

Newberry Plaza board votes for redevelopment

The vote is in and so are the vote-count doubters

BY RONALD ROENIGK

The combatants in battle between condo owners at Newberry Plaza, 1040 N. State St., have been sent to their corners, with the last round going to the Condo Assoc. president and Board. But the challengers in the 52-story Gold Coast high-rise have not yet tossed in the towel.

A special meeting of the Unit Owners of the Newberry Plaza Condominium Assoc. [NPCA] took place virtually Wednesday, Jan. 13, and at that meeting, “a proposed Newberry Plaza redevelopment plan was overwhelmingly approved by the owners of units representing 73.70% of the total percentage ownership interests,” said the association in a Jan. 14 email.

This battle between residents and unit owners versus their own Board of Directors started in the summer of 2020, and has since spiraled deeper into acrimony, name-calling, online trolling and distrust.

The residents who appear to

have lost this last round call themselves the Newberry Plaza Community Coalition [NPCC]. They oppose a pending deal to transfer part of the building’s common areas to an outside interest who has plans to redevelop it into retail and commercial space.

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NPCC says that based on original working drawings, resident owners are losing 10,145 square feet of real estate, and that their condo association will receive no cash payment for the property which would be transferred through a 99-year lease. The NPCC thinks that at an assumed value of \$1,000 per square foot, over \$10 million in real estate value is being taken from them.

Last summer an attorney was hired by the NPCC to try to slow

things down while unit-owners evaluated the deal.

Another resident said that NPCC does not represent a large portion of unit owners, nor does the NPCA own the space in question. “The condo association does not own the entire building or the garage, so we have to negotiate with the owners of the rest of the building as our building is governed by both our condominium documents as well as reciprocal easement agreements,” says Samuel Williamson, a Newberry Plaza resident for 12 years.

“We have a Board made up of owners with one half elected every year. [They come] from a variety of backgrounds. Some of them are retired and have lived here for a long time and this is their home. The Board meets monthly and listens to the comments of any resident,” said Williamson. “We are in good shape financially, the building is well-maintained, [and the] Board works hard and takes

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Brian Hopkins

Michele Smith

Scott Waguespack

Joint state-of-wards meeting Jan. 28 with aldermen of 2nd, 32nd, 43rd wards

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce is hosting their popular annual state of three wards meeting virtually this year, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28.

Titled Lincoln Park 2021, this online meeting should provide neighbors will news and city updates from aldermen Brian Hop-

kins [2nd], Scott Waguespack [32nd] and Michele Smith [43rd].

Pre-registration is required, which is free to Chamber members but \$10 for guests.

For more information call 773-880-5200, or visit www.lincolnparkchamber.com.



The new bar at Four Seasons Hotel, part of a renovation designed by Rottet Studio. McHugh says one of the challenges was to redesign the bar area so that its plumbing would not interfere with jumbotron televisions on the ceiling of the shopping center located below the hotel.

Photo by McHugh Construction Company

Four Seasons Hotel completes extensive renovation

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

A top to bottom renovation of Four Seasons Hotel Chicago has been completed.

It is the largest renovation of the 347-suite hotel, located on floors 30-46 of 900 N. Michigan, since it opened in 1989, according to McHugh Construction Co., the project’s general contractor.

McHugh says it renovated the hotel’s one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites, two-bedroom and three-bedroom condominium units, Presidential Suite, and a 2,700 square foot luxury suite in the corner of the 46th floor. The old restaurant was gut-rehabbed and turned into a new restaurant called Adorn, the bar of which includes a chandelier made from 1,000 pieces of glass. The project, described by McHugh as “multi-million dollar,” took about one year.

“We have completed nearly every high-end hotel renovation project in the city of Chicago,”

said Kate Ivanova, Vice President of McHugh Construction, “so we were eager to dive in and apply our experience to the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago.”

Nearly 20,000 square feet of stone, including 8,000 square feet for the lobby and restaurant floor, were selected and installed by Chicago-based GI Stone.

“The reception desks had to be elaborately ‘bookmatched,’ a process where multiple slabs are ‘opened up’ and polished on surfaces facing each other to create a mirror image,” explained Sandya Dandamudi, President of GI Stone. “And to match the original stone of the hotel’s grand staircase, we traveled to a quarry in Italy to find the perfect slab.”

McHugh says this is its 16th hotel renovation in Chicago. Other hotels the company has renovated include Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Hyatt Regency Chicago, The Peninsula Chicago, The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, and Waldorf Astoria Chicago.

CPD data show carjackings are soaring even higher in 2021

BY CWBCHICAGO

As bad as Chicago’s carjacking problem was in 2020, it’s even worse so far in the new year, according to data from the Chicago Police Dept.

CPD logged an average of six carjackings per day during the first 10 days of 2021, according to the department’s stats. A source said there were 110 cases by midday on Jan. 15.

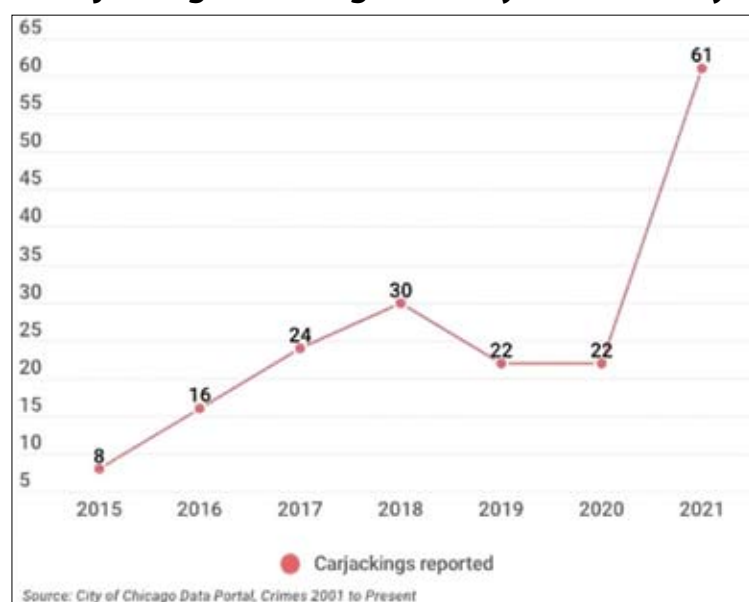
With 61 vehicular hijacking reports logged through the first 10 days of the year, 2021’s carjacking pace is slightly less than three times the levels seen during the same time periods in 2020 and 2019.

While there’s a long road ahead of us, Chicago will see about 2,200 carjackings this year if the pace is allowed to continue. The city had 1,417 cases last year and 603 in 2019.

According to CPD’s data, the city’s hot spots for carjackings during the first ten days of the year were the Austin neighborhood and Wicker Park.

But there have been many, many more carjackings since then. Wicker Park and Bucktown had at least five hijackings reported from Saturday afternoon into

Carjackings in Chicago January 1-10 annually



early Sunday evening. Two more were reported in Lincoln Park on the night of Jan. 15. And a woman successfully foiled an apparent carjacking attempt in Rogers Park on the evening of Jan. 17.

Juveniles are highly involved in carjackings. Unfortunately, Illinois changed the law in 2016 so that arrests for armed carjacking are no longer treated as automatically adult crimes. An effort to change the law I championed in 2018 failed in Springfield. Since

then, carjackings by juveniles have skyrocketed.

In November, we reported about an emerging and troubling trend: Carjackers are luring Uber and Lyft drivers into hijackings by ordering rides on stolen phones. Earlier this month, CPD confirmed our reporting when the department issued a warning about a crime pattern in which ride-hail drivers have been car-

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Wise words not just top 40 hits



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"When a man unprincipled in private life, desperate in his fortune, bold in his temper, ... despotic in his ordinary demeanor, known to have scoffed in private at the principles of liberty—when such a man is seen to mount the hobby horse of popularity—to join in the cry of danger to liberty—to take every opportunity of embarrassing the government and bringing it under suspicion—to flatter and fall in with all the non sense of the zealots of the day—It may justly be suspected that his object is to throw things into confusion that he may 'ride the storm and direct the whirlwind.'" — Alexander Hamilton, 1792

Maria Muldaur was singing "Midnight at the Oasis," and Barbara Streisand was breaking hearts with "The Way We Were." Funny times, 1974.

You may remember it as the Watergate Era? President Richard Milhous Nixon's swan song? Fundamental car wreck of American history.

Unfolding the strangest of times. It's still more creepy than nostalgic.

Under the most bizarre circumstances the Viet Nam War filled every crevice of life. It certainly did if you were just graduating college and could not reason why there was such warfare raging on the planet earth.

Of course the details and mayhem of the actual Watergate events unfolded slowly. Like Masterpiece Theater episodes. But broadcast every night of the week, as it were, once the Watergate Hearings got under way.

Elton John had not yet been

knighted. But he was singing to great applause, "Bennie and the Jets." And no one had yet heard of Princess Diana.

With the congressional hearings it was like we had the keys to the X-ray machine. They showed the official interrogation of the nation's toughest and most important political leaders tied to Nixon. Sworn witnesses, one by one, pulled before the public like wisdom teeth by stunningly brilliant interrogators.

My personal favorite was young Texas U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan. Her voice, alone, became a clarion call of hope and promise. Her Texas accent had what always appeared to me to be a heavy layer of Ivy League brilliance. She was a young, African American lawyer. A rural American and first woman to be elected to the Texas state senate since reconstruction. She was also the first Southern African American woman ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Jim Croce marked the moment singing "Time in a Bottle." Seemed appropriate.

On July 25, 1974, Jordan delivered a 15-minute speech before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee. Her words framed the opening salvo into the impeachment of President Richard Nixon. Many believe that her words shaped one of the most significant speeches of 20th century American history. Her words glued her to the U.S. Constitution. It was with her in her in-depth understanding of the Constitution that she set out to lay the case against Nixon.

Defending the system of checks and balances the Constitution provides, she demonstrated how they assist in inhibiting those who would abuse their power. "Waterloo," sung by Abba, most popular at the time, seemed hauntingly apt.

It was the voice and reason of Barbara Jordan, speaking of "a



Texas U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan

man unprincipled in private life, desperate in his fortune, bold in his temper, ... despotic in his ordinary demeanor, known to have scoffed in private at the principles of liberty," who helped to lift the brokenness of the moment from the shoulders of the American people. So grieved at the sad series of Nixon White House crimes.

In the end Nixon, ever the gentleman, resigned. He spared the nation the panoply of emotion that would have ensued in a full impeachment and removal from office.

I remember Stevie Wonder singing "Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing." Seemed we didn't have to.

But as terrible and broken as that moment was, America had Jordan to help them find and feel solutions. The ultimate American work out.

While the nation was emotionally and psychologically exhausted from the experience of Watergate, our Democratic Republic survived. Despite all the obituaries written to the contrary. Or the predictions proved untrue, naysayers' foolish warnings, or the uncertainties of the loyalties of many.

We survived because Americans were open minded, capable of reason and filled with the ability to absorb the truth and to act with patriotic integrity.

Just when America needed it most, our common sense and reason helped us to find a true American patriot in the struggle. Barbara Jordan redeemed the terror of that moment and America caught sight of the spirit and humanity that first shaped our cause for independence. Our rational understanding of freedom. Our civil perceptions about the role and function of the people's right to govern themselves. Free from the abuse and recklessness of dictators, tyrants, and self-serving rulers.

"Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" lit up the air waves. Thanks, Elton.

The treasure of our democratic way of life continued to flourish on the fresh soil of America. But it had also taught us to guard and defend it when threatened. Whether by the rule of a European despot, or an American tyrant. Or a Quaker's son from Califor-

nia. Our Republic permits us the chance to always start again, freer, more understanding. More sensitive to the needs and necessities of our fellow citizens. More committed to a way of life that we believe heals the wounds of error and bad choice.

Every time we achieve new harmony and growth, we bring to life the spirit of Lexington Green. Saratoga. Ticonderoga and Antietam. Gettysburg and Bull Run. Havana Harbor. The Somme. Ypres. And the Conference at Versailles. The Normandy

Landing. Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal. The challenge, of course, is to articulate in our national character our understanding of the debt we owe the earth. And each other. And the Barbara Jordans and the Richard Milhous Nixons of the world. No citizen is free if all are not free.

No citizen can disregard, as Alexander Hamilton says, "the principals of liberty." So "Put your Hands Together," as the O'Jays sang back then.



Blair Kamin

BLAIR KAMIN: Chicago Tribune architecture critic **Blair Kamin** has announced that after 33 years he is leaving the paper. I hope he's not going far. Chicago is legendary for its voracious architectural appetite. Unlike anywhere else in America. Only the rabid

French and **Prince Charles** complain more when there's something they dislike. In Chicago we languish together, ever since those outhouses along the river where charred during the 1871 Fire. Some thought them works of art. The rest thought them common and vulgar. Flush. And that sent us off to the races. For years we ate steady diets of **Daniel Burnham, Louis Sullivan, Benjamin Marshall.** Getting architecturally plump in the bargain. We slenderized with **Mies van der Rohe, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Frank Lloyd Wright and Thomas Beebe.** All the way to the **Jeanne Gang** bang. Through an important portion of our architectural romp we have been companioned by the wise and erudite Mr. Kamin. His streetwise knowledge and brahmin civility have been generous twin companions on our journey. He has helped to embolden us with sturdy architectural understanding and gentlemanly style. For many he has been architecture itself for us. So we wish him well in his new projects.

And wish we could take him to lunch but for pandemic.

Who knows what the degraded Tribune will do without him. Bigger question is what will Chicago do without him? We need fresh vocabulary and civility. Who knows what travesty the Mayor and City Council may drop on

us? With their small plans. And form that never follows function. Thank you, Mr. Kamin, for your vigilance. Wit. And wondrous synthesis. You're right. Buildings are vessels of human possibility.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: The daily is moving its newsroom from the Prudential Building to the Freedom Center, its printing facility along the Chicago River, at the end of January. Why didn't they skip the detour south and just head to the riverfront after abandoning the landmark Trib Tower?

MANGE. MANGE: After 41 years foodie supreme **Phil Vettel** departs the Chicago Tribune. No full-time critic on food anymore.

Sad. He was a star, and the Tribune is a mess.

THE FIDDLER:

The accomplished Irish concert violinist, **Patricia Treacy**, now in Chicago, was off to Washington DC to serenade the inaugural celebration with her remarkable artistry. Until secu-

city conditions made it almost impossible. Now with 25,000 troops on the ground, she'll still have **President** and **Dr. Biden** dancing jigs in the aisles but in a virtual zoom. She will still sweeten the climate with her emotive sound and elegant gown, but from a safe distance. We hear a stunning bracelet of diamonds is at the ready. And a Stradivarius. But her performance was videoed at Old St. Patrick's Church.

NEW HOME FOR ART: Urban Art critic **Carrie Lannon**

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Rallying to save a community treasure

It's fun to play at the YMCA



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Last Sunday, some 150 or so residents from Rogers Park, West Ridge and other Far North Side neighborhoods lined Touhy and Western avenues, banding together to fight to save one of the community's most cherished institutions, the High Ridge YMCA, 2424 W. Touhy Ave.

Last month, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago abruptly announced that it would permanently close the almost 70-year-old neighborhood treasure. The news stunned neighbors and propelled them into action, with many realizing it would be a huge blow to lose not only a safe community haven, but also what has been called the most diverse Y in the country.

"It would be devastating," said Rogers Parker Mike Thallemer, whose sister and her daughter frequent High Ridge. "The sense of community it brings...it brings

people together who might normally not have the chance. There are less places like this than ever before, especially in this neighborhood."

Neighbor Chris Johnson believes that with effort, the Y could be saved and expanded. It'd be well worth it, she said.

"The Y is a wonderful community resource, a beautiful place that brings people together of all ages, ethnicities and religions who come together in a happy, healthy way," said Johnson. "And right in the middle of darker days they want to close it?"

Some 200 community members, school reps, and elected officials all agreed during a Jan. 12 Zoom meeting that High Ridge Y must be saved. YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago representatives, who apparently had originally planned on attending, pulled out of the meeting when they saw its attendance size, preferring, they said, to be in a smaller group setting, an offer they say remains open.

I wish that everyone could have a place like the High Ridge Y in their community. Perhaps we, its neighbors, have taken it a bit for granted. After all, it has always been here for us. Or it seems that way anyway.

The High Ridge Y and its many programs have long been a saving



Mike Thallemer and Anna Sharp both said places like the Y are needed more than ever now, especially in Rogers Park.

grace for the various people who live around it. Working families need it for Head Start, after school programs and summer camp. Immigrants and refugees and elders use it, as do teens and people of all races, sizes and colors. They get along, side -by -side, using every nook and cranny of that building. It's a multi-generational, multi-ethnic community hub.

High Ridge Y saves lives in more ways than one. For some, it is life. It's their gathering place, where they've made friends and

are accepted for who they are.

And then, there are the oh-so urgent, life-saving swim lessons. After all, we do live on a lake.

Every single person I spoke to at the rally mentioned swim lessons at High Ridge Y. My three kids, now in their 30s, all went to swim class there starting at about six months old. We had wonderful, safe, birthday pool parties. Thanks to the Y, my offspring are all excellent swimmers.

Sue Ontiveros has been a High Ridge Y member for almost 30

years and is part of the recently-formed Save the High Ridge YMCA Coalition. You name the hour and she says she has been there taking a class, working out in the fitness room, swimming. Her son, now 32, took his first swim lessons there at 18-months-old, went to the now-shuttered preschool, day camp, before/after school, boxed there, even worked there as a trainer for a few years. And now that she is retired, Ontiveros was enjoying the senior classes until the pandemic hit.

"The idea that there might be no High Ridge anymore just doesn't seem possible," said Ontiveros. "We are communities that sit on a Great Lake. The children here need nearby, affordable swim lessons."

"And that wonderful Head Start program there!" Ontiveros exclaimed. "What a fabulous resource that has been for working parents of modest means. I think of the immigrants, refugees and the lonely souls who've found a community at High Ridge and what they will be losing and honestly, it brings tears to my eyes."

Members on and off for the last 15 years, Anne Igoe and her daughter, Annie, came out because they're concerned about the negative impact the closing

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Spacca Napoli wins top Italian restaurant award



Spacca Napoli Pizzeria, 1769 W. Sunnyside Ave.

In December, Gambero Rosso released their annual Top Italian Restaurants guide for 2021— including their list of best Italian Restaurants in the world. One of 15 top honorees for 2021 is Spacca Napoli Pizzeria, 1769 W. Sunnyside Ave., who in 2017 was also presented Gambero Rosso's Best Pizza in Chicago Award.

Owner Jon Goldsmith, a certified pizzaiuolo opened the Ravenswood-area restaurant with his wife, Ginny Sykes, in 2006.

In February they will celebrate Spacca Napoli's 15th anniversary.

Spacca Napoli's pizza is faithful to the authentic Neapolitan style, also known as Naples-style pizza. It must be made with either San Marzano tomatoes or Pomodoro del Piennolo del Vesuvio, which grow on the volcanic plains to the south of Mount Vesuvius, and Mozzarella di Bufala Campana, a protected designation of origin cheese made with the

milk from water buffalo raised in the marshlands of Campania and Lazio in a semi-wild state, or "Fior di Latte di Agerola," a cow milk mozzarella made exclusively in the Agerola comune.

Gambero Rosso is an Italian food and wine magazine and publishing group. Its name translates as "red prawn" and comes from a tavern in the Pinocchio tale where the Fox and the Cat dine.



Rogers Parker Annie Igoe uses the Y for family swim, swim lessons and open gym.



Maria Salgado and her daughters, Nala and Kashi.



Left to right: Sherry Legare, David Roche, Chris Johnson and teenager David Roche all show their support for the Y.

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would have on the community. "We use it for family swim, swim lessons, open gym and Zumba," Igoe said.

Extremely troubled about the closing is the co-founder of the Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety, Halle Quezada. High Ridge Y is "one of the few pools community members have access to for swim lessons, which is so important as our young people also have access to the lake," said Quezada, a West Ridge resident.

"In terms of water safety, we need to be expanding access to layers of protection against drowning," said Quezada. "The ability to flip and float is a layer of protection that will travel with you wherever you go, so in many ways it is the most important. Having a pool that is deeply familiar with the community matters, and now with heightened attention to the High Ridge YMCA it is the time to double down on creative ways to expand membership and programming for the safety of our young people."

On Sunday, YMCA spokesperson Man-Yee Lee released a state-

ment saying High Ridge Y would close its doors at the end of business on Jan. 29.

The statement said the overwhelming economic stress caused by the coronavirus pandemic put an enormous financial strain on the organization and it can no longer identify a path to sustainability for the center.

"Like many other community organizations throughout the Chicago area, our nonprofit has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, making this past year the most financially challenging ever in the 160-plus year history of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago," Lee said in the statement. "We experienced significant financial losses last year and will again this year."

It went on to say that the Y's 2020 revenues were tens of millions of dollars below 2019.

Federal government relief was sought, but because the Y is an organization of more than 500 employees, it was deemed "too large" to be eligible. That led the organization to make some "extremely difficult decisions," including closing three other Chicago-area centers in 2020.

Lee said despite efforts, High Ridge Y has experienced significant declines in both membership and program enrollment for several years, resulting in operating losses. Membership at the end of 2020 was just half of what it was seven years ago, he said. The facility has been at the end of its useful life since before the pandemic, with current deferred maintenance needs valued at \$3 million.

"Knowing how much the community values the High Ridge YMCA's programs and services, we sought to keep the center operational despite its many challenges," Lee said. "Unfortunately, given these challenges combined with the enormous financial strain on our association over these past several months, we decided with regret to close the facility."

The YMCA continues to serve the community through various programs at Daniel Boone and Hayt elementary schools, Lee said. "We look forward to continuing that work and hope to find other ways to serve the area in the future," said Lee. "We are also offering current High Ridge Y members a six-month complimentary membership at any of our locations starting Jan. 30, 2021."

Now I don't know about the Metropolitan YMCA of Greater Chicago finances, but I do know that when the New City development replaced the New City YMCA at 1515 N. Halsted St., the property sold for like \$54 million. That Y, disposed of in 2007, was like a tale of two cities -- it not only catered to wealthy Lincoln Parkers but also to the struggling residents of Cabrini Green. Yet when Cabrini-Green toppled so did New City Y membership and Y officials took advantage of the area's red hot prices and sold the



Oscar Mayer Wienermobile is in town now looking for hot dogs to drive their big four-wheeled weiner. Applications close Jan. 31 and will not reopen until next year.

property even though they told the community that the Y would be staying. No other Y was opened in that area, and the \$54 million was to be sunk into Y programs in needier areas throughout the city.

I'm sure High Ridge Y would have loved to see a few of those big bucks, and maybe they even did. (I can only imagine what several mil invested there back in 2007 could have produced).

Meanwhile, places like High Ridge are desperately needed in this day and age, said community member Anna Sharp.

"I think it's a wonderful place," said Sharp. "We need this kind of place more than ever."

West Ridge resident Maria Salgado's daughters, Nala and Kashi, also learned to swim at High Ridge. "I was a member for two years before the pandemic hit and then I stopped going," said Salgado. "If I had known they were having a hard time financially I'd have done my payment anyway."

David Roche was there to support his grandson, also named David Roche, who is on the Y's Dolphins swim team. The young-

er Roche, 14, has been perusing High Ridge Y since he was about six.

"I think it's awful they're closing," the teen said. "I've met so many great people here and had fun. I'm sure we can do something."

Hot diggity dog... Zachary Chatham, professionally known as 'Zach n Cheese' and his partner, Ketchup Katie, are in Chicago through Monday looking for the next class of 'bunderful' people to drive the iconic Oscar Mayer Wienermobile!

While here, the pair will be doing anything from birthday parties to food truck festivals. Not only are they taking 'buns and buns' of requests from their 'Frank Fanatics' but they're also on the hunt for the next group of Wienermobile drivers. I know you'd love to be an Oscar Mayer wiener, but since you can't, driving the Wienermobile is the next best thing.

Applications close Jan. 31 and will not re-open until next year. For more info, email zachary.chatham@kraftheinz.com.

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One of Nicholas Gouletas' projects was a conversion to the serpentine River City Condos overlooking the Chicago River in the South Loop. It is one of the few housing projects offering privately owned boat dockage near downtown.

Final closing for condo-conversion king

Nicholas Gouletas, dead at 82... sold over 45,000 units



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Chicago's condo-conversion king—the late Nicholas S. Gouletas—was a shrewd, self-made businessman who also was a kid at heart. He loved juke boxes, antique Rolls Royce automobiles and festive

condo sell-out celebration parties in Greek Town.

Gouletas, CEO and chairman of American InvSCO—the nation's largest condo converter, sold more than 45,000 units valued at \$12 billion in 140 projects in 40 markets since 1969. Gouletas attended his last great closing on Jan. 8, when at age 82 he died of congestive heart failure.

A Greek immigrant who got his start in sales marketing Colliers encyclopedias door-to-door, Gouletas loved to tell the story about how in the early 1970s he purchased a high-rise at 2400 N. Lakeview. The glassy 264-unit Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed building overlooking Lake Michigan and the lagoons of Lincoln Park, only steps from the world-famous Lincoln Park Zoo.

“When I was a child, I'd help my father sell ice cream from a pushcart on the corner of Fullerton and Lakeview avenues,” Gouletas recalled. “Who'd ever guess one day I'd be selling high-rise condos on the corner?” asked Gouletas, who claimed he found a four-leaf clover in front of the building.

In the early 1970s Chicagoans could buy a studio apartment at 2400 N. Lakeview for \$16,900, one-bedroom units for \$24,000, and two-bedroom layouts for \$40,000.

Gouletas spent \$250,000 to lovingly restore the two-story glass-walled and marble lobby and common areas of the building to look the way Mies originally planned them—furnished with plush Oriental carpets and leather and chrome Barcelona chairs. Joseph Fujikawa, the architect's chief assistant, was hired as a consultant for the redesign of the 262-unit 2400 N. Lakeview.

Later, Gouletas would buy and convert such Chicago landmarks as the 867-unit Lake Point Tower, the curved, glassy skyscraper overlooking Navy Pier, the serpentine River City in the South Loop, Ontario Place in River North, and 111 E. Chestnut on Michigan Ave., where he spent \$1-million to refurbish the lobby with marble and fancy brass elevator doors. He even sold a condo there to the late Mayor Jane Byrne.

In 1977 at the 862-unit Imperial Towers, 29-story twin high-rises at 4250 N. Marine



Nicholas Gouletas did a condo-conversion on the 867-unit Lake Point Tower, the only Chicago skyscraper east of Lake Shore Dr.

Dr., Gouletas handed out price discounts of 15% below appraised levels to the tenants, while off-the-street buyers received 5% price breaks.

Gouletas ordered that \$1-million be spent to upgrade common areas at Imperial Towers, including the development's landscaping and Japanese-style gardens.



Nicholas S. Gouletas

Excelling at teaching his sales staff the “art of closing the deal,” he told them never take no for an answer. Renters who were reluctant to sign sales contracts received gift fruit baskets and invitations to lavish parties. The philosophy communicated to apartment dwellers was “Buy or Good Bye.”

“Condo-price discounts always make the units more attractive and lead to a rapid sellout of the building,” noted Gouletas, who listed Donald Trump as a personal friend and attended the 2006 lavish grand opening party of Trump Tower in Chicago.

In the late 1970s, Gouletas hosted a legendary party for more than 100 sales people at the Greek Islands restaurant on Halsted St. to celebrate his team's successes.

On that joyful evening, Gouletas invited this reporter to hop into his limo for a ride to Meigs Field. Then, we flew up and down Lake Shore Dr. in the Condo King's private

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City announces \$8.9 million in debt forgiveness from utility bills

Despite the city's own financial woes, City Hall has set aside \$8.9 million to use for potential debt forgiveness for eligible homeowners enrolled in the Chicago Utility Billing Relief [UBR] Program, a debt relief initiative that reduces the cost of water, sewer, and water-sewer tax portions of City utility bills for low-income Chicago residents.

Launched in April 2020, the City has already cut in half the water utility bills for 8,539 UBR participants, and the City anticipates setting aside more forgivable utility debt in 2021 as more qualified customers sign up for the program. Additionally, UBR Program enrollees are eligible for total debt forgiveness on their past due balance — an important step in helping residents with a viable plan to resolve their overdue bills.

The UBR program provides low-income residents with a 50% reduced rate on their water, sewer, and water-sewer taxes, as well as debt forgiveness on their outstanding utility balance for those who pay the

reduced rate for one year. Over the course of the year, customers are not required to make any payments on their set aside balance and collection and shut-off activity is suspended during enrollment. Since implementation in April, UBR enrollees have averaged \$1,044 in outstanding utility debt set aside.

UBR Program participants can be illegal undocumented aliens but must reside in the city of Chicago, must be a homeowner who resides in a single-family home or two-flat; the homeowner's name must appear on the utility bill; and, income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, i.e., the 30-day income for a family of four cannot exceed \$4,367.

Homeowners are encouraged to check their eligibility at www.chicago.gov/ubr and follow the prompts to complete the income verification process. Residents can also contact the City's Utility Billing & Customer Service Center at 312-744-4426 or utilitybill@cityofchicago.org to learn more.

Our Lady of Lourdes may learn its fate Friday

After months of discussion, parishioners now await the decision of Cardinal Cupich regarding the best configuration for parishes in their North Side grouping (Saint Benedict, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Mary of the Lake parishes).

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 4640 N. Ashland, is believed to be on the Archdiocese of Chicago's chopping block.

Residents who care to join in on the

decision are encouraged to be on a public call with Bishop Bartosic in which the announcement will be made at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

Call participants will need to register through the Archdiocese's online form, or visit www.renewmychurch.org/decisions/ parish-announcements for more information.



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Parking meter rates now higher

Parking meter legislation passed last year that went into effect in the New Year will drive up meter rates. The cost for the \$2-per-hour zone will now be \$2.25 per hour. Rates in the \$4 zones (North Ave. south to the Chicago River) are now \$4.50 and rates in the \$6.50 zone (in the Loop) are \$7.

All parking meter revenue now goes to a private company, Chicago Parking Meters, LLC., who raked in \$138.7 million in 2019. All told, through 2019, private in-

vestors have earned \$1.5 billion, which is \$500 million more than their initial, \$1.15 billion investment under the sale of the city's meters negotiated by former mayor Richard M. Daley. There are still 63 more years to go on that deal before it expires.

The numbers for parking meter revenue in 2020 have not yet been released but are expected to have dropped due to the pandemic.

The increase in parking changes will come at the same time as

a new congestion tax is being collected.

That ordinance increases a fee on single-passenger rides using ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft from 72¢ to \$3 for rides in and out of downtown on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The ordinance also raises that fee to \$1.25 for rides to and from neighborhoods, while decreasing the fee on multi-passenger (or "pool") rides to 65¢.

U.S. Supreme Court: City Hall can keep impounded vehicles even after you file bankruptcy

BY SCOTT HOLLAND
Cook County Record

The U.S. Supreme Court has said people can't use a bankruptcy filing to prevent the city of Chicago from retaining vehicles impounded over unpaid parking tickets and other fees.

The issue dates to a 2016 ordinance granting Chicago the power to impound and hold vehicles if the city deemed the owners owed too much money in unpaid fines and fees. Four debtors — identified as Robbin Fulton, Timothy Shannon, George Peake and Jason Howard — owed between \$5,600 and \$13,000 in unpaid tickets and fees, including the impound fees charged by the city, and asked the city to return their vehicles after they filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection.

Several federal bankruptcy court judges ruled the city couldn't "ignore the Bankruptcy Code" and "continue to hold a debtor's vehicle until the debtor pays her outstanding parking tickets." In June 2019 the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld those rulings.

The appellate panel noted the city never asked bankruptcy judges to expedite claims to unpaid debts, and said bankruptcy law puts the onus on a creditor to ask the court for protection, as opposed to obligating the debtor to sue. It further rejected the city's attempt to invoke its police powers, saying seizing vehicles for unpaid parking tickets has little to do with law enforcement's charge to protect the public.

"We are persuaded that, on balance, this is an exercise of revenue collection more so than police power," the appellate judges said.

The city took the case to the Supreme Court, however, and found a more favorable audience there.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote the court's 6-0 opinion, issued Jan. 14. The case had been argued on Oct. 13. Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who had formerly served on the Seventh Circuit court and who only recently joined the Supreme Court, took no part in the decision.

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Saying the city's policy amounted to "mere retention of property" after a bankruptcy filing, Alito explained federal bankruptcy law serves a debtor's interest "by protecting the estate from dismemberment, and it also benefits creditors as a group by preventing individual creditors from pursuing their own interests to the detriment of the others."

Acknowledging the potential for ambiguity in interpreting the Bankruptcy Code's Section 362 language regarding the automatic stay provision concerning the estate created at the time of a bankruptcy filing, Alito pointed to Section 542, which "expressly governs the turnover of estate property" and does so in the city's favor.

In keeping the cars, Alito explained, the city isn't exercising

control over the property. It is just preserving the status quo at the time of the bankruptcy filing. Taking the view of the vehicle owners, he continued, would force the city to surrender property otherwise exempt from turnover under Section 542 as it is "of inconsequential value or benefit to the estate."

Justice Sotomayor agreed, writing section 362 "does not cover a creditor's passive retention of property lawfully seized prebankruptcy." But she added the court didn't determine when that section's other provisions might make a creditor return property or whether the city was in compliance.

"Regardless of whether the city's policy of refusing to return impounded vehicles satisfies the letter of the Code, it hardly comports with its spirit," Sotomayor wrote.

Peake, for instance, wanted his car back so he could keep driving to work in Joliet, Sotomayor noted. The car was worth about \$4,300, but lacking reliable transportation resulted in a loss of income and therefore jeopardized Peake's ability to pay off all his creditors, including the city.

"Bankruptcy courts are not powerless to facilitate the return of debtors' vehicles to their owners," Sotomayor wrote.

The Court vacated the Seventh Circuit's opinion and sent the cases back for further proceedings.

City to start ticketing again at School and Park zones

The City of Chicago has issued a warning that starting on March 1, they will again be ticketing speeders in Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Children's Safety Zones located near schools and parks starting at 6 MPH over the speed limit.

The new enforcement threshold comes in response to what the city claims is an increase in speeding and motor vehicle fatalities.

Owners of vehicles that are caught speeding 6 to 10 MPH over the speed limit in a speed enforcement zone during enforcement hours will receive a warning by mail until March 1. After that tickets will be issued for vehicles traveling over the speed limit.

If a vehicle owner has never previously received an ASE ticket, they will receive a zero-dollar notice of violation for the first ticket. Depending on the individual situation a vehicle owner can expect fines of \$35 for vehicles traveling 6-10 MPH over the speed limit and \$100 for vehicles traveling at 11 MPH and above over the speed limit.

Under Chicago's ASE program, the City has had a policy of only issuing tickets to drivers going 10 or more miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Under Mayor's orders that threshold has been lowered to 6 MPH.

Despite people driving considerably less due to the economic lockdown, through the end of 2020, the city claims that the total traffic fatalities are up by 45%, with 139 fatalities, 43 more deaths than 2019. Looking just at fatal crashes involving people in motor vehicles, fatalities are up 77%, from 52 to 92.

Under Chicago's ASE program, Children's Safety Zones may be designated within 1/8th of a mile from Chicago parks or schools. Currently ASE cameras are activated at the following North Side zones:

Frances Xavier School:

11 E. and 14 and 19 W. Chicago, **Welles Park:** 4433 and 4436 N.

Western, and 4432 N. Lincoln

Warren Park:

6523 N. Western Ave.

Horner Park: 2721 W. Montrose, 2705 and 2712 W. Irving Park

Challenger Park: 4429 and 4446 N. Broadway

Schaefer Park: 2432 and 443 N. Ashland, 2448 N. Clybourn Ave.

Lane Tech High School:

3521 and 3534 N. Western

Burley Elementary School:

3111 and 3130 N. Ashland Ave.

Burr School: 1635 and

1638 N. Ashland Ave.

Senn Park: 5885 N. Ridge Ave.

Online Community Emergency Response Team training

The Office of Emergency Management and Communications [OEMC] has announcing a first-time virtual Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] training program.

The training is free of charge to all interested participants, this new course engages users through an online platform utilized to complete 12 hours of virtual CERT training followed by 16 hours of in-person, hands on

training sessions.

Due to COVID-19, hands-on training will be scheduled in Spring/Summer 2021. Chicago residents can sign up for this class by visiting the following website to create a free account: <https://cert.hazready.com/HazReady/Home>. Once an account has been created, register for the following class: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 2020.1.3.

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Police Beat...

Lincoln Park burglar caught red-handed with stolen jewelry, rifle

Police caught a Lincoln Park burglar red-handed as he crawled down a high-rise residential building’s fire escape with stolen property — including a rifle, prosecutors said this weekend.

Cops responded to the building at 399 W. Fullerton after a resident reported that their neighbor’s unit was being burglarized around 9 p.m. Thursday. Police



David Walthall

found broken glass on a rear patio area and even saw the man crawl out of a broken apartment window with a bag of booty, according to prosecutors.

The man allegedly dropped the bag as he came down the rear fire escape. Police arrested David Walthall, age 41, when he got to the bottom, prosecutors said during his bond court hearing Saturday.

Police allegedly found jewelry, ID cards belonging to the occupant of the burgled residence, and a 22-caliber rifle inside the discarded bag. The total value of the goods was estimated to be \$2,000.

Catalytic converter thieves fire shots, brandish gun in separate incidents

Catalytic converter thieves fired shots after a victim caught them in the act on the city’s Northwest Side Jan. 15. And on Jan. 14, another catalytic converter theft crew threatened a man with a gun when he caught them under his daughter’s car in West Ridge.

As you probably know, catalytic converter thieves use saws to remove the devices from under parked vehicles, then sell them for \$100 to \$200 each at scrapyards. The parts are especially valuable because they contain expensive metals.

But these two reports, which were documented by police, suggest that the ubiquitous theft crews are ready to do more than steal car parts – and people may want to think twice before confronting the thieves on their own.

Around 2:50 a.m. Friday, a man tried to record an auto theft crew on his phone as they took a catalytic converter from a Toyota Prius in the 7100 block of N. Mason.

One of the three offenders then fired shots, and the thieves sped away in a white 4-door car. No one was injured, but police found two shell casings and the crew’s car jack, which was left behind.

On Thursday, a West Ridge man caught a two-man crew stealing the catalytic converter from his daughter’s car on the 6400 block of N. Sacramento around 5:35 a.m. The thieves displayed a handgun and fled southbound on Sacramento in a red Chevy Impala.

Since Jan. 13, police have responded to several calls of catalytic converter thefts in progress on the North and Far North Sides.

On Jan. 13, a crew was seen operating near the intersection of Giddings and Hamilton in Lincoln Square around 6:30 a.m. Those

thieves were getting around in a dark-colored Dodge Charger.

Around 4:20 a.m. Jan. 16, catalytic converter thieves were back in West Ridge. A witness reported seeing them sawing parts off a white Chrysler in the 6300 block of N. Bell. The offenders fled in a Dodge minivan, the witness said.

Group beats, robs man in Mag Mile parking garage

Five men beat, robbed, and stole property from a man’s car Jan. 15 inside a parking garage on the Magnificent Mile, police said. A source said the group tried to take his vehicle, too, but that effort failed.

According to CPD, the five offenders got out of a black Honda CR-V that was parked inside the garage at 120 E. Walton and approached the man as he tried to get into his own car around 7:45 p.m.

They began pushing and punching the man throughout his body, and one of the offenders went into the back seat of the victim’s car to take a bag.

The victim, who experienced head and rib pain, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition. No arrests have been made. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Two armed carjackings reported in Lincoln Park shortly after alderman announces anti-carjacking webinar

Shortly after 5 p.m. Jan. 15, Lincoln Park Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] sent an email to her constituents to announce a community forum about the city’s out-of-control carjacking problem.

Within two hours, her ward racked up two more armed carjackings.

Just before 7 p.m., a 27-year-old woman and a 31-year-old man were sitting inside a Chrysler 300 on the 1100 block of W. Montana when two men walked up on both sides of the car, police said.

According to CPD, the offender on the passenger side pulled out a handgun and ordered the couple out of the car. They complied, and the carjackers drove away with their vehicle.

The carjackers drove the Chrysler to the 400 block of W. Roslyn Plc., where they carjacked another driver’s gray Audi Q5. They drove away with the new car, followed by an accomplice in a dark-colored Dodge Charger. The Chrysler was left behind.

The Audi and Dodge were last seen heading onto southbound Lake Shore Dr. from Fullerton. Police evidence technicians processed the Chrysler, which is being returned to its owner.

Police did not release descriptions of the carjackers.

“This carjacking surge is unacceptable,” Ald. Smith told her constituents just two hours before the latest hijackings unfolded. “Since Dec. 15, we have received 12 police alerts about 58 carjackings occurring in every corner of the city.”

Smith said her office will host an online community forum about carjackings at 6 p.m. on February 2. The CPD’s chief of detectives, the 18th and 19th police districts’ commanders, and a representative from the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office will be participating, the alderman said.

Two Rogers Park robberies in about 15 minutes

Police are investigating two robberies that unfolded in about 15 minutes Jan. 15 in Rogers Park. No arrests have been made. Police believe the same duo is responsible for both crimes, which were reported around 11:45 a.m.

In one case, a man displayed a handgun and robbed a man near the corner of Glenwood and Arthur. The offender then ran to a silver SUV with a female driver that was waiting near-

by. The vehicle sped away through the west alley of Glenwood, according to the victim

Around the same time, Loyola police found another robbery victim on the 1200 block of W. Columbia. The victim said a man robbed them and then fled to the silver or gray SUV, which was waiting on Sheridan. It then went westbound on Albion.

The main suspect is a Black male in his late teens who stands about 5’-6” tall and weighs about 150 lbs. He wore a white or gray hoodie.

Earlier Friday morning, another man reported being robbed a little farther north near Paulina and Jarvis. The victim told police he was walking northbound on Paulina when the man walked up, displayed a gun, and took his iPhone and cash around 6:45 a.m.

The suspect is a Black male who stands about 5’11” and weighs about 170 lbs. He was last seen southbound on Paulina wearing a dark jacket and a dark mask.

Up to 7 attackers are beating, robbing people in Rogers Park

A group of up to seven young men is attacking and robbing people during the afternoon and early evening hours in Rogers Park, police said. The group has targeted at least five victims last week.

CPD issued a community alert about the crime pattern Jan. 14.

During the crimes, between five and seven offenders walk up to victims and usually kick and punch the victims in the face, police said. They demand wallets and take backpacks.

The first robbery took place in the 1600 block of W. Howard around 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 8.

On Jan. 10, another victim was targeted in the 7700 block of N. Ashland around 5:30 p.m.

Two cases were reported Jan. 12: A 26-year-old man was beaten and robbed in the 1300 block of W. Jarvis at 2:35 p.m., and another man was targeted in the 1400 block of W. Morse around 6:30 p.m.

Most recently, a man was beaten and robbed by the group as he tried to enter his apartment building in the 7200 block of N. Greenview at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13.

Police said all of the suspects are Black males between 15- and 20-years-old. One wore a red hoodie, another wore a black hoodie, and a third wore a dark vest with a red hoodie. CPD did not release further information about the other four suspects.

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263.

Lakeview High student charged with killing man during December carjacking

A Lakeview High School student chased down and fatally shot a man after he could not operate the victim’s SUV during a carjacking attempt in Bridgeport last month, prosecutors said on Jan. 13.

Denroy Garcia, 16, is charged with first-degree murder, murder while committing a forcible felony, and aggravated vehicular hijacking in connection with Shuai Guan’s death during a carjacking on the 3000 block of S. Union in Bridgeport on Dec. 21.

Police arrested Garcia shortly after the murder, and prosecutors subsequently charged him with committing three other armed vehicular hijackings and vehicle thefts in November and December, Assistant State’s Attorney James Murphy said.

During the bond hearing, Guan, 33, parked his Jeep Cherokee near his home around 6:10 p.m. to check his mailbox. While he was at the box, a Subaru Outback and an Audi A3 pulled up. Garcia got out of one of the cars, approached Guan, and demand-

ed his keys, Murphy said.

Guan complied and went into a nearby alley, where he called 911. Murphy said Guan remained on the phone with a 911 operator until after he was fatally shot.

Garcia got into the Jeep, and the engine revved because he didn’t know how to put the SUV into drive. Unable to operate Guan’s car, Garcia returned to the Subaru, put it in drive, and chased Guan down the alley, followed by the Audi, Murphy said.

Guan told the 911 operator that he was being chased. A “large crashing noise” is then heard on a recording of the call before Guan begins pleading for help, Murphy said. Three shots rang out. One struck Guan, who fell to the ground and died a short time later. Police found Guan in the alley, face-up, with his pants pockets turned inside-out.

Later that night, cops saw the Subaru parked and running with Garcia behind the wheel and a second person in the passenger seat. Police arrested him after a short foot chase. The Audi was also recovered at the scene.

Data from Garcia’s phone shows he had a habit of putting the device into airplane mode before he committed carjackings and other crimes, Murphy said. Despite those alleged efforts to cover his tracks, police were able to use cellular data to put him in the area of Guan’s murder, according to Murphy.

Investigators reportedly tested the hoodie Garcia was wearing at the time of his arrest, and it came back positive for gunshot residue. Murphy said the hoodie also matches the one that Guan’s killer is seen wearing on surveillance video of the crime. A DNA test allegedly matched Garcia to genetic material found on an iced tea can recovered from the Audi.

Police warn of suspicious man near Welles Park

Police are warning people about a man who made lewd remarks and followed a group of teenage girls near Welles Park on Jan. 12. The man did not touch any of the girls and no crime was committed, police said.

According to CPD, the man approached the girls near the park at 2333 W. Sunnyside around 4:54 p.m. and then followed them to the 2200 block of W. Cullom while making “lewd and inappropriate comments.”

When the girls entered a building to get help, he stayed outside for a short time.

Police described him as White and in his mid-20’s. He wore a green winter hat with a ball on top, a multi-colored scarf, puffy down jacket, and red and black checkered pants.

Anyone with information about him can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261 about case JE-110915.

Woman carjacked at Moody Bible Institute; suspect detained

One suspect is in custody after a 20-year-old woman was carjacked at gunpoint on a parking lot at Moody Bible Institute on the Near North Side Jan. 13. A second offender remains at large.

Two men approached the woman while displaying a handgun on the parking lot at 300 W. Walton around 8:30 p.m., according to a CPD report. They ordered her to get out of her Honda CR-V and drove away.

But, they also took the woman’s phone and police were able to track pings from the device to locate her car about 30 minutes later in the Englewood neighborhood.

Police conducted a traffic stop on the car and took the lone occupant into custody. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Armed carjackings reported in Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Edgewater

Armed carjackers stole five cars in four separate crimes stretching from the Gold Coast to West Town and Lincoln Park to Edgewater Jan. 12. Three of the five hijacked vehicles are Dodge Chargers, most are rental cars, and at least three have out-of-state license plates.

The night’s first carjacking was reported around 6 p.m. on the 1400 block of N. Dearborn in the Gold Coast. Four men arrived in two vehicles and took the victim’s dark gray Dodge Charger rental car bearing New York plates at gunpoint, according to a CPD report.

One of the two cars that the offenders arrived in was located a few minutes later on the first block of W. Schiller. The orange Volkswagen, which had a flat tire and a Florida license plate, was previously reported stolen.

About 30 minutes later, a 61-year-old man was carjacked in the 2700 block of N. Pine Grove in Lincoln Park, according to police. The victim told police he was sitting in his car in the alley when three masked men walked up on both sides of his car and ordered him out. According to the victim, one of the offenders exposed an AR15-style rifle that he had concealed under his coat. The victim said a white sedan followed his car as the hijackers drove away.

Then, around 7:40 p.m., two men exited a silver or gray Dodge Charger and ordered a 50-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman out of their brand new 2020 Range Rover Velar in the 1500 block of W. Huron. Both carjackers displayed handguns, one of which had a green laser sight attached, the victims said. The offenders took the victims’ wallets and cellphones before driving away with the luxury SUV, which bears Michigan temporary plates.

Finally, at 8:40 p.m., a group of hijackers took two cars from a couple on the 1000 block of W. Hollywood in Edgewater. Once again, the victims said the hijackers displayed an assault-style rifle and handguns.

The 27-year-olds were sitting in a black 2021 Dodge Charger rental car when three offenders stepped out of a Jeep Cherokee and forced them from the vehicle, according to CPD.

Police said the robbers collected valuables from the victims, including keys to the woman’s orange 2020 Dodge Charger rental car, which was nearby. The hijackers then drove away with both cars and left the Jeep Cherokee behind.

Unlock the phone robber

Police are warning residents of Rogers Park and Edgewater about recent robberies, where the offender approaches the victim as the victim is walking, displays a handgun and demands money from the victim. The offender then demands the victim’s phone and orders the victim to unlock his or her phone or change the password.

Recent incidents include one on the 1200 block of W. Thorndale Ave. 7 p.m. Jan. 13, and a second on the 1600 block of W. Jarvis Ave. on 6:45 p.m. Jan. 15.

The offender is described as a male, Black, 20-30 years old, 5’-11” to 6’-1” in height, medium complexion, wearing a black mask and dark jacket.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

Woman charged in 7-Eleven robbery spree, male suspect at large

A two-person robbery team scored nearly \$10,000 worth of tobacco products, alcohol, and cash as they robbed four convenience stores in under an hour Jan. 14, prosecutors said Saturday.

The one-hour crime spree is part of a larger pattern involving 7-Eleven store robberies in the Loop, West Loop, River North, and Avondale.

On Thursday evening, a Ford Expedition that detectives linked to the crime spree was spotted in traffic by police officers near Halsted and Monroe. Cops stopped the vehicle and arrested its driver, Jessica Short, 21.

Short is now charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and two counts of felony robbery in connection with the hold-ups. Her alleged co-offender remains, but prosecutors said Short identified him for detectives.

Around 7:50 a.m., a man and woman entered the 7-Eleven at 343 N. LaSalle. As the woman, allegedly Short, talked to the clerk about pizza options, a man went behind the counter and filled a large bag with \$2,300 worth of cigarettes, cigars, and liquor, prosecutors said.

About 20 minutes later, the same duo allegedly entered the 7-Eleven at 567 W. Lake. The man forced his way behind the



During a one-hour crime spree, Jessica Short, 21, and her companion allegedly robbed four convenience stores in under an hour Jan. 14.

register, directed the employee into a back room, and ordered the worker not to push the alarm. He then collected \$564 worth of cigarettes that he placed into a grocery bag.

The duo popped up again at 8:30 a.m. in Avondale, where they targeted two stores in about 15 minutes.

At the 3600 W. Belmont location, the man pushed a clerk and claimed to have a firearm when the employee tried to stop him from taking \$2,800 worth of cigarettes and alcohol from behind the counter. Short is accused of taking a money bag containing cash, too.

Then, at 3005 N. Pulaski, the male offender took \$3,800 worth of cigarettes and alcohol as Short brandished a knife, prosecutors said. Short's defense attorney,

Courtney Smallwood, said Short denies having a weapon.

When police stopped Short in traffic Thursday, she reversed the SUV into a CPD squad car, but she did not get away. She has never received a driver's license, according to prosecutors.

Smallwood said Short moved to Chicago when she became involved with the Dept. of Children and Family Services at age 13. She never attended high school, Smallwood said.

Judge Susana Ortiz set Short's bail at \$50,000 and ordered her to go onto electronic monitoring if she can post a 10% deposit bond. She also ordered Short held in lieu of \$5,000 bond for violating the terms of bail in a pending misdemeanor battery case.



Commentary

Carjacking alert, community meeting Jan. 23

COMMENTARY BY
ALD. BRIAN HOPKINS [2ND]

Like many of you, I am shocked by this recent surge in vehicular hijackings. Residents have reached out to my office in concern over these incidents, which have been widespread and occurring in many of the bordering wards and police districts. I have personally talked with some of the victims, and I genuinely understand how traumatizing these crimes can be.

The Chicago Police Dept. continues to update us on efforts to apprehend groups of young men who have been forcing residents out of their vehicles through threats of violence. The CPD have activated the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force, which has just made four recent arrests of one adult and three teenagers.

[Our office] has been monitoring this activity, along with our area detectives, trying to understand how to best help address these brazen acts of violence. [We] have added resources to help detectives crackdown on these groups of vehicular hijackers, with adding to the network of cameras that now exist and additional equipment that reads license plates. These new cameras and plate readers can aid in searching for stolen cars and track criminal suspects, and have already helped catch some of these criminals.

I also work closely with District Commanders to understand their operation, what I can do to help, and how I can best inform

Anti-carjacking webinar Jan. 23

Police and city officials will be on hand for a virtual anti-carjacking webinar 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Topics will include what is carjacking and how to prevent being carjacked, and what to do if you are carjacked.

The Zoom meeting ID is 822 5240 6823 and the passcode is 053223. For more information call 312-742-5778.

residents and keep them safe. In addition, my staff regularly attends Police CAPS meetings to give updates and hear from the community on pressing safety issues that need attention.

If you have a security camera on your home or building near those locations [where carjackings are occurring], it may assist police with their investigation. Please contact my office if you have any information or evidence to share.

My ongoing effort is to help police connect with neighbors, provide additional technology to assist the detectives, and to help coordinate safety efforts with area businesses. My staff and I are available to give updates and answer any additional questions you might have.

Please consider attending Saturday's online webinar addressing the recent surge in Vehicular Hijackings.

Second City Cop goes dark, says they feared being exposed

One of Chicago's most well-read online news blogs has gone dark. And on Dec. 12 they issued a statement though another online blog - HeyJackass.com - saying it was to protect the blog owners from being exposed by Google.

Second City Cop [SCC], a long-running and widely-read blog about Chicago policing and politics, confirmed that they independently decided to cease publication over the weekend.

SCC's writers cited concerns about information security and other issues in a final message for their readers.

According to the bloggers, who claimed to be current and former Chicago police officers, online rumors and reports that the site had been "de-platformed" by Google are not true. On Tuesday morning, WGN-TV reporter Ben Bradley tweeted that a Google representative told the station that the company had "taken no action" regarding SCC.

Access to the site, which was hosted on a Google-owned publishing platform called Blogger, had been set to "private" by its owners, the company said.

SCC has been published online for 15 years, with over 22,000 posts and over 2 million comments.

In their statement they said that they had "received information from a contact at Google that internal chat/e-mails led them to believe that certain precautions we had taken over the years had been breached by Google. We had gotten similar warnings from oth-

ers in the past, and we dealt with or ignored them as the situation warranted. But this one was different."

As the SCC was believed to be staffed by working Chicago police officers, they may have felt their livelihoods were threatened.

They credited their fears on "Big Tech's wholesale attack on President Trump, Parler and center-right to right-leaning authors, politicians and voices. The black-listing has begun, even if you

won't see it. You should."

After 15 years of 'must-read' coverage of policing and city politics their statements claim they "aren't really good at compliance."

SCC said that they do not yet know if they'll ever return. "We don't know what Big Tech has in store for us and the political winds are not fortuitous. We are exploring options and we'll leave it at that."

Fraud seminar Jan 21

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office is hosting a virtual seminar on protecting consumers from fraud during COVID-19, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

Throughout the pandemic in Chicago there has been an increase in violent and non-violent criminal activity, including fraud related to unemployment claims, in-demand products and fictitious cures for the virus, identity theft,

phishing, amongst other scams.

This free webinar will discuss the ways criminals have targeted and defrauded people during the COVID-19 pandemic; protocol for victims of consumer fraud, safety tips, and available resources and how citizens can prevent themselves from being victims of consumer fraud.

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(1) Carrie Lannon with “Constellation.” (2) Gloria Groom (3) Candace Jordan with Paco, Po and Posey. Photo by Hope Sayre (4) John Fornengo

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visited the beautiful sculpture, Constellation, by world renowned Spanish-Swiss architect **Santiago Calatrava**, now with a new Chicago home thanks to River Point Chicago, a glass tower along the Chicago River. “At 29’ high,” she says, “the sculpture reminds me of a massive dragon rising upwards. What an impressive addition to Chicago’s River Walk.”

PHOTO AWARD: Fabulous **Linda Matlow’s** photo, “Painterly Fog in Chicago” shot last year was a nominee in the nature category in the 13th International Color Awards. She’s one of our town’s top shooters.

BAGBOY: Are talks underway for a Super Target with grocery store to move into some of the former Macy’s at Water Tower Place? Just asking. Also heard deals are underway with the new grocery chain by **Bob Mariano**.

G-L-O-R-I-A: The charming and erudite **Gloria Groom** adding another birthday, her elegant hands still hard at work as the Art Institute’s David and Mary Winton Green Curator of 19th-Century European Painting and Sculpture and Chair of European Painting and Sculpture. She may hold Chicago’s longest and most precise title.

WELL DONE: No, the smoke pouring out of Gibson’s Wednesday night was not grilling steaks for rogue indoor diners, that smoke was from a fire set in a second floor fireplace with its flue still shut.

NO MORE, PLEASE: Is there a steady but heavy growth in the number of Chicagoans majorly dissatisfied with the efforts of **Mayor Lori Lightfoot** as the city’s chief executive? The times are certainly challenging

and unique, but with the recent announcement that Macy’s will be shuttering their Water Tower Place, Michigan Ave., multi-level department store, has she reached the limits of everyone’s endurance? Her lukewarm plans for the enormous space’s future use as a youth training facility appear foolish and poorly advised. It’s all people are talking about. Chicagoans are forced to watch the mayor dismantle Chicago’s reputation as a cosmopolitan urban leader in business and become the crime capital of America. Time for a new and fresh political strategy that sadly no longer includes the surly Mayor Lightfoot. Perhaps there might be room in **Joseph Biden’s** administration? Chicagoans have had enough, so ship her to a place where failure is rewarded: Washington DC.

DOG GONE: Downtown Dogs, 804 N. Rush., has proudly served classic Chicago in every bite since 1994. Sadly, the pandemic has caused them to lose their lease and permanently close their doors effective Jan. 30. Look for them to pop up again soon.

VIVE LE DIFFERENCE: Venteux, a French Brasserie, set to open in the elegant Carbide and Carbon building spring 2021. A Michelin star chef is looking to ratchet the tastebuds along Boul Mich.

CATHEDRAL SQUARE: **Gardenia Hung** reports progress is being made on construction surrounding Holy Name Cathedral, a historic landmark on State St., across the street from the new

One Chicago Towers. Construction is well underway by Sotheby’s International, on the 4th and 5th tallest structures in the city’s Gold Coast district.

FINE ART PORTRAIT: Christie’s **Steven Zick** has recently received a lovely, unexpected gift portrait from a most talented artist friend. It reminds us of the work of **Jean Philippe -delhomme** un peu.



Zurich Esposito

than any other area in the entire country. Way to go UPS man **Anthony**.

PRINT IT: My colleague, **Candace Jordan**, has been chosen for the upcoming cover of Felix Magazine (shot by **Hope Sayre**), a lifestyle magazine where all proceeds benefit the Aparecio Foundation. Candace is spotlighting a nonprofit close to her heart, PAWS Chicago. These 2 month-old Chihuahua mix pups, **Paco, Po** and **Posey**, are available for adoption now too.

BOOKBEAT: Thanks to **Dame Charlene** and **Scott Seaman** for the gift of **Tom Dreesen’s** “Still Standing... My Journey from Streets and Saloons to the Stage and Sinatra” (written with **Darren Grubb** and **Johnny Russo** with a forward by **David Letterman**). The photos are priceless as is the extraordinary life of this amazing man and great Chicagoan.

WHO’S WHERE: **Susie Forttsmann Kealy** at Canyon Ranch in Arizona getting some desert therapy... **Shelley Howard** and **Jim Costen** at Tavern on Rush on Thursday ... **Shannon Bartlett** is with **Venanzio Arquilla** at Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, enjoying the sunshine and ocean. ... **Lucia Adams** on Captiva Island, FL, at the Mucky Duck, English Pub ... **Brian White** and **Jim Kinney** entertained in their pickled pine dinning room with **Courtney G. Pitt**, **William Parke**, **Todd Schwebel**, **William Beggs IV**, **Brian Hollander** and **Annie Hambleton**... Congratulations to **Bruce Trivett**, buying his first home in West Palm Beach, FL... A short and sweet trip to Arizona, but there is no place like home, say architect **Lucien** and **Melinda Jakovich LaGrange**...

is Chicago architecture guru **Zurich Esposito** on the short list to replace **Blair Kamin**? ... New York gallery powerhouse, **Larry Gagosian**, has closed his San Francisco Gallery, a sign of the Apocalypse surely... **Connie Genteroles Lasco** cared for **Will** and **Sam Skinner**, **Sam** and **Honey Jacobs Skinner**, for the last 27 years. Her recent death is a great loss to all, so sorry... Congrats to Chicago media maven, **Dori Wilson**, on her inclusion in “Start TV” focusing on amazing American women whose success makes a real difference in the lives of others.

RIP POET DEAR: **Jean Valentine**, a former New York State Poet whose minimalist, dreamlike poetry was distinguished by crystalline imagery followed by an unexpected stab of emotion, died on Dec. 29 in Manhattan. She was 86.

NOUVELLE CUISINE: The New Soul Food of Paris. Black chefs are exploring “Afropean” identity and building on American soul food’s long history in the European dining capital.

AUCTION HOUSE: Hindman Auctions is now featuring treasures from the estate of the late **John Fornengo**. John and his late wife, **Dee Dee Fornengo**, were beloved Gold Coasters of warm hospitality and superb taste. Deeply beloved by so many friends and neighbors who still feel their loss deeply.

CHANGE THE GUARD: U.S. Capitol Police have a new acting chief after the chief announced he would resign in the wake of the Capitol riot. **Assistant Chief Yogananda Pittman** will be the acting chief, the department said. She joined the department in 2001, rose through the ranks and is Assistant Chief for Protective and Intelligence Operations. Pittman was one of the first African-American female supervisors to attain the rank of captain. **Chief Steven Sund** has already left.

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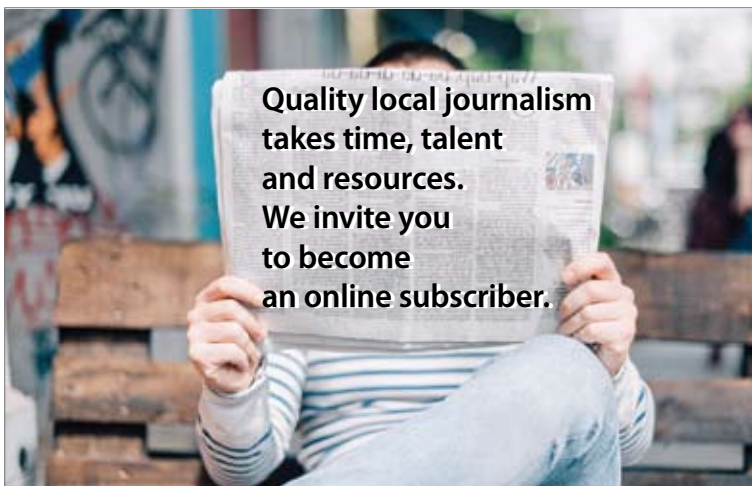
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As a reminder, deductions appear on 2021 second installment bills.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, many of the exemptions will automatically renew for tax year

2020. In the next few weeks, tens of thousands of households will receive a letter that confirms the auto-renewal of the exemptions placed on their home. For households who need to apply or re-apply, applications will be made available by early February.

For more information visit <https://www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions>, or call 312-443-7550.

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their fiduciary responsibility seriously. It is silly to imply that we are distressed.”

Still sides have been taken and lawyers contacted.

An Aug. 14, 2020, letter addressed to NPCA’s attorney from attorney Caren Lederer states, “Between the changes to the common areas, the 99-year lease (which is more correctly considered a sale) and the other extensive alterations to the common amenities, the Declaration requires the affirmative vote of no less than 75% of the owners to allow the Board to move forward, and perhaps even to the consent of any mortgagees.”

Directly after the Jan. 13 meeting, an NPCA Board meeting was held via Zoom video conference, where they “approved the redevelopment plan, and directed and authorized the officers of the condominium association to sign all documents necessary to implement that plan. The vote was seven in favor, four opposed, and no abstentions.” While 56 people attended that second meeting, no questions or com-

ments from non-Board-member owners were allowed.

Trust is in short supply between the parties, and NPCC now questions who and how the vote counting was undertaken.

In a Jan. 11 email to the NPCA Board, they state, “If this is a vote to give [NPCA Board president] Christian Pezzuto full control over the deal, this is not allowed by our Declaration and Bylaws. If this is a vote on the proposed redevelopment project they must have 75% approval for the project since it is a real estate transaction being conducted by the Board on behalf of all owners.”

(Pezzuto has spoken to this newspaper twice, but both times has declined to go on the record.)

It the email, NPCC also demanded that as the “vote is supposedly finished, we are once again requesting our lawful right to verify the vote.” In a second request on Jan 14, members of the NPCC requested “an independent verification of the vote that we coordinate with an agreed upon independent party,” noting a clause in the Illinois Condo Act.

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jacked in Wicker Park

On Sunday, police again warned about the practice after three Uber and Lyft drivers were carjacked in Wicker Park and Bucktown over the weekend.

“This carjacking surge is unacceptable,” Lincoln Park Ald. Michele Smith told her constituents in an email around 5 p.m. Friday. By 8 p.m., her ward recorded two more hijackings.

“Since Dec. 15, we have received 12 police alerts about 58 carjackings occurring in every corner of the city,” Smith said. “While I have my differences with some of the policies of the Cook County State’s

Attorney, the Juvenile Division is working closely with police to develop cases that will result in successful prosecutions. More, however, needs to be done to discourage juvenile involvement in these violent crimes.”

She also announced that her office will host an online community forum about carjackings at 6 p.m. Feb. 2. The CPD’s chief of detectives, the 18th and 19th police districts’ commanders, and a representative from the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office will be participating, the alderman said. To join in the virtual meeting call 773-348-9500 or write to yourvoice@ward43.org.

Michelle Meyer, a member of the NPCA, said that even if the vote count is accurate, “what we find puzzling is they would willingly admit they don’t have the 75% required – and still vote as a Board to approve the project. Even with some Board members explicitly stating they are in violation of the Declaration and Bylaws – that they must have 75% owners votes to move forward. We are guessing they think we just won’t do anything about it.”

Meyer says she was called a derogatory name during the Zoom meeting and while Williamson says others are also making irrelevant and untrue statements, overall he thinks the debate has been mostly open and straightforward. “Most residents on both side of the issue are participating in a fair discussion of the merits of the project.”

Members of NPCA suggest that the NPCA has stifled debate by hosting virtual-only meetings that allow the host to mute attendees, leaving little room for debate, questioning and the usual fluid back and forth of a public meeting. This argu-

ment is one this newspaper is hearing more frequently since the pandemic lockdown has been put in place. Most people accustomed to open public meetings find that virtual meetings do not allow for open and free debate, especially as one person has the right to literally mute every other voice at a meeting.

The NPCC points to a Chicago Tribune article of Jan. 8 by attorney Howard S. Dakoff who wrote that “While the Condominium Act allows a condominium board to take board action in emergency situations with subsequent notice to condo owners, a pandemic is not a valid basis for a board to not follow corporate formalities required by the Condominium Act, Illinois case law or the association’s governing documents.” He suggests that a board that refuses to comply with the Act, Illinois case law or the association’s governing documents opens itself to “liability for breach of duty.”



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