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Time changes everything except  
something within us  
which is always surprised by change.

— Thomas Hardy

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## Three arrested after group badly beats man on Loop Red Line platform

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three suspects are in custody after a group of people beat and stomped on a man on the Monroe Red Line CTA platform Dec. 28, Chicago police said.

A CTA surveillance camera operator recognized the group as a collection of troublemakers who frequent the Red Line, particularly downtown, at night. Fights involving the group were reported at the Roosevelt and Harrison stations less than 20 minutes before the man was attacked at Jackson, according to CPD radio transmissions.

At 10:51 p.m., members of the group attacked a 26-year-old man

at Jackson, beating him, kicking him, stomping on his head, and hitting him in the face with a bottle, according to police. The CTA camera officer estimated that 20 people might have been involved in the attack.

Police found the victim lying on the platform, and EMS took him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition. The police provided no motive for the attack.

Cops arrested three men the camera operator identified as participants in the attack. Other offenders got away.

Area Three detectives are heading up the investigation.

**With cash bail ending  
in Cook County,  
more judges added  
to pretrial hearing division**  
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## Journalist can resume lawsuit vs ex-River North landlord for eviction allegedly in retaliation for news stories

BY DAN CHURNEY  
*Cook County Record*

An appellate court has ruled a journalist can continue his lawsuit against his former Marina City landlord, who kicked him out allegedly because he ran stories critical of the business activities of the husband of the homeowners' association president.

While the journalist signed an agreement to vacate his condominium and not sue the landlord, the court said it believed that deal was only signed because the landlord allegedly made threats, so the agreement is invalid and the suit can proceed.

The Dec. 9 ruling was written by Appellate Justice Carl Walker, with concurrence from Justices Sharon Odeon Johnson and Sanjay Tailor, of Illinois First District Appellate Court. The ruling fa-

vored Steven Ray Dahlman in his action against Michael Michalak.

Dahlman is publisher and editor of the website Loop North News, which reports on Chicago's downtown neighborhoods, including the Gold Coast, River North and Streeterville.

Michalak is a property manager and real estate agent.

In 2010, Dahlman and his wife started renting a Marina City condominium from Michalak. Dahlman claims in 2015 Michalak "angrily" told Dahlman he no longer wanted them as tenants, allegedly said he would "burn the place down" and allegedly threatened Dahlman's wife, according to Dahlman's allegations.

Dahlman claimed he did not report the matter to police because he and his wife did not want

**LAWSUIT** *see p. 12*

## Construction permits given for Medinah Temple

Two weeks ago the city issued building permits for the temporary casino at the Friedman Properties-owned Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash.

Planned by Bally's Corp., the temporary casino will operate in River North while the full-fledged casino is being constructed at Halsted St. and Chicago Ave.

With permits now in hand for the construction, general contractor Gilbane Building Co. can begin work, with a target opening date sometime in the Summer of 2023. Once open, the casino will be operated for approximately 24-months until the full riverfront casino site opens.

The plan shows renovation of the interior while leaving the exterior mostly intact as it is landmarked. Originally built in 1912 by architects Huel and Schmid, the building was home to the Chicago Shriners and was designed in a Moorish style with extensive



Planned by Bally's Corp., the temporary casino at 600 N. Wabash Ave. will operate in River North while the permanent casino is being constructed at Halsted St. and Chicago Ave.

ornament that makes it a unique building amongst its surrounding context.

The exterior will get new signage replacing the old Bloomingdale signs.

On the interior, the original

4,200-seat auditorium on the interior will see the removal of most of the interior partitions to open up the floor space to serve as a large casino gaming area.

## Failed developers stall in returning \$27.5M to Chinese investors

*Funds' whereabouts for never-built high-rise unknown*

BY PETER VON BUOL

About two months after two failed developers had appeared to have begun the process of paying back their investors, the developers have fallen behind with their court-ordered repayment plan.

On Nov. 11, Jeffrey Laytin and

Jason Ding were obligated to make a payment of \$100,000 to the investors. That payment was supposed to have been the first of three consecutive monthly payments of \$100,000 each. On Nov. 10, the pair sent just \$20,000 (and into an incorrect bank account).

That partial payment triggered

**STALL** *see p. 12*

## Developers propose \$1 billion in new construction for LaSalle St.

LaSalle St. may be moribund now, but soon it may be bustling again now that local developers have gathered around an effort to add housing and tenants to the downtown strip.

Developers have come forward with over \$1 billion in renovations to some of the more classical downtown buildings along the street in response to an offer of public subsidies, city officials disclosed.

According to David Roeder of the Sun-Times, the redevelopment plans involve seven buildings in the central Loop, and most would

convert space from office to residential use.

These proposals were in response to the city's pleas in Sep-

*Titled "LaSalle Street Reimagined," developers were pressed to make at least 30% of any new housing affordable under terms of the deal.*

tember for ideas that would energize the Lasalle St. financial district, by adding affordable housing.

Titled "LaSalle Street Reimagined," developers were pressed

to make at least 30% of any new housing affordable under terms of the deal. Increased commercial vacancies in older downtown buildings have plagued the area for a while.

Developers generally kept to the 30% requirement in their proposals, although not all of the projects can be carried out, said Roeder.

Buildings at 208 S. LaSalle and 105 W. Adams St. that have gone through foreclosure each got competing proposals from two investment groups.

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# The House of Montecito



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Over a lifetime of study I've learned a great deal about how the British Sovereign exercises their office.

Of course much of my knowledge comes from the study of political science and history. And consuming rooms-full of books on the subject. A stint at Oxford Univ. didn't hurt.

There is also the benefit of hundreds of films that tell the tale of various English kings and queens. Some quite serious. Others flamboyant costume dramas that shade various elements of character in whoever is sitting on the throne.

Let's not forget the works of William Shakespeare with all their elegant soliloquies. And 17th century x-raying of the Henry Kings.

Television dramas have also added their contributions to the fleshing out of true English royal character.

I don't just mean "The Crown," but those stunning earlier dramas from the 1970s on American Public Television. Remember Masterpiece Theater with Alistair Cooke? Keith Michell in

"The Six Wives of Henry VIII." And Glenda Jackson's stunning performance as "Elizabeth R."

Americans of a certain vintage spent countless Sunday evenings enwrapped in such high-end, classical productions. It wasn't hard to get a golden historical perspective on such monarchs in that era. Heavy on history. Light on make believe.

And of course all the dramatic efforts of Dame Judi Dench and Dame Helen Mirren re-inventing the Elizabeths for us. And everyone's Hollywood primer, Errol Flynn's epic film "Robin Hood," that traced good and bad English kings in the 13th century from Sherwood Forest. Who can forget the great reveal of Richard, the Lionhearted?

We mention all of this because when you remove all the warfare, battles, crusades, murder and mayhem, helmets, armor and tri-cornered hats surrounding the English monarch, you can actually focus on one issue with a firm certainty. No matter how burdensome and brutal the unfolding of history might have been to them, all monarchs have one thing in common. Their worst battles and most fierce revolts were family centered. From King Alfred to Charles III.

Yep. The truest wrenching cruelties and the most complicated dysfunctional unraveling always seems to be about relations with their child. An heir. A son. A daughter. Or a long series of troublesome brides. A once cherished prince. A courageous Duke. A beloved Queen. A cunning Princess.



The Mediterranean and Spanish Revival-style home (right) in Montecito where Harry and Meghan (left) filmed their Netflix documentary series recently listed for \$33.5 million.

It appears that royal family is actually code for royally dysfunctional family.

A monarch's reign often became simply a lifetime of trying to actually rule the kingdom while fever-pitched battling with hurtful, conniving children, angry wives, bitter, traitorous siblings and ungrateful successors and heirs who share their bloodline and maybe DNA.

I bring this up because I read the British press everyday. And for months they have been tumbling all over the sidewalks and lanes of Britain trying to do-in trouble-making Prince Harry and his American wife Meghan.

Like their jobs depended on it.

While the new king, Charles III, pretends like its 1823 and refuses to actually acknowledge the mounting criticism and grocery lists of hurt and cruelty that his second son and daughter-in-law have said they have experienced.

They now retaliate, heaping blame and accusations upon the House of Windsor in their Netflix documentary. It is the number one show on the streaming network.

It appears that all the royals can do is to pretend that history itself hasn't already catalogued the worst cruelties and betrayals committed by generations of their ancestors to each other on a daily basis. From medieval torture and beheadings to the psychotic episodes of Diana, Harry's mother, trying to cope with a dim-witted husband having a sexual relationship with a pathetic married old girlfriend, now his Queen Consort, Camilla.

Public complaints are a guarantee that palace insiders will have a go at trying to destroy you. What were Harry and Meghan thinking?

But larger questions now need to be answered. How is anyone supposed to take any member of this dysfunctional and pathetic Windsor dynasty seriously when they fidget and deny that they are incapable of maintaining even the most meagre of familial relationships.

Instead of admitting to the possibility of such cruel and soul crushing facts such as distant parents, forced cruel educational experiences, dismal emotional environments, and the betrayal of marital commitments, they deny any such things could be even possible. Even when all of it has already been the grist of newspapers all over Britain for decades.

It certainly stirs up a dismal human stew that stinks. Life in the Royal Family no longer appears the healthiest psychological and behavioral preparation for be-

ing the figurehead parent of the nation. How can they expect to rule?

When the Head of State can barely conjure up the subjects, verbs and objects of conversational parenting, isn't it time to bring other candidates to the ballot box. At least you can flush them away at election time. No need to wait around to watch the results of terrible parenting and misguided growth. Generation after generation of impaired adolescence is on display. Spotlighting emotionally crippled adulthoods for a position that basically consists of waving to the crowds.

Regrettably, the deeply imbedded seeds of racial elitism and racial prejudice find their way deep within most of human society. Particularly one where the colonial culture of centuries thrived, built upon the class system of racial divisions and racial economies. And the tone of your skin.

So it isn't very far fetched to suspect that the all-white purity of the royal family has some built-in prejudices based on race.

But it seems ludicrous that the royals should appear to be so shocked that the question should even be raised by the first bi-racial human to marry into the family.

These German royals in British clothing appear to have thin skins in the face of the mere suggestion of race criticism. That's hard to believe when we catch sight of cousin Princess Michael of Kent, the daughter of a former Gestapo officer in World War II, attending a dinner to meet bi-racial Meghan Markle, wearing a broach on her dress of a tribal African blackamore.

When the Princess Elizabeth, later Queen, married Phillip Mountbatten in 1947, none of his sisters were allowed at the wedding, as they were all married to former high ranking Nazi officers. His mother, Alice of Battenberg, alone, attended. But, of course, she herself was a most fragile psychological patient, well-wrecked by family grief and spousal betrayal. Her son experienced no joy from any shred of healthy parenting. Instead, deeply wounded by the turmoil of family life, he would continue the pattern for such painful influence on his own children with bravado.

His fatherly touch appears to have been set-in-motion much earlier in his tragic youth. It would be unstoppable.

The furthering of that isolation and continuation of painful years of cruel education and disappointment by his eldest son, now King Charles III, seems to have been

prophetic.

There appears little to be upbeat about in the parenting style and emotional support system among the Windsors. No surprise that they count three divorces among their four royal children. Not to mention the countless physical and psychological traumas suffered by the young Princess of Wales, Diana Spencer, herself the child of a legendary failed marriage and spousal cruelty. After her splashy wedding to Prince Charles, now king, she, herself, descended into further distorted human behavior and unhealthy psychological disasters that ultimately claimed her life. All the while trying to shield her sons, William and Harry.

So I'm speechless that apparently both the royal family and the British press don't see in the long history of bad parenting and disastrous married life, the natural roots and ingredients for the very issues that Prince Harry and Meghan raise in their Netflix documentary.

But all stops, it seems, have been pulled out to discredit their criticism of what they experienced as members of the royal family.

And it's an on-going mystery

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(Left) The Chicago Children's Museum's amazing exhibits have kept kids (and parents) happily learning for 40 years. (Center) Jennifer Farrington, president and CEO, Chicago Children's Museum and William Kelley Jr., CFO, Tropicana Brands Group and board chair, Chicago Children's Museum. (Right) Chicago Children's Museum gala co-chairs Allison Steigleder and Thad Wong.

## 'A place where childhood rules supreme'

**Chicago Children's Museum celebrates 40 years**



**Heart of the 'Hood**  
by Felicia Dechter

Forty years for any establishment to endure is usually a testament to its excellence, and the Chicago Children's Museum [CCM] is no exception. Located inside Navy Pier, the museum is celebrating its 40th year of teaching kids while also making sure they have a ton of fun.

The museum recently kicked off a year-long anniversary celebration called 'Play Never Gets Old,' which will feature ongoing programs to mark four decades of playful learning.

CCM is "a place where childhood rules supreme," said Jennifer Farrington, the museum's president/CEO for the last 14 years. It aims to encourage children and their families to create, explore, and discover together through play, she said. The museum is "proud to provide a gathering place where families from the city and worldwide can connect, come together, and have a blast."

"I love this work, I love what we do," said Farrington, who is one of only three presidents throughout CCM's 40-year history. "I remain not only committed, but excited. If these kids can come to the museum and cement their learning -- these are lifelong lessons that help us see our future citizenry."

It all began in 1982, when Express-Ways Children's Museum was founded. Join-

ing forces in response to the slashing of the arts programming in Chicago schools, the Junior League of Chicago, Columbia College, Education Resource Center, and Loyola Univ. all came together to create children's exhibitions in a couple of the hallways of the Chicago Cultural Center. The first exhibit, "Getting to Know Hue," was an exploration of color and patterns.

The museum's next stop, in 1986, tripled its space to 6,000 square-feet in a Lincoln Park space. Three years later, Express-Ways moved to North Pier. It officially became CCM and that location of nearly 18,000 square-feet saw more than 175,000 visitors in its first year.

Since then -- and after a move to a whopping 57,000 square-feet in Navy Pier in 1995 -- CCM has grown into a three-story cultural institution. It has hosted nearly 15 million visitors. And its programming is not just for kids only, Playing with Numbers, provides play strategies for pre-school through second grade teachers to introduce, reinforce, and deepen understanding of foundational math concepts.

Each decade has brought exciting changes, yet the museum's mission has remained the same: To improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect." Today, you can find more than 15 interactive exhibits and daily programming that taps into how kids learn and engage from birth to age 10.

"Kids bring curiosity and creativity," said Farrington, who started with CCM in 1991 as a Columbia College intern. "They are to be marveled at for the creative creatures they are."

Those creative little creatures get to enjoy the museum's stellar permanent exhibits, including Tinkering Lab, a STEM maker's space featuring real tools and up-cy-



A teacher at the Chicago Children's Museum engaging curious students.

aled materials. The Play It Safe exhibit, developed in partnership with the Chicago Fire Dept., features play-filled lessons in fire safety and the workings of a firehouse including firefighting gear, a sliding pole and a child-sized fire truck.

And I especially like this one, because Univ. of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno was one of my very first interviews for this newspaper. Dinosaur Expedition is a

re-creation of the real Saharan expedition undertaken by Sereno, who discovered a new type of dinosaur. Kids can see a life-sized skeleton of Suchomimus, and compare skulls, teeth, and claws with a T. Rex, and more.

"It's a Chicago Children's Museum classic," said Farrington. "Children can dig up bones on their own and be a part of finding bones."

The latest permanent exhibit opened in 2020. Cloud Buster, is a climbable 37-foot sculpture designed by artist Kevin Winters. And coming early this year will be Water City, a new 1,645 square-foot water-play exhibit. It's an homage to our recognizable icons such as Buckingham Fountain, the Chicago Theatre sign, and more.

"I'm super excited," said Farrington of the exhibit. "It's bigger and better than ever."

The privately-funded CCM recently held its Play Never Gets Old fundraiser at the Palmer House, with a goal of raising \$1 million, money which is so well spent. While the word 'museum' suggests a world

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## Christmas Tree mulching, recycling

Chicago's Christmas Tree recycling runs from Jan. 7 to 22 at 26 parks across the City. Trees can be dropped off anytime during normal park hours.

Only live/natural trees without flocking are accepted. Garlands and wreaths are not accepted. Because the trees are turned into mulch, all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and stands must be removed. Plastic bags used for transport should also be removed before putting trees into the stalls.

North Side location to recycle your tree include:

- Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell St.
- Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Dr.

- Humboldt Park Boathouse, 1369 N. Sacramento Ave.
- Lincoln Park, Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Ave. (East side of Cannon Dr.)
- Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr.
- North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
- Walsh Park, 1722 N. Ashland Ave.
- Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

In 2020, 22,236 Christmas trees were mulched through the Holiday Tree Recycling events, a whopping 25% increase over the previous year. That's equal to diverting approximately 775,000 pounds from landfills.

### Letter to the Editor

#### **Don't leave out Cardinal Bernardin**

In the Dec. 21 newspapers Thomas J. O'Gorman mentions the names of mayors and cardinals whose hearts were stirred by truth. When he lists cardinals he cites Cardinal Stritch to Cardinal Cody.

Shockingly he omits the very popular Cardinal Bernardin who succeeded Cody.

Cardinal Bernardin was an exceptionally beloved leader of the church in the 1980's and 1990's. Cardinal Bernardin, unlike Cody, traveled the length of the city often visiting churches, cultural presentations and civic events in nearly every community in Chicago from the wealthy areas to the poorest, he was nearly always very well received.

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Indeed these days Cardinal Cupich often mentions Cardinal Bernardin in his speeches and conferences. The majority of Catholic and non-Catholic Chicagoans alike have a very high and respectful opinion of the beloved, intellectual, down to earth and inspiring Cardinal Bernardin.

*Fred Case*

*From Thomas O'Gorman:*

*No omission of Cardinal Bernardin was meant to impugn him or his idealism. He was much too good a friend of mine for that. I used those historical names merely to give more color and information to the long span of Chicago history. Sorry that wasn't clear. Cardinal Stritch to Cardinal Cody is merely a literary way of pointing out the long span of years (1939 to 1982). And as I tried to say again with from Mayor Wentworth to Mayor Richard J. Daley (1840s to 1976). It was written to give a more concrete measurement of time. Again sorry it wasn't crystal clear, it was a short hand literary devise.*

### INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

## Home buyers and sellers are buying down high rates



### The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With home-loan interest rates beginning to creep toward 7% in 2023, more and more smart home buyers and sellers are considering a buydown.

"The buydown option is becoming more popular as a seller-paid incentive for buyers, even though the option always has been available in the mortgage market," noted veteran Realtor Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty in Chicago.

Some sellers and developers are offering a popular "2-1 Rate Buydown" which gives buyers a lower interest-rate for two years and then the loan settles into a higher permanent rate in year three, Benson said. "Typically, the rate is two percentage points lower during the first year and one percentage point lower in the second year," Benson said.

The 2-1 buydown can be a good deal for home buyers if they will be able to afford the higher monthly payments once they begin. If rates move lower in year three the borrower has the option to refinance.

"A borrower purchasing a \$500,000 single-family home on the North Side with 20% down payment can ask the lender for the option of lowering the interest rate one-percentage point on his or her \$400,000 mortgage by paying points, or special loan fees," said Jeremy Rose, partnership branch manager of Guaranteed Mortgage in Chicago.

"If the going interest rate is 6.4%, it would cost \$3,073.80 in lender fees to buydown the loan interest rate to 5.4%. And, the points typically can be rolled into



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the mortgage amount," Rose explained.

On Dec. 29, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans rose to an average of 6.42% nationwide from 6.27% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed loan average was 3.11%.

The 15-year fixed mortgage rate average on Dec. 29 was 5.68%, down slightly from 5.69% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year averaged was 2.33%.

The survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who put 20% down and have excellent credit.

"The housing market remains in the doldrums with declining sales, inventory and prices," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "The declines in sales and deceleration in home prices began swiftly earlier in 2022 but have moderated more recently."

While the intensity of weakness is moderating, the market continues to decline and forward leading indicators suggest housing will remain weak throughout the winter, Khater said.

Faced with that gloomy outlook for the 2023 residential housing market, it is no wonder that Realtors, developers, lenders, sellers and buyers are jumping on the incentive bandwagon.

A spot survey by the Home Front column found the following

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current rate-buydown incentives offered in Chicago:

• **130 N. Garland.** At year's end, the seller is offering \$20,000 cash toward the buyer's interest-rate buydown, or \$20,000 cash payment to cover closing costs. The luxury 52nd-floor Loop condominium overlooking Millennium Park is priced at \$2.275 million. The motivated seller also will pay a 3% co-op brokerage fee to the buyer's realty agent.

• **144 W. Erie.** This 3-bedroom, 3.5-bath, 2,950-square-foot new construction penthouse in the Gold Coast is listed for \$2.65 million. The developer, Erie LaSalle Venture, is offering a 2-1 interest-rate buydown plus a commission bonus of \$10,000 paid to the buyer's broker.

• **1424 W. Walton.** The seller of this 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in West Town with a list price of \$525,000 is offering a 2-1 interest-rate buydown. The mortgage interest rate would slide below market for two years depending on the size of the buyer's down payment.

• **2326 W. Charleston.** The seller of this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath single-family home in Wicker Park with a list price of \$875,000 is offering a flat closing-cost credit of \$20,000 that can be used as an interest-rate buydown.

• **3130 N. Sawyer.** The seller of this 5 bedroom, 4 bath single-family home in South Avondale with a list price of \$999,900 is offering a 2-1 interest-rate buydown pegging rates at 4.99% in the first year and 5.99% in the second year. The rate levels off at 6.99% in year three.

• **3642 N. Artesian.** This new construction 5-bedroom, 4-bath, plus 2 powder room single-family home in the hot St. Ben's neighborhood is listed for \$1.549 million. The builder is offering a 2-1 rate buydown with a guaranteed 4.75% interest in the first year.

Although the buydown fees put money in the lender's pocket, Rose asks: "Why pay big bucks for a lower rate now when interest charges likely will come down in six months or a year? Borrowers always have the option to refinance."

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

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# With cash bail ending in Cook County, more judges are added to pretrial hearing division

BY CWBCHICAGO

In preparation for the elimination of cash bail on, Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans has expanded the roster of judges who determine initial pretrial release conditions for people charged with crimes in Chicago, according to a source.

The source said that the current complement of six bond court judges plus a supervising judge at the 26th and California courthouse is being beefed up with the addition of three more judges. Evans is also expected to add two more courtrooms to hear pretrial detention matters on weekends when the Chicago-based judges also handle suburban cases.

More than 60 Illinois counties are expected to hold off on eliminating cash bail as set forth in the state's massive SAFE-T Act

criminal justice reform bill after winning a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the bail provision in Kankakee County on Dec. 28.

But Cook County is not affected by the judge's ruling because it is not a party to the lawsuit, so cash bail ended here on Jan. 1.

The judges expected to join the court's Pretrial Division are William Fahy, David Kelly, and Ankur Srivastava, a source said.

Fahy, appointed to an associate judge slot in 2021, started his career as a Cook County assistant state's attorney. There, he ascended to prosecuting the office's most serious felony matters, including death penalty cases. He then turned to private defense work. In that role, he frequently represented Chicago police officers who faced misconduct allegations, including Officer Thomas Gaffney,

who was acquitted of conspiring to cover up the Laquan McDonald shooting.

Kelly was also appointed to an associate judgeship in 2021. He won election to become a Circuit Court judge in November. He ran a private practice that included criminal defense, and civil law, according to his campaign website. Kelly started his career as a prosecutor in the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Srivastava, appointed to an associate judgeship in 2021, specialized in public corruption cases as a prosecutor in the US Attorney's office in Chicago from 2014 to 2021, according to his LinkedIn bio. Before that, he worked in the Cook County state's attorney's office, where he was assigned to the Special Prosecutions Bureau.

Evans' spokesperson is on vacation and expected to return this

week, according to an email reply we received earlier this week, so we could not officially confirm the assignments.

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boat rides, sandcastle sculpting,

and beach games as they discover

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by hundreds of the hottest new

boats on the market today.

Highlights of the show include several opportunities to "test the waters" indoors, a variety of educational experiences for new boaters of all ages.

The show is one of region's most popular events for boating and outdoors enthusiasts, bringing thousands of visitors to Chicago each year and supporting the area's boating industry. Tickets can be purchased online at ChicagoBoatShow.com; they are \$15 for adults; children 12 years old and younger are free.

## New climate fund will offer grants to implement climate-focused strategies, environmental justice

On Dec. 20 the city announced a new taxpayer-funded grant program aimed at catalyzing climate action across Chicago by non-profit organizations and small businesses.

The \$5 million Climate Infrastructure Fund [CIF] will support projects that are in line with the City's commitments to reduce emissions, invest in environmental justice communities, and meet targets within the Climate Action Plan [CAP]. In April, City Hall released the CAP, and city officials then quickly tied it to race and social justice in establishing its goals and benefits.

The CAP establishes a goal to "reduce emissions by 62% by 2040 through interconnected climate strategies designed to better serve all Chicago communities and in particular Black,

Brown, and working-class communities who disproportionately experience the chronic stress and impacts of the changing climate."

CAP is part of a suite of climate and environmental justice projects with grant amounts will range from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

In partnership with the Dept. of Planning and Development's [DPD] Chicago Recovery Plan Initiative, the CIF will provide taxpayer money for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements in buildings, support the purchase of electric vehicles and installation of electric vehicle charging stations, and enable green infrastructure solutions to capture stormwater and reduce onsite flooding.

Applications will be scored related to climate mitigation and resilience factors, equity impact,

and project readiness.

The \$188 million commitment the city made in Oct. 2021 "serves as a down payment for climate action and resiliency with an intentional focus on direct benefits within neighborhoods that are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change and decades of disinvestment," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The CIF is one of four different sources of funds being offered by the DPD's small grant universal application that opened last week. Applicants may submit proposed projects through Feb. 24, 2023. Other taxpayer-funded

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# Police Beat...

## Gunmen rob, carjack group inside Streeterville parking garage

Four men were robbed and carjacked by a group of offenders inside a Streeterville parking garage on Dec. 28, according to Chicago police. One of the victims was pistol-whipped, but no other injuries were reported.

The victims were walking toward their car on the fourth floor of a parking garage in the 300 block of E. Ohio when they were confronted by five men around 10:08 p.m., police said.

All five offenders displayed handguns as they took the victims' phones, passports, and wallets, then drove away with their 2014 Toyota Corolla.

An officer said that the hijackers drove away with one victim inside the Corolla, but they dumped him out on the ramp before leaving the garage. No arrests have been made.

## Arrest warrant issued after former Chicago Bulls star fails to appear in court to face battery allegations

A Cook County judge has issued an arrest warrant for retired NBA star Ben Gordon after the former Chicago Bull failed to appear in court on misdemeanor battery charges last week, according to court records.

Gordon was arrested on Nov. 4 for allegedly battering two security guards at a McDonald's in River North. He left the Near North 18th District police station on his own recognition early that afternoon, Chicago police records show.

Records show he was supposed to appear in court for the first time on Dec. 21, but apparently didn't make it. Judge Daniel Gallagher signed an arrest warrant for Gordon the same day and set a bond forfeiture hearing for next month. The arrest warrant remained active as of Dec. 29.

Gordon, 39, was being escorted from the former Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's at 600 N. Clark around 3:15 a.m. Nov. 4 when he punched a 29-year-old male security officer in the face and threw him to the ground,

authorities said. He also allegedly pushed a 21-year-old male security officer to the ground.

On Oct. 10, Gordon was arrested at LaGuardia Airport in New York City after witnesses allegedly saw him punch his 10-year-old son in the face as they prepared to board a flight to Chicago. The New York Post reported that two Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police officers were injured during his arrest.

In 2017, he was arrested for pulling a fire alarm in an LA apartment building. Later that year, he was charged with robbery for robbing the manager of a residential complex where he lived. Those charges were dropped after he reached a "civil compromise," according to TMZ.

## Man gets 63 months for robbing Chicago bank with a note written on a losing lottery ticket



A Chicago police officer holds a bank envelope containing cash that was allegedly found inside a trash bin on the 800 block of N. State.

A man who robbed a bank in the Gold Coast earlier this year and then had a free-flowing conversation with FBI agents who took him into custody has been sentenced to 63 months in federal prison.

Luther Fluker, 43, walked into Citibank, 1 E. Oak, on Feb. 22 and placed a note on the teller counter.

"Put the money in the bag," read the note, which was written on an Illinois Lottery ticket. Officials said the teller put \$2,400 into an envelope and handed it to him.

Chicago police spotted Fluker wearing clothes that matched the bank robber's on the 800 block of N. State about seven minutes after the holdup, the agent wrote. Cops saw Fluker toss something into a trash can, and they discovered a Citibank envelope containing the bank's cash and the holdup note inside the rubbish bin, according to the FBI.

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Fluker refused to talk with Chicago police but later agreed to have a conversation with FBI agents, explaining that he simply didn't want to talk with CPD, an agent reported.

During the FBI interview, Fluker claimed he did nothing wrong except carry counterfeit bills that he uses to buy cigarettes at convenience stores, according to the agent. He identified himself in one surveillance image of the bank robber but said another picture of the same person walking away from the bank teller was not him, the agent wrote.

Fluker then asked how much time someone might get for a robbery like that.

According to court records, federal prosecutors recommended a sentence of 63 to 78 months to US District Judge Martha Pacold. Fluker's attorney, citing his troubled childhood, asked for 40 months.

"Unfortunately for Mr. Fluker, when he was just 13 years old, the organization that recruited and provided guidance to him was the local street gang, which he joined to 'fit in,'" his attorney wrote.

"He was surrounded by negative influences, including older siblings who were in and out of legal trouble when he was a child. Luther described ... memories of walking past a dead body in his neighborhood on the way to school and estimated that he lost over 20 friends to gun violence or prison while growing up."

## Driver OK after being shot at in Lincoln Park

A driver escaped injury when a gunman shot at him from another vehicle near DePaul University's campus in Lincoln Park on Tuesday evening, Chicago police said.

The 26-year-old was driving in the 2100 block of N. Sheffield when a passenger shot at him from a white Lexus around 9:47 p.m. Police said four or five shots were fired, but no injuries were reported.

CPD did not offer a motive for the shooting or a description of the suspect.

## Man gets 11 years for sexually assaulting Lakeview woman in 2018

A Cook County judge has sentenced a Chicago man to 11 years for sexually assaulting a woman in the Lakeview

neighborhood in 2018. Terrence Wright, 33, was also sentenced to a consecutive two-year term for aggravated battery in connection with a separate incident that occurred one day after the sexual assault.

On April 19, 2018, a 24-year-old woman saw Wright standing outside her apartment building in the 3900 block of N. Fremont and asked him if he was locked out, prosecutors said.

Wright said he was and followed her into the building as she unlocked the front door. In the vestibule, he allegedly grabbed her from behind with a chokehold. The two fought for up to five minutes, according to neighbors who heard the fight.

During the attack, Wright sexually assaulted the woman with his hand before grabbing her wallet and running from the scene, police said.

The next day, Wright followed a 30-year-old woman off an Orange Line train at the Kedzie station, officials said. He grabbed her by the hair and "began kissing her all over her face while grabbing her breast and stomach area," according to a report filed by Chicago police.

Wright entered guilty pleas before



Jose Cartagena has been charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon in addition to misdemeanor animal cruelty.

## Man accused of abusing dog in viral video skipped bail, then had a gun in his vehicle

The man accused of punching and throwing a dog in a viral video had a warrant put out on him after he failed to show up for a recent court date, according to court records. It didn't take long for Chicago police to locate Jose Cartagena. And when they did, during a traffic stop in River North last week, Cartagena had a gun with him, authorities say.

You may remember that prosecutors charged Cartagena with misdemeanor animal cruelty in October after a viral video of a dog being abused led to his arrest in Avondale.

Cartagena, 29, was released from the police station on his own recognizance just six hours after police arrested him in October, CPD records show.

When he didn't show up for a court appearance three weeks ago, Judge Donald Panarese signed an arrest warrant for Cartagena.

Judge Diana Kenworthy this month. After receiving credit for good behavior and the 1,694 days he spent in jail before pleading, Wright is expected to be paroled on August 4, 2028, according to Illinois Department of Corrections records.

Kenworthy ordered Wright to register as a sex offender.

## Pricey Mag Mile boutique burglarized by smash 'n' grab crew on Christmas morning

While Santa Claus was making his final deliveries of the year on Christmas morning, a three-man smash-and-grab crew was burglarizing a pricey boutique on the Magnificent Mile, according to a Chicago police report.

The break-in occurred around 4:39 a.m. at Bottega Veneta Chicago, 800N. Michigan. The high-end clothing and accessories retailer, located directly behind the historic Water Tower, has been a frequent target of shoplifting mob raiders. Now, a burglary team has raided the shop.

Chicago police said a white van pulled up near the store, and three offenders got out. They broke a pane of glass near the store's front entrance and went inside, a CPD spokesperson said.

Once inside, the group gathered merchandise, returned to the van, and fled the scene, police said.

Surveillance video showed the van heading east on Chicago Ave. and then north on Lake Shore Dr. after the burglary, an officer said.

Chicago police did not provide an estimate of the store's losses. In the past, crews have focused on stealing the store's handbags, which frequently retail for more than \$4,000 each.

## Lincoln Park church robbed

It was not the spirit of Christmas on display at one Lincoln Park Church. On Dec. 26, a burglar broke into Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1010 W. Webster Ave., and stole thousands of dollars from its Christmas mass collections.

Police say that the burglar used a crowbar to pry a window open and sneak in.

Last Wednesday, Chicago police pulled Cartagena over in the 300 block of West Chicago Avenue after he allegedly made a left turn across three lanes of traffic.

Prosecutors said officers learned about the active arrest warrant after running his driver's license. They took him into custody.

While searching Cartagena's vehicle, police allegedly found a loaded .38 Special revolver between the two front seats.

Prosecutors have now charged him with felony unlawful use of a weapon. Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered him to pay a \$750 deposit bond to get out of jail on the gun charge. She said he must also post \$1,500 to get out of jail on the animal cruelty case. As of Dec. 27 morning, Cartagena remains in the Cook County jail.

The burglar got into the church's offices and safe, making away with its collections from Sunday and Christmas Day masses, said a spokesperson for the church. While some money may be recovered, the parish said they will lose a significant portion of the money.

Saint Vincent de Paul has set up a GoFundMe page hoping [praying] to recover the lost money, which goes toward parish outreach programs, religious education programs for children, operations and other ministries.

## FBI nabs Mexican man accused of killing Chicago man in DUI

Saul Chavez, a Mexican man who allegedly killed an elderly Chicago man while driving drunk and in the U.S. illegally, has been apprehended in Mexico, where he fled immediately after he was released on bail in 2011, when Cook County officials refused to honor a request from federal immigration authorities to hold him.



That flight, in turn, spawned a years-long court battle in which Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart prevailed against the

slain man's family, who had sought a court ruling declaring the county

had acted improperly in allowing Chavez to walk free.

The lawsuit also failed to force the county to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] when handling illegal immigrants charged with crimes in the future.

According to a statement from the Cook County Sheriff's office, Saul Chavez, 47, was extradited from Mexico to the U.S. According to the statement, Chavez had been apprehended by the FBI, and was transferred into the custody of the

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# Man gets nine years for killing woman, injuring another in Wrigleyville hit-and-run

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Lincoln Park man has been sentenced to nine years for killing a 27-year-old cancer survivor and injuring the woman's friend in a hit-and-run collision in Wrigleyville last year, according to court records.

Brett Dimick, 31, pleaded guilty to two counts of failure to report an accident involving injury or death and one count of involuntary manslaughter. He reported to Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet on Dec. 27.

Dimick, who never regained driving privileges after losing them due to a DUI in 2009, was behind the wheel of his BMW SUV when it made a sharp, high-speed turn through a stop sign from Addison St. onto Fremont St. on a sunny day in August 2021, officials said.

Dimick's car hopped onto the sidewalk and hit Sophie Allen as she walked with her 24-year-old friend. Allen had recently completed chemotherapy for breast cancer. A nearby surveillance camera showed the BMW swerving onto Fremont but did not show the BMW striking the women:



Brett Dimick reported to Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet on Dec. 27, and is now serving time for a deadly August 2021 hit-and-run auto accident in Lakeview.

After hitting the women, the BMW continued traveling down the sidewalk until it crashed into a metal fence. A witness saw the driver kick off his flip-flops and run from the scene.

Chicago police collected the shoes and submitted DNA samples for testing. The results came back to Dimick, officials said.

Judge Michael Clancy oversaw Dimick's case and handed down the sentences: six years for each accident causing injury count, to be served concurrently, plus three years for reckless homicide, to be served consecutively. Dimick's

parole date has not yet been announced by the Illinois Dept. of Corrections, but he will likely serve about half his sentence after receiving credit for good behavior.

Clancy recommended that Dimick receive drug and alcohol treatment while in prison.

Dimick, who has been convicted of multiple DUIs in the past, was part-owner of a struggling Lincoln Park bar that was hosting a Mario Kart "Drunk Driving" promotion at the time of the crash, according to online records.

## 46-time convicted felon scammed Chicago businesses by posing as a city employee

BY CWBCHICAGO

Forty-six strikes and you're out, pal. Or maybe not. We'll see.

Prosecutors say a man on parole for his 44th, 45th, and 46th felony convictions is the guy who dressed up like a city inspector to scam businesses out of money on Chicago's North Side earlier this month.

Ronald Browning, also known as Ron Brown, faces two counts of burglary in his latest tango with the justice system. He also had two outstanding arrest warrants, officials said.

Chicago police issued a community alert about the phony city inspector last week. So did cops in suburban Oak Lawn.

On Dec. 29, prosecutors said Browning, 74, is responsible for the Chicago crimes, which both occurred in the 6400 block of N. Sheridan Rd. around 11 a.m. Dec. 13. Other charges may be filed.

Sporting a reflective vest, the scammer entered a smoothie store, identified himself as a

city worker, and claimed that he needed to be compensated for replacing three carbon monoxide detectors on the building's roof, officials said.

He pretended to call the store's manager on his phone, then told a store employee that the manager told him to get payment from the register. After the clerk handed over \$80, he walked out the back door.

About 10 minutes later, the same man walked into the UPS store next to the smoothie shop and once again demanded payment for replacing carbon monoxide detectors on the roof. The manager initially gave him \$250 but then took it back after calling the store's owner, who realized they were being scammed, prosecutors said.

Surveillance images from the two incidents were included in "multiple bulletins" about other incidents with similar details, leading to Browning's identification, according to prosecutors.

Judge David Navarro ordered

Browning to pay a \$2,500 bail deposit to be released from jail.

Browning has been sentenced to prison for felonies more than 40 times since 1982, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records. He has additional felony convictions in Indiana, prosecutors said Friday.

His most recent trip to prison occurred on May 26, when he went to Stateville Correctional Center to serve two 5½-year sentences and one 1-year sentence for theft by deception. After having his punishment reduced by 50% for good behavior plus credit for the time he spent in jail, Browning went home the same day.



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## Gary Sinise Foundation special touring production at Steppenwolf Jan. 20-21

Steppenwolf Theatre is hosting a special presentation of Last Out: Elegy of a Green Beret – a touring production championed by the Gary Sinise Foundation, playing two performances only, 7 p.m. Jan. 20 and 21, 2023, in Steppenwolf's Downstairs Theater, 1650 N. Halsted St.

"Nearly 40 years ago, I had the good fortune of directing the Vietnam War drama Tracers at Steppenwolf. With Vietnam veterans in my own family, it was a personal mission for me to honor them with a great production, to let them, and all veterans, know that their service to our country was appreciated, and that their sacrifices would never be forgotten," said Steppenwolf co-founder Gary Sinise.

"My friend, Afghanistan combat veteran, LT Col. (retired) Scott Mann, has written the modern-day equivalent to Tracers. Based on the stories of the men and women he served with, it is a powerful play with an all-veteran cast."

Last Out, which has been performed across the country since 2018 and reached thousands of audiences, pulls from the experiences of the longest war in American history, a war fought mostly in the shadows. Written by Ret. Lt. Col Scott Mann and directed by Karl Bury, this epic play, performed by a cast of combat veterans and military-family

members, validates the journey of our military veterans and their families while building genuine and well-informed understanding in the communities where they live.

Tickets (\$20 general public; \$5 veterans, active military and military families) are now on sale at [steppenwolf.org/last-out](http://steppenwolf.org/last-out) or by calling 312-335-1650.

"Last Out is a story never told from a voice never heard," said Mann. "A love letter to civilians to let them know the cost of modern war. A love letter to our Gold Star families. And certainly a love letter to our active duty members, our reserve, our National guard and our veterans."

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to this American that the British people could advocate for the continuance of this governmental system that has such a high body count of psychological victims. It's hardly the prescription for a modern monarchy. And offers no real alternative in a "slimed down" royal house.

**LIBRARY SHELTER:** Ald. **Raymond Lopez** [15th] acknowledged that migrants who entered the country illegally are now being held in several locations in Chicago without support, including the Chicago Police Academy and Chicago Fire Academy. We have been receiving busloads of undocumented immigrants since earlier this year. "True (along with the basement of the Harold Washington Library and a half dozen other locations with no support). Next question," said Lopez on a Twitter posting. Where else do you suppose the city is housing them without telling us?

**THE SWEET LIFE:** After a lifetime of providing homemade sweet things in their South Side kitchen on 63rd Street, **Bill and Kim Goebel** really made the Southwest Side a better (and sweeter) place. Wishing them well as they retire, closing their La Petite for good after a 55-year run.

**PRESENTATION BALL:** A sea of white dresses and youthful faces of chic fashion twirled on the dance floor of the Chicago Hilton Grand Ballroom when the Illinois Club for Catholic Women unleashed a sea of debutants. Catholic Chicago's loveliest young women where presented to the Cardinal Archbishop, **Blase Cupich**. They were in good hands as **Myra Reilly** had her swan song as the director of the historic night of social elan.

**LEGAL TIMES:** The happy reunion between former Cook County States Attorney **Anita Alvarez** and her top right hand legal eagle **Dan Kirk** is a big boost for



Ald. Raymond Lopez



Anita Alvarez and Dan Kirk.



Janet Joliat Dahl and Steve Dahl with grandkids.

everyone who remembers a time when Chicagoans believed the legal system was actually there to protect them, not stranglehold them and protect criminals.

**BRYN MAWR TOPS:** The CTA, architectural and engineering firm EXP, and contractor Walsh-Fluor Design-Build Team, announced the temporary Red Line station at Bryn Mawr in Edgewater received the international Architecture Master Prize award in the "Transportation" category. They say, "While designed as a temporary facility to serve passengers during the first half of construction, CTA and EXP developed a design that was attractive to the community and pleasing to customers given the duration of the RPM project."

**THIRTY YEARS:** **Vida Dyson**, Ph.D., recently retired after 30-years working as a clinical psychologist at the Univ. of Chicago Research Program at the former Illinois State Psychiatric Institute (Adler School) of Professional Psychology, where she became Adler's first Black faculty member. She was honored last month during a celebration on campus. Born and raised in Chicago, this smart cookie received her bachelor's degree in psychology at DePaul, earned her master's degree and Ph.D. in psychology from the Univ. of Chicago, and also completed a postdoctoral certificate in clinical neuropsychology at Fielding Institute.

**REQUIEM AETERNAM:** Deep condolences to our friends the **Rooneys** of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Dublin on the death of their beloved father, brother and eternal pal, **John Rooney**. One of five sons born to Pittsburgh Steelers' founder **Art Rooney, Sr.**, John was a grand gentleman and a patriotic American of noble vintage. The Rooney clan are archetypes of American football and their Pittsburgh Steelers say it all. Rest well, dear friend. Prayerful sympathy especially to son, **Dr. Peter Rooney**.

**DAHL-INGS:** Chicago radio legend **Steve Dahl** and wife, Ja-



Janet and Rodger Owen with Judy Carrack Bross, Peggy Snorf, Todd Schebel and William Beggs IV.



Bill and Kim Goebel.



Cook County Commissioner Donna Black Miller with David, Daniel and Donovan Miller.

net **Joliat Dahl**, are just grandma and grandpa to their tribe of adorable grandchildren assembled for Christmas.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Sean Eshaghy's annual Holiday Sing-along had over 100 guests this year and was a huge success especially with his troops from Soho House who are most musical **Tony Kunkle**, **Ashley Finley** and **Heidi Schultz**... Cook County Commissioner **Donna Black Miller** sharing fab photo of the men in her life, **David, Daniel and Donovan Miller**... Journalist **Dave Hoekstra** in Nashville for a Pat McLaughlin night of country tunes... **Mike Houlihan**'s Christmas Eve, on Global Irish Radio with Sheriff **Mike Sheahan**, **Johnny "Vegas" Sheahan**, and the Man Who Should be Chicago Mayor, **Paul Vallas**... Santa on the fly exiting the chic pad of columnist **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan** with a comfy dignity... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** with husband, Jeff and parents, **Georgia** and **Jack (Coach) Leese**, at their annual lunch in the Walnut Room... Congrats to **Sherrin Leigh** having a fresh Jingle Bell birthday... Chicago's beloved **Dr. Rose Gomez** in the beauty and brightness of Cannes on the French Riviera... **Virginia** and **Al Shorey** continuing their great sea adventure in southern Africa... Yes, that was **Lucien Lagrange** in Paris at the famed Bristol Hotel with his wife **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange** sporting Chicago holiday sweaters... Luxbar crew front and center in holiday antlers making the season bright... **Mark Joseph Sievers** Christmasing in Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA... **Jonathan Doria Pamphij**, **Elson Edeno Braga**, **Emily** and **Filippo Andrea** all together for Christmas at home in Rome at the palazzo... In Greece, **Maria Pappas** made a Christmas morning climb to the top of Lycavettus St. George... **Roger** and **Janet Owen** hosting a tres elegant Murray Bay reunion for friends who rendezvoused in Canada this summer, **Judy Carrack Bross**, **Peggy Snorf**, **Todd Schwebel** and **William Beggs IV**, and hosting friends for a splendid feast over Christmas weekend, **Cynthia Olson**, **Peggy Snorf**, **Jim Kinney**, **Brian White**, **Karen Zupko** and **Mr. Mike**... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matthew Arnoux**, in London at the Nutcracker ballet and off to Paris to celebrate their anniversary at the Hotel Le Bristol.

**Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.** -- **Mark Twain**

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## Raptors in Winter, animal encounter at Science Museum Jan. 5

Want to get close to a raptor this winter? Thursday, Jan. 5, may be your chance when the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum will host a meet up with the flying meat eaters at 11 a.m.

The event will take place at the Chicago Academy of Sciences, 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

The event will be lead by specialists from Wings and Talons, a non-profit whose mission is to provide for the raptors in their care and those that live in the wild by means of education, stewardship, and conservation. They aim to educate the public about the marvel of birds of prey, and are also committed to connecting with similar

organizations to share knowledge and work together for the common cause of raptor preservation. They offer education programs throughout the year.

Guests will get to see all kinds of raptors – from owls to hawks – live and up close, learn fascinating facts about these species and explore how they stay warm in winter, hunt their prey and play a vital role in the ecosystems around us.

The cost is \$7 to \$15 and the ticket includes access to all museum exhibits.

This program will be interpreted in ASL for the deaf and hard of hearing.

For more information visit



Owls are not related to hawks, but they're usually considered to be raptors anyway because they have such clearly predatory lifestyles.

<https://naturemuseum.org>.

### CHILDHOOD from p. 3

behind glass, CCM invites kids to touch and test, build and take apart, experiment and interpret, said Farrington.

"This is what makes Chicago Children's Museum a safe, enriching space where every child has the opportunity to delight in the universal pursuits of childhood," she said.

In 2005, CCM published, "The Skin You Live In," a book delivering messages of social acceptance, diversity, and self-appreciation. It also was the first cultural institution statewide to sign on to the Museums For All initiative, which offers steeply-reduced museum admissions to low-income and underserved families.

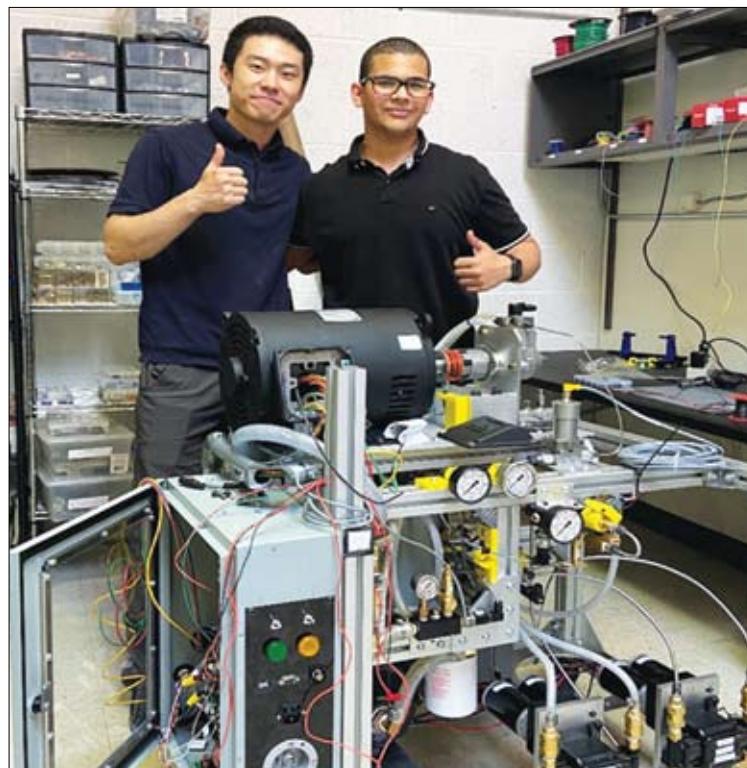
As you can see, there have been many amazing accomplishments in the last four decades. I asked Farrington her hopes for the next 40 years.

"That we become a great children's museum but also more," she said. "We learn that children act and grow in their community and we continue to grow that aspect of our work."

Congrats... to the Rogers Park-based Chicago Math and Science Academy's [CMSA] high school senior, Anthony Galan Barreto, who is already living his dream of being an engineer. Anthony's role in the CMSA's award-winning robotics program helped him achieve that goal.

His robot design for the school's team, the Robo Titans #7006, with its technical intricacies, caught the attention of one of the First Tech Challenge judges at a Chicago competition. That meeting led to Anthony landing a paid gig at WM International as an engineering aide, where his role is to support the company's work on the development of engine technologies with Dimethyl Ether [DME], a promising alternative and renewable fuel that is seen as a future substitute to Diesel. WM designs and manufactures fuel systems for specialized applications.

Anthony's passion for engineering manifested at an early age and he decided to attend CMSA because of its robotics program. "I've always been creative and have had a passion for building things," he said. "My love for robots started back in Cuba when



Anthony Galan Barreto, right, and an unidentified friend.



Rogers Parkers Joe and Barbara Moore at the White House holiday party.

my sister gifted me a kit to assemble different vehicles. It was one of the few things I brought from Cuba when we left. It reminds me of where I started and how far I've come."

We congratulate Anthony and wish him all the best!

**A White (House) Christmas...** former 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore had an especially white Christmas as he and his wife, Barbara, had a "magical evening" rubbing shoulders with VIPs at this year's White House Christmas party.

Barbara -- who looked stunning -- was invited in her official capacity as the executive director of Democratic Municipal Officials, a national affiliate of the Demo-

cratic National Committee. It's an organization of Democratic local elected officials nationwide.

This was Barbara's last official act, as she is resigning from the position to join Joe's consulting and lobbying firm.

This was Joe's fourth visit to the White House holiday party (two under Clinton and one under Obama) and Barb's second (Obama was her first). "It never gets old," Joe said. "The decorations are stunning and change every year, with each First Lady adding their own personal touches. You feel as though you are walking through our nation's history each time you're there."

## Back for 2022, 'The Quiz'

BY DR. GERALD WEISBERG, M.D.

who seems like they may want your vehicle  
D) Don't park your vehicle on a Chicago street

**6. What is the legal minimal age to own a gun in Chicago:**

- A) 14
- B) 18
- C) 21
- D) Irrelevant

**7. Who is the early odds-on-favorite to win the 2023 Chicago NASCAR race:**

- A) Joey Logano, winner of the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series championship
- B) Some guy named Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable who drives at least 100 mph on Lake Shore Dr. every Sunday at 3 a.m.
- C) The last Chicago billionaire fleeing south to Florida
- D) Justin Fields trying to avoid the rush

**8. What is the hottest selling apparel fabric in Mag Mile stores:**

- A) Light-weight wool
- B) Leather
- C) Ultra-suede
- D) Kevlar

**9. Which of the following has WNBA Chicago Sky basketball star Candace Parker NOT done:**

- A) Won the college women's player of the year award
- B) Won the WNBA MVP award
- C) Won two Olympic gold medals
- D) Slam dunked Lori Lightfoot

**10. Match the public figure in Column A with the Horseman of the Apocalypse in Column B:**

A	B
David Brown	Pestilence
Kim Foxx	War
Lori Lightfoot	Famine
Toni Preckwinkle	Death

### Bonus Question:

Will this writer be cancelled, and his quiz banned next year for saying "Get out your pencils ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls..."?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Depends on how well you do at the reeducation camp
- D) Shut up you sexist

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.  
Plaintiff,  
v.-  
CHANG H. KIM, MI HUI KIM, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
22 CH 4269  
1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F  
CHICAGO, IL 60610  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 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 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F, CHICAGO, IL 60610  
Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1089

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$398,997.99.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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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.

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For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-01310.

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Attorney File No. 22-01310  
Attorney Code: 18837

Case Number: 22 CH 4269

TJSC#: 42-4204

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Case # 22 CH 4269

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A  
RBS CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
v.-

DOROTHEE A. WEATHERSBY, PARKSIDE OF OLD TOWN MIDRISE LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PARKSIDE OLD TOWN I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants  
2015 CH 06555  
511 W DIVISION #304  
CHICAGO, IL 60610  
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Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4139, Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4347

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A  
RBS CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
v.-

JACQUELINE SMITH, YVONNE FINCH FKA YVONNE SMITH, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE, FSB, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. FKA CAPITAL ONE BANK, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DISCOVER BANK  
Defendants

10 CH 00492  
111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G  
CHICAGO, IL 60611  
NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G, CHICAGO, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 10 CH 00492

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

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Plaintiff,  
v.-

JACQUELINE SMITH, YVONNE FINCH FKA YVONNE SMITH, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE, FSB, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. FKA CAPITAL ONE BANK, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DISCOVER BANK  
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East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St, Chicago IL (312)644-2000, is opening lockers:  
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East Bank Storage located at 730 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 312-876-2000, is opening lockers:  
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7840E- Pleckas, Harris  
7140F- Whaley, Blake  
2060B- Whitaker, Walter  
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a request from ICE to notify the agency, if the county was to release him.

However, at the same time, Cook County officials, led by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and then-Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, implemented a new ordinance directing the sheriff's office to not cooperate with ICE when dealing with prisoners in the country illegally.

Garcia, a congressman who currently represents Illinois' 4th District in the U.S. House of Representatives, is currently considered one of the frontrunners in the race to be the next mayor of Chicago.

When Chavez was released from jail, the request from ICE was ignored and Chavez immediately fled to Mexico, where he remained for 11 years, until he was captured by the FBI this month.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office said Chavez appeared before a judge in Cook County on Dec. 10 and was ordered held in custody without bond. He now faces additional criminal counts related to his decision to flee the U.S.

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## POLICE BEAT from p. 6

### Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Chavez had been wanted by the FBI and Chicago Police for more than a decade.

In 2011, Chavez was charged with aggravated DUI after Chicago Police said he was behind the wheel of a vehicle that struck and killed William "Denny" McCann. According to published reports, Denny McCann, 66, was crossing Kedzie Avenue in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood on June 8, when a Dodge Dart, driven by Chavez, struck McCann.

According to a report published by The Chicago Tribune, a witness to the incident claimed McCann was flung up onto the car's windshield, and then onto the ground, where he was run over and dragged before the car finally came to a stop.

Chavez, who had already completed a two-year probation sentence for a different DUI conviction, was charged with a felony aggravated DUI. A Cook County judge ordered him held on \$250,000 bond, with 10% to apply.

He posted bond in November, and he was allowed to go free. His release came despite

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Bayview Financial Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2004-C, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-C Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ROBERTO GOMEZ, IRMA GOMEZ; CITY OF CHICAGO; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,  
18 CH 1355  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 3, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 24, 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:  
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**STALL** from p. 1

This month, the defendants are also scheduled to pay the remaining sum of \$27 million, as well as any additional charges which may now total hundreds of thousands of dollars.

But right now, neither the courts, lawyers or victims are sure what has happened to all the money.

The two developers, Laytin and Ding, had sought to build a 60-story high-rise on Superior St. but their plan was not approved by the city of Chicago. In Feb. 2021, the pair had agreed in federal court in Feb. 2021 to pay back a group of Chinese investors who had lent them \$50 million. For more than 19 months, defendants had stalled with the repayment.

**LASALLE** from p. 1

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On Oct. 7, Laytin and Ding had finally seemed to have begun the process of returning some of the money with a payment of \$76,877 to the group of Chinese real estate investors who had originally lent the pair their money through the federal EB-5 visa program. Foreigners participate in this program by making a significant financial investment in U.S.-based projects and are fast-tracked towards permanent resident status.

Senior U.S. District Judge Charles P. Kocoras on Sept. 19 had ordered Laytin and Ding to begin the process of returning \$27.5 million to these real estate investors through a series of scheduled payments.

While the failed tower would have been built by Laytin's New York-based Symmetry Property Development company, the

Chinese investors had lent their money to Laytin and Ding as individuals. Upon receipt of their investors' money, both had

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The Chinese real estate investors had each lent \$550,000 to fund construction of what would have been known as Carillon Tower. A total of 89 Chinese real estate investors had lent Laytin and Ding their

money for a total of \$50 million. For most of those participating in EB-5 projects, their investment is a substantial portion of their life's savings.

If Laytin and Ding fail to pay any of the four payments by the due date, court proceedings against them will immediately resume.

In the court documents, Laytin and Ding state they agreed to the order in "good faith, as a voluntary business accommodation to the Plaintiff Class, and not for the purposes of delay, to waste assets or to run out the clock on the various bankruptcy claw-back provisions [the recovery of money already disbursed]."

**LAWSUIT** from p. 1

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to put a school inside the building, but the feedback we got from the board of education was that there was no need," he told Roeder..

The city's guidelines say the Loop's affordable housing should be limited to those earning up to 60% of the area's median income. Under current federal housing standards, the income limit for a family of four would be \$62,520. Some developers contend a more reasonable limit for the Loop would be 80% of the median income, or \$83,350 for the same family.

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The Sun-Times says that one proposal took a different tack. The investment firm Urban Resolve and partners want to turn 400 S. LaSalle, the former headquarters of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, into an esports venue with 226 beds for student housing, a food court and fitness center.

Developer Michael Reschke, a main proponent of revival in the central Loop, submitted plans for 208 S. LaSalle and 111 W. Monroe. While there was a foreclosure suit for 208 S. LaSalle, a city landmark, Reschke said he believes he has reached a settlement with the lender.

He told Roeder the interest in the city's plan is strong and shows that the Loop is an attractive real estate market despite higher vacancies in office and retail space.

"The Loop has seen phenomenal residential growth. It doesn't need a turnaround, but if the city wants to stimulate housing, I think we're all for it," he said. Reschke said he expects the city's program to be "debugged" over the next few months as officials work with developers on requirements for affordable housing.

Reschke is converting the Thompson Center, the former state government center at LaSalle and Randolph streets, into a base

for Google's Chicago employees. The project is seen as vital to getting people back to the central Loop. His deal also calls for moving state employees into the old Harris Bank building at 115 S. LaSalle.

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Samir Mayekar, deputy mayor for economic development, said city agencies will "dig into" the proposals to determine their feasibility and how much TIF support might be justified. The first approvals could be announced in a few months, with some construction possible in 2024.

Aside from TIF, other possible subsidies include tax credits for affordable housing and for improving historic buildings.

The smallest building to draw a proposal was a four-story property at 170 W. Washington. A partnership wants to turn the offices into four homes in a \$2 million renovation.

the threat more credible. The allegation of a specific wrongful threat to destroy Dahlman's home creates an issue of fact concerning whether duress voids the release," Walker said in the appellate opinion.

Walker added: "A reasonably prudent person may also have no suitable alternative when faced with a real threat of homelessness. We find Dahlman's fear that Michalak could persuade other landlords not to rent an apartment to him and his wife may also amount to duress that voids the release."

Walker sent the case back to circuit court for further proceedings.

Dahlman has represented himself in court.

**LAWSUIT** from p. 1

to further "infuriate" Michalak and risk Michalak slandering them to prospective landlords.

As a consequence, Dahlman signed a "Surrender and Release Agreement," in which Dahlman agreed, among other things, to not sue Michalak in connection with their tenant-landlord relationship.

Dahlman said the reason he believed Michalak booted him, was because Loop North News reported on consumer com-

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Dahlman sued Michalak in 2018 in Cook County Circuit Court, asserting Michalak

violated a Chicago city ordinance that deals with business relations between residential tenants and landlords. Specifically, Dahlman contended Michalak improperly retaliated because Dahlman exercised his right to free speech and freedom of the press in reporting on Restaurant.com's problems, which allegedly bothered the Chessicks.

Cook County Judge Lorraine M. Murphy threw out Dahlman's suit, saying Dahlman surrendered his right to sue when he signed the Surrender and Release Agreement.

The appeals panel overrode Murphy, determining Dahlman had a plausible case.

"Dahlman alleged Michalak threatened to 'burn the place down.' Michalak's unlimited access to Dahlman's home made

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