years ago. Josephine said she learned about the exemption for disabled vets when she attended a community senior citizen fair.

“We do not have a computer in our home,” she said. “Neither one of us know how to work a computer.”

Rabito sent me a hand-written letter, which made its way to my desk at the County Building downtown. I sent a Treasurer’s Office employee to their home with paperwork they needed to

fill out to apply for the exemption.

“Not only am I tax exempt, I’m getting a refund for the last four years,” she said.



Maria Pappas

refund recipients, she said she planned to invest the money in her home.

“I will be getting a new roof on my house and a new roof on my

garage,” she said.

Rabito and her husband at one time considered moving out of state, but because of the refund and exemption have decided to stay in their home, she said.

“I’m going to fix up my house,” she said. “And I told my husband, every year we get the exemption we’re going to put it right back into the house, and now we’re going to stay in Illinois.”

Veterans with a certified disability of 30% to 49% can qualify for a \$2,500 reduction in their home’s equalized assessed valuation. Veterans certified as 50% to 69% disabled can qualify for \$5,000 EAV reduction, and veterans certified as 70% or more disabled qualify for a 100% tax exemption.

The U.S. Dept. of Veterans

Affairs provides more information about how it certifies eligibility for service-connected conditions that qualify individuals for the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities.

Another benefit called the Returning Veterans Exemption provides a \$5,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value of a veteran’s home for the tax year during which they return from military service.

Visit cookcountytreasurer.com to learn more about exemption for veterans with disabilities. It’s a small way of thanking veterans for their service. When you visit the website you may find other exemptions that can save you money by reducing your tax bill.

Chicago 16-inch Softball HOF honors class of 2023

27th annual Induction Dinner

BY DON DEBAT

The Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame recognized the Class of 2023 Inductees and Honorees at its 27th annual dinner on Oct. 28.

The HOF includes some of the best male and female athletes in the sport since the 1920s, when softball began to take off in Chicago. This year’s event, attended by more than 450 softball enthusiasts, was held at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace.

“The Hall of Fame is the most prestigious honor among the 16-inch softball community,” said Paul Rowan president of the Hall of Fame. “We are excited to honor

and highlight those who have performed or supported the game at the highest levels.”

“The greatest game on dirt continues to grow,” said Al Maag, co-founder of the HOF. “More individuals and teams are seeing its beauty. The game is simple—a ball and a bat are all that is required to have fun or be as competitive as you wish.”

Maag noted that the HOF induction Class of 2023 is led by one stand-out player and a legendary woman manager:

- Mark Holstein, who started playing 16-inch softball with grade-school friends at Bulger Park in 1997, rose to star as a top power hitter for the famed 45’s. He is compared with such HOF greats as Benny Holt, Ron Olesiak, Jack Kelly and John O’Connor.

Holstein and his teammates have won 10 Forest Park No-Glove championships and 10 Major National Championships. He has won seven MVP awards, countless major tournament and league titles, All-American citations and batting titles.

- Colleen Elliott began playing softball at age seven in the Clearing neighborhood on the Southwest Side of Chicago. In 1991, she formed the legendary Hangovers women’s 16-inch softball team. Elliott played and managed the Hangover team that won more than 450 games and about 40 tournaments.

The team played at Lawler Park, McKinley Park, Normandy Park, Kennedy Park in Chicago, Commissioners Park in Bridgeview, and Newcastle Park in

Burbank. The Hangovers woman’s squad was inducted into the HOF as a historic team in 2019.

2023 HOF Inductees

Woman: Cecilia Washington, MVP player for Lady Choice in Franklin Park, Garfield Park and Columbus Park leagues from 1985 to 2010.

Men 1993—Present Era: Mark Holstein (see career highlights above). Also, Marty Dosen, a star hitter with Miller 45’s, who won the 2014 batting title in the ASA Nationals, plus five major National Championships, and five Forest Park No-Glove titles.

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Police Beat...

Armed robbery crew spotted in River North shortly after targeting two victims outside suburban casino

A group of armed men who robbed customers outside Rivers Casino in Des Plaines over the weekend was spotted two hours later in downtown Chicago, not far from the new Bally's Casino, according to a law enforcement source.

The source said they aren't suspected of robbing anyone in Chicago that night, but the fact that they popped up in the area raised eyebrows.

In Des Plaines, two Rivers Casino customers were entering their car on the parking lot when armed men confronted them around 1:18 a.m., according to a Des Plaines Police Dept. statement.

After taking about \$560 and an iPhone from the victims, the three robbers fled in a white SUV, according to Des Plaines PD. Their statement didn't mention Rivers Casino by name, saying only that the victims were "exiting the business in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road."

A "be on the lookout" bulletin transmitted to police after the robbery said four Black males, three armed with guns, wore black masks and dark clothing to commit the robbery. They escaped in a white Volkswagen Atlas with stolen plates.

Just over an hour later, police spotted the robbers' getaway car heading into River North at the Ohio Feeder ramp. Police did not catch up with the vehicle, and no robberies were reported in the immediate area.

Saturday's robbery was the second holdup outside Rivers Casino this month.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, a man was robbed as he walked to his car around 12:50 a.m., according to a second Des Plaines police report. A group of men displayed guns, took the man's wallet, and escaped in a dark-colored SUV. Again, the Des Plaines police did not identify the casino by name in their public statement.

Two-year sentence for shoplifter accused of targeting Lululemon store 30+ times

A Chicago woman who prosecutors accused of burglarizing the Gold Coast Lululemon store more than 30 times has been handed a two-year sentence.

Phyllis Johnson, 49, agreed to plead guilty to four counts of retail theft in exchange for the sentence from Judge Joanne Rosado. Prosecutors dropped the most serious charge she faced, the operation of a continuing financial crime enterprise, in the deal.

Johnson was in jail for less than nine months, but she accrued 371 credit days toward her two-year sentence. Combined with the state's automatic 50% sentence reduction for good behavior, she walked out of prison on Friday, the same day she walked in.

Illinois Department of Corrections records show Johnson has been sen-

tenced to prison for felony retail theft in 2018, 2017, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2002, 1999, and 1998. She was convicted of two armed robberies in 1991 and received a 13-year sentence for attempted aggravated arson in 2002, according to IDOC.

Lululemon policy prohibits employees from disrupting shoplifting in progress. The company's CEO defended the policy in June after it fired two employees who intervened in a theft at its Atlanta location.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy... around engaging during a theft. Why? Because we put the safety of our team, of our guests, front and center. It's only merchandise," CEO Calvin McDonald told CNBC.

Man charged with setting Halloween decoration fire in Roscoe Village, decapitating holiday inflatables

A Logan Square man is charged with setting fire to a Halloween display in Roscoe Village this month, Chicago police said.

Mario Munoz, 34, is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court this afternoon. He's charged with one felony count of arson and misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

Police said the arson charge stems from a small fire set in the 2200 block of W. Roscoe around 3:43 a.m. on Oct. 11. A nearby surveillance camera captured images of the suspect.

He was also charged with criminal damage to property in the 4100 block of N. Maplewood on Oct. 12. Those allegations involve the decapitation of inflatable Halloween figures outside a home.

Ald. Matt Martin [47th] emailed his constituents that more charges may be forthcoming.

"I deeply appreciate the work of 19th District Tactical Lieutenant Bill Lohse, Captain Terry Forbes, Sergeant Jason Slater, and others within CPD to apprehend this individual, as well as the efforts of local businesses and neighbors who provided video evidence during the investigation," Martin wrote. "My heart goes out to those affected by this individual's actions and I hope the remainder of our Halloween season can recapture some of the joy that our community has lost in recent weeks."

Martin called Munoz a "suspect" in the most serious incident in a string of recent arson incidents—a house fire in the 3600 block of N. Hoyne that began when someone lit a decorative hay bale on fire last week. Police did not announce charges in connection with that case, but Martin said more charges may be in the offing.

After the fire on Hoyne, Chicago police released a community alert that linked several Halloween decoration fires that they believed were the work of a serial arsonist in the 4600 block of N. Lincoln at 1:50 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 2100 block of W. Montrose at 3:48 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 4500 block of N. Lincoln at 4 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 4600 block of N. Lincoln at 4:13 a.m. Oct. 7; in the 4000 block of N. Lincoln at 2:58 a.m. Oct. 9; in the 2100 block of W. Agatite at 3:10 a.m. Oct. 11; in the 2200 block of W. Roscoe at 3:43 a.m. Oct. 11, and one in the 3600 block of N. Hoyne at 3:27 a.m. Oct. 16.

Someone also set fire to a Halloween decoration in Lincoln Square Oct. 21. The fire started around 2:45 a.m. Saturday outside a home in the 4900 block of N. Bell. A video shared on the Ring network showed a hanging decoration on fire, but the security system did not record footage of the arsonist.

In the footage, a large flame crawled up the side of the house, then subsided after a few seconds. Later, minor

damage was visible on the home's stonework and siding, but the fire did not spread to the home.

Video shows smash-and-grab burglars hitting Lincoln Park restaurant



Images from surveillance video released by Chicago police show burglars inside Cilantro Cafe.

Chicago police released video on Oct. 26 of a smash-and-grab burglary crew breaking into a Lincoln Park fast-food restaurant on Sept. 25. It was one of three break-ins that occurred on the North Side that morning.

The footage shows one burglar throwing a rock to break the front glass at Cilantro, a quick-serve Mexican restaurant at 2258 N. Orchard at Lincoln Ave., at 2:01 a.m.

Three accomplices follow him into the restaurant to rifle through the cash drawers and search the business for valuables. Without identifying the restaurant by name, CPD said last month that the burglars took a cash drawer and a safe.

A Chicago police officer arrived just as the group was speeding away.

Someone threw a rock through the front glass at Daily Bar, 4560 N. Lincoln, around 2:30 a.m. According to information released by CPD, nothing was taken from the business.

Police also responded to Coast Cafe, 2878 N. Lincoln, around 1:50 a.m. Four men broke the juice bar's glass door with a rock and took cash from inside. They escaped in a black car.

Anyone with information about the suspects can contact Detective Di Vito, Star #20645, at 312-744-8263. The Cilantro case number is JG437906.

Lakeview stabbing victim says assailant emerged from migrant tent outside nearby police station

A man found stabbed at the Addison Red Line CTA station last night told Chicago cops that he was attacked by a migrant who emerged from a tent erected in front of the nearby Town Hall 19th District police station.

Officers responding to calls of a person stabbed at the CTA station found a 32-year-old man with puncture wounds to his arm around 11:55 p.m. Oct. 26, according to CPD.

He told cops that he was outside the police station at 850 W. Addison when a man who came out of one of the migrant tents began arguing with him, according to a police report.

The offender "pulled a sharp pointed object and swung it at the victim," according to a CPD media statement, which did not identify the suspect as a migrant or mention that the attack occurred outside a CPD station.

Police said the assailant fled on foot after stabbing the victim, who was in good condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

The victim described the suspect as a Hispanic man wearing a white hat, gray shirt, and jeans.

Also overnight, Chicago police responded to a group of up to 15 people fighting in a migrant tent city across from the Albany Park 17th District police station around 3:21 a.m.

In a media statement, CPD said police "responded to a call for service and spoke with a 21-year-old male victim who related to officers that an unidentified male offender punched him before fleeing the scene on foot."

The statement did not mention a fight, that the incident occurred in a migrant camp, or that the police station's front desk staff was among those reporting the incident.

One man was taken to Swedish hospital in good condition. An officer at the scene said he appeared to have a shoulder injury.

Shootings at Navy Pier and River North left two people hospitalized

Separate shootings left people injured on Navy Pier and in River North Oct. 28, Chicago police said Saturday. No arrests have been made.

The Navy Pier shooting occurred as dinner cruise guests debarked near the Ferris wheel around 12:20 a.m.

Chicago police said security guards escorted a man from the ship after he got into an argument with a woman while the boat was docked on the south side of the pier. He returned a few minutes later and fired shots toward the ship, striking a 31-year-old woman in the left knee, according to CPD.

She was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

Witnesses told police that the shooter, described as a Black man with dreadlocks who was dressed in a dark-colored suit, may have fled the scene in a white Chevy Impala.

HeyJackass, a site that independently tracks Chicago violent crime data, has no record of any other shooting at Navy Pier since at least 2010. There has been one murder there: the drowning of 3-year-old Josiah Brown in 2022.

A few hours later, a man celebrating his 30th birthday was shot in River North.

Police said he was walking in the 100 block of W. Hubbard when someone fired shots from a passing vehicle. He suffered gunshot wounds to his hand, wrist, arm, and buttocks. In a media statement, CPD said the victim was in good condition at Northwestern.

Crime scene tape was draped around several shell casings at the intersection of Hubbard and LaSalle.

Surveillance camera officers told patrol units that the gunfire appeared to come from a white Mercedes that fled south on LaSalle after the shooting.

The victims are the 39th and 40th people shot on the Near North Side this year. Shootings are down significantly from last year, when the area had 61 shooting victims as of this date, including nine struck in a mass shooting. Still, the number of victims remains above pre-pandemic levels. There were 28 shooting victims on the Near North Side as of this date in 2019.

River North, which lies within the Near North Side, has seen 25 shooting victims this year, down from 27 at this point last year but well above the ten seen as of this date in 2019.

The most recent shooting before this morning occurred outside the Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile on Oct. 23.

Police said a gunman walked up to a 37-year-old man in the 500 block of N. Rush and started shooting around 4:28 p.m. The victim was struck in the abdomen and leg, leaving him in critical condition, according to CPD. The police did not offer a motive for the crime or describe the shooter.

Red crime scene tape, indicative of the inner crime scene, was hung around the Marriott's driveway at 541 N. Rush.

Woman awaiting trial for beating, robbing bar-goer stole another bar-goer's identity while on bail

One of three women charged with viciously beating and robbing a man who got into their car thinking it was his Uber is back in jail. Another man is accusing her of stealing his identification after offering him a ride outside a Gold Coast bar.

Nearly four years ago, in Feb. 2020, prosecutors charged Jasmine Ross and two other Milwaukee-area women with severely beating and robbing a man as they drove him around Lincoln

Park. The 24-year-old victim told police he got into the car because he thought it was his rideshare.

By sheer coincidence, two Chicago police officers on patrol in Lincoln Park discovered the women beating the man in the car's back seat around 3 a.m. in the 2000 block of N. Sedgwick, officials said.

Cops said they saw Ross and one of the other women going through the man's pockets before the car sped away. After the women dumped the victim from the moving car, he was admitted to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with a fractured nose, a fractured cheekbone, and cuts and bruises to his face, arms, and head, according to CPD.

Ross, along with Felicia Anderson and Anesha Robinson, were charged with robbery and aggravated battery. Anderson and Robinson stopped showing up for court in April, according to their case files. Warrants are out for their arrests.

On the other hand, Ross, 34, has been showing up for court. In fact, police arrested her after her latest hearing at the Skokie courthouse to face new charges for allegedly stealing a man's identification after a somewhat similar, albeit less violent, incident downtown.

The man told police Ross pulled up in a car and offered him a ride as he left the Hangge Uppe, 14 W. Elm, around 12:30 a.m. Sept. 9, 2022. He has no memory of what happened after Ross offered him a drink, officials said.

While the man was unconscious, someone took his phone and credit cards, which were then used to conduct transactions worth more than \$10,000, Assistant State's Attorney John Kyle said during Ross' detention hearing.

Chicago police detectives pulled video of two transactions that allegedly show Ross using the man's card at Walmart stores in Hammond and Kenosha. She also sent herself \$3,500 from the man's bank via Zelle, Kyle said.

Prosecutors charged her with identity theft.

After hearing about the new allegations, Judge Barbara Dawkins ruled that Ross would be released to await trial in the new case, but she also revoked Ross' pretrial release in the 2020 robbery matter. As of this morning, Ross remains in the Cook County jail.

Man stabbed during robbery in Lincoln Park

Two robbers stabbed a man after mugging him in Lincoln Park on Oct. 27, Chicago police said.

The 32-year-old victim was in the 2600 block of N. Racine when the pair approached him around 8:59 p.m., according to a CPD spokesperson.

One offender stabbed the victim in the abdomen after the robbery, and both robbers fled on foot, police said.

EMS transported the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. The CPD spokesperson said he was in good condition.

Officers at the robbery scene radioed descriptions of the two suspects: a tall, dark-complected Hispanic man who wore a gray hoodie and a second lighter-complected Hispanic man. They were last seen heading west on Schubert Avenue after the crime.

Police were trying to determine if the victim, who only speaks Spanish and carries an Ecuadorian ID, was a migrant.

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Mario Munoz



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Uptown man charged with stealing mail from residential buildings across the North Side

BY CWBCHICAGO

An Uptown man charged last month with repeatedly stealing mail from a Loop condo building is now accused of doing the same thing at seven residential buildings across the North Side, according to Chicago police.

Jonathan Minter, 37, picked up seven new counts of felony burglary and was released by Judge Maryam Ahmad on Oct. 24 to await trial.

The allegations stem from incidents that occurred before he was arrested in connection with the Loop allegations earlier this month.

Minter allegedly used a U.S.

Postal Service master key, also known as an “arrow key,” to steal mail in: the 5900 block of N. Lincoln on April 3; the 5800 block of N. Clark on April 9; the 1100 block of W. Ardmore on April 15 and 16; the 5600 block of N. Broadway on April 16; the 5700 block of N. Winthrop on April 17; the 3800 block of N. Fremont on Sept. 7, and on the 1800 block of S. Michigan on Sept. 28.

Police arrested Minter at the Skokie courthouse after he appeared in court for the Loop case on Oct. 23. In that matter, he is accused of working with Alexander Kirkpatrick, 31, of Champaign, to repeatedly steal mail this summer from a single condo building in



A U.S. Postal Service “arrow key” and Jonathan Minter (inset). Images from mailmanscott; Chicago Police Department

the 800 block of S. Wells.

In a statement released after their arrest, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service said both men were also suspected of “identity

theft and account takeovers” in Chicago during 2022 and 2023. Additional charges are possible, the statement said.

After mail thief is caught on video, residents sign up for USPS mail tracking service

BY CWBCHICAGO

One of Chicago’s countless mail thieves was caught on camera as they used a U.S. Postal Service master key to enter a residential building near Goose Island on Oct. 25.

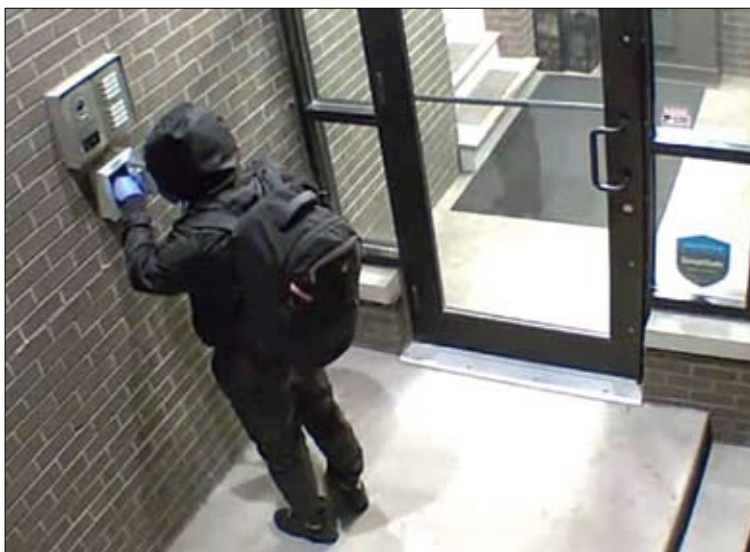
Images shared with us by a reader and video posted to the Ring network show the thief covered head-to-toe in black clothing, except for his blue surgical gloves.

He used a master key to access the building’s key box and entered the lobby around 1:23 a.m. Inside, he stole mail.

“Today, our building replaced all of our locks, costing nearly \$1,000,” the reader told us. “We are refusing to replace the exterior key in the key box. We contacted our mail carrier and asked him to buzz us [to get in].”

“Our building residents will be using Informed Delivery with USPS to track mail,” the reader continued.

“It’s all very frustrating. Mail carriers aren’t safe. And now robbers have unfettered access to



A mail thief uses a U.S. Postal Service master key to access a residential building near Goose Island.

buildings courtesy of the USPS,” they continued. “We imagine that they hit other mailboxes in the neighborhood, but people would have no idea because their boxes are mounted to the exterior of the building or on an iron fence.”

Mail thieves might score a valuable package or an envelope containing a birthday gift card from someone’s grandma once in

a while. But, experts say the real value comes from identity theft and check fraud mills, which use information from stolen mail to steal people’s identities and checks.

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FOOD NEWS: Culver's is finally opening in Wrigleyville. They're also up in West Ridge on Peterson and Lincoln and at 1819 W. Montrose.

THE IRISH HOUR: Circuit Court Judge **Jack J. Hagerty** has returned to the air, where he belongs, in the studio, spinning Irish tunes, discs and yarns. Listen in **Denise Hagerty** and Jack at Radio Chicago 1490 AM.

SHELLEY'S SHIVA: Society reporter **Cynthia Olson** kindly filled in for me at **Shelley Howard's** Shiva as I was ailing: "As expected Shelley Howard's farewell was a mob scene. A love fest. I didn't expect to know many people there. I knew no one except Chicago's notorious gate crasher... I'll not mention his name but someone once said, "If he doesn't crash your party it's not a success" ... goodbye, dear pal Shelley, I'll miss our Facebook friendship. Made a point of meeting your son, such a charming young man. I also wore black leather in your honor. You leave a gaping hole in the Chicago landscape."

SCHOLARSHIP: The 2023 Desmond Guinness Scholarship is now open to applicants. The Scholarship is awarded annually by the Irish Georgian Society to an applicant or applicants engaged in research on the visual arts and material culture of Ireland including the work of Irish architects, artists and craftsmen at home and abroad, 1600-1940.

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BEST CHINESE: **Carol Cheung** at Jade Court in Hyde Park is delighted. One of their regular customers came in excited because she heard Jade Court mentioned by **Kevin Thepang** at the dining table with Eat Drink Dave podcast as one of his top three favorite Chi-



Flavia Magdelan and family.



Whitney Reynolds and Bethany Kitick.

nese restaurants in Chicago. 1515 E. Harper Court.

ALL SOULS DAY: Nov. 2, is a day to remember the dead who we have loved and maybe a few of those we have forgotten. Remember to pray for all the Chicago Police who have died in the line of duty over the decades. Reverence the unbreakable bond that is love.

DON'T RAKE: There's much being said about not raking leaves off your lawn this autumn. The reasons are rich and rewarding. From providing a habitat for wildlife to helping create fertility in the soil, your fallen tree leaves can have surprising environmental benefits. Give it a try. But if they get into the gutters, clean them up. Those will clog up the sewers, meaning fall rains will pool on the streets.

WHO'S WHERE: **Peach Carr** doing a magical 30th birthday journey for **Molly** through Greece... **Tom Hackett** and **Tom McGuire** with **Ryan** and **Anna Endorf**, **Claire Harper**, **Sara Ann Rain** and **Julia Lovering** in the Great Smoky Mountains for a wedding... **William** and **Erin Kreese** at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, TN, in time to see the evening duck parade through the hotel lobby... Happiest of birthdays dear **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** with **Nikki Friar** and **Cheri James**... **Flavia** and gang doing a Mississippi River



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Eamonn Cummins, Pennie Taylor, Joan and Matty Moore.



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tour complete with paddle boat and banjos... **Larry Lucas'** Revolutionary Racing, returns Quarter Horse racing in Boyd County, KY, making Blue Grass history... **Whitney Reynolds** and **Bethany Kitick** at the Lyric for Joffrey Ballet's "Frankenstein."

KAREN ZUPKO: At the Solti Foundation dinner. Lucky she sat with **Keitaro Harada**. Kei, as he is called, won the Solti Fellow award—the top award. He is Music and Artistic Director of the Savannah Philharmonic and Associate conductor of the Tokyo Symphony

Orchestra.

PLAYBOY TRUTH: **Candace Jordan** is grateful to WTTW, excited to share her story about Hef and Playboy, filmed at the beautiful Astor Club. Glad she'll be telling the true account.

CHICAGO CUT: **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** had a wonderful time with birthday boy **Matty Moore** and his fantastic wife **Joan**. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Matty literally came to Chicago with only the shirt on his back and the belief in The American Dream to become one of the most successful restauranteurs in the country with his founding of Chicago Cut. Slainte, Boyo.

THANKSGIVING: The nation will observe Thanksgiving for the 403rd occasion on Thursday, Nov. 23. I think it's becoming America's favorite holiday, despite the sad fact we're now being forced to suffer through Christmas advertising well before Halloween. Just stop it already.

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Family storybook Yoga at Nature Museum Nov. 12

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr., is hosting storybook Yoga at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

This yoga class plans to flow through a sequence of fun and creative poses that

embody the story being told; bringing literature to life. This class is designed for children ages 2-8 years; however, all ages are most welcome. For more information visit <https://tickets.naturemuseum.org>.

Letters to the Editor

Gravity always wins

[Regarding shootings story Oct. 25] Cook County prosecutors declined to file felony charges against a man who fired a gun into the air Oct. 22, at Lincolnwood Town Center, during dueling rallies for Israel and Palestine, because he has a valid concealed-carry license.

A concealed-carry license is not a permit to shoot another except in self-defense. It's also not a permit to shoot up into the air to express emotion. These bullets don't fly away into outer space. They fall down here. Every year, police departments warn Fourth of July celebrants to not shoot guns into the air – because the bullets can and have fallen down and hurt people. Do Cook County prosecutors not know this?

This man should be charged – with reckless endangerment of public safety.

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

All clutter, no joy

Somebody better get Marie Kondo to the North Side of Chicago, and right quick.

Clark St. is so cluttered with eyesore bollards and cement island separators for bicyclists. It is one truly ugly scene and it does not spark joy.

These obstacles will probably be conducive to more car accidents, just like the red light cameras.

Last week's newspapers announced, "Privileged bike lanes coming to Clark St." [Oct. 18]. More of that crap coming, are you kidding me?

How much is all this ugly, not-well-thought-out nonsense costing us taxpayers?

Sydney Moore
Andersonville

Battle for the streets

Stay off the the streets! It's too dangerous!

There's been a rash of auto/bike collisions.

Slow down -- don't hit anybody (unless they're a precinct captain, Packers fan or selling auto extended warranties over the phone).

Of course, the Chicago Machine screwed this up. Why give bicyclists their own privileged lane?

Everyone will want their own privileged lane. One lane for the bikers, one lane for the scooters, one lane for the crazies (Bears fans who think the team still has a chance).

Put everyone in the same lane. Leave one special lane for -- are you ready -- drunk drivers.

On Oct. 23, an allegedly intoxicated driver struck a man riding a bike in a bike lane near Foster and Damen. Under my plan this would no longer happen.

Think about it. Separate the drunks from everyone else. Make it hard for them. Put speed bumps, potholes and dips in their lane. Maybe even road spikes to flatten their tires. Make their lane all left turns. Make them drive in circles 'til they run out of gas.

Or else give the bikers their own roads.

They can have Halsted St., Logan Blvd., Cottage Grove and Lake Shore Dr. on Sunday nights.

Unless the Bears are in the playoffs. Hahaha.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Have something on your mind about your community? Write a Letter To The Editor at insidepublicationschicago@gmail.com

LSD bridge work means more lane closures, slowdowns for downtown

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] announced that they will be working on the Lake Shore Dr. Bridge and Viaduct Network between Randolph St. to Grand Ave. This closure will involve expansion joint rehabilitation.

Southbound Upper Level Lake Shore Dr. over the nights of Nov. 3 through Nov. 5 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. will require a three-lane closure of the roadway.

During the days of Nov. 4 and 5 from 6

a.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a two-lane closure.

Northbound Upper Level Lake Shore Dr. over the nights of Nov. 10 through Nov. 12 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. will have a three-lane closure of the roadway, this closure will require a detour of the Illinois St. ramp to Navy Pier.

During the days of Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a two-lane closure.

SOFTBALL from p. 5

Manager—Women's: Colleen Elliott (see career highlights above).

Manager Men's: Jim Schumacher, manager of the Aces, a powerhouse team that won 1,250 games in the 1970s and 1980s.

Wall of Fame: Mike Brady, Eric Cochran, Coty Jackson, Bobby Olsen, Steve Prang, Lenny Stokes, Edward Taylor.

Historic Teams: Breakaways, CJ's Sports Bar, Gamblers, Alpha Giants, Lords, Trojans, Ironmen.

Veterans Committee: Joe Somodi and Dwain Spivey.

Harrison Park: 50-Year Anniversary, Chicago Park District.

Frank Holan Award: Mike Consiglio. Richard J. Daley Award: Mike Baldwin, Rick Wostratzky.

Field of Dreams: Bulger Park, Melrose Park, IL, Veterans Park District.

Lifetime Achievement: 42nd Annual Bernard J. Spatz Dollars Against Diabetes Tournament, run by the Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council, Harrison Park.

Since 1996, the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame is the premier organization for supporting and recognizing the game of 16-inch slow-pitch softball.

The Chicago 16-Inch Softball Museum at 7501 W. Harrison St. in Forest Park, is a location that was selected to pay homage to the Forest Park No-Gloves National, one



Mark Holstein, who started playing 16-inch softball with grade-school friends at Bulger Park in 1997, rose to star as a top power hitter for the famed 45's.

of softball's premier tournaments.

The museum is open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Call 708-366-7500, or visit www.16inchsoftballhof.com.

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

Fake IDs, bogus license plates, no home addresses show how little officials know about migrants arrested in Chicago

Some recent Chicago police arrest reports show how little officials know about some of the migrants who have made their way here.

Take Angel Acosta-Rivero as an example.

Chicago police pulled him over in the 8600 block of S. Halsted earlier this month for a traffic infraction. As you may have guessed, though, Acosta-Rivero, 26, has never been issued a driver's license, and he had no insurance, his arrest report said. He even told the cops that, they said.

Why did the cops stop Acosta-



Mugshots of Angel Acosta Rivero, Geremi Nunez Bracamonte and Jose Rodriguez.

Rivero in the first place? Because the car he was driving had a photocopy of a fake Illinois temporary tag instead of a license plate, according to court records.

Acosta-Rivero's arrest report states police were "unable to positively ID the offender due to him not possessing any kind of federal or state identification." The report does say he was born in Colombia, though.

A federal fingerprint check returned a couple of details about him: he was born in Venezuela, and he was detained for "alien inadmissibil-

ity" by federal authorities at a border crossing in Eagle Pass, TX, on June 7.

He's scheduled to appear in court this week on charges of unlawful display of a license plate and driving infractions.

Then there's 19-year-old Geremi Jose Nunez Bracamonte.

Police arrested him at the Nordstrom Rack, 24 N. State, on Oct. 10 after store personnel said he tried to shoplift \$65 worth of merchandise. When cops asked for his identification, he presented a fraudulent U.S. Permanent Resident card and a fraudulent Social Security card, according to his arrest report.

Prosecutors charged him with two felonies for allegedly possessing fraudulent identifications and misdemeanor retail theft. Judge William Fahy released him to await trial on Oct. 18.

But Nunez Bracamonte failed to show up for his first court date Oct. 23. Judge Robert Kuzas set a new

court date of Nov. 17 and ordered the clerk of court to send him a postcard to remind him to show up in court.

It's unclear where the clerk will mail the postcard because his address is listed as "unknown."

Another new Chicagoan is 29-year-old Jose Rodriguez, who has been living in the lobby of the Central 1st District police station, 1718 S. State.

According to his arrest report, Rodriguez had been in Chicago for just 13 days when cops arrested him at Macy's, 111 N. State, on Oct. 2. Store security officers accused him of stealing a backpack and a headband from the shelves.

The arrest report noted that he arrived "without ID." Nonetheless, he was released from the police station about 12 hours later with instructions to show up in court on Nov. 17.

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ROBBERIES from p. 3

a series of armed robberies last May. Within an hour of that decision, men who emerged from the BMW shot and robbed Dakotah Earley in Lincoln Park.

So, the benefit is fewer people will be injured by speeding and crashing cars. As a result, the city will face fewer lawsuits.

The consequence is that rob-

bery crews can rob scores of people across the city during nightly crime sprees, occasionally shooting victims, because the police aren't apprehending them.

As a result, Chicago police have been relying on Illinois State Police [ISP] troopers, whose pursuit policy is less restrictive than CPD's, to handle pursuits. And ISP has been effective when their units are available.

MARKET from p. 4

On the bright side, Nathan said sales slowed considerably less in the quarter than they did during the first half of this year. "While median sales prices trended upwards, they did so at a restrained pace," she noted.

The third-quarter median sales price for attached and detached homes on the North Side was \$385,000, up just 0.8% over the same quarter last year. The average time that a home sold during the quarter needed to go under contract was 52 days, one day less than a year earlier.

"The inventory shortage continues to worsen," Nathan disclosed. "North Side inventory was -24.1% lower at the end of the third quarter than it was a year earlier, and it was down -60.7% from the same point in 2020."

Homeowners who obtained a rock-bottom 3% mortgage in 2021, before rates skyrocketed to the 7%-plus bracket this year, now find themselves locked into "golden handcuffs," Nathan said. "Their existing low-rate mortgage is dissuading them from moving to a new and more suitable home."

Nathan noted that the inventory shortage is especially strong

in the attached market (condominiums, co-op apartments and townhouses), where the number of properties for sale as of Oct. 1 of this year was only 1,798 units. That's a decline of -25.9% from a year earlier and down -62% from the same point in 2020.

Third-quarter sales of condos, co-ops and townhouses, totaled 2,078 units, a decline of -10.4% compared the same period a year earlier. The median sales price of an attached property during the quarter was \$357,000, a gain of 2%.

Near North attached sales for the quarter totaled 669 units, down just -3.7% from last year and not far below third-quarter sales numbers in 2018 and 2019.

In North Center, attached-home sales volume rose 10.4% to 85 units, and the median sales price climbed 9.5% to \$520,000.

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

North Side Median Prices Third Quarter 2023		
	Median Price	% Change
Edgewater		
Detached	\$1,240,000	+45.3%
Attached	\$240,950	-0.1%
Lake View		
Detached	\$1,575,000	-6.8%
Attached	\$390,000	+8.0%
Lincoln Park		
Detached	\$2,100,000	+12.0%
Attached	\$546,000	+3.0%
Lincoln Square		
Detached	\$980,000	+26.5%
Attached	\$365,950	+5.3%
Near North		
Detached	\$1,800,000	-53.2%
Attached	\$390,000	-2.6%
North Center		
Detached	\$1,405,000	+13.1%
Attached	\$520,000	+9.5%
Rogers Park		
Detached	\$575,000	-12.2%
Attached	\$190,500	+2.0%
Uptown		
Detached	\$1,300,000	+7.4%
Attached	\$320,000	+2.6%
West Ridge		
Detached	\$495,000	+4.2%
Attached	\$169,000	+8.3%
Total North Side		
Detached	\$1,375,000	+5.8%
Attached	\$357,000	+0.2%

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, vs. SKANDER DJERAL, ABBOTT COURT CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION III, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 03365 2828 N ORCHARD ST #2 CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 6, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2828 N ORCHARD ST #2, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-28-115-090-1003 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-23-02496 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2023 CH 03365 TJSC#: 43-3301 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 03365 13231821</p>
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North Township Real Estate For Sale

<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>010101 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIZENS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. KAREN M. PETERSON, KAREN M. PETERSON AS TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN M. PETERSON DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2014, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 11725 1810 N LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 2 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 19, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 27, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1810 N LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-407-050-1002 The real estate is improved with a residence. 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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. 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NEAL; RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants 22 CH 8555 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-10-223-033-1432. Commonly known as 512 NORTH MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4206, CHICAGO, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. 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for public sale
This sale is to be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 2:00PM.
Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale

THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE at 1930 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60614 will sell the contents of the following units to satisfy a lien to the highest bidder on 11-21-23 by 11:00 AM at WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM. All goods must be removed from the unit within 48 hours. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
Unit #2047 Oscar Alvarez

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St, Chicago IL (312-644-2000), is opening lockers 4524X (Elbert Hatley) 2815C (Steve Kaplan) 6830F (Patricia Lombardi) 2713X (Tyra Peterson) 6932X (Slate) 2740X (Viva Step) 2721X (Edward Streit) 7161SM and 8219A (The Wine Guide, LLC.) 3523X and 6619X (Edward Lahood) for public sale on November 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Cash only.

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STAN'S from p. 1

Stan's T-shirt. One lucky person among the throng of early arrivals that trailed down the block received a "Golden Donut" in their box, which translated to free donuts for life.

Another opening perk was a chance to win other prizes, including an award for the best donut costume.

The new store's menu serves an all-day breakfast and features a coffee bar and, of course, a fully stocked gourmet donut case. There's inside seating and both in-store

counter ordering and pick-up. Some of the wide variety of donuts include the Peanut Butter Pocket, Glazed Old Fashioned, Chocolate Cake and Cinnamon Sugar.

A review by Time Out Chicago said the Nutella Pocket with Banana donut is one of the most unique offerings at Stan's Donuts. It's a Nutella-filled donut with banana slices on top.

Vegan options are cinnamon sugar and regular sugar donuts. These recipes don't contain dairy or eggs, but still claim to have amazing flavors, per a Stan's Donuts' spokesperson. This reporter chose to stick

with real eggs and dairy fats.

Are you a dunker? Well Stan's serves locally roasted coffee and a variety of coffee drinks, including lattes, drip coffee and cappuccinos as well as hot chocolate and a selection of teas.

Another Wilson Ave. doughnut shop, Downstate Donuts, which produces potato-based doughnuts opened at 1132 W. Wilson in the fall of 2022.

This is the 12th location in the city for Stan's Donuts, including three in Lakeview.

The South Side welcomed its first Stan's

Donuts in Hyde Park in June of this year. Be sure to bring your credit or debit card as the store does not accept cash. One satisfied customer emerging from the new Broadway location said, "I think Dunkin's in trouble." Or maybe not, Dunkin' Donuts still accepts cash. And at the end of times, when the world's digital payment systems all crash, that sawbuck in your pocket will still get you a cake donut and coffee at Dunkin'.

Not to be forgotten, Everybody's Coffee, 935 W. Wilson Ave., serves Firecake Donuts, which is also a superior offering.

AMUNDSEN from p. 1

left behind by both would be runners. No one on field seemed to notice the ball lying on the turf at midfield.

After what felt like a prison sentence, the Belvidere North defenders noticed and jumped on the ball.

It wasn't the end. The Vikings defense held after the turnover but they couldn't hold on the next drive. The Blue Thunder scored a second touchdown on a two-yard quarterback sneak with 3:27 left in the first quarter. The Vikings drove the field late in the second quarter but missed a field goal try.

Getting the ball back with under a minute to go in the half, the Blue Thunder drove into Viking territory for their own field goal try. Alan Perez's 38-yarder was good making the halftime score 17-0.

The third quarter was all Belvidere who brought the score to 31-0.

The remarkable part about this whole game was that there was no quit in Amundsen at any point. Down 31-0 late in the third quarter and the game clearly out of reach, Olson's Vikings were playing with the same focus and energy they had when they got off the bus.

The wind died down a little in the fourth

quarter and Amundsen junior quarterback Elmir Gjeka connected on a beautiful deep ball to junior wide receiver Edwin Soto who raced up the Amundsen sideline for a 68-yard touchdown.

The Vikings were not done and added two more touchdowns bringing the final score to 38-20.

The mood of the Amundsen Vikings and their fired-up coach Olson after the game was parts angry, respectful, defiant and wanting a rematch, like a boxer wanting to keep fighting after having been knocked down.

"They came out and they executed. We were just sloppy on tackling tonight. Another week of poor execution," Olson said after the game.

"I felt really good about the week of practice. The kids really responded from the loss [to Lane] last Friday night. My fellow coaches and I had a really good game plan. Tonight came down to missed tackles and missed opportunities."

Belvidere North made few mistakes and knew what they wanted to do—run the ball. That they did.

"They passed it a handfull of times. We knew they ran a Wing T offense. They wanted to pound the rock and run it down our throat," said Olson.

"We felt like we had a really good game plan to stop it. Our players were there. Their players made the plays. That's what it came down to."

The Vikings have a bright future. "We finished in fifth place [in the 16-team] Red Division, just behind Lane. They thought we would just come [into the Red] and get walked on. We played a lot of Blue and White [division] football over the last 10 years. We are playing against 7A and 8A schools, Taft and Lane Tech, that have almost triple our enrollment," Olson said about moving up into the CPL Red Divi-

sion.

"But we are not scared of hard work here at Amundsen. Our message in the off-season is 'close the gap.' We know other teams are going to have more players. We know other teams are going to have better athletes. We are going to close the gap by working really hard."

Belvidere North moves on to the second round and will face either Wauconda or Grant.

Amundsen moves on to the Prep Bowl playoffs next week.

ROBBERY from p. 1

They took cash from two registers and personal property from two employees at L'Flamingo. Cash was also taken from the register at Albany Foods. It was the second time Albany Foods was robbed this month.

Officers described the suspects as two Black males in their late teens or early 20s who stand about 5'-9" tall and weigh about 170 lbs. They wore dark clothing, and each had a gun.

Seven liquor stores were robbed on Oct. 14, from Logan Square to Jefferson Park to

North Center. Some victims reported that the men were wearing yellow gloves.

On Oct. 11, a similar robbery spree targeted four liquor stores and customers in Logan Square, Humboldt Park, and West Town.

Police said two or three men carried out the robberies, pointing guns equipped with extended ammunition magazines at the victims, ordering the victims to the floor, and taking the victims' valuables, according to a CPD alert. After taking cash from the registers and safes, the robbers escaped in a black Alfa Romeo.

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