

It's not that the Irish are cynical. It's rather that they have a wonderful lack of respect for everything and everybody.

— Brendan Behan

Community group seeks public support for Dope-Free Zone downtown

How many pot shops is too many? A Streeterville community group is now asking that question, and is seeking community support to establish a Cannabis Exemption Zone in parts of Downtown Chicago.

In response to an application by G.P. Green House LLC, which is seeking Special Use Permit to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary at 620 N. Fairbanks Ct., the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] has undertaken a petition campaign to ban legal weed sales in their community.

In 2021, Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced the concept of "exclusion" zones that would prohibit adult-use pot sales within 500

feet of schools and in residential neighborhoods, including in downtown Chicago.

But the mayor's plan met immediate opposition from Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], who represents the downtown area, when he said because of an \$838 million budget gap Chicago can't afford to declare its central business district off-limits.

Ald. Reilly apparently has had a change of heart, and now is supporting an exclusion zone downtown.

But the real unknown here may be, will a new exclusion zone just create an opening and opportunity for illegal drug sales to thrive? Or is a thriving black market for drugs a given in Chicago?

Regardless of the laws, the fact that there are extremely high taxes imposed in Chicago and Illinois for legal dope dealing, there is already a thriving black market, in that your local back alley drug dealer is not collecting those hefty taxes. Collecting and paying taxes are only for those willing to follow the law, and for centuries drug dealing has been strictly an illegal undertaking controlled by organized crime. Organized crime has not gone out of business in Chicago due to the legalization of recreational weed.

SOAR has begun circulating a petition to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone for Precinct 4

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More troubles downtown

Woman fatally stabbed on Loop CTA platform, St. Pat's Parade shootings

BY CWBCHICAGO

A woman was stabbed to death on a Loop CTA platform March 11, Chicago police said. Officers have identified a suspect, but he remains at large.

The 26-year-old woman was standing on the Adams-Wabash platform, 201 S. Wabash, when a man stabbed her around 1:26 a.m., according to a CPD media statement. She made her way down the stairs and collapsed in the street outside Miller's Pub, 134 S. Wabash, moments later. People in the area attended to the woman until first responders arrived.

Paramedics took her to Stroger Hospital, where she died from her injuries, which included stab wounds to her neck, torso, and arm. She is the first person killed in the Loop this year.

Surveillance video showed the man following the woman from street level up to the platform, where he attacked her, said an officer who reviewed the footage. The officer described the man as



Chicago police arrive at the scene as people attend to a stabbing victim in the Loop.

a Hispanic man with very short hair, wearing a shiny puffy coat, a gray sweatshirt underneath, jeans, and black and white gym shoes.

In radio transmissions, other officers identified a 30-year-old Hispanic man by name as the suspect. So far, police have not announced any arrests.

Pedestrian shot in the Loop

A pedestrian was shot in the Loop March 11 as spectators flooded the area to watch the annual dyeing of the Chicago River for the city's St. Patrick's celebration. Investigators are working to

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Organizations selected for inaugural Millennium Park residency program

Chicago Human Rhythm Project, National Public Housing Museum, Praise Productions, and Puerto Rican Arts Alliance

Four Chicago nonprofit organizations have been granted funding and resources to present free public programming as part of Millennium Park's summer season through the inaugural Millennium Park Residency Program [MPRP].

The city named The Chicago Human Rhythm Project, The National Public Housing Museum, Praise Productions, Inc., and the

Puerto Rican Arts Alliance will share in creating unique programming in 2023.

The support has provided four grants of up to \$150,000 to each participating group.

As part of the residency, each company will present a free public program on the Jay Pritzker Pavilion stage: Praise Productions, Inc. (June 4); Chicago Human Rhythm Project (July 23);

National Public Housing Museum (Aug. 25) and Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (Aug. 26). Each company will have access to other park cultural amenities to develop, and produce additional free public pop-up programs throughout the summer. For more information on Millennium Park summer programming visit millenniumpark.org.



Law enforcement images of the gun allegedly seized from Ruben Valencia, narcotics, and (from top left) Brian Del Toro, Jonas Castillo, Karina Jimenez, Ruben Valencia, Hader Garcia, and, pictured at center during a Chicago police traffic stop, Freddy Del Toro.

Courtesy of US District Court records

Eleven charged with running cocaine delivery service 'hotline' in Chicago

BY CWBCHICAGO

Undercover Chicago police officers and Drug Enforcement Administration agents made about 53 purchases of cocaine, heroin, and drugs as part of the investigation, dubbed "Operation Bullpen," according to a court filing. Investigators also tapped the delivery "hotline."

Federal agents shut down the hotline and "seized hundreds of grams of crack cocaine and numerous firearms from various defendants," according to a press release from the US Attorney's office in Chicago. One crew member remains at large, but the rest were arrested last week or are in state custody.

Charged are: Hader "Luis" Garcia, 19, of Chicago; Eduart Hoxa, also known as "Finn" and "White Boy," 35, of Chicago; Alexis "Tony" Del Toro, 24, of Elmwood Park; Freddy "Fredo" Del Toro, 27, also known as "Ricky," of Elmwood Park; Bryan Del Toro, 22, of Elmwood Park; Alex "Joey" Hernandez, also known as "Biggie," 24, of Chicago; Ruben Valencia, 22, of Chicago; Karina "Kay Kay" Jimenez, also known as "Rina," 35 of Chicago; Kevin

Ramirez, 27, of Evanston; Jonas "Guero" Castillo, 26, of Chicago, and Jesenia "J-Dog" Calle, 20, of Chicago.

Garcia, also known as "Luis," has been in jail since Feb. 2022 as he awaits trial for a long list of violent crimes, including a carjacking, a murder, and an attempted murder. Alexis Del Toro has been jailed since April, accused of killing another driver shortly after completing a drug transaction in North Park.

Federal authorities charged 11 people on March 10 with running a cocaine delivery service for the La Familia Stones street gang, for nearly a year. Two of the suspects are already in jail, where they are waiting to stand trial for murders and other crimes they allegedly committed on the Northwest Side.

From Dec. 2021 until Nov. 2022, the group allegedly ran a phone hotline where people could order crack cocaine, which the crew then brought to their doors. Even after members of the group discussed strong suspicions that law enforcement was onto them, the operation continued, officials

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Traffic troubles for Michigan Ave. through March 31

Construction started on Tuesday, and Chicago Dept. Of Transportation's installation of concrete bus pads on Michigan Ave. at Ohio and Ontario streets is expected to tie up traffic for the rest of the month.

The work will include pavement removal and replacement with concrete for bus pads on the outside lanes.

Construction began with saw cutting. Pavement removal will begin March 16, pending clearance from and coordination with existing utilities and weather

permitting.

Bigane Paving Co. is the general contractor for this project and Milhouse Engineering and Construction is providing resident engineering services for the city.

During construction, temporary "No Parking" signs will be periodically installed as required for each phase. These signs will restrict parking during working hours, while adhering to rush hour restrictions, for the completion of the work. The work is estimated to be completed by March 31.

Johnson administration would continue to disfigure Chicago



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

People who know me know that I am a restaurant guy. I love them. Especially here in Chicago. The best in America.

My favorites? Well, Greek Islands, for one. Best Greek food. Tufano's for Italian.

Love Erie Cafe. Gibson's Steakhouse. Mon Ami Gabi, especially for Boeuf Bourguignon.

Mart Anthony's on Hubbard and Racine, tops.

Via Carducci is my "go-to" place for high-end Calabrian Italian.

No place beats Laschett's for the finest roast duckling and German Cuisine. And, of course, my second home, Ralph Lauren Bar

& Grill.

While I'm a disciplined cook who loves to be in the kitchen, I still love going out for dinner.

'Fancy' is not why I'm restaurant guy. The food is the most important commodity. I dislike fussy restaurants, and have no time for the current rage of tiny portions - a few beans and a chicken wing on a plate with whipped, frothy foam sauces. You know what I mean.

I love small Italian bistros, where I can chit-chat with the owners about the menu or the tomatoes they use. Or engage the chefs with mutual stories of great recipes and techniques, and trade gossip with the serving staff about who's been in for dinner. Or who's a lousy tipper. Or kisser.

Befriending restaurant owners is a natural thing for me. I emotionally and psychologically invest myself when I eat out.

That's why I have been so upset since the Chicago Police announced that between Feb. 18 and 27, at least 12 Near North Side restaurants have been burglarized after closing. Who's staking out these places?

That's a great legacy for Mayor Calamity Jane Lightfoot to carry out as she prepares to leave office.

She has the perfect plan. Just help Brandon Johnson get elected mayor, and she can continue to disfigure Chicago.

Forget the people who actually want to make the city financially secure and establish the rule of law through every neighborhood realm.

But she's making yet another mistake. I'm afraid Johnson's woke vision for Chicago, and his chief allies, the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU], won't be able to lift our sinking ship. Not unless he's planning on arming the Chicago Teachers to patrol our streets and alleys at night. Not unless they're willing to pursue bad guys in the dark.

Not unless he's planning on sending them out after the organized carjackers and street assaults, all of which are skyrocketing across what once was a shimmering metropolis.



Recent Near North restaurant locations burglarized after hours indicate the free-for-all crime spree is alive and well. Image courtesy CBS 2 News

This election is about three things: crime, crime and crime.

Perhaps Johnson has already lined up the CTU as volunteers to stake-out Chicago restaurants after closing time to nab those burglars?

It's a miracle that a candidate such as Paul Vallas is even available to run for mayor.

All across the nation, big cities can brag that they have their own version of Calamity Jane Lightfoot in their mayor's office. We are witnessing the implosion of America's great urban thoroughfares. Candidates with little or no experience of executive effectiveness are seeking to lead America's finest cities into the disaster of failed leadership.

Bright Chicagoans recognize this fact, those who don't are dangerous voters. Their vote is a ticking time bomb seeking to create a woke utopian government that cannot function. Government continuously at odds with the custom and culture of political opportunity for positive governance.

Government providing people with rag-tag, pseudo governance, unable to achieve positive goals, and incapable of seeing positive achievement in the small details of everyday life.

Government that is continuously frozen, lacking the human sensitivities needed for leadership.

Intellect, reason and good judgment are absent in the struggle to rule effectively.

Good government always functions best in compromise. That's the ability of conflicting parties to rationally barter support over struggle to achieve agreement on legislative issues. This has always been the strongest asset of Chicago's City Council.

Without this conscious ability, the council format simply does not work. Just look at the track record of the outgoing mayor's failures to achieve any true, healthy compromises.

The Lightfoot regime was frequently frozen in dogmatic quicksand, lacking in finesse, much too impatient to struggle to find agreement on issues.

A Johnson administration would just be a further continuance of the Lightfoot method for failed government. Financially dangerous, harebrained political strategies, and an indebtedness to the CTU for creating the educational failures of today's Chicago Public Schools.

Voters need to examine the violence and mayhem that grew to be Chicago's most successful enterprises over the past four years. They need to ask tougher questions concerning our city's rescue

in the financial markets. And its struggle for a new commercial vitality during the abandonment of the city by corporate America now fleeing our chaos. Capital flees chaos, whether it's in Venezuela, Lebanon, South Africa or in Illinois.



Former Mayor Richard M. Daley and retiring Appellate Court Justice Maureen Connors.

Chicago's financial problems did not go away, they were just papered over for a few years by Uncle Sam's COVID bailouts. How will new American commerce be attracted to Chicago? Lightfingers has poisoned the well.

If the issues of adequate law enforcement cannot be resolved in the next mayoral term, then Chicago will be in need of life support.

We've seen this before. Detroit was once America's wealthiest city, today it's a shadow of its former self.

If police are not afforded the real tactical necessities needed to gain control of our streets and neighborhoods, then the failure of the very rule of law is near.

As if the COVID lockdown didn't shutter enough restaurants, burglaries may well wind up driving even more great restaurants out of the city.

We are in desperate need of a mayor of true intelligence with the capacity to encourage their citizens to sacrifice and stand firm to protect the livelihood of all Chicagoans.

Vallas is a man of intellect. A man of consequent abilities. Capable of reasoning with law enforcement. Someone who can embrace others with the ability to share in real accomplishments in the present. To hire and work with friends and neighbors who know what they are doing. Each and every day. Life's not a fancy restaurant, but it is always about the menu. That really counts.

STAY TUNED: Speaking of menus, "Tavern on Rush" has been reborn and will take over the space currently occupied by Nico Osteria, 1015 N. Rush St. Just across the street from their two-decade former home. The

great **Phil Stefani** will take over the entire three-story location. What news.

IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB: The Gala St. Patrick's Dinner, held March 10, the eve of the parade, at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, Grand Ballroom. A glittering array of more than 800 Paddies were present to dine and salute the official representatives of the Irish Government and **Cardinal Cupich**. Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell**, Pippin's **Lyn McKeaney**, Gibson's **Peggy O'Ryan Lombardo**, **Patti Purcell** and realtor **Jan Reardon** at a most amusing table.

MARCH 17: This columnist is looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the best house-cured corned beef anywhere by **Chef Ryan** at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill, and the best luncheon companions, **Col. Paul Malarik, III**, sweet **Lynn Graham**, golf pro **Michael Rambert** and chic **Lsysa Piette**. Not to mention the dramatic march through the restaurant by the Shannon Rover Pipe Band. Sláinte.

JUSTICE + REASON: The law has been life for the eminent Illinois Appellate Court Justice **Maureen Connors**. A woman of erudite legal scholarship, she brought significant gifts for legal understanding with her to the practice of the law and served it with distinction on the Circuit Court Bench and in the rarified chambers of the Illinois Appellate. After long service she now retires from a distinguished legal career serving the people of Illinois with intelligence and reason. All wish her well in her retirement.

100 YEARS: Congrats to the Lake View Kiwanis celebrating 100 years by establishing

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(Left) Rogers Parker and former Trinity dancer Megan LaVelle and her brother, Kevin, at the circa 1993-ish St. Paddy's Day parade. (Center) Trinity Irish Dancers Maeve, right, and Brigid. (Right) Sydney, center in glasses, and a few of her fellow Trinity Irish dancers, ride a float at Saturday's St. Paddy's Day parade downtown.

Their Irish eyes are smiling (and ours are too)



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

I don't have Irish eyes, but every time I see the Trinity Irish Dancers I know my eyes --and my lips -- are smiling, big time. Wow, those kids can dance!

They truly are the cutest clovers in the patch.

I recently saw the dancers perform at the Irish American Heritage Center [IAHC], 4626 N. Knox St. I was there enjoying a fish fry while watching my seven-year-old dancing granddaughter, Sydney.

Sydney started with the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance about a year-and-a-half ago, and on Saturday, she somewhat-excitedly participated in her first St. Paddy's Day parade downtown, riding on the Trinity float. "It was a lot of waiting and a lot of waving -- my hand was tired," said Sydney, who is part of the Green Team's Cork/Derry level. She then laughed, adding: "I liked when it was driving back because we were zooming fast." (There's no blarney coming out of that kid, that's for sure. On a float in the midst of thousands of people in downtown Chicago for the St. Paddy's Day parade and she likes the "zooming fast" part.)

The parade is just one of the numerous activities dancers like Sydney are participating in this month in honor of St. Paddy's Day. Whether they were dancing in



(Left) Colleen Hanley and her daughter, Bridie. (Right) Trinity at Bozo Circus-TV performance. Meghan Ochoa is in the back row, 4th from the left. (1993-ish).



the streets or just acting like a royal and waving from a float, the Trinity kids were shamrockin' it on Saturday.

"I think it's a fun tradition," said Sydney's mom, my daughter-in-law Megan LaVelle, a former Trinity dancer from age three to 14. "Even though it's really cold you bring your hand-warmers and bundle up."

That's what Trinity dancers have been doing for four decades, bundling up to dance their way through the avenues -- and hearts -- of Chicago. Throughout that time, the Trinity Academy has become the most widely-recognized Irish dance program in the world, setting numerous competitive records and winning its first world title in 1987, which catapulted it to national and international stardom that in turn signifi-

cantly helped raise Irish Dance awareness.

Including the IAHC, there are five academy locations in Illinois as they're also in Lakeview, Elmhurst, Palatine, and Western Springs. Across Illinois and Wisconsin, there are close to 600 dancers, with about 80% signed up for St. Paddy's Day season events. About 130 of those come from the IAHC.

Rigorous practices begin in December and lead up to hundreds of shows in March that also include community outreach focused on senior living and nursing homes. No matter where a performance is held, the academy takes great pride on the leadership and other things taught through mentorship at the shows and partnering little dancers, "Littles," with big ones.

LaVelle said she is also truly inspired by

the show captains for each team, as they pretty much run the shows and do everything and they're only teenagers. The connection dancers have with each other is one of the biggest things, said another former Trinity participant, Colleen Hanley, whose 10-year-old daughter, Bridie has danced on the Red Team for about six years now.

"There's teamwork, there's bonding -- she's always excited about going to class," Hanley said of Bridie. "She values these kids. She doesn't see them every day but she dances on a team and there are kids from all over.

"Her heart and soul is into it," added Hanley.

What Hanley told me next tugged at my

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CORRECTION: Wrong person in photo

Yes, we fouled up last (March 8-March 14), finding out after going to press that we had the wrong photo in a story in last week's newspapers. We apologize.

We had pictured Jay Doherty. He is on trial with Mike Madigan. It was Patrick J. Doherty who was sentenced to 5 years, and whose photo did not appear adjacent to the story about his conviction.

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Chicago's first-time home buyers getting squeezed out by the Fed



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Prolonged interest-rate tightening by the Federal Reserve Board is like a junk-yard dog on the pant legs of prospective first-time home buyers who continue to collect apartment rent receipts.

Home-loan interest rates "could linger at around 6.5% for a few more months before heading below 6% by summer and maybe even 5.5% by the end of the year," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Assoc. of Realtors, in a recently revised forecast.

An earlier more optimistic

forecast by the Mortgage Bankers Assoc. [MBA] predicted 30-year fixed mortgage rates will decrease to 5.6% in the second quarter of 2023, then ease to 5.5% in the third quarter, and 5.2% by year's end.

The MBA's 2024 forecast predicted that 30-year rates would slip to 4.7% by the second quarter of next year, and an affordable 4.4% by the third and fourth quarters.

If the Fed keeps tightening the screws, that scenario is unlikely to happen.

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell told a Senate panel last week that evidence continues to point to a robust economy and persistently high inflation.

Powell's comments raise the possibility that the Fed will increase its key federal funds interest rate by a half-percentage point on March 21-22, its next meeting. The funds rate currently is 4.5% to 4.75%. The Fed previously raised its benchmark rate by a half-point in December, and imposed four three-quarter point hikes before that.

When the key short-term rate is raised, it typically leads to more expensive mortgages, and higher interest charges on auto loans, credit cards and business loans. Higher rates can cool the economy and inflation, but they also spark the risk the nation will fall into a recession.

On March 9, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Sur-

vey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans rose to an average of 6.73% nationwide, up from 6.65% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed loan average was 3.85%.

"Mortgage rates continue their upward trajectory as the Federal Reserve signals a more aggressive stance on monetary policy," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Overall, consumers are spending in sectors that are not interest-rate sensitive, such as travel and dining out," Khater noted. "However, rate-sensitive sectors, such as housing, continue to be adversely affected. As a result, would-be buyers continue to face the compounding challenges of affordability and low inventory."

On March 9, the Freddie Mac survey also reported that 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 5.95%, up from 5.89% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed home loan average was 3.09%.

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

Borrowers who shop around may find better deals. For example, on March 9, Mutual of Omaha was quoting 6.399% on 30-year fixed loans with a 20% down payment and a loan fee of \$850.

"Higher interest rates and historically low inventory continue to be the major obstacles keeping buyers and sellers on the sidelines," noted Realtor John Irwin of Baird & Warner in his March 2023 Chicago Market Analysis.

"If move-up purchasers can



Fed Chairman Jerome Powell told a Senate panel last week that evidence continues to point to a robust economy and persistently high inflation. And that means high interest rates for homebuyers too.

find a home to buy with the current low inventories, many would be trading a 3% existing mortgage interest rate on their current to home for a 6.5% rate on their new home," Irwin said.

Higher mortgage costs are not the only problem for first-time home buyers. "Stubbornly high and rising apartment rents are keeping consumer prices elevated," Yun said.

For example, in Jan. 2023, tenants renting apartments and single-family homes nationwide paid 8.6% more in rents this year

versus 12 months ago, Yun said.

"Moreover, the monthly change was 0.7% of 1 percentage point, or 8.8% on an annualized basis," Yun said. "That was a big contributor to the overall consumer price inflation running at 6.4%, and well above the comfort level of 2% inflation."

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Spring trout fishing season opens April 1

The 2023 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open Saturday, April 1, at ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at selected trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – will open March 18.

No trout may be kept during the

catch-and-release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 1.

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring

season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout fishing season, which begins in October.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support from those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps. All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 1, must have a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily harvest limit for each angler is five trout.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

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Park District spikes plans for \$650K dog park

Neighbors defeat City Hall plan for Winnemac Park

Area residents who live near Winnemac Park at Foster and Damen avenues appear to have turned back a harebrained plan to spend \$650,000 in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] funds to build a new dog park in the park.

Under the title of “Keep Winnemac Green” [KWG], the neighbors rallied to oppose the Dog Friendly Area [DFA], and on March 9, the Chicago Park District [CPD] announced they would not support the effort.

“The CPD has reviewed the proposal to build a new dog friendly area in Winnemac Park. Due to opposition from community stakeholders, including the administration and parents of neighboring schools, we cannot move forward with the project,” read a note being circulated by KWG members. “Public parks must balance the interests and needs of many diverse users. We thank you for your time and dedication to Winnemac Park and will continue to work with the community to explore other options for dedicated space where dogs can safely run off-leash.”

Starting in the summer of 2022, the members of KWG organized opposed the project. Over 1,600



Winnemac Park, 5100 N. Leavitt.

The plans for the TIF spending on a Dog Friendly Area first emanated from Ald. Andre Vasquez’s “People’s Budget” plans for the 40th Ward, despite the fact that CPD’s own guidelines recommend against locating DFAs in existing parks.

The original decision to move forward seemed to rest mostly on one of those online community surveys, the authenticity of which always seems fuzzy.

people signed a petition questioning the plan.

And now it appears their effort has paid off.

Reportedly, the TIF ordinance -- minus the DFA -- will be introduced in City Council today, March 15, to be approved at their April meeting.

“We assume that this still

includes the funding for the baseball and soccer field upgrades and the tennis courts,” said Deb Miretzky, on behalf of KWG.

The KWG petition stated Winnemac Park was “not an appropriate site for a permanent dog park structure. Much of the park’s area is already occupied by two schools, sports fields,

tennis courts, nature areas, Jorndt Field, a playground and a parking lot, leaving little room for unstructured activities.” They noted that the park was already heavily used, and that a DFA “will forever eliminate this land from being used by the rest of the population.”

Representatives of both Chapell Elementary and Amundsen High schools - both located adjacent to the park - opposed the plan, noting that there are no other DFAs in the city which share space with Chicago Public Schools.

The plans for the TIF spending on a DFA first emanated from Ald. Andre Vasquez’s “People’s Budget” plans for the 40th Ward, despite the fact that CPD’s own guidelines recommend against locating DFAs in existing parks.

The original decision to move forward seemed to rest mostly on one of those online community surveys, the authenticity of which always seems fuzzy.

Typically, online voting is lightly supervised as to who may be voting, and generally lacks any

broad community-wide knowledge that a vote is even underway. Indeed votes for such online surveys can easily be skewed by activists casting votes from any part of the city, state or nation, with nobody weighing the votes for proximity to a project site, or in considering those entities whose taxes may actually be funding a taxpayer-funded effort.

In this case, the money was coming from commercial entities and properties within the TIF district. It is a stretch to say that a DFA would be an economic engine for the area, as the law calls for with TIF spending.

And while over 1,600 people signed the KWG’s online petition opposing the DFA, only 679 people voted overall in the 40th Ward poll, 426 of whom voted in favor of a DFA.

Based on Chicago Board of Elections data, that total would equal about .0141% of all 40th Ward voters, but it was enough to carry the day for Ald. Vasquez to move the effort forward.

Swedish Hospital diving into the community

BY MATT MEDINA

Swedish Hospital, 5140 N. California, is continuing its efforts of connecting with the community they serve across the North Side, by promoting the “Healthy Chicago Equity Project.”

As the only hospital of the Northshore Health system in Chicago, it has big expectations, with 50 plus community partners across the North Side looking to create a meaningful impact in their neighborhood.

Working with the Chicago Dept. of Public Health, it began as a health outreach program through former-Mayor Rahm Emanuel, eventually in 2021 transitioning to focusing on fighting COVID-19 through bringing vaccination campaigns and programs to educate the public through the pandemic.

Where now, it looks to continue its work through the pandemic to its newest chapter of bridging the gap in underprivileged communities it serves.

Nadia Jimenez, Director of Community Health and COVID Response at Swedish Hospital, states, “In the last year, the project is more involved to confront directly those factors that contribute to health and racial disparities, including health care, social service and food access, housing, community safety, etc.”

The North Central Region of Northshore, which Swedish Hospital serves, divides its responsibilities to tackle these issues by engaging with its “Community Leaders.” Local organizations and leadership are able to come into collaboration with Swedish,

in a partnership to tackle those issues that are inhibiting their communities. This hands-on approach serves as a bridge between local leaders and access to healthcare for communities that don’t usually know of or have access to them. Whether that be healthy literacy, access to transportation, or to destigmatize conversations around mental health.

The neighborhoods of West Ridge and Rogers Park serve as prime examples of work that Swedish has taken pride in engaging. With both areas serving

as diverse hubs for immigrant refugees and asylum seekers, Swedish wanted to step in to help this community in need. For example, bringing a large vaccination clinic for 500 kids during the pandemic, and creating a refugee and asylum coalition for its constituents. Even going as far as coordinating transportation to help increase engagement within these programs. Swedish Hospital is looking to bring the human element of healthcare back into

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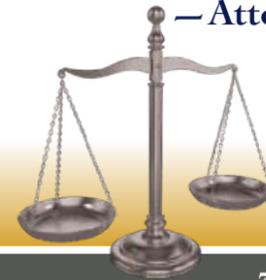
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City Council spends one-third of its meetings on honorary speeches

BY GEOFFREY CUBBAGE
Better GovernmentAssoc.

Chicago's City Council is off to a slow start in 2023: Only about 40% of its time in session so far this year – or about two of every five hours between the opening and closing gavels – has been spent legislating. The other 60% was spent noting significant birthdays, retirements, tributes and other non-binding resolutions.

That's even less time spent on legislation than usual, a BGA Policy analysis of City Council recordings found. Over the course of 49 meetings held since City Council began posting video recordings in Nov. 2019, one-third of the active meeting time – from the commencement of regular business following public comment to the adjournment gavel at the end – has been spent on tributary, memorial or otherwise honorary matters.

All told, the body has spent just over 46 hours discussing honorary resolutions and just shy of 91 hours dedicated to substantive matters, an almost perfect one-third to two-thirds split.

At meetings where honorary resolutions were heard, they took up an average of 1:07:29 of floor time. The average time spent on non-honorary business was 1:51:09.

"...temporarily suspend the rules..."

The standard agenda for Chicago's City Council does not include honorary resolutions as an item of business, though regular council watchers could be forgiven for thinking otherwise.

At nearly every City Council meeting, at least once and sometimes at multiple points throughout the agenda, a member will rise and offer some variation on the telltale phrase, "I move that we temporarily suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration..."

Typically approved by a simple "hearing no objections, so ordered," or sometimes by a voice vote ("all in favor say aye, all op-

posed say nay; the ayes have it"), the suspension of rules allows for items to be heard out of turn. In practice, it serves as an open invitation for alderpersons to rise, be recognized and take their turn speaking on behalf of worthy institutions, retiring employees, honorary months and days, and similar topics.

Resolutions are most commonly discussed immediately following the public comment period, but because there is no scheduled agenda item for them, they can be heard at any time, and the suspension of rules means there is no limit on how many can be heard, or how long each member may speak. At 14 of the 49 meetings reviewed by BGA Policy, the rules were suspended multiple times to allow non-binding business to be heard.

Only eight of the Council's 49 recorded regular meetings had no honorary resolutions at all: five meetings to vote on the city budget (which sometimes requires multiple meetings each year), a short meeting on the city's casino proposal, and the very first remote meeting of the pandemic, during which rules and procedures for remote participation were discussed and approved.

Chicago is unique among the nation's largest cities in devoting so much floor time to honorary measures, and in allowing them to take place at any time throughout the meeting:

- New York's city council allows floor time only for resolutions approved by a committee and limits individual members to a timer-enforced one minute of speech on honorary resolutions.

- Los Angeles passes the vast majority of its honorary resolutions without discussion via approval of a "Commendatory Resolutions" agenda item. Speeches similar to those seen at Chicago's City Council are sometimes given as "announcements" at the end of the meeting, immediately before adjournment, rather than as a piece of floor business in the middle of the meeting.

- Houston's city council rules limit "presentations regarding

public interest" to three per meeting, each limited to no more than 10 minutes. They are presented at the very beginning of the meeting, before the regular agenda.

"...return to the regular order of business..."

Regular Council meetings are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. one Wednesday each month. Getting aldermen in their seats and taking a quorum call required to legally commence business adds a few minutes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation and a half hour of public comment. Honorary resolutions usually – though not always – come next, adding on average another hour or more and putting the council near or past noon by the time legislative work begins.

Resolutions can have the unintended effect of crowding out the time the City Council spends conducting actual business.

The substantially delayed start of regular business creates a number of spillover effects at City Council meetings. Members of the public – both those who came to provide public comment and those simply observing – already commit a substantial portion of their days to line up well in advance of the first gavel. Securing a spot for public comment is a challenge in its own right, requiring the would-be commenter to call an automated line several days in advance, and then wait for a confirmation call from the city during a fixed window the day before the meeting.

The Council's current practices mean attendees who wish to watch the legislative section of the agenda are trapped for an additional hour-plus, on average, listening to honorary speeches. In nearly all cases, those speeches will last longer (and often have better attendance on the floor) than the strict half-hour dedicated to public comment, the only formal opportunity residents have

to address their legislature as a whole.

The long gap between the start of Council and the start of legislative business also has an impact on aldermen. By the time any contested or controversial matters arise on the floor, representatives have been in their seats for hours. It is clear to anyone observing City Council sessions that members of the body become increasingly willing to shout down parliamentary procedures calling for discussion or roll-call votes – which extend the meeting – as the clock ticks later into the day.

Resolutions can have the unintended effect of crowding out the time the City Council spends conducting actual business. When resolutions run longer, the BGA Policy analysis found, the time devoted to policy matters is cut short. The duration of a Council session is not a fixed, zero-sum quantity – spending more time on resolutions does not need to mean spending less time on regular business – but in practice it almost always does.

Overall, the City Council spends just over one-third of its meeting time on resolutions and two-thirds on business. At the 10 meetings with the most time spent on resolutions, however, that ratio nearly inverted: for every minute of legislative business at those meetings, Council spent more than a minute and a half on honorary resolutions.

Removing — or at least moving — City Council's resolutions

Worthy though the topics of most resolutions might be, there's limited public value in allowing them to take up more than a third of the City Council's legislative agenda. Aldermen have real and pressing policy challenges to address, and they draw substantial salaries to do so.

The simplest of all possible solutions would be to simply ban the practice altogether, reserving the legislative calendar for legislative items. Aldermen have access to City Hall's podiums and meeting spaces, and can easily call a press conference honoring anyone or anything they wish to — on their own time.

Alternatively, resolutions could be handled at special sessions of City Council, which can be called by any three aldermen but still require a quorum to proceed. Twenty-six aldermen willing to show up for a special session is a clear indication of genuine honoring by the legislature for the topic or topics at hand.

At a minimum, the Council should consider adopting procedures like those used by other major cities, keeping resolutions at a dedicated time slot either at the beginning or end of the agenda, limiting the number of honorary resolutions that can be heard, and limiting individual speaking time to brief remarks. That would allow legislators to legislate, first and foremost, and would substantially lessen the multiple-hour delay that members of the public currently face if they attend City Council in person or follow along via the Council's livestream.

Park District spring registration now underway

The Chicago Park District spring session is around the corner and residents can view its offerings now. Spring classes include a variety of in-person and virtual classes for all ages. Online registration started at 9 a.m. Monday, and classes will begin the week of April 10.

Registration for these activities may be available online and/or in-person, depending on the park. For each season, patrons can view programs offered and create their wish list two weeks prior to the first day of online registration.

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Intergenerational reading program in Uptown reaches 30 year milestone

BY KATIE O'BRIEN
The Admiral at the Lake

Starting in 1993, The Admiral at the Lake's Reading Buddy Program has stood the test of time, proving to be beneficial for both the residents at The Admiral at the Lake and the students at William C. Goudy Technology Academy [Goudy School] at 5120 N. Winthrop Ave.

Each week, third graders from the Goudy School take the short walk to The Admiral at the Lake, a Lifecare retirement community. Upon arrival, the children link up with a resident buddy, armed with a book of their choosing. While students read their book, residents from The Admiral may ask questions to check for comprehension and delve into further conversation.

Pulling back the layers

The program was born from a simple desire to instill a love of reading. The program certainly achieves this, showing that reading can be completed outside of the brick-and-mortar school and that books can reflect each child's personality. But what's truly made this program special and long-lasting is what's beneath the layers.

The partnership encourages regular intergenerational engagement, offering a new perspective for many of the children who don't have a traditional family life and may not even have grandparents in the picture. Interacting with the residents at The Admiral provides a new lens of the world to the students and another adult "buddy" in their life.

Reading each week also encourages students to practice their English outside of school. Kate DeMille and her husband Dr. Jose DiMauro have been participating in the program for nine years. Jose, who is a native Spanish-speaker, having grown up in Argentina, often links up with children who are learning English as a second language. "Teachers know that if a student who is a native Spanish speaker is having difficulty, Jose can support and communicate with that child," said Kate.

Kathleen McCormack, 3rd Grade Teacher at the Goudy School, echoes that



The reading program by residents at The Admiral has become a bright spot in the week for everyone involved. The partnership has even expanded from a weekly reading program to include special celebrations such as holiday parties, and an art exhibition.

benefit, "We have a lot of students that are learning English as a second language and who have parents that are immigrants. So, many of them have been separated from their families. Having the children be able to practice their English skills while having that grandparent feel is a great feeling for them. It's comforting. It's not judgmental."

Engaging the residents

At first glance, the program benefits seem directed at the children from the Goudy School. But the residents at The Admiral have benefitted equally, if not more so.

For some residents like Vera Dowell, participating in the program came naturally. Vera was a teacher before retiring at The Admiral and was quickly drawn to the program, bringing years of educational experience with her. As she evolved into a leader of the program, Vera has had other residents express interest in volunteering, some of whom don't have a background in education and may not even have children of their own.

Vera has encouraged everyone to participate in the program, regardless of their background. "Get to know the children," she shares, "Listen to them read and then

talk to them about the book. Then, talk to them about anything!"

Her advice has encouraged more and more volunteers to participate in the program. In fact, the Reading Buddy program has become so popular that last week, there were more residents than children that showed up.

A bright spot

Whether you hear about the program from the residents at The Admiral, or the teachers at the Goudy School, one thing is clear. The program has become a bright spot in the week for everyone involved.

DeMille shares how mentoring the children has impacted her, "They are the most affectionate, beautiful children. At that age, it's so sweet to work with them. The people living here are so happy to have these chil-

dren in their lives."

Likewise, the children love visiting each week. The partnership has even expanded from a weekly reading program to include special celebrations such as holiday parties, and an art exhibition. "The children benefit from the one-on-one attention and having someone genuinely interested in their life," said McCormack. "They see that 'this person cares about me, they want to help me get better, they want to hear what my story is.'"

Many more years to come

As the Reading Buddy program celebrates 30 years, it shows no signs of slowing down. Be on the lookout for the third-grade students walking down W. Foster Ave. in Uptown. They're on their way to meet their buddy.



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Man fired two shots after disarming Chicago cop in Lincoln Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors said a man threatened a Chicago police officer with a rock before disarming the cop at firing two shots from the officer's weapon in Lincoln Park on March 10. Thomas Tucker, 29, was ordered held in lieu of a \$75,000 bail payment by Cook County Judge Charles Beach on Sunday afternoon.

During Tucker's bond hearing, prosecutors said two people who live in the 2100 block of N. Cleveland heard a noise outside their home and reviewed surveillance cameras. They saw him standing in a gangway, talking to himself, and possibly urinating around 9:04 p.m.

A 50-year-old Chicago police officer working alone met with the residents and entered the gangway to move Tucker along.

But Tucker assumed a "crouching position" and maintained that position as he walked toward the cop at an "accelerated pace," an assistant state's attorney told the court. Tucker allegedly raised a rock over his head while talking about the officer's gun.

The cop backed out of the gangway as Tucker swung the rock at him, disregarding the officer's commands to stay back.



Thomas Tucker

Tucker and the cop became engaged in a physical altercation on the sidewalk, during which Tucker unholstered the officer's weapon, bit the officer, and fired two rounds as the officer struggled to control the weapon, prosecutors said.

After the cop regained control of his firearm, Tucker ran from the scene. Other witnesses directed backup officers to a nearby yard, where Tucker allegedly tried to move toward another officer's gun before being restrained.

Prosecutors charged him with aggravated battery of a peace officer, disarming a peace officer, aggravated assault of a peace officer, reckless obstruction of a peace officer, and reckless discharge of a firearm.



Multiple construction permits have been issued to Misericordia in West Ridge for an expansion of an existing intermediate care facility known at Ridge and Granville avenues. In the end, space for 150 new residents will be added to the campus.

Building permits issued for Misericordia plans in West Ridge

Now that the Hearts And Flour Bakery project has been finished, and is now open for business, Misericordia in West Ridge is onto its next big project: adding 16 new buildings and 150 residents onto their campus.

Multiple construction permits have been issued for an expansion of an existing intermediate care facility known as Misericordia Home, at Ridge and Granville.

The expansion project, dubbed "Sister Rosemary Park," will serve those with developmental disabilities, comprising of 16 detached two-story homes.

With the goal of alleviating Misericordia's longer waitlist times, the project will replace a former tennis club that was demolished in 2020. This new section of the campus will be able to accommodate up to 150 residents living within these group homes, bringing the total Misericordia population up to 750.

The new structures will be standard residential homes, with fiber cement siding, brick, and gabled roofs. The homes and surrounding infrastructure have also been planned with ADA accessibility in mind.

The expansion project, dubbed "Sister Rosemary Park," will serve those with developmental disabilities, comprising of 16 detached two-story homes.

Walsh Construction is the general contractor for the project, and each of the detached residences will reportedly cost \$3 million per building. A final completion date has not been indicated.

Misericordia first opened its doors in 1921 as a maternity hospital for women of meager means, both married and unwed. Then in 1954, Misericordia recognized an even greater need in society—helping young children with developmental and physical disabilities. From this humble yet noble beginning grew Misericordia as it is known today.

Today, Misericordia supports more than 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities—some who also have physical challenges and medical issues—from diverse religious, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Misericordia has grown substantially during the past eight decades and now provides programs for its

Sister Rosemary



In Aug. 1969 a young Sister of Mercy named Rosemary Connelly first walked through Misericordia's doors—marking a significant moment in the organization's history. During her initial days, Sister Rosemary noticed that her colleagues genuinely cared about the children, but there were no challenges or goals for them.

Many of these children were growing out of their baby years, and their emotional, psychological and educational needs were quickly changing.

Determined to create an environment that would be open to the gifts and abilities of these children, Sister Rosemary contacted experts in government and academia to request their help in developing programs and services.

At every turn, Sister Rosemary was told that there were no programs for children with developmental disabilities and she should take the initiative to create them.

And that she did. Soon, Sister Rosemary had built classrooms for primary education and developed programs for self-help skills, speech and physical therapy, and recreational activities.

At the same time Sister Rosemary was looking for a home for ambulatory children who did not require the skilled nursing services provided at Misericordia.

She wanted a home-like setting where they could grow in independence.

The Archdiocese offered a portion of the campus with the understanding that any new construction and all operations would be the responsibility of Misericordia.

Since that day in the mid-1970s when Sister Rosemary and 39 children moved to West Ridge, Misericordia has grown and welcomed many more children and adults to its family.

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Cops find postal service master keys, pile of financial info during North Side traffic stop

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police found two forged Postal Service master keys and a trove of W2 forms, checks, and other financial information during a traffic stop in Albany Park last week, officials said.

Officers pulled Brian Neumann over in the 4700 block of N. Bernard around 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 because they saw something dangling from his rearview mirror, according to Neumann's arrest report.

The cops detained Neumann, 31, for not having a valid driver's license. And that's when things got interesting.

While impounding Neumann's car, officers allegedly found a meth-encrusted bong on the driver's door panel, suspected heroin,



Brian Neumann (inset) and a United Postal Service master key, known as an "arrow key."

a scale, and a stack of financial documents.

On Neumann's key ring, police allegedly found two forged United Postal Service master keys, known as "arrow keys," that

allow mail carriers—and mail thieves—to access mailboxes.

Experts say stolen and forged arrow keys are used by theft crews that steal checks, credit cards, and documents to fuel iden-

tity theft operations.

Police also found a forged temporary driver's license with Neumann's picture and someone else's name, another man's Social Security card, several checks, at least eight W2s, a retirement tax statement, "pages" of bank statements, credit card information, and more, according to Chicago police evidence records.

Prosecutors charged Neumann with felony identity theft, possession of burglary tools, two counts of possessing a controlled substance, and two misdemeanors.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered him to pay a \$500 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

Some thieves who use the stolen keys even wear postal service uniform parts as a disguise.

"Basically, the entire U.S. Postal Service is riddled with fraud," a law enforcement source told this reporter last year. And things have

only gotten worse since then.

A source said that mail thieves are "part of a larger operation that uses stolen mail to open checking accounts and launder stolen

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checks," among other crimes.

In one tricky scheme known as "check washing," criminals use common chemicals to erase ink on stolen checks, then write the check for a large sum. The fraudulent checks are then either cashed or sold online.

Chicago is illegally towing, seizing, selling off vehicles over other people's unpaid ticket debt

BY MARY HAYDOCK
Cook County Record

A law firm that in recent years has focused heavily on class actions against the city of Chicago over its parking, towing and vehicle ticketing policies is back in court with another lawsuit, asserting the city has illegally seized vehicles over unpaid parking tickets or other alleged non-moving violations.

Attorneys from the firm of Myron M. Cherry & Associates filed suit in Chicago federal court on Feb. 27 on behalf of named plaintiffs Ryan O'Donnell and Michael Goree, against the city of Chicago and United Road Towing. The lawsuit accuses the city of Chicago over the alleged booting, impounding, seizure, salvage and sale of vehicles, from owners who allegedly are on record for unpaid fines, parking tickets and other non-moving violations.

But the suit contends that vehicles impounded, salvaged or sold, are not necessarily the vehicles involved in the violation.

According to court documents, the city's tows "do not even target the vehicle that was used in a particular infraction. Instead, any and all vehicles owned by a person with unpaid tickets ... are eligible to be towed and sold," under the city's policy.

Plaintiffs claim these actions are unconstitutional. Tellingly, unpaid ticket tows are administered not by the Dept. of Streets

and Sanitation or the Chicago Police Dept., but by the City Comptroller's Dept. of Finance. That makes sense

given that the whole purpose of this scheme is debt collection.

"Taking a person's car simply because they owe civil debt bears no 'reasonable relationship to a legitimate purpose within the City's police powers - e.g., the promotion of the health, safety, well-being or welfare of the community,'" the lawsuit claims.

Plaintiffs contend that such seizing or "taking" of an individual's personal property without due process or compensation, violates the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. According to published reports, Chicago has

to commit a crime is one thing. But the police power is not a green light for municipalities to enforce civil debts with the threat of property seizure. An act like that would be neither punitive nor remedial, much less "firmly

fixed in the punitive and remedial jurisprudence of the country." Indeed, the City's collection practices only punish non-payment, not any underlying offense. And they remediate nothing, except a private civil debt.

According to the complaint, named co-defendant United Road Towing, who has been the city's exclusive contractual towing company for 30 years, allegedly also receives a portion of the proceeds from sale or salvage.

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seized and sold nearly 50,000 vehicles since 2011 for ticket related infractions, none of which were the proceeds applied to the debt owed or to pay the vehicle's owners.

Seizing property that was used

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Police Beat...

Woman charged with robbery after victim tracks his phone, finds her standing inside a Chicago police station

A traffic accident in River North took an ugly turn March 5 when the occupants of one car beat up and robbed the other driver. And the story got even stranger when the victim tracked his stolen phone and allegedly discovered the other driver standing inside a Chicago police station, filing an accident report.

Dawnisha Escobal, 24, was charged with robbery and misdemeanor battery during a court hearing on March 6.

Around 2 a.m., Escobal collided with a 22-year-old Uber driver at the intersection of Orleans and Ontario streets, according to a Chicago police report.

The Uber driver, who had two passengers, got out to inspect the damage but wound up being attacked by Escobal and three other people, prosecutors said. The group punched the Uber driver in the head and face. They fled in Escobal's car after she allegedly took the other driver's phone.

About two hours later, Escobal went to the Gresham 6th District police station at 7808 S. Halsted to file a report about the car accident. As officers filled out the paperwork, the Uber driver, who was tracking his stolen phone's GPS signal, walked into the police station and saw Escobal.

Officers arrested Escobal in the station lobby after confirming she had the man's phone, according to officials.

Escobal's public defender said she's a certified nursing assistant who is learning solar power installation. After observing that bringing a stolen phone into a police station "doesn't make a lot of sense, quite frankly," Judge Charles Beach ordered Escobal to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to be released. Beach stated that once she returns home, she must observe a curfew from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

15-year-old shot in Edgewater

A 15-year-old boy was in Edgewater on March 7, Chicago police said. No suspects are in custody, but police have located the gunman's car.

The boy was inside a car at the intersection of Broadway and Berwyn around 7:15 a.m. when a gunman began firing shots at him from inside an SUV that stopped nearby, police said.

One bullet struck the boy in his right hand. EMS transported him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition.

The gunman's car was found in the 200 block of Florence in Evanston, just a few blocks north of the city limits. Video shows the occupants of the getaway car switching into another vehicle and leaving the scene, according to an officer who saw the footage.

The boy is the first person shot in Edgewater this year. The neighborhood had two shooting victims as of this date in 2022.

Woman returns while 'Kia Boy' is stealing her car...

So, he carjacks her instead

A "Kia Boy" turned into a carjacker when the car's owner caught him trying to steal her vehicle inside a downtown Chicago parking garage.

Police said the 45-year-old woman was returning to her Hyundai Sonata, which was parked inside a garage in the 100 block of W. Madison,

when she noticed the rear passenger side window was broken around 2 p.m. March 7.

Suddenly, a man emerged from her car and demanded her property, then returned to the Kia and drove away, police said. The woman was not injured.

"Kia boy" is the popular term for car thieves who steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles by exploiting a design flaw that allows the cars to be stolen by using a USB plug as a key. If a desired car is locked, the thieves usually break a rear side window and crawl in.

Fueled by "how-to" videos on social media, the fad is largely responsible for a 143% year-over-year increase in auto thefts in Chicago. So far this year, car thefts are up more than 250% compared to the same time in 2021, 2020, and 2019.

CBS2 recently reported that 10% of Kias and 7% of Hyundais registered in Chicago had been stolen in 2022. We've reported that some insurance companies refused to issue new policies for the affected models.

Last month Kia and Hyundai announced software upgrades that the companies said would prevent the design flaw from being exploited.

Paroled burglar charged with burglarizing homes in Lakeview, North Center

Prosecutors have charged a paroled burglar with breaking into three homes on the North Side, starting less than four months after he got out of prison for a series of burglary and looting-related crimes.

Back in May 2019, Kevin Purdis was charged with burglarizing a Lincoln



Kevin Purdis

Park home while he was on electronic monitoring for allegedly using credit cards that were taken during burglaries. He sat in jail until a judge agreed to let him out due to concerns about the dangers of the COVID pandemic.

Four months later, he was arrested again after police said they found \$4,000 worth of looting proceeds in his car on the Near North Side.

He put all of those cases to rest in Oct. 2021: Judge Diana Kenworthy sentenced him to two years for one ID theft case. Prosecutors dropped all other charges. And he received six years for the Lincoln Park burglary and one year for stealing the looted merchandise, records show. He was released in April.

Purdis was arrested yet again on March 3 in the 200 block of W. Division after CPD surveillance officers recognized him as a man who had just burglarized a home in North Center.

Patrol officers stopped Purdis and found collector coins, jewelry, a Nintendo Switch, an iPad, and a PlayStation 5 that had been taken earlier in the day from a home in the 1900 block of W. Patterson, officials said.

Using surveillance video, detectives also linked Purdis to an Aug. 12, 2022, burglary in the 3200 block of N. Damen and another in the 900 block of W. Cornelia Jan. 23, said prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto.

Computers, watches, cash, and gaming consoles were taken from those victims.

Scaduto said Purdis told officers that the stolen items cops found in his backpack had been purchased from a fence named "Pacheco." But when detectives told him that they were actually investigating him for more than one burglary, he clammed up, she said.

During Purdis' bail hearing, his public defender said the Lincoln Park High School graduate is the "proud father of two children" who works full-time as a maintenance worker and also volunteers at his daughter's school.

Judge David Kelly ordered Purdis

to pay a \$3,000 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring. Purdis is charged with three counts of residential burglary and theft of lost or mislaid property.

Despite his background, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections has decided not to revoke his parole, Scaduto said.

New details emerge as woman questioned in Rogers Park murder is released without being charged

The woman who was taken in for questioning after a man was found fatally shot inside a Rogers Park apartment last week has been released without being charged in the case, according to Chicago police records, which contain intriguing details about what police found—and didn't find—at the scene.

Officers responded to a call of a person shot in the 7500 block of N. Damen at 8:51 p.m. March 3 a 911 caller reported that the victim Kelvin Lee, 37, had shot himself in the head, possibly by accident.

Officers found Lee dead on the living room floor with a gunshot wound to his right temple, a Chicago police report said. But police said they did not find a gun at the scene. A bullet casing was found on the kitchen floor.

A 43-year-old woman who listed the apartment as her home address was the only person in the home at the time of the shooting, according to CPD records.

Police searched the woman and allegedly found about two grams of suspected crack cocaine in her possession. After keeping her in custody for the entire weekend, she was taken to bond court to face a felony drug possession charge and then went home on her own recognizance, according to court records.

CPD detectives have classified the case as a continuing investigation.

Couple carjacked in Edgewater; hijacking reports are sliding from record highs

Chicago police are investigating after a couple was carjacked at gunpoint March 7 in Edgewater.

It happened as the man and woman, who are both 26, were exiting their car in the 5600 block of N. Winthrop around 2 a.m., according to Chicago police. As they stepped out of their silver 2016 BMW, an SUV pulled up next to them, and a man got out with a handgun to demand control of the vehicle.

Police said the hijacker drove the BMW south on Winthrop, then east, accompanied by the SUV.

The victims reported that the offenders were Black males who wore hoodies and masks.

Reports of carjackings have been sliding since the "Kia Boys" auto theft phenomenon took off last summer. Through Feb. 27, the most recent data available, the city recorded 226 vehicular hijackings in 2023.

That's down from 294 at the same time last year and 328 in 2021.

But there is a long way to go before the city returns to the levels seen before carjacking cases skyrocketed in the second half of 2020.

FBI looking for gunman who robbed River North bank

The FBI is trying to track down the man who robbed a River North bank at gunpoint last week. The agency has released surveillance images of the holdup at Chase Bank, 401 N. Clark St.

Chicago police responded to a pair of 911 calls at the bank around 2:51 p.m. March 3. One caller said they saw a man holding a gun while pacing in front of the bank and looking through its windows. Another caller said his girlfriend, a bank employee, called him to report a robbery in progress.

Officers arrived quickly and pursued the robber eastbound through an alley between Hubbard and Kinzie streets, but they lost him, according

Video shows bank robber collecting loose cash after shootout with guards downtown



A downtown Chicago office worker captured amazing video as a bank robber collected loose cash from the ground after having a shootout with a bank security guard on March 9.

The footage, provided exclusively to this reporter, shows the bank robber on his hands and knees, gathering cash from the bank's revolving door, which was shattered by gunfire during the shootout. The video also shows another large pane of glass shattered on the bank's storefront.

After gathering loose money for a few moments, the robber stands up and walks away eastbound on Madison St. as a flurry of cash falls to the ground behind him.

The FBI has released this surveil-

lance image of the robber. According to the agency's bulletin, the suspect is a Black male who stands 5'-7" tall with a medium build. He was wearing a black hooded jacket, a mask, winter gloves, and blue jeans. Contrary to a Chicago police media statement, the FBI bulletin said no injuries were reported.

Chicago said a 59-year-old bank security guard suffered a graze wound to his hand while exchanging shots with the robber at Fifth Third Bank, 1 S. Wacker, just before 3 p.m. Previously, CPD said the guard suffered a gunshot wound to his shoulder, but the department later retracted that statement.

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Man stabbed during fight on CTA Red Line train at Addison

A man is hospitalized after being repeatedly stabbed during a fight aboard a Red Line CTA train in Wrigleyville March 9, Chicago police said.

The 36-year-old victim told police another man approached him on the train at Addison and began punching him around 3:15 a.m. He fought back, and the assailant pulled out a small knife that he used to stab the victim, police said.

EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition for treatment of several puncture wounds. The offender, whom police did not describe, fled the scene.

Armed men rob, carjack at least 14 people in another hours-long crime wave

A huge wave of armed robberies rolled across Chicago, starting in Lincoln Park and Old Town on March 8, then reaching Bucktown, Logan Square, and beyond. At least 14 victims were targeted.

It's the second night in a row that armed robbery crews have committed strings of holdups, raising concerns that a terrifying crime pattern that essentially went dormant for several weeks has reemerged.

The latest crime wave began around 8:40 p.m. in the 1500 block of W. Altgeld in Lincoln Park. Three armed men who stepped out of a red SUV with Florida plates robbed a woman and her two friends at gun-

point, according to the preliminary information.

One of the victims' phones was later tracked to the areas of subsequent robberies, leading at least one officer who spoke with CWB Chicago to conclude that the crew was responsible for other crimes.

Next, a 39-year-old woman was carjacked at gunpoint in the 500 block of W. Menomonee in Old Town around 8:50 p.m., according to a Chicago police spokesperson. The woman was getting something out of her car when a black sedan pulled up, and an armed man got out to demand her keys. She complied, and the offender drove away with her black Audi A4, police said.

At around 10:20 p.m., two men were robbed at gunpoint outside Carnivale, a restaurant at 702 W. Fulton Market. Police said the victims, ages 25 and 27, were walking when a red SUV pulled up, and three gunmen got out with guns to take their property.

Then, a group of armed men in a white SUV, possibly a Mazda, pulled off a string of robberies. According to initial information, those crimes began in the 3300 block of W. Dickens and the 4100 block of W. Barry a little before 10:30 p.m.

Around 11:10 p.m., three armed men chased and robbed a man in the 1600 block of N. Spaulding in Logan Square. They fled in the white SUV.

About 10 minutes later, a group of men in a black SUV pulled up next to a woman who was parking in the 2600 block of W. Thomas and announced a robbery.

Around 12:45 a.m. Thursday, four men robbed a man at gunpoint near Western and Bloomingdale. They fled in a white SUV.

Minutes later, a woman waiting for Illinois State Police to show up to an accident scene was robbed by three men who exited a red SUV in the 1700 block of S. Union, another Chicago police report said.

A 25-year-old man was robbed in the 2000 block of W. McLean around 1 a.m., according to CPD. Four men got out of a white Mazda SUV with handguns and took his phone, police said.

Finally, around 1 a.m., four men

Chicago men plead guilty to shoplifting raids, selling proceeds at a sandwich shop

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two men who allegedly stole over \$20,000 worth of merchandise from top Chicago retailers and resold the products inside a Subway restaurant have pleaded guilty to felony charges, according to court records. One of them received probation. The other, who committed additional crimes while on “second chance probation” for a flash mob shoplifting incident, has been sent to prison.

Authorities said Semaj Bryant and Jerome Williams, both 19, specifically targeted national retailers that have a “hands-off policy” toward shoplifters.

The men allegedly raided The North Face store, 875 N. Michigan, twice in Dec. 2021, taking merchandise worth \$13,543. Two days later, they took \$3,080 worth

of coats from The North Face in Wicker Park, prosecutors alleged.

Nine days after that, they returned to the Wicker Park store and took another \$2,520 in clothing and went to Sephora, 938 W. North Ave., where they allegedly stuffed \$2,493 worth of cologne into a garbage bag and walked out.

After each crime, Bryant and Williams drove to the Subway restaurant at 7908 S. Halsted and offered the freshly-stolen items for sale at a table in the dining room, officials said.

But as they noisily dumped North Face and Sephora products onto their sales table on Dec. 21, two Chicago police officers just happened to be in the restaurant’s



Mugshots of Semaj Bryant (L) and Jerome Williams (R).

back office, pulling surveillance video of their previous sales efforts, prosecutors said. The cops arrested them.

Bryant allegedly told police a friend recruited him to steal and sell jackets for \$200 or less. He kept a percentage.

In court records, prosecutors said Williams and Bryant “con-

ducted research online about retail companies that have a ‘hands off’ policy before they would enter a retail establishment.”

Court records show that Bryant pleaded guilty to one count of running a continuing financial crime enterprise in exchange for two years of probation from Judge Aleksandra Gillespie. Prosecutors dropped three felony retail theft charges in their deal with Bryant.

Two months before the crime spree, Williams pleaded guilty to being part of a flash mob that stole products worth \$2,723 from Ulta Beauty at 2754 N. Clybourn and got “second chance probation.”

In court records, prosecutors said Williams and Bryant “conducted research online about retail companies that have a ‘hands off’ policy before they would enter a retail establishment.”

Like Bryant, he has now pleaded guilty to operating a continuing financial crime enterprise plus two counts of felony retail theft. Judge Lorraine Murphy gave him a six-year sentence for each count, to be served concurrently.

After receiving a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior plus other credits, Bryant is expected to be paroled on Feb. 14, 2025.

Second man, a 14-time felon, charged with ‘Puffy Coat Bandit’ thefts

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors on March 8 charged a second man in connection with the so-called “Puffy Coat Bandit” crime ring, which specializes in stealing phones, wallets, and purses from restaurant and bar patrons in Chicago.

Jerome Sharp, 29, was charged with felony theft for a November incident downtown.

Prosecutors said a woman’s purse was stolen from Pinstripes Bowling, 435 E. Illinois, on Nov. 25, 2022. She reported the theft to police immediately but didn’t see who took it.

A short time later, she received bank alerts about someone using her credit cards at Mythical Kicks, a smoke shop at 21 W. Ontario in River North, prosecutors said.

One of the smoke shop’s employees told police that Sharp presented a credit card and ID bearing Sharp’s name to make a purchase, but his card was declined. Sharp then used three of the woman’s cards to buy merchandise totaling \$2,070.56, prosecutors said.

Surveillance video from the store helped police identify Sharp, who is a 14-time convicted felon, almost entirely for theft and identity theft-related charges, prosecutors said.

Sharp has been in jail for several weeks, awaiting trial for a felony theft case and a separate felony aggravated fleeing charge. He has been unable to raise the \$13,000 needed to bail out.

On March 8, Judge William Fahy ordered Sharp to pay another \$1,000 and go on electronic monitoring for the new charge.

The previously-filed theft charge against Sharp involves a May 15, 2022, incident at a restaurant in the 2200 block of N. Clybourn.

In that case, a man was having breakfast when Sharp and another man approached and asked him to make donations while Sharp placed a brown bag on the victim’s table, prosecutors said. The victim asked them to leave him alone.

Sharp allegedly picked up the bag and the victim’s wallet, then walked away. Four of the victim’s credit cards were quickly used at

a Target store. That’s the same technique used by the so-called “Puffy Coat” team.

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] has called Sharp one of two “ringleaders” of the theft crew, who were nicknamed the “Puffy Coat Bandits” in social media posts about recurring thefts involving men who wore large winter coats.

Another man identified as a ringleader by Hopkins, James Wilkins, 28, was charged with a series of similar thefts last week.

Prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto accused Wilkins of participating in four thefts during January, all recorded by cameras.

Around 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 6, he approached a victim inside a cafe at 313 W. Wolf Point Plaza and placed a flyer over the victim’s wallet, which was on the table, Scaduto said. Wilkins simultaneously picked up the flyer and wallet and left the restaurant.

That evening, he sat beside a woman talking with her husband at the bar inside The Diver, 601 N. Wells, and took the woman’s backpack, which contained a laptop, a wallet, and other items worth \$2,400, Scaduto said.

The next day, just after 3 p.m., he allegedly walked up behind a woman at Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!, 2024 N. Halsted, and took her purse.

And on January 20, a woman was seated at the bar at Morton’s, 65 E. Wacker, when Wilkins grabbed her purse from the floor, took her wallet, and fled, Scaduto continued.

Wilkins has been in jail since Feb. 10, when police arrested him for an outstanding warrant. Other team members have continued to commit thefts even while Wilkins was in custody.

He was on bond for charges related to similar crimes on the Univ. of Chicago campus one year ago.

On March 2, 2022, Wilkins and an accomplice used the flyer trick to steal a wallet and phone from two people dining in the school’s cafeteria, Scaduto said. Wilkins was recorded on security video as he tried to use one of the victim’s credit cards at a Target store a few minutes later.

He and an accomplice returned to the school less than five hours later and allegedly tried to steal a victim’s wallet in a dining hall.

A U of C police officer followed Wilkins to a car and made a note of the license plate, which is registered to Wilkins, according to Scaduto.

Judge David Navarro set Wilkins’ bail at \$10,000 last March, and Wilkins went home by posting 10% of that amount the next day. Charges in those cases, burglary and illegal possession of a credit card, are still pending in court.

After hearing about the new allegations, Judge David Kelly ordered Wilkins to pay another \$3,000 bail to be released on the January cases. He also held Wilkins without bail for violating bond in the pending matters.

Scaduto said Wilkins had been sent to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections four times: for identity theft in 2019, robbery in 2017, theft in 2015, and residential burglary in 2012.

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in a white SUV robbed a man at gunpoint in the 2200 block of N. Hoyne.

In reports reviewed by this reporter, nearly all of the victims described the robbers as young, skinny Black males who wore hoodies and carried more than one firearm.

Similar waves of robberies struck the same areas time and time again between mid-November and February. But police made several arrests, and the holdups became less frequent.

Yet, the robbery sprees have returned recently, including March 1 and March 5. Chicago police warned the public about a three-robbery spree that unfolded in Humboldt Park March 9.

In those cases, police said, three men traveling in a 2020 Hyundai Tucson with license plate CV47270 robbed victims in the 1500 block of N. Kedzie at 12:35 p.m., the 2600 block of W. Thomas at 1:29 p.m., and the 1300 block of N. Rockwell at 1:38 p.m.

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New play tells the story of an Irish boy's pilgrimage

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BY SHEILA SWANN

Raised in Northern Ireland, young Jimmy Mallon is diagnosed with bone cancer in his leg. After radiation treatment fails, and facing a grim prognosis, money is raised to send Jimmy to Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

Will there be a divine intervention?

Are there really healing waters in Lourdes?

Was Jimmy misdiagnosed?

A Bump on the Leg, a new play by Leigh Johnson opens Friday, March 17, at St. Bonaventure Oratory, 1625 W. Diversey Pkwy.

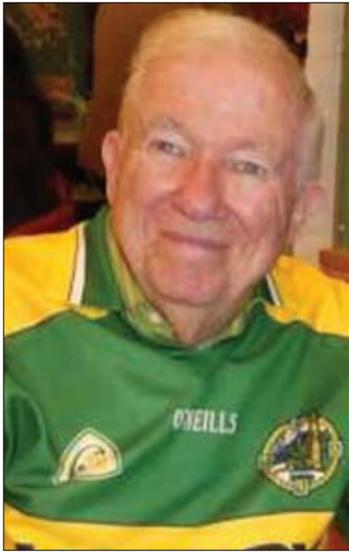
This play, filled with touching moments and a good deal of Irish humor, is based on a real event from the life of Chicago resident and Irish immigrant James Mallon.

A Bump on the Leg examines the powers of a mother's love and faith in a whimsical, thought-provoking and heartwarming way. And begs the question "do miracles really happen?"

The play runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. through April 16.

A question and answer period with playwright Johnson and Mallon take place after the 90-minute performance.

Tickets are \$30, half price tickets are available for opening weekend only, through Subtext Theater Company's website at subtextnfp.org.



Dan O'Donnell



Dick Rush

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scholarships named for both **Dan O'Donnell** and **Dick Rush** at the Boys and Girls Club in North Center. Festivities took place at LaVilla with Senate President **John Cullerton** as keynote speaker. The truth is they're actually 102 years old, but had to cancel the party in 2021 because... well, we all know why.

MR. BEEF: No geography in America can claim the grandeur of an Italian Hot Beef sandwich like Chicago. No one created them better than **Joe Zucchero** who opened his Mr. Beef in River North back in 1979 on Orleans St. Joe died recently at 69, the inspiration of the hit TV show "The Bear." Italian Beef remains the definitive Chicago street food.

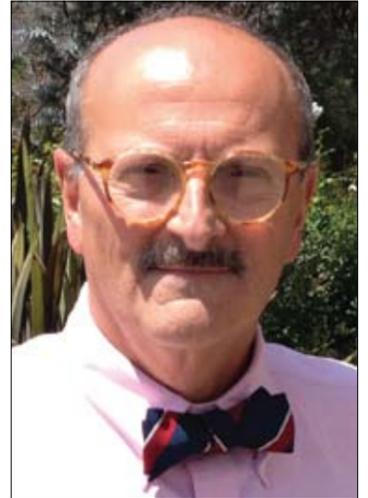
SILVER LINING FOUNDATION: Special salute to **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** and her exceptional event "Glitz & Glamour 2023," raising awareness and funds for equal access for breast



A young Mr. Beef, Joe Zucchero.



Dr. Sandy Goldberg



Dr. Joseph Purpura



President Obama. Rita O'Hare and Gerry Adams.



Dr. Donna Johnson and Donna Black Miller.

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COQ D'OR: Guess what? Coq d'Or at the Drake Hotel no longer offers their famous clam chowder. Word is the ingredients are too expensive. That was their signature dish. All Chicago is just flabbergasted. And no soup for you, birthday boy **Jim Kinney**.

NEW NOVEL: **Dr. Joseph Purpura**, long a practicing physician in Lake Forest, now a resident of Southern California shores, has always had a gift for inspired writing. He now has his first novel in hand and it's a thriller. "Code Crisis" is a creative and colorful tale of sophisticated medical complexity crashing into the government's need for control and the public's need for protection and understanding. Dr. Kildare meets James Bond, if you will. Should be in bookstores soon. Watch for it.

SWEET PEACE: Veteran republican (IRA) **Rita O'Hare** has died at the age of 80. A Belfast-born activist, involved in the early civil rights movement in the North of Ireland. Gerry Adams' right hand adjutant, she became one of the most high-profile on-the-run republicans during the Troubles (the 1960s-1980s).

Former editor of the republican IRA newspaper "An Phoblacht," O'Hare held several senior roles with Sinn Féin, including general secretary and director of publicity. But most importantly she was my friend of many years. A loyal protector of the rights of the poor and the disposed. A woman of enormous courage and sacrifice. Fearless in the struggle of Irish freedom. A patriot. A modern Joan of Arc.

WHO'S WHERE: Old Town artist **Sara Hoffman** with Honorary Old Town Mayor **Shelley Howard** catching a glimpse of the "Carmine's" sign being removed for the massive rehab

job... **Dan Balanoff** eating hot dogs in Brooklyn, NY... **Dr. Rose Gomez** visiting from Switzerland at the Blue Island Oyster Bar & Seafood in Lone Tree CC for **Michele's** birthday party... Retired Oak Lawn Sgt. **Geno McNulty** talked the talk on Hibernian Radio for the kick off of their new tour at Big Corner Tavern with a great group of coppers. Podcast will be at hibernianradio.org...

celebrating Confirmation for his great grandnephew, **Adam**... Happy 21st birthday to **Lucy O'Malley**, bright and beautiful... **Kristine Far** and **Yolanda Steiner** at Waldorf Astoria Chicago for an Intrigue Yellow evening with **Zak Rodriguez** and **Whitney Reynolds**... **Laurie Baker Lawlor** honored by Regina Dominican High School as the 2023 Regina Caeli Award Winner...



Bill Zwecker with Nancy Kelley.

Artist **John David Mooney** not missing one second of the opening of Chicago's Irish film festival... **Shaun Rajah** enjoying the wonder of Singapore's dramatic art, culture and food... **Ken Dooley's** cyclers did their loop from Wicker Park to Park Ridge, Glenview, Wilmette... Snowy Kitzbuhel, Austria was a winter playground for **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** who met **Kenny Jr.**, and **Mila**... **Janet Owen** and **Brian White** enjoying a cool one at the WAC... **Bill Zwecker** with **Nancy Kelley** enjoying Palm Desert's newly refurbished Marrakesh Country Club.

HUMANITIES FESTIVAL: Join legendary playwright **Anna Deavere Smith** and other award-winning creators for a conversation and performance on March 20, celebrating the world premiere of Proximity, a trio of new American Operas, commissioned by Lyric Opera of Chicago.

VIENNA + PRAGUE: **Amy Hawks** and **Jody McDonald** visiting Vienna and Prague, with excellent tour guide, and friend, **Kateřina Kubáňová**, who works summers on Islesboro, Maine.

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(Left) This columnist's grandson, Liam, 15 months, waits for the greening of the Chicago River on a river cruise on Saturday. (Right) From left Bridie, Maeve and Brigid.

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heartstrings: Seems Bridie practices dancing every day for her elderly grandparents.

"This is keeping the longevity," Hanley said.

Speaking of longevity, one of Hanley's Trinity teachers from her dancing days was a woman named Meghan Ochoa. Fast forward about 15 years to now, and it turns out the pair has reunited and are now good friends with daughters who happened to dance together at Trinity. Both Maeve, 12, and Brigid, six, (Ochoa also has a non-dancer son, Ryan, 10), as well as Hanley's daughter, Bridie, participated in Saturday's St. Paddy's parade on the Northwest Side.

"Trinity is truly a family," said Ochoa, who started dancing at age eight and stopped her first year in college. "Everyone is there no matter what you need...it extends beyond dance."

She spoke of Trinity's tri-fold philosophy of solo dancing, team dancing, and "shows big and small from church basements to Daley Plaza."

"There's a sacrifice... the dedication... but it's so fun," Ochoa said.

Beginning at the end of March and the first week in April, Trinity's Spring Beginner classes start at the IAHC on Mondays and Wednesdays. The lessons teach kids the basics of Irish dance and culture along with introducing

important skills such as balance, coordination, and teamwork. Open to age three to 10, no previous dance experience is necessary.

Additionally, dates are being finalized for dance camp for kids ages three-and-a-half to eight, which will have locations, among others, at the IAHC, and at the academy's Lakeview location, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

Meanwhile, over at my son's house, my granddaughter is "constantly dancing, and bouncing up and down at home and at school," thanks to her involvement with the Trinity Irish Dancers.

"I'm super proud of her," said her mother, adding that Irish dancing is a confidence builder, and cool experience. "To see that she loves it so much makes me so happy."

That makes two of us. I too am very proud of Sydney, and all the other big and little lucky charms who have worked so very hard to bring us their magically-delicious entertainment. Wishing them, and all of you, a pot of gold this St. Paddy's Day.

The Trinity Irish Dancers will perform at 5 p.m. March 16 at Eris Brewery, 4240 W. Irving Park Road and 8 p.m. March 17 at Chief O'Neill's, 3471 N. Elston Ave. They'll also be at Rush and Swedish hospitals and Old St. Pat's Church. For a full performance schedule go to TrinityIrishdance.com.



Debbie Sue Goodman

Movie night... Check out author/entertainer Debbie Sue Goodman as lead actress Laura Sharpmon in the short film, "Washed Up," a drama in which Goodman plays a famous comedian. See it at the Chicago Indie Film Night, 7 to 10 p.m., March 21, at the Davis Theater, 4614 N. Lincoln Ave. The story is written by filmmaker Sarah Falkiner with Shytown Films and we know Goodman will be excellent. It's an evening filled with short films, music videos and trailers from local filmmakers. Tix are free with advance registration at Eventbrite.

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subject of scandal on multiple occasions, including an FBI investigation into possible auto-theft. Despite this, Chicago chose to award United a \$60 million contract over five years in 2016 to facilitate towing and impound, the complaint asserts.

Additionally, the city allegedly "pays" United Towing in cars, allegedly selling confiscated vehicles to the company at scrap rate, far below the actual value of

the vehicles seized. United Road Towing further benefits from this arrangement through various subsidiaries, and as one of the largest auto auction operators in the state of Illinois, the complaint said.

Such practices have been a long-standing bone of contention for the city, as it has faced numerous lawsuits from people who have allegedly been victims of the city's fee and impound structure.

In the latest case, plaintiffs O'Donnell and Goree both said their vehicles were impounded by the city, leading to charges for ticketing, towing, impoundment and storage that went unpaid for about two months each. Both vehicles were then allegedly seized

and scrapped for salvage money less than three months later.

Goree's Chevrolet vehicle was supposedly not towed, impounded, or disposed of as a result of ticket debt associated with it.

The co-signor on Goree's vehicle had outstanding ticket debt from a different vehicle, according to the lawsuit. Goree's vehicle was released to the lien holder, which ultimately sold the vehicle as well without applying any of the proceeds towards settlement of the unpaid debt, according to the complaint.

Plaintiffs are seeking a trial by jury, and actual and punitive damages, plus court costs and legal fees.

SWEDISH from p. 5

the picture. Organizations such as "Threshold," "INCA Relief" and "Rohingya Culture Center," are only a select few examples of partnerships that Swedish is proud to be engaged with.

Swedish Hospital looks to continue its work, with an emphasis on the Healthy Chicago Equity Project not becoming a temporary blip. Current events being held through this program can be found on both the Swedish Hospital and The City of Chicago's websites. If interested in volunteering for this project, email directly to: SwHealthEquity@schosp.org.

Letters to the Editor

Excited about Clark Street Crossroads

As a soon-to-be parent, I am excited about the proposed Clark Street Crossroads plan. Currently, biking down this stretch of Clark St. is unsafe, and I could not imagine doing it with my child. Drivers do not stop at stop signs, or yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, even those pushing strollers. Families in our neighborhood deserve better.

When I was young, my grandparents would tell stories of their childhoods, when they could wander their neighborhood safely. They had freedom to explore and develop a sense of independence. Unfortunately, we have rede-

signed our streets to prioritize the convenience of drivers over all other needs. Projects like Clark Street Crossroads help us return to the traditional urban way of life that my grandparents enjoyed as children.

I'm glad that my child will grow up in a community that continues to invest in pedestrian and cyclist safety thanks to plans like Clark Street Crossroads. I hope there will be more projects like this across our neighborhood and our city.

Alec Schwengler
Ravenswood

Grace and freedom, with mustard and horseradish please

Among the glorious and healthy discoveries of the Post-Conciliar Church, the Body of Christ in the epoch after Vatican II, is that those who are baptized have the grace and the freedom of the Children of God to reason with intelligence about what is most life-giving.

Meaning that believers, especially Catholics, are more educated and able to make decisions once only looked for from bishops or cardinals for a reasoned decision. It's a bit more than just dyed-green rivers and beer.

This comes to mind in the observing the mortal issue of whether can you eat meat on St. Patrick's Day or not. Using good faith and measured reason, it's safe to say having a corned beef sandwich on the Saint's feast is neither a sin nor blasphemy. No one would get the sense of the argument more than St. Patrick, himself.

I'm adding my two cents as a faithful reader because I am sure that the long line of Irish Chicago Archbishops, through a long history, had no problem

granting a dispensation from a meatless Friday in Lent. Even if Croatian Cardinals are too busy traveling to grant one, or say St. Patrick's Mass before his parade. I guess the Irish grace and freedom would like to think that all those centuries of persecution and enslavement for our Catholic faith might be worthy of a corned beef on rye, with mustard and horseradish please.

Ironically, this is an issue, and conundrum you'd never need to explain to an Italian.

Boy, do we miss Bishop Tim Lynne, the late pastor at Holy Name Cathedral. He could always soothe Cardinal George enough to get a dispensation.

I still prefer to ask for it from the God of Jesus. He's much more understanding. And if you're asking a South Sider about corned beef, they'd say Manny's is the spot for you. On the North Side, JB's Deli is hard to beat.

Bon appetite.

Anne Murphy
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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDEBTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2020-A, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2020-A Plaintiff,
 -v-
 EDMUND C. MEADOWS, III, WENDY S. MEADOWS, 937 W. GEORGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.
 Defendants
 2022 CH 03401
 937 WEST GEORGE STREET, UNIT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60657
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 4, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 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 937 WEST GEORGE STREET, UNIT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60657
 Property Index No. 14-29-225-034-1004 (Vol. 488)
 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$506,821.54.
 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 Municipal

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ity 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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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 For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 21 9111.
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 Chicago IL, 60602
 E-Mail: ipledings@johnsonblumberg.com
 Attorney File No. 21 9111
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 TJS#C#: 43-317
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 Case # 2022 CH 03401
13214621
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR

Real Estate For Sale

WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-PR2 TRUST Plaintiff,
 -v-
 IGOR PRESMAN, G. JACQUELINE NEVID PRESMAN, AKA JACQUELINE NEVID PRESMAN, TIRAMA HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants
 19 CH 07827 consolidated with 17 D 4477
 6145 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 20C CHICAGO, IL 60660
 NOTICE OF SALE
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 Commonly known as 6145 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 20C, CHICAGO, IL 60660
 Property Index No. 14-05-211-016-1059
 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$151,887.42.
 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

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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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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 Attorney File No. 384240
 Attorney Code: 40387
 Case Number: 19 CH 07827 consolidated with 17 D 4477
 TJS#C#: 43-138
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOSEPH ROHNER, AS PLENARY GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE AND PERSON OF WILLIAM F. MCDELMOTT, A DISABLED PERSON; 2500 LAKEVIEW ASSOCIATION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 19 CH 9893
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 14-28-320-030-1074.
 Commonly known as 2500 North Lakeview Avenue, Unit 903, Chicago, IL, 60614.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0726 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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 Attorney Code: 63307
 Case Number: 2022 CH 09713
 TJS#C#: 43-824
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 Case # 2022 CH 09713
13214975

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 PATRICIA EDRIS, ESSAM EDRIS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ONTARIO PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 22 CH 1980
 10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706 CHICAGO, IL 60611
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 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 10 E ONTARIO PLACE, UNIT 4706, CHICAGO, IL 60611
 Property Index No. 17-10-111-014-1032
 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$707,343.37.
 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.
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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.
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 Attorney Code: 18837
 Case Number: 22 CH 1980
 TJS#C#: 43-157
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Case # 22 CH 1980
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 2020CH03907
 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201 CHICAGO, IL 60611
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 4, 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 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201, CHICAGO, IL 60611
 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427
 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$234,671.73.
 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.
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 For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's At-

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orneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 312792.
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 312-263-0003
 E-Mail: ipledings@potestivolaw.com
 Attorney File No. 312792
 Attorney Code: 43932
 Case Number: 2020CH03907
 TJS#C#: 41-1666
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 Case # 2020CH03907
13214547
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
 -v-
 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, U/T/A DATED OCTOBER 5, 2009 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002353855, CHRISTOPHER E. COOPER, THE LAKE SHORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITIBANK, N.A. Defendants
 2022 CH 07284
 1440 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE #22ABCD 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 January 5, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 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:
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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FS, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-SP2 TRUST;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; CHRISTINE CLARK; JENNIFER CLARK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; HURON STREET LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; EVERGREEN BANK GROUP; JOHN J. LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WILLIAM CLARK AKA WILL CLARK, DECEASED;
 Defendants,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RMPT TRUST, SERIES 2021 COTTAGE-TV Plaintiff, -v- SCOTT FINCHER Defendants 2022 CH 07898 6634 N BOSWORTH AVE CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 19, 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 6634 N BOSWORTH AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-308-025 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$446,104.57. 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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser

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IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Plaintiff, -v- SARAH B. GLASCH AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC, DECEASED, CHASE ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, SARAH B. GLASCH, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD JOHN HOLIC Defendants 2022 CH 04370 1216 WEST CHASE AVENUE 1-J CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 27, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1216 WEST CHASE AVENUE 1-J, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-318-015-1028 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. 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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser

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Defendants 2022 CH 00395 1125 W. LUNT AVENUE APT. 102 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 26, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 6, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1125 W. LUNT AVENUE APT. 102, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-200-034-1002 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser

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How to build an Accessory Dwelling when someone says 'no'

The Preservation Compact, Chicago Cityscape, and the Metropolitan Agency for Planning are hosting a panel discussion 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, on the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit [ADU] plan. The event will be held at the Old Post Office, 433 W. Van Buren, Ste. 450.

Under discussion will be barriers to construction in the city and how to overcome those. Property owners who have completed their own ADU projects will be in attendance to discuss their units.

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/from-policy-to-practice-adus-in-the-chicago-region-tickets-533957851307>.

Youth community service projects

Chicagoans between the ages of 16-24 who are interested in youth-led public service may apply to the Chicago Youth Service [CYS] Corps, a year-round program that provides paid opportunities for youth to engage in community services, project-based learning, and leadership development.

For more information visit <https://cysc.mychimyfuture.org/>.

CYS was launched by the city in 2020 to engage young people as part of the City's response to COVID-19.

Over the last two years, over 5,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 24 were employed in projects focused on developing leadership and empowering a service mindset.

Sponsor refugees in Chicago through Welcome Corps

The Welcome Corps is a new service opportunity to welcome refugees seeking freedom and safety in America. They are seeking out those people willing to help welcome and sponsor new refugees by securing and preparing initial housing, greeting refugee newcomers at the airport, enrolling children in school, and helping adults to find employment.

Experts from Welcome Corps will be there to guide sponsors each step of the way.

To learn more about being a private sponsor visit <https://welcomecorps.org/>.

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in Streeterville (south of Huron, west of Fairbanks, north of Illinois, and east of St. Clair).

Creating a Restricted Cannabis Zone requires 25% of registered voters in the precinct to sign this petition, after which the Alderman will introduce the Restricted Cannabis Zone in City Council and if passed it will take effect for four years.

SOAR is looking for residents willing to sign the petition as well as volunteers to help circulate petitions. Residential buildings in Ward 2, Precinct 4 are: 200 E. Illinois, 220 E. Illinois, 240 E. Illinois, 211 E. Ohio, 230 E. Ontario, 233 E. Erie, 600 N. Fairbanks. All signatures and petitions may be collected by April 21 to meet the petition deadline.

Both aldermen Reilly and Brian Hopkins [2nd] now support a Restricted Cannabis Zone for Ward 2, Precinct 4.

This petition would not restrict home cultivation but would restrict all types of cannabis business establishments.

Area residents have raised concerns about the proposal to add more legal weed dealers to the community due to heavy existing traffic, emergency vehicle routes, and potential safety concerns for pedestrians and residents.

"For our neighbors that want access to cannabis there are four dispensaries within a walking distance so this would have no real impact on access to cannabis," SOAR said in a released statement.

Responding to a smiler question of "what is too much," in Dec. 2022, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's administration launched a study of other US cities with longstanding cannabis sectors. But those series of conversations with government and business leaders from California, Denver, and Port-

land, OR, did not provide Boston with any simple solutions.

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After years of steady growth, marijuana revenues in both Colorado and Oregon declined sharply in 2022. Experts said the

downturn is largely due to an overabundance of marijuana retailers, plus a decrease in pot tourism as more states legalize the drug.

"In Denver, a lot of dogs are fighting over a few bones — it's a mature market with very few spots left on the board," Truman Bradley, executive director of the Marijuana Industry Group, a Colorado trade association, told The Boston Globe. "Some regulators and industry members believe in the free market through and through and say that will take care of it. Others want to see small businesses succeed and may want to keep density in mind from the outset."

Oregon, which has an ideal climate for growing marijuana outdoors, offers a preview of the consequences of excessive growth. The state is several years into a massive production glut that has sent prices crashing and pushed both growers and retailers into survival mode, according to local industry groups, reports the Globe. Officials and business leaders say the problem is exacerbated by the federal ban on interstate cannabis commerce, which means excess cannabis can't be offloaded to other states with less supply.

In response, Oregon lawmakers approved a bill that would allow the governor to negotiate pot export agreements with other states if national restrictions are loosened.

Cannabis firms in Colorado are now calling on their state to implement a similar moratorium, while Denver's City Council recently voted to block any new pot operators except those designated as social equity applicants — entrepreneurs from communities hit hardest by drug arrests — until at least 2027.

Put simply, there does appear to be such a thing as too many pot stores, at least in the aggregate.

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said.

During Del Toro's arrest in the murder case, police allegedly found various drugs packaged for sale, ammunition, and three guns. When they searched his home in the 3900 block of N. Kedzie, they found another gun and \$29,490 cash that federal officials described as "suspected narcotics proceeds."

The 115-page federal complaint said the Del Toros directed most of the other defendants to complete deliveries that customers placed by calling the delivery hotline.

On July 5, wiretap conversations sug-

gested that Valencia might be preparing to shoot someone, the federal complaint said. Police officers, hoping to "prevent the potential use of a firearm," pulled Valencia over, found a gun in his bag, seized the weapon, and then let him go, the complaint said.

Afterwards, Freddy Del Toro and Hernandez discussed the incident during a phone call that authorities were monitoring.

"I'm going to tell you something crazy," Hernandez said. "That nigga got let go."

"What the f*ck? No," replied Hernandez.

"He didn't even go to the station, bro."

The men then discussed the possibility that, given the circumstances, Valencia

might be cooperating with law enforcement.

In September, after cops stopped one of their customers and seized their crack but didn't arrest them, the pair again discussed the possibility that law enforcement was onto their operation.

"They're watching, Moe," Del Toro allegedly said. "Foster and Pulaski, Moe. I seen J-Dog ... they was coming out the [grocery store] already, boom, they stopped them. They were like, come here. Boom, boom. Handcuffed them and everything. Took his [\$20 worth of crack] and everything."

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determine if a second person who walked into a nearby hospital with a gunshot wound was also injured in the incident.

Around 8:53 a.m., witnesses saw a fight between the people in two cars near the 100 block of N. Dearborn.

One person involved in the confrontation

pulled out a baseball bat and hit the other vehicle. An occupant of that second vehicle then opened fire, witnesses said, striking a man who was walking outside the Goodman Theatre, 180 N. Dearborn.

Two cars sped away from the scene.

Officers who responded to calls of gunfire reported that the victim, a 58-year-old information technology professional, was

shot in the hand. He went to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

Another man walked into Northwestern with a gunshot wound to his leg a short time later. Officers at the hospital found a black Nissan Altima with bullet hole damage parked nearby. The car has the same license plate as one of the vehicles that sped from the scene, according to an officer.



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