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a strong patriotic duty not to go to jail.

— Dave Barry

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## Loop hijacker also carjacked driver outside Gov. Pritzker's Gold Coast mansion

BY CWBCHICAGO

A South Loop man who carjacked a Lyft driver at gunpoint in the Loop on April 9 is also responsible for hijacking a driver outside Gov. JB Pritzker's Gold Coast mansion last year, according to police and prosecutors.

Judge Susana Ortiz held 18-year-old Noah Ransom without bail during a court hearing April 10.

Around 4 a.m. April 9, Ransom and four others got into a Lyft driver's Lexus SUV after ordering a pick-up near the Embassy Suites hotel, 600 N. State, Assistant State's Attorney Lindsey Patton said.

As the car traveled south on Michigan Ave. near Millennium Park, Ransom, seated in the front passenger seat, took a gun from someone in the back seat and ordered the driver out, Patton continued.

The 34-year-old victim pulled over in front of the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, 12 S.



Noah Ransom (inset) and Gov. JB Pritzker's mansion on the 1400 block of N. Astor St.

Michigan. Ransom allegedly slid into the driver's seat and sped away. CPD surveillance cameras recorded the driver being forced from the car.

Illinois State Police troopers spotted the stolen SUV on the Dan Ryan Expressway and engaged in a lengthy pursuit that reached speeds over 120 MPH until they forced it to stop around 6:10 a.m. near Jackson and Aberdeen in the West Loop.

ISP, CPD, and UIC police of-

ficers took the car's occupants into custody. Ransom was driving the car and police found a loaded handgun with an extended magazine lying on the ground outside the driver's door that he fled from, Patton said. Police did not announce charges against the other occupants.

The Lyft driver identified Ransom in a photo line-up, Patton said.

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## North Pond project starting up, community meeting April 20

The Lincoln Park pond scum's days are numbered...

After three years of fundraising, cajoling, researching and due diligence, the Lincoln Park Conservancy will be starting the restoration of North Pond this month. Some \$7.3 million was raised over the last two years so the fences are now being installed and the site is prepped for the pond grading and dredging that will begin by early May.

The rehab team's goal is to have minimal disruption to the humans and wildlife around the Pond, as they drain the murky, swampy waters, dredge the lake bottom, repairs the grounds and banks, and restore the pond's depth to enable it to thrive again.

To that end, Lincoln Park Conservancy staff and their contractors have walked the site with local groups including the Chicago Ornithological Society to identify potential nesting sites and minimize impact on avian habitat. They are working with the Chi-



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cago Park District and Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to ensure the proper care of turtles and other sensitive species during the restoration.

As the project moves forward, the Conservancy will employ an adaptive management strategy with the health and safety of wildlife as a priority. The pond

will always have areas that stay wet, even during the dredging process.

A virtual public meeting with the Conservancy, Chicago Park District, and the contractor will be held via Zoom 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. To register

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## Lake Shore Dr. bridge testing means closure April 18 to 22

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation will be performing maintenance and testing on the Lake Shore Dr. Bridge on Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 22 from 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

While maintenance and testing is being performed, Upper Lake Shore Dr., from Illinois to Randolph will be closed. Additionally, Lower Lake Shore Dr., from Grand to Lower Wacker Dr. will be closed.

The bridge testing will involve raising and lowering the bridge on numerous occasions to test and calibrate the new equip-

ment. Flashing lights and bells will be active to test the new safety gates and warning bells - during bridge movements.

Southbound traffic will be redirected from Lake Shore Dr. to westbound Grand Ave., to southbound Columbus Dr., to eastbound Lower Wacker Dr. and back to Lake Shore Dr. Northbound traffic will be redirected from Lake Shore Dr. onto the Randolph ramp to westbound Lower Wacker Dr., to northbound Columbus Dr., to eastbound Illinois St. and back to Lake Shore Dr.

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## All quiet on those pedicabs, and no partying

Now that the baseball and party season is underway, the recently passed ordinance that prohibits pedicabs from using amplified music outside of the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily should be enforced.

Amplified music from pedicabs is also now prohibited while they are not actively transporting passengers. The practice of pedicabs pulling up outside of bars and clubs and creating "street parties" for those not inside the establishments has created problems in the past, and these new regulations are intended to tamper that.

The new ordinance was sponsored by aldermen Brendan Reilly [42nd] and Brian Hopkins [2nd] who sought to crack down on pedicab drivers who clog streets outside North Side bar and restaurant districts.

Many times people were using the pedicabs to host impromptu

pop-up street parties.

The ordinance bans the bicycle-pedal-powered passenger vehicles from a portion of River North at night. A separate measure seeks to reduce rickshaw ruckus across the city by outlawing the use of loud speakers, a popular feature of some pedicabs.

Specifically, the ordinance bans pedicabs after 6 p.m. in the popular nightlife district bound by Ohio St. to the north, Michigan Ave. to the east, the Chicago River to the south and Wells St. to the west. Pedicabs already are prohibited at all times on Michigan Ave. and State St. downtown.

The aldermen allege that some pedicabs are being used by drunk people for partying, to frequent the bars, play loud music and have their social media moment, rather than getting from point A to point B.

## No parking downtown for Chicago Fire

On Thursday, from 1 p.m.-10 p.m., the TV show Chicago Fire will be filming at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington. During the filming, parking will be prohibited on the east side of Garland Ct., from Randolph to Washington, the north side of Washington from Wabash to Michigan, both Sides of Wabash from Benton Plc. to Madison, and on the south side of Upper Randolph from Columbus to Field.

There will also be intermittent traffic closures on Washington, from Wabash to Madison from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

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# Distorting the present and rewriting the past



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Have you met Sister Boniface yet, from St. Vincent's Convent in the Village of Great Slaughter, in the Cotswolds?

Well, she's my latest favorite English detective. In the G.K. Chesterton genre. Like Father Brown.

Before WWII she had two MAs from Cambridge and a PhD in Forensic Science. Active in the war effort she was an outstanding resource to the intelligence services at Bletchley Park. MI5 tried to recruit her post war, but instead she joined the convent and took the veil.

Now Sister Boniface (played by Lorna Watson) finds herself in the unique role of police scientific advisor for the local constabulary in the 1960s. There she uses her nose for science and her internal system of deductive reasoning. Her wits for clues and evidence make her indispensable in combating crime and solving mysteries. She has great mastery for puzzles.

Her application of science resolves a long list of police impasses. She inevitably partners up with Detective Inspector Sam Gillespie (played by Max Brown), the local bright boy of the Great Slaughter constabulary. He uses Sister Boniface for what she is: a one woman forensic lab. Time of death. Cause of death. That's her pious devotion. That and joining her sisters making convent wine, riding her moped and deciphering important Latin and Greek texts.

Sister Boniface's devotion to reason and high intelligence makes her ripe for all tasks. She reads clues and hearts. And has enough nose power to always



(L) The Sister Boniface Mysteries. (R) The Art Institute of Chicago.



smell a rat. With true Chestertonian élan, she often sees what no one else sees. Catching the odor of poisons and jealousies, faster than she says her prayers.

And though certain of the footfall of evil in the world, and in some human hearts, she approaches the world the way she approaches a crime scene, with forgiveness and grace in her heart.

Needless to say, the world of country crime is no match for her. She is Miss Marple, Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown rolled into one. All whimpled and coiffed, she's a lot of bang for your British pound sterling.

She reminds me a lot of Heather MacDonald, the exotic fellow at the Manhattan Institute. A Yale BA, MA from Cambridge, and a law degree from Stanford. An opinionated writer of op ed pieces in the New York Times and blog epistles stretching from the Washington Post to Corriere della Sera. And the author of volumes of works examining American culture and race, including "The Diversity Delusion." An examination of the cultural revolution

presently being waged in universities and institutions of art and learning.

Chicagoans don't need an introduction to such phenomena. We've witnessed it, first hand, just

down the street at the Univ. of Chicago and behind the twin lions of the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC].

No American cultural institution has had the impact on the troubled expression of woke culture that the AIC has had. The seemingly harmless house of art-collecting has in fact carried the tragedy of woke culture into our very Chicago home. Veiled, of course, in the shallow politics and clumsy lingo of a halting revision of racial realities at the local home of artistic treasures.

MacDonald has laid out the scenario for all Americans to observe. She starts by reminding us that back in 2012 the AIC went to great lengths to honor their docent program, their remarkable band of volunteer museum educators. In fact they said this: "Our docents are incredible," read the Facebook post. "To walk through

the galleries and see children, led by docents, jumping up and raising their hands to talk is to see the work of the museum at its best."

Under new leadership the AIC was seeking to actually expand its group of docents.

An AIC newsletter of the period was explicit in acknowledging that the task of becoming a docent "was no small task."

The AIC advised anyone interested in becoming one that a competitive admissions process was necessary. Along with a specialized written series of studies and supervised research on the museum's collection.

Of course, the rest of the story is all too well known. In Sept. 2021, less than 10 years later, the AIC shut down its program of docents entirely.

Docents were informed they would no longer be able to serve as volunteer educators.

Instead the AIC was hiring six salaried part-time employees to replace the 82 unpaid educators. Docents were told to clear out their lockers.

However they were, ironically, offered a complementary membership in the museum for two years.

The docents, and many concerned Chicagoans, were unnerved by the AIC's seemingly abrupt face-saving that soon



Heather MacDonald



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emerged as business as usual.

The common use of gibberish, jargon and halted euphemistic race-speak followed.

People searched for some reason that could have brought such a fatalistic action come to pass. But there were no apparent failures in the docents' duties. No troublesome flaws in their training.

But there was one huge grotesque issue no one could actually articulate. The docents were overwhelmingly white. "And that," says MacDonald, "in 2021, constituted a sin almost beyond redemption, whether found in an individual or in an institution."

To people of conscience, the world of the AIC's French Impressionists no longer seems to possess its long-standing cache.

The walls hung with Caillebotte, Seurat, Monet, Manet, works glistening with the light reflecting through Chagall's stained glass no longer seems to uphold the values of the past.

AIC chairman Robert Levy made a valiant attempt in the Chicago Tribune to unleash euphemistic phraseology to explain their new racial agenda. But it's harder than you might think to fool those who stand with the White Sox and the Cubs.

Like Sister Boniface, Chicagoans have noses to tell us what's true. 606-ers came to smell the truth as soon as we inhaled the stink of subterfuge and baloney.

Thanks, AIC President Jim Rondeau. The City has seen through your mischief.

There is a growing movement in America to stand firm now in the face of the lopsided philosophy of woke cultural expression. Voices are arising to challenge

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## Shred, prescription drug take-back event April 20

A free shred and prescription drug take-back event will be held 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at 1160 N. Larabee St. at the 018 District Police headquarters. Services offered include paper shredding, electronic recycling event, and prescription drug drop-off. For more information call 312-742-5778.

## Edgewater Singers perform April 24

The Edgewater Singers will present Among Friends 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Gertrude's Church, 1420 W. Granville. For tickets or more information write to info@edgewater-singers.com.

## Lincoln Park's Armitage - Halsted wine stroll May 12

The return of spring brings the return of Lincoln Park Uncorked: An Armitage - Halsted Wine Stroll, 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday May 12.

Hosted by the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, guests will enjoy curated samples of red and white wines while strolling through one of the North Side's most desirable shopping districts.

Tickets are priced at \$44. For more information call 773-880-5200.



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



Home prices in the Chicago area have risen at an annual rate of more than 10% for nine consecutive months—their strongest run-up in at least three decades—according to Case-Shiller, which archives price data back to 1988.



# Homeowners sitting on a cash station as prices rise



**The Home Front**

by Don DeBat

If you are a long-time Chicago homeowner, chances are good that you are sitting on a cash station.

Chicago-area single-family home prices rose by 12.5% in January compared with Jan. 2021, according to a new report by the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Indices.

The Jan. 2022 increase for Chicago was larger than the last four months of 2021, which posted price hikes ranging from 11.5% to 12.2%, compared with the same month a year earlier, reported Case-Shiller.

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During the housing boom of



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the early 2000s, home prices rose in the 9% range for 13 months. However, prices rose to the 10% level only once—April of 2005.

In late 2013 and early 2014, when the housing market was recovering from the Great Recession, home prices rose by double digits for seven consecutive months, Case-Shiller reported.

Booming prices and a shortage of for-sale home listings in 2022 is good news for existing homeowners with rising home equity. They have three choices:

- Sell now and move. With home prices at the highest level in three decades now is the perfect time to retire, head south to a warmer climate, and benefit from a lower-priced market there.
- Do a cash out refinance. Although interest rates have risen over the past three months, they still are low by historical standards. Why not go for a 15-year fixed refinance mortgage at the

current 3.91% rate.

Then, pull out \$100,000 of home-equity cash now. Use the money to buy a second getaway home in a warmer climate. Buy a boat, or that exotic sports car you've always wanted.

• Sit back and grow wealth. The conservative choice is to just sit on your cash-station home and let the money continue to grow as a nest-egg for retirement.

While Chicago's January home price increase was robust, cities nationwide posted price increases of 19.2%. Among the nation's 20 largest cities tracked by Case-Shiller, Phoenix leads the U.S. with a 32.6% home-price increase. Prices in the hot Phoenix market have risen for 32 consecutive months.

In January, five other cities posted home-price increases double that of Chicago. Tampa spiked 30.8%, Miami rose 28%, Dallas, 27.3%, San Diego, 27.1% and Las Vegas, 26.2%, reported Case-Shiller.

Only two cities had lower price growth than Chicago in January. Minneapolis posted a gain of 11.8%, and in Washington, D.C. home prices rose 11.2%.

### Mortgage rates still rising

On April 7, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that the benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan national average hit 4.72%, up from 4.67% a week earlier. A year ago, the popular 30-year fixed mortgage averaged 3.13%.

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"Mortgage rates have increased 1.5 percentage points over the last three months alone, the fastest three-month rise since May of 1994," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "The increase in mortgage rates has softened purchase activity because the monthly payment for those looking to buy a home has risen by at least 20% from a year ago."

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

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

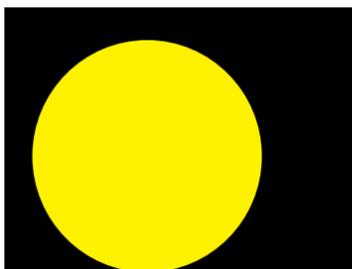


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# North Side safety town hall meetings all talk, but no reductions in crime

BY PATRICK BUTLER AND  
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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Police Supt. David Brown, a group of about half-a-dozen aldermen, local businessmen and community activists, turned out at Truman College on April 4 to herald a new program designed to crack down on crime of all kinds once and for all.

This time, however, it's everyone's job, says Lightfoot, that's right, it's everybody's job. "I want to make clear it's everybody's job, with a humble heart and listening heart. All of us."

"This is a journey for all of us. It's important for all of us," she added as she handed the mic to Supt. Brown.

Supt. Brown got right to the point, noting that working with the community will be an important part of their program.

"That includes residence community, business community, non-profits that do great work in the community," he said, adding that the important part of the plan is having a plan.

After all, "you've got to have a plan before you even start," he added, noting that "the plan is already there."

"The Police Department already has that," he said. That includes "investigation, enforcement, community engagement, but

we can't do it alone," he said, adding that involved people are realizing they can't work alone, we need each other.

But it's not just a matter of police work, Brown said, ... that the "police work must combine with health, community engagement, and any other things that need to be considered."

"But to think about how we approach police and community work. I think we need to look at how we approach public safety the same way we approach public health."

"I think we need to look at things like safe housing the same way we approach to a much more robust approach to all of these things," he said.

But most Chicagoans know that the problems today aren't really with the crime fighters, or crime victims, but with the Cook County Courts and State's Attorney's Office [CCSAO], and their lax prosecution of violent criminals that has made things exponentially worse.

Homicides, shootings, carjackings, robberies and burglaries all continued to set all time records.

At the end of last year, the CCSAO had approved 57% of homicide cases that police brought to them for review in 2021. That's in line with the year-end average for Kim Foxx's administration and lower than the 62% average rate of the six years before

she took office.

It turns out, in an effort to counter claims that her office was not approving cases, Foxx's office decided not to include cases that were continued for investigation in their calculation.

***Most Chicagoans know that the problems today aren't really with the crime fighters, or crime victims, but with the Cook County Courts and State's Attorney's Office [CCSAO], and their lax prosecution of violent criminals that has made things exponentially worse.***

When cops bring felony charges to prosecutors for review, there are generally three possible outcomes: The case can be approved, rejected, or returned for "continued investigation [CI]," meaning prosecutors want more evidence.

But other violent crimes, including carjackings, are being CI'd at sometimes much-higher rates under Foxx.

"For carjackings, which I know many of us are rightfully afraid of," Foxx told WTTW in February, "we have an approval rate of charges of over 90%."

In fact, when CI'd carjackings are counted, the hijacking approval rate was not over 90%. It was 75%. At the end of last year, 20% of 2021's carjacking cases were classified CI. The office still had 21% of the

hijackings from 2020 in CI status, too.

Non-fatal shooting cases are also more likely to be CI'd under Foxx. The CI rate for those cases at the end of last year was 17%, and the year-end average under Foxx is 31%. It averaged 21% in the six years before she was sworn in.

But the office outright rejected charges in another 21% of non-fatal shootings last year, the data shows.

During the heat of last fall's criticism, Foxx's team also conducted a behind-the-scenes PR campaign aimed directly at Chicago's 50 aldermen. The CCSAO created ward-level statistical reports and emailed them to the individual aldermen. Two aldermen provided this reporter with copies of the emails and reports they received from Foxx's office.

"The data ... show the CCSAO approves charges for adult felony arrests in Chicago at a rate of 88% and in Cook County at a rate of 88%," the office wrote in emails that accompanied the customized reports.

"Open, transparent data, like the attached, prevents misinformation and creates a common understanding so that we can better collectively work to reduce crime in Cook County."

But, once again, Foxx's office drove up its "approval" percentage by not including CI'd cases in the calculations. Although, there is a disclaimer, tagged at the end of a lengthy footnote at the bottom of page 2: "CI'd case numbers are not included

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## Get up to \$30K in emergency mortgage assistance

Illinois has received approval from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury on its Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund [ILHAF] program to provide assistance to Illinois homeowners who have struggled to pay their mortgages due to COVID-19.

Northside Community Development Corp. has announced that applications for ILHAF mortgage assistance are now being accepted. The application portal will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. Applications will be awarded in the amount of up to \$30,000 to eliminate or reduce past-due mortgage and property tax payments.

For more information, visit the Illinois Housing Development Authority's website [www.illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf).

For assistance with applying, contact the Northside Community Development Corp. at 773-262-2290 extension 14 (for English) or extension 34 (for Spanish).

A certificate from a HUD-certified

housing counselor or a letter from your mortgage servicer detailing efforts to resolve your delinquency will be required to apply for ILHAF assistance.

Funds can be used for delinquent mortgage payments, mortgage reinstatement or other housing-related costs related to a period of forbearance necessitated by the pandemic; delinquent property taxes or homeowner's insurance and/or flood insurance, and delinquent homeowner/condominium/Co-Op association fees.

To qualify, homeowners must own and occupy their property as their primary residence, have household incomes less than 150% of the Area Median Income, and be at least 30 days late on their mortgage or property tax payments.

The aid is targeted to homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship directly related to COVID-19 that began, continued, or worsened after January 21, 2020.



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# Appeals panel restarts class action over bogus Central Business District parking tickets

BY JONATHAN BILYK  
Cook County Record

A state appeals court has restarted a class action lawsuit accusing the city of Chicago of wrongly issuing tens of thousands of allegedly bogus, costlier Central Business District [CBD] parking tickets to people who weren't actually parked in Chicago's CBD.

On March 31, a divided three-justice panel of the Illinois First District Appellate Court ruled a Chicago man didn't necessarily need to go through the city's administrative hearing process before pressing his class action.

In the 2-1 ruling, the appellate panel's majority said they agreed the city's Dept. of Administrative Hearings, which typically handles parking ticket appeals, lacks the authority under state law to grant the plaintiffs the full results they are seeking from the lawsuit, including an order specifically forbidding the city from continuing its "routine practice" of slapping the enhanced CBD parking tickets on vehicles parked outside the boundaries of the CBD.

The decision was authored by Justice Mary Mikva. Justice Sheldon Harris concurred in the judgment.

Justice Sharon Oden Johnson dissented.

The plaintiff "is asking for a court to determine if the City is engaged in the routine practice he alleges and, if so, for the court to condemn the practice, forbid it going forward, and redress the harm the practice has already caused," Justice Mikva wrote.

"... The judicial determinations sought in this case fall outside of the scope of the Administrative Review Law. The exhaustion doctrine simply does not apply to claims that the City has a widespread policy or is engaged in the routine or systemic practice of issuing central business district metered parking tickets outside of the district's established boundaries."

The decision revives the class action lawsuit brought by plaintiff Alec Pinkston in 2019.

In that case, Pinkston and his attorneys allege the city has over the years issued at least 30,000 improper CBD parking tickets.

It centers on news reports from CBS Chicago and ProPublica which allegedly revealed the city's improper parking ticket practices from 2013-2018. The tickets required those receiving them to pay at least \$65 for each violation, according to



An appellate court panel said they agreed the city's Dept. of Administrative Hearings, which typically handles parking ticket appeals, lacks the authority under state law to grant the plaintiffs the full results they are seeking, over the city slapping enhanced parking tickets on vehicles parked outside the Central Business District.

the complaint.

The special CBD tickets were issued under a city ordinance which enhances the fine for violating the city's metered parking restrictions in the CBD, such as parking without paying the meter or remaining parked after the meter expires.

The CBD roughly includes the Loop and much of River North, bordered by Halsted St. on the west, Division St. on the north, Roosevelt Rd. on the south and Lake Michigan on the east.

The complaint said the analysis indicated "the City has a routine practice of issuing CBD Tickets to vehicles parked outside of the City's CBD."

"...As a result, Plaintiff (Pinkston) and members of the class were (and are) subject to fines in connection with violations ... which they did not commit," the complaint said.

Pinkston said he personally such a ticket in May 2019, when his vehicle was parked in the 1200 block of S. Wabash Ave., south of Roosevelt Rd., which serves as the southern boundary for the CBD.

The lawsuit was dismissed by Cook County Judge Caroline Moreland.

In that ruling, Judge Moreland backed the city's contention that Pinkston's lawsuit should be barred because he did not stick with a challenge to the ticket he began through the city's Dept. of Administrative Hearings.

Therefore, the judge determined, he did not exhaust the administrative hearing option available to him before filing suit in court, which the law otherwise says he must do when challenging parking tickets.

Pinkston appealed, saying that so-called

exhaustion doctrine did not apply to his case.

Pinkston's attorneys argued the case should be exempted because the improper CBD tickets were issued illegally, and should be considered void.

***The decision revives the class action lawsuit brought by plaintiff Alec Pinkston in 2019. In that case, Pinkston and his attorneys allege the city has over the years issued at least 30,000 improper CBD parking tickets.***

He further argued an appeal to the city's administrative hearing officers would be pointless, because that department lacked the ability under the law to give him the full scope of relief he sought, including an injunction against the city forbidding them from issuing such tickets and potentially forcing the city to refund any fines paid by people who, like Pinkston, simply chose to pay the fine, rather than risk a long fight and more severe consequences down the road.

The appeals judges pulled most of Pinkston's arguments to the curb.

For instance, they ruled the tickets were issued by the city under valid authority. So the tickets were "not 'void,' but merely voidable," the majority ruled.

The justices also determined an appeal to the city's DOAH would not have been necessarily "futile," as Pinkston contended.

But the majority agreed with Pinkston that the city's administrative hearings process offered Pinkston no opportunity to actually halt the alleged "routine practice" of issuing bogus CBD tickets.

The majority said they believed Pinkston

should get the chance to attempt to prove his claims that the city engaged in a systemic, illegal pattern, and may owe a class of tens of thousands of others money.

"To be clear, if on remand the evidence fails to support a finding that the City is engaged in the 'routine practice' Mr. Pinkston has alleged, then the exhaustion doctrine will indeed apply to any attempts through this litigation to adjudicate parking tickets on an individualized basis or to review administrative decisions outside the strictures of the Administrative Review Law," Mikva wrote for the majority.

The majority also rejected the city's attempt to argue the lawsuit should be tossed because Pinkston had "voluntarily paid" the fine.

Pinkston argued the payment was made under threats of further action against him, including late fees, interest, "immobilization of his vehicle" and possible suspension of his driver's license, for failure to pay.

The justices said there were too many open questions remaining concerning just how "voluntary" Pinkston's payment may have been to allow them to dismiss on those grounds at this point.

In dissent, Justice Oden Johnson said the majority erred in determining Pinkston should get another shot at pressing his claims.

Oden Johnson said the law does not give the courts the ability to even consider challenges to parking tickets until the administrative hearing process has been completed and exhausted.

To allow this case to proceed, she said, the courts must first know if the tickets were lawfully issued or not, a task she said should be assigned to the city's Administrative Hearings Dept.

"I disagree with the majority's holding that plaintiff meets an exception to the exhaustion of remedies doctrine, namely that the DOAH could not provide him with the ultimate relief he sought," Oden Johnson wrote. "Such relief is premised on the factual finding of whether such ticket for illegally parking within the CBD was proper, which is squarely within the authority of the DOAH and not the circuit court."

"Additionally, until such factual determination is made, I do not believe that we can reach the issue of whether the City's alleged practice is systemic or not."

The city has been represented by attorneys from its Dept. of Law.

The appellate panel reversed Judge Moreland's judgment, and remanded the case to the Cook County courts for further proceedings.

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# Speed cameras issued more tickets in 2021 than Chicago has residents

BY JON JOSKO AND PATRICK ANDRIESEN  
*Illinois Policy*

Chicago drivers were issued more speed tickets in 2021 than there are city residents. Annual ticket revenues doubled, but fatal crashes still increased.

Chicago speed cameras issued 2.81 million citations in 2021, sending more tickets to drivers in one year than there are residents in the nation's third-largest city.

One of those tickets went to Dr. Ramiro Gumucio – his first speeding fine in three decades.

"I'm a physician. I've worked with a lot of trauma patients who were in car accidents, so I've always been cautious when it comes to speeding," said Gumucio, who lives in the Sauganash. "I found out by email I got my first ticket from the city last August for going 36 mph."

2,817,554 tickets: one every 11 seconds, filling city coffers at the rate of \$250,000 a day.

"I paid the \$35 ticket, then discovered I had a second. This time I was caught driving 37 mph," Gumucio said. "I hadn't received a traffic fine in 30 years, and suddenly I had two tickets from Chicago speed cams."

Lightfoot and city aldermen said the cameras and the lowered tolerance was about safety, not revenue. So what happened to safety during 2021?

Twenty more people died in crashes on Chicago's streets in 2021 than in 2020, for a total of 167 deaths. COVID-19 lockdowns likely cut traffic deaths in 2020, but there were only 108 fatal crashes in 2019.

Are the cameras hurting safety? It's difficult to say for sure from the Chicago data, but studies show safety improvements from

fect on collisions from the cameras.

And Univ. of Illinois-Chicago research also concluded there was "little relationship between the number of tickets issued and the safety impact of cameras." Chicago traffic data did not show a significant reduction in 2021 vehicle crashes after the policy took effect.

"Has it made me a safer driver? No, I've always been a safe driver. I drive my 6-year-old son everywhere. I believe we all have a responsibility to be safe on the road," Gumucio said. "I just don't think that duty includes lining the pockets of the politicians in city hall for a bad policy."

Chicago is the only Illinois city to use speed cameras. There are 160 of them, but 27 top cameras issued \$1 million or more in fines last year, 10 of those topped \$2 million each and two each wrote over \$3 million in tickets.

The No. 1 camera issued \$3.66 million in fines. It is at 536 E. Morgan Dr., near the DuSable Museum of African American History in the Washington Park neighborhood.

Which leads to the question of "who" is getting ticketed. More than one-third of the most lucrative cameras in 2021 were on the largely low-income, minority South Side of Chicago.

Plus, speed cameras hurt low-income Chicagoans even more than higher-income drivers, according to University of Illinois-Chicago research. Nearly half of tickets received by low-income residents incur late fees and penalties before they are paid. That compares to just 17% for upper-income drivers.

Late penalties drive up the cost of tickets, turning a \$35 citation into an \$85 fine. A \$100 speeding violation can cost residents \$244 if their payment is late.

While Lightfoot campaigned on a policy of reforming Chicago's fines and fees programs, she waited nearly seven months after lowering the speed camera limits before trying to align her campaign rhetoric and her public policy.

## Chicago speed cameras by the numbers

Chicago's speed cameras during 2021 became much more lucrative. Here are some selected statistics:

- 11 seconds between tickets
- 1,178 tickets per day, before March 1
- 9,014 tickets per day, after March 1
- 2,817,554 tickets in 2021
- \$35 fine for speeding 6-10 mph
- \$100 fine for speeding 11 mph and up
- 1.03 tickets per Chicagoan
- \$245,331 fines issued per day
- \$89 million total fines in 2021
- \$59 million in fines from \$35 tickets



An Illinois Policy Institute investigation found city speed cameras in 2021 collected \$89 million from motorists – more than doubling revenues generated from the cameras in previous years. Of that amount, almost two-thirds, or \$55.9 million, came just from the \$35 tickets Mayor Lori Lightfoot wanted issued starting March 1, 2021, for going 6 to 10 mph over the limit. Above that, the speed camera fines are \$100.

The cameras in 2021 issued

increasing tickets are negligible. Others found cameras led to more dangerous driving.

A 2017 speed camera study in Great Britain found safety was highly localized around intersections with speed cameras. The problem was the number of collisions away from monitored zones increased as drivers abruptly slowed down to avoid fines, then quickly sped up after passing the surveilled intersections.

An Arizona study found no ef-

# Cops find car, identify driver who plowed into River North crowd

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police know the identity of the driver who sped through a bustling River North crosswalk to escape from a traffic stop on April 9, leaving a 5-year-old girl, a woman, and a CPD sergeant injured. Police have not announced his arrest, however.

Officers stopped the driver of a red Hyundai Kona on the corner of State and Grand around 8 p.m., police said. He refused to step out of the car and sped into a crowd of passersby who were crossing the street directly in front of him, according to police and surveillance video of the incident.

But he left his driver's license in the hands of a police officer, so police know exactly who they're looking for, according to a CPD report. The 24-year-old suspect lives on the city's West Side. His most recent arrest in Chicago was two years ago – for driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle, police records show.

Surveillance video shows that both of the car's doors were open when the car sped away. The driver's door appears to strike a police officer, knocking him to the ground a split-second before the vehicle slams into a group of pedestrians.

We are not identifying the driver by name because he is not charged with a crime.

Investigators found the man's car, which bore license plates frequently used by rental vehicles, on the 200 block of W. Superior shortly after Saturday's incident. No one was inside.

EMS took the girl to Lurie's Children's Hospital in good condition, according to a CPD statement. Police said ambulances took the woman to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition and the sergeant's injuries were "non-life threatening," according to a CPD statement.



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# In Chicago, community gardens give new life to abandoned land

BY JONAH CHESTER AND  
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*Illinois News Connection*

From 100 feet above, the parcel at 500 N. Waller Ave. in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago looks like the center of a donut. Surrounded by two churches, a fire station, a senior home, a town hall, a library, and a high school is a rectangular green space the size of five city lots.

The land once stood empty and desolate, like many vacant lots in Chicago, but today, it houses beds of vegetables and fruits soaking in the sun and goats from a nearby farm resting under the shade of a tree. In the middle of the green space sits a gazebo with a hand-painted sign that reads, "Haram-

bee! Gardens."

"From the start, it was something big enough that people would know about [it], partially because of the sheer size of it," says Seamus Ford, co-founder of the garden, as he gives a tour on a cool October day, picking raspberries and pointing out tomatoes along the way.

Ford, a Chicago-born outdoorsman, casually walks through the garden with humble familiarity. Every now and then, he pauses, looking over the expanse of green in wonder, and recounts a detail about the garden's beginnings.

In 2008, Ford, a special project manager for an educational company and a resident of Austin, became concerned about fossil fuel inputs and how food is grown.

"When fuel prices were going through the roof, it started to get really clear to me that there's a change underway, and it could be a bad one if we don't have answers to this," Ford recalls. And that's when he got into gardening. "I basically got rid of any grass, almost all the grass where I live, and built raised beds."

Around the same time, he often drove by a vacant lot and began to feel a "siren call" to build a community garden.

According to the DePaul Institute for Housing Studies, there are nearly 32,000 vacant lots in Chicago. Though many contain debris and trash, they can be an



Seamus Ford is the co-founder of the Harambee Community Garden.

ecological and social opportunity. Planting a garden amid an otherwise empty lot is an opportunity that an increasing number of communities are choosing to pursue, but it is also one that requires hard work to sustain.

Ford learned that the land belonged to a neighbor and got permission to transform the grass lot into a garden. He then co-founded Root-Riot, an organization with the goal of creating a network of urban gardens "growing local food, fostering resilience, and reweaving the fabric of our community, one planting bed at a time."

Now, 12 years in, the Harambee Community Garden can provide lessons about how it was able to last this long and where it's headed from here.

## Sowing seeds of change

In late spring of 2010, Ford was mowing the lot's overgrown grass when Deandre Robinson, then a junior at Grederick Douglass Academy High School, walked across the street to ask Ford what he was doing. Robinson was thrilled with Ford's answer, because students and teachers at Frederick Douglass had been discussing what could be done with that very lot, which had stood empty for more than 25 years.

"His face lit up so bright," Ford says, recalling meeting Robinson 11 years ago. The resulting collaboration ultimately became the Harambee Community Garden, named for the Swahili word meaning "all pull together."

Austin residents and members of surrounding communities organized workdays to begin transforming the vacant lot. Eager student volunteers from Frederick Douglass, like Robinson, helped with mowing, preparing the soil, and building the initial 30 garden beds—which grew to 58 the second year.

Interested gardeners, experienced or not, could rent a 4-by-8-foot raised garden bed for \$40 a year or \$100 for three years (which remains the price to this day). The cost covers materials needed for the garden, such as soil, compost, tools, and the beds themselves. People take home the food that is grown or give it away to the firehouse, the senior home, or other neighbors.

The garden has brought people from all walks of life together

across the road dividing Austin from its more affluent neighbor, Oak Park. "Everybody was able to link up together and find common ground and make a new friend, find mentors," Robinson says. A jobs program called Youth Guidance even got youth who were involved with local gangs to participate in the garden.

In the heat of Chicago summers, adults worked alongside

***When the Harambee garden opened in Austin, a neighborhood that has endured decades of disinvestment, residents old and young latched on to the opportunity to sow seeds of change. "Suddenly, [senior residents] were able to come out and teach people about how to do so many different things: growing a tomato plant to growing okra, how to manage your soil," Ford says. "Some people couldn't walk, and they'd just sit in motorized scooters on the sidewalk giving instructions to the kids."***

youth to pull weeds and tend to crops. During the school year, they worked to make sure youth stayed on top of their studies and found other opportunities to add to their resumes. Adult gardeners helped Robinson study for the SAT and get an internship with local elected official U.S. Rep. Danny K. Davis. Ford even took Robinson shopping to get his first suit and tie.

Though Robinson doesn't currently garden—he's now a petty officer 1st class in the Navy and an entrepreneur—he credits his work ethic and consciousness of how food is grown to his time spent at Harambee.

"When people talk about Chicago, when they ask where I'm from, I'm never embarrassed. I'm very prideful, because a lot of the time, they don't know us... they don't know our situation, our struggles," Robinson says.

He believes the way in which the garden exposed him to new experiences as a teen can also influence the current generation of youth for the better.

"Why not give them the opportunity to appreciate something by growing it, raising it, by having a sense of ownership?" he says. "You treat things different when you have a sense of ownership."

## Lessons from another generation

In addition to attracting students from the high school, Haram-

bee pulled together people from other surrounding buildings. The churches started doing Sunday school classes in the garden, the firehouse supplied water, and the local library got a bed and started doing after-school programming.

Senior home residents, who had a full view of the garden from their apartment windows, gradually made their way outside to get involved. Ford says a number of the neighborhood's older residents grew up in the rural South with a basic knowledge of how to grow food. Many of them came north during the Great Migration, when, between 1916 and 1970, millions of African Americans left the rural South and landed in Midwestern cities like Chicago in search of economic opportunities and to escape from racial violence and Jim Crow segregation.

Once they landed in the city, many of these new Chicagoans sought ways to remain connected to parts of their agricultural history and reap the benefits of spending time outdoors amid an industrialized urban environment,

according to Brian McCammack, author of *Landscapes of Hope: Nature and the Great Migration in Chicago*. "Migrants' 'kinship with the soil' was never completely severed in Chicago," McCammack writes. Instead, relationships with nature were actively reshaped, recast, and reimagined in the city's landscapes of hope."

Accessing green spaces wasn't always easy though. "Low-paying jobs and racially discriminatory housing policies had the effect of clustering Black Chicago's working classes in the most impoverished and segregated neighborhoods, so building connections with nature in their own private green spaces was virtually out of the question.

At the same time, the parks and beaches most easily accessible to them were small, ill-equipped, and even hazardous-landscapes that could inspire more disillusionment than hope," McCammack writes.

So when the Harambee garden opened in Austin, a neighborhood that has endured decades of disinvestment, residents old and young latched on to the opportunity to sow seeds of change. "Suddenly, [senior residents] were able to come out and teach people about how to do so many different things: growing a tomato plant to growing okra, how

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# Metra to hold April 27 open house on UP-North bridge work

Metra will hold a public open house on April 27 in Lakeview to inform adjacent property owners and the public about its progress on the UP North Rebuild: Fullerton to Addison Project, which will replace aging bridges over 11 streets between Fullerton and Addison along the UP North Line.

While the project, which is currently

## Letter to the Editor

### The problem with bike lanes is just the paint

Regarding your March 23 coverage on bike lanes for Broadway, cars vs. bicycles is not a zero-sum choice.

Rules of the Road already has enough traffic laws and regulations to enable all users to share the road safely and comfortably. All that's needed is for us to obey these rules - and for police to enforce them. There's no need for restrictive lane markings and rubber bollards on our streets.

Buses aren't exempt from the problems caused by these new markings. There's a stretch of Clark St. in Andersonville where there's literally not enough width [in the traffic lane] for a CTA bus to travel safely on the right side of the street without encroaching on the marked bicycle lane. In real roadway inches and feet, there is enough room for a bus and a bike to travel side by side safely, just not according to the markings.

The problem is just the paint.

Jean SmilingCoyote  
West Ridge

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here."

Foxx's office puts the responsibility for clearing up CI'd cases on the police.

"For a final decision to be made on a CI'd case, it requires the arresting agency to bring the case back to the CCSAO for approval," the office statement said. "Though we cannot control whether the arresting agency will do that, we do have an ongoing process to review previously CI'd cases and to reach out to the appropriate arresting agency."

Yet some police detectives have told us that getting a CI'd case approved can be an unnecessarily long and frustrating process under Foxx's administration.

In one example, a string of different prosecutors required Chicago cops to complete an ever-changing list of tasks while refusing to file charges against a man who was seen on video kicking a taxi driver in the head, resulting in the victim's death. The repeated delays allowed the killer to escape the country and evade prosecution.

In the case of the "Wild West" shootout on the South Side, prosecutors did approve gun charges against one of the alleged shooters last month. They also approved charges in the slaying of the 7-year-old girl two weeks after the decision to CI the matter turned into a media spectacle.

rently estimated to cost \$262.3 million, is still in the design and planning stage, the project team will be able to share new information on a proposed process to modernize the bridges, the environmental review and analysis summary, project renderings and more.

The open house will take place on Wednesday, April 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Augustus H. Burley Elementary School, 1630 W. Barry Ave. With the open house format, attendees can stop by anytime to get information on the project and ask the project team questions.

"This project will modernize our bridges and the line's infrastructure for the long-term benefit of the community and My Metra riders, and we're committed to keeping the public informed during every phase of the process," said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski.

"In addition to this open house,

which is our second such event for the UP North Rebuild Project, we are continuing to meet with aldermanic offices, public agencies and adjacent property owners to discuss the work. We also plan to host a third public meeting before construction begins."

**Open house**  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
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**Augustus H. Burley**  
**Elementary School**  
**at 1630 W. Barry Ave.**

The Metra UP North Rebuild: Fullerton to Addison Project proposal calls for replacing 11 120-year-old bridges that are beyond their functional lifespan and can no longer be economically repaired and maintained. The proposed project includes shifting the tracks to the west within the rail line's existing right-of-way, constructing new retaining walls

where needed, and refurbishing the existing Lincoln/Addison bridge. The project would also benefit the community through improved bridge underpasses with state-of-the-art lighting. Rail customers would benefit from a smoother ride, increased operating efficiencies and reduced operating costs.

To maintain rail operations and minimize disruption to the community, the project would be built in three stages, with construction anticipated to start in 2023 and be completed by 2027.

To register for the open house, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/metra-up-north-rebuild-fullerton-to-addison-project-open-house-tickets-300796920687>. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

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# Police Beat...

## Hate crime charge filed after woman allegedly throws a glass at River North bartender

Prosecutors filed a hate crime charge Wednesday against a woman who allegedly threw a cocktail glass at a River North bartender late last year. It happened around 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 7, 2021, at The Underground, 56 W. Illinois, according to CPD records and prosecutors.

The female bartender was wearing a Star of David necklace when Sara Abdulrasoul, 30, began talking with her, Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said.

Abdulrasoul said the bartender was a "ho" in Abdulrasoul's country, and she used "offensive language" to tell the bartender to take off the necklace. The bartender replied that she went to school in Israel, but Abdulrasoul responded by calling her "derogatory terms" and again told her to take off the necklace, according to Kalliantasis.

He said the bartender apologized and said she did not intend to upset Abdulrasoul.

But Abdulrasoul continued, saying she hates Jews and again telling the bartender to take off the necklace, Kalliantasis alleged.

Abdulrasoul went on to say the bartender's people were killing her people and then threw the drink glass at the woman, striking her in the collarbone area. The bartender notified security, but Abdulrasoul left before the bouncers could find her.

Later, a bar manager pulled up security video of the incident and found Abdulrasoul's picture on LinkedIn. The bartender confirmed that she was the woman who threw the drink glass, Kalliantasis said. She also allegedly identified Abdulrasoul in a photo line-up.

Abdulrasoul surrendered to police with her attorney on Monday. Private defense lawyer David Gaeger said Abdulrasoul is a registered pharmacist who was the salutatorian of her class at Chicago State Univ. Prosecutors charged her with one count of hate crime.

Judge Susana Ortiz released Abdulrasoul on her own recognizance. The judge also ordered her not to consume alcohol or other intoxicating substances while on bail.

## Man accused of randomly attacking women in Loop charged with another assault after victim recognizes him

A man charged in February with randomly attacking four women in the Loop on April 5 is facing one more felony charge after another woman recognized him as the person who punched her in the face downtown.

The case provides an interesting example of how differently Cook County judges handle violent crimes brought before them for bail hearings.

After prosecutors charged William Livingston with four counts of aggravated battery and two counts of attempted robbery in February, Judge Barbara Dawkins set his bail

at \$15,000 — meaning he would need to post a \$1,500 deposit to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

On April 6, Judge Susana Ortiz handled the bail hearing for the new charge, a single count of aggravated battery. For that one charge, she ordered him to pay ten times the amount Dawkins set for six felonies in February. Ortiz also said he must go onto electronic monitoring if he gets out of jail.

Livingston, who has a history of randomly attacking people, was arrested on Feb. 8 after he allegedly punched several women in their faces and robbed two of them as he made his way around the Loop.

The assaults made the news, and word of Livingston's arrest made its way to a 46-year-old woman who had been similarly attacked in the Loop around the same time, prosecutors said.

The woman was walking near the Daley Center when Livingston walked up and punched her one time in the face, causing her to fall to the ground, said Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis.

Livingston strolled away, and the woman went into the Daley Center to get help. She also filed a police report.

After hearing about Livingston's arrest, the woman contacted Chicago police and later identified him in a photo line-up, Kalliantasis said.

Sheriff's records show he has remained in jail since his February bail hearing.

The February assaults began around noon on the 700 block of S. State when Livingston tugged on a 30-year-old woman's backpack as she prepared to cross the street, according to police and prosecutors.

When the woman turned around, Livingston allegedly punched her in the face, causing her to fall to the ground.

A few minutes later, Livingston punched a 25-year-old woman in the jaw as she smoked near Wabash and Van Buren, causing her headphones to fall to the ground, prosecutors and police said. He reportedly picked up her headphones but gave them back after she gave him her cigarette.

According to the allegations, the woman called 911 and followed Livingston to Wabash and Jackson where she saw the third attack unfold. As she watched, Livingston reached into a 25-year-old woman's coat pocket and then punched the victim in the face three times, prosecutors said.

She fell to the ground, and Livingston allegedly walked away. DePaul Univ. said in a public safety bulletin that the victim is a student at the school.

While the second victim stopped to help the third victim, Livingston pulled a hat off a 27-year-old woman's head near Wabash and Monroe, then punched her in the neck and face when she yelled for him to give it back, according to prosecutors. He then allegedly spat on a 49-year-old woman who witnessed the incident.

Police officers arrested Livingston near State and Monroe around 12:30 p.m., and the victims and witnesses identified him as the attacker, prosecutors said.

In 2017, Livingston was accused of randomly attacking two women in separate attacks months apart, including a Columbia College student who was leaving school in the Loop, according to court records. Both cases were dropped.

The 20-year-old Columbia student told police she was leaving a school



William Livingston



Sara Abdulrasoul

building as Livingston approached on the 1100 block of S. Wabash on April 26, 2017, a CPD report said. She told officers she thought Livingston would walk past her, but he instead punched her in the face, the woman alleged.

Cops arrested Livingston nearby, and he was charged with simple battery. Then, he went missing until police picked him up on a warrant in the case a few weeks later.

While he was in the police station holding cell, Livingston grabbed a lock-up attendant by the chest and kicked him in the groin, police alleged. He was charged with simple battery for the attack.

According to court records, prosecutors dropped charges in the Columbia student attack 12 days later when she failed to appear in court. They also dropped charges in the lock-up incident.

A few months later, on Dec. 16, 2017, Livingston repeatedly punched a 29-year-old woman in the face, struck her in the stomach, and kicked her in the leg several times near the 95th Street Red Line CTA station, according to a CPD report.

The alleged attack, which reportedly came without warning, resulted in another misdemeanor battery charge. Prosecutors dropped the case ten months later, court records show.

Before they did, Livingston was arrested again in the Loop. This time he allegedly went behind the security desk of an apartment building on the 1000 block of S. State and stole two phones.

Cops arrested him nearby. Officers alleged that he spat in one cop's face before they took him in. He allegedly spat in another cop's eye at the station.

Livingston pleaded guilty to burglary and aggravated battery of a peace officer and received a sentence of 24 months probation from Judge Michael McHale.

## Man dies from injuries suffered during an assault in Edgewater last month

A 67-year-old man died Tuesday, nearly a month after being stabbed during an altercation in an Edgewater apartment. Chicago police records indicate the incident was domestic in nature.

Officers responded to an apartment in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore at 3:27 p.m. March 8 after a 45-year-old man said the older man sprayed a liquid in his face and stabbed him. The younger man reportedly told police that he took the other man's knife away and then stabbed him with it.

Police recovered a knife at the scene and EMS took the men to separate hospitals. Both suffered stab wounds.

The Cook County medical examiner's office said the 67-year-old, who was not identified by name, died at St. Francis Hospital April 5 from complications of multiple injuries received in an assault. His death was ruled a homicide.

Homicide is the classification given to deaths that are intentionally caused by another person. However, not all homicides are criminal in nature.

Area Three detectives were handling the investigation.

## Juveniles arrested, gun recovered after pregnant woman is carjacked in the Loop

Two juveniles face charges after they carjacked a pregnant woman at gunpoint in a Loop parking garage on April 5, police said.

The 26-year-old victim was walking to her car when two males demanded her keys at gunpoint inside the garage at 195 N. Dearborn around 9:56 p.m., according to a CPD report. That garage is located across the street from the Goodman Theatre.

## Woman on probation for two stolen car cases arrested for robbery, while driving another stolen car

Prosecutors say a woman with four active arrest warrants helped a juvenile attack and rob a woman at a North Side Walgreens store. And when cops arrested Tyliyah Birmingham in connection with the case, she was allegedly driving a stolen car — while on probation for two stolen motor vehicle cases.

Birmingham, appearing in court in a sweatshirt emblazoned with "DON'T ASK ME FOR SH\*T," was ordered held in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

The robbery happened around 8:50 a.m. March 2. The victim was using an ATM at Walgreens, 7501 N. Western, when a juvenile walked up behind her and repeatedly punched her in the face, Assistant State's Attorney Sean Kelly said.

But the victim fought back, so Birmingham got out of her car and punched the woman in the face, too, according to Kelly. Birmingham, 24, allegedly grabbed the woman by her hair, pulled her to the ground, and took her purse.

Kelly said she then returned to the car with the juvenile and drove away. Video cameras recorded the whole thing, he added.

Cops in the Rogers Park 24th Police District recognized Birmingham in the footage.

Fast forward to March 26 when in-

She complied with their demands, and they escaped with her Honda.

But they didn't get too far. Authorities from the multi-jurisdictional hijacking task force tracked the car to Hammond, IN, and stopped the vehicle.

Officers recovered a loaded handgun from the suspects, police said.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for an evaluation, but CPD said she was not injured.

Within 15 minutes of the carjacking, a string of violent incidents involving a group of about five teenagers began to unfold on nearby CTA trains and platforms.

Around 10:15 p.m., a CTA employee reported that five teenagers were trying to force them from their kiosk after the group robbed a passenger on the Green Line at 200 N. State. The crew, including one who wore a red and black Bulls jacket, fled the scene.

Minutes later, police responded to a robbery victim injured at the Clinton Green Line CTA station. They told police that a group of teens attacked them on a train that left State-Lake moments earlier, according to preliminary information. One of the suspects displayed a knife and took the victim's book bag, officers at the scene said. EMS took the victim to Northwestern. A CPD spokesperson said the formal police report that documents the robbery had not been finalized this morning.

Officers at the Clinton station said the group consisted of five Black male teenagers, three of whom had shoulder-length hair. One of the suspects wore a black and Red Bulls jacket, while the one who displayed a knife wore a gray sweatshirt with black pants.

Then, a 43-year-old man was punched in the face by a group of attackers at the Lake Red Line CTA station around 11:22 p.m., according to CPD. The offenders did not rob the victim. EMS took the man to Northwestern in good condition with bruising and swelling of his face, police said.

Officers reported seeing four teenagers, two of whom were armed with "sticks" leaving the station shortly after the attack. But witnesses could not identify the group as the attackers, and CPD could not rewind the CTA

investigators were surveilling a stolen car parked on the 5600 block of W. Division. They saw Birmingham get into the car and drive away, Kelly said. Cops pulled her over, and she reversed into the squad car before police took her into custody, he continued.

She is charged with robbery, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, theft of lost or mislaid property, and criminal damage.

According to Kelly, Birmingham is on probation for two separate possession of a stolen motor vehicle cases from 2017.

Judge Maryam Ahmad said Birmingham must post 10% of her \$250,000 bail to get out on electronic monitoring. The judge also ordered her held without bail temporarily for violating the terms of probation.

surveillance cameras to see if they were involved, according to police radio transmissions. Cops said they collected the group's information and let them go.

## Woman carjacked at Loop intersection

A hijacker forced a woman from her Lexus SUV when she stopped for a red light in the heart of the Loop April 8, police said. It is the second carjacking of the week in the Loop and the eighth of the year — a record paced for the downtown neighborhood.

The woman was waiting for the light to change on State at Washington when the hijacker opened her car door and forced her out around 1:03 a.m. Police said the man implied that he had a gun, but the victim did not see one.

Several witnesses saw the carjacking unfold, and police even saw the stolen SUV speed out of the Loop as they responded to the scene. Officers did not pursue the car because that would be against CPD regulations.

On April 5, a pregnant 26-year-old woman was carjacked at gunpoint inside a parking garage on the 100 block of N. Dearborn. Police stopped the car in Indiana. They arrested two juveniles and recovered a loaded handgun, CPD said.

There have been eight carjackings in the Loop so far this year, up from three at this point in both 2020 and last year. The Loop did not have any carjackings reported by April 8, 2019, according to the city's data.

Citywide, hijacking reports paced slightly ahead of last year's record during the first quarter, with 433 cases compared to 423. There were 198 during the first quarter of 2020 and 110 in 2019.

## Shoplifting mobs raid three Ulta Beauty stores in two days

Shoplifting teams raided at least three Ulta Beauty stores in the city on April 4 and 5, according to CPD reports. And one of the crews brought along knives to threaten staff members.

And while groups of three, four, five, and even more people seem to

# Neiman Marcus hires gun-sniffing dogs to patrol Mag Mile store

BY CWBCHICAGO

It's hard to decide which part of this story is more remarkable: that a Magnificent Mile department store now hires dogs to sniff customers for guns? That the guy who got busted by the canines this week was arrested seven months ago for having a pistol in another store nearby? Or that he was on electronic monitoring for allegedly attacking a security guard at yet another Mag Mile department store in January?

We'll let you decide.

Prosecutors say one of the gun-detecting dogs was on duty April 4 when Derrick Latham, 23, walked into Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan. The pooch smelled a gun.

The canine handler notified store security to keep an eye on Latham. They were watching as he stuffed a belt and two belt buckles into his jacket and headed out the door without paying, Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said.



Derrick Latham (inset) has been told by a judge to not go back to Nordstrom.

Security officers stopped Latham and allegedly found a loaded 9-mm handgun in his waistband. They also recovered the stolen merchandise, worth \$995, five suspected Xanax pills, and 16 counterfeit \$100 bills, Kalliantasis alleged.

Prosecutors charged him with felony retail theft and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon with a previous conviction.

Kalliantasis said Latham was on electronic monitoring for a pending felony charge of aggravated

battery of a police officer. In that case, an off-duty cop working security asked Latham and another man to leave Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand, because they were handing out fliers in January.

Latham allegedly punched the officer in his face twice as they went out the door.

Judge Charles Beach allowed him to go home by posting a \$500 deposit toward his \$5,000 bail with a curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

"You go to work and home and

that's it, you got it?" Beach asked during the January bond hearing.

"Yes, sir!" Latham replied enthusiastically.

"Do not go back to that Nordstrom," Beach warned as he ordered Latham to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet under the chief judge's pretrial release program.

Just four months earlier, Beach ordered Latham to stay out of Christian Dior, 931 N. Rush, after police caught him with a loaded gun inside the store.

A Dior employee saw the weapon in Latham's waistband as he tried on clothing. Then they saw him put the gun and a sweater into a black bag and sit down on a sofa inside the store. An employee flagged down a passing patrol car, and the cops arrested Latham after they found a loaded 9-mm handgun inside the bag, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors charged Latham with felony unlawful use of a weapon, but they quickly entered into a plea deal that reduced the charge to a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 80 days time served.

On April 4, Judge Susana Ortiz ordered Latham to stay out of Neiman Marcus. She said he could go home on electronic monitoring by posting a 10% deposit toward his \$30,000 bail.

## Bachelor party weekend begins with one robbed, another pick-pocketed in River North

BY CWBCHICAGO

A group of friends who were in Chicago to celebrate a pal's wedding received a rude welcome last weekend. While partying in River North, one of them got robbed at gunpoint. And another had their wallet stolen in a bar. The wallet contained their Missouri law enforcement credentials.

But, hey, at least nobody car-jacked them. Yet.

Police met with the group in their room at the Fairmont Hotel,

200 N. Columbus, April 9. They told officers they went out drinking on Friday night and split up for a while.

One visitor, a 28-year-old man, told police he was walking in River North when three men pointed a gun at him and forced him to withdraw money from an ATM, police said.

It reportedly happened at Fifth Third Bank, 33 W. Huron, around 1 a.m.

Another member of the group, a 26-year-old deputy sheriff from

rural Missouri, told police that someone took his wallet while he partied at Hubbard Inn, 110 W. Hubbard.

A CPD spokesperson said he believes a pick-pocket took it.

Besides getting the man's money and credit cards, the thieves also got away with the deputy's law enforcement IDs, according to a CPD report. Area Three detectives are investigating the robbery.

## Cops found 3 guns, masks, gloves, a saw, and \$70,000 cash during a Mag Mile traffic stop



During a traffic stop, Kyiarha Hill was found with three loaded guns, gloves, masks, "burglary tools," extra license plates, and \$70,000 cash.

BY CWBCHICAGO

Cops who stopped to interview a woman who was illegally parked near the Mag Mile ended up finding much more than they bargained for, according to prosecutors: three loaded guns, gloves, masks, "burglary tools," extra license plates, and \$70,000 cash.

It happened outside Saks Fifth Avenue at Superior St. and Michigan Ave. around 1:30 p.m. March 27, according to a Chicago police report.

Police spotted a Jeep with Indiana license plates that they suspected of being involved in retail

thefts around the area, prosecutors said. It was allegedly stopped in a no-parking zone, so they started a conversation with the driver, 19-year-old Kyiarha Hill.

She was alone in the car, and cops saw an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and smelled burnt marijuana, too, so they asked her to stop out, Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said. Police conducted a narcotics search of the car, but they didn't find any narcotics. However, they did find a whopping \$70,000 cash in the center console.

There were two loaded handguns under the passenger seat,

one of which had a defaced serial number, an extended ammunition magazine, and an automatic-fire switch, he continued. Cops allegedly found a third gun, also loaded with an extended magazine, under the driver's seat.

In the trunk was an assortment of "burglary tools," Kalliantasis said, including a "saw machine," masks, and gloves. He said there were also Indiana dealer license plates inside the car that didn't belong to the vehicle.

Hill, who has never been arrested before, said she didn't know anything about the guns, according to Kalliantasis.

Prosecutors charged her with three counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and defacement of firearm markings. And she received two traffic citations.

Private defense attorney David Gaeger said Hill, who recently graduated high school, works for a security company and has a child. She does not own the car, he said.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ruled that Hill could go home on electronic monitoring by posting 10% of her \$30,000 bail amount. Hill is due back in court on April 13.

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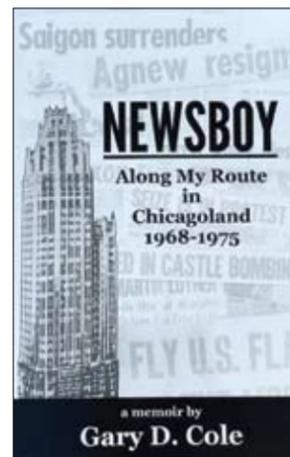
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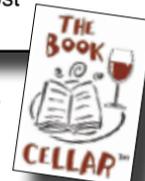
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**GARDENS** from p. 8

to manage your soil,” Ford says. “Some people couldn’t walk, and they’d just sit in motorized scooters on the sidewalk giving instructions to the kids.”

**Growing through the Gravel**

To be sure, sustaining the garden has been an ongoing challenge. The original wooden beds fell apart and were replaced with cinder block beds that are nestled on a plot of gravel. The gravel, too, was a response to the problem of invasive bindweed, which required constant mowing and removal. The weed almost choked the life out of the garden at one

point, but a core group of gardeners devoted themselves to keeping the garden alive. In 2019, NeighborSpace an urban land trust, purchased and protected the land and installed gravel to help prevent the bindweed from taking over.

Community gardens like Harambee are becoming increasingly popular, with more than 29,000 garden plots in city parks in the 100 largest U.S. cities. However, a national survey by a gardening association reports that only 32.3% of community gardens last for more than 10 years. The most commonly cited reason for gardens dissolving was “lack of interest by gardeners.”

## INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

While the Harambee garden is embraced by the community, the number of Austin residents who rent garden beds fluctuates year to year. Still, the commitment of the garden’s most active members have held it together during its most difficult times. One of them, Maria Sorrell, was walking through the neighborhood in 2010 when she saw banners advertising the garden.

“Originally, I was just going to make a donation, because I wasn’t into gardening,” Sorrell says. But as a retiree with lots of free time, she decided to rent a bed in the garden’s very first year and has been making connections and learning to grow vegetables ever since.

Over the years, volunteers have traveled from various parts of the city and western suburbs to help in the garden, including high school students and others seeking volunteer hours as part of their community service.

“The people that tend to come to volunteer days often are people from outside the community,” Ford says, “and the active people participating are not always necessarily reflective of the community.” Ford sees this as a challenge and an opportunity.

Participating gardeners, about 30 currently, are considering building a steering committee for the garden to decide how they might get more Austin residents to rent beds and increase the number of gardeners involved in

*The goats that graze on the other side of Harambee belong to GlennArt Farm, a small goat farm down the street from the garden that opened around the same time as Harambee. Seeing goats lounging in the middle of a city neighborhood often evokes curiosity from people walking by.*

events and planning.

“The space belongs to everybody,” says Ford, who still resides in Austin and actively participates in the garden. “This isn’t a club. This is just a facility for the community.”

**Expanding the garden’s reach**

Over time, the garden has become increasingly self-supporting. While Harambee once relied on the generosity of the senior home and firehouse for its water, NeighborSpace has since installed an underground water system and aboveground watering stations.

The gardeners still collaborate with organizations in the community to educate people on growing their own food and serve as a location for gathering and connecting. For instance, this past summer, a group of youth in a Park District program worked with alt Space Chicago, an Austin art organization, to build seating for the garden with repurposed wood. Future plans include adding a play area for children, installed with the help of the West Side Nature Play Network, a group of community partners dedicated to

creating accessible and safe opportunities for children and caregivers to explore the outdoors on Chicago’s West Side.

The goats that graze on the other side of Harambee belong to GlennArt Farm, a small goat farm down the street from the garden that opened around the same time as Harambee. Seeing goats lounging in the middle of a city neighborhood often evokes curiosity from people walking by.

“They’re just so interesting to people that people stop along the fence, and they’ll pull up some grass and feed it to the goats,” Ford says. “And a weird thing happens when you’re standing next to a stranger observing something that’s kind of wondrous.

“If you’re there long enough, you feel obliged to introduce yourself. And the introduction is like a threshold ... it’s a subtle form of connection,” Ford says. “The garden is a place where individual human connections get made.”

*Jordyn Harrison writes for Yes! Media.*

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**POLICE BEAT** from p. 10

steal loads of high-end purses from downtown’s priciest stores without repercussions, a woman who allegedly stole three luxe handbags from an Oak St. shop in a solo heist this week wasn’t so lucky. She’s facing felony charges.

Ulta’s stores were targeted April 4 in the South Loop and April 5 in Lincoln Park and Archer Heights, three men hauled away loads of fragrances from the store at 1107 S. Delano Court. An initial estimate pegged the loss at about \$10,000. They escaped in a car that had been stolen from the South Loop.

Police located the car in Woodlawn just in time to see three men run from it and enter a house. Officers recovered the vehicle, which had Ulta merchandise inside, a CPD report said.

No arrests were made as of April 6, according to a CPD spokesperson.

A different group is believed to be responsible for Tuesday’s thefts, which CPD publicized in a community alert.

Police said a man and two women stole bags of merchandise from the Ulta store at 4140 S. Pulaski around 10:07 p.m. One of them displayed a knife, which was left behind, according to a police report.

The same group hit the Ulta at 2754 N. Clybourn around 4:31 p.m., police said. This time, the male offender displayed a knife to keep employees away, another CPD report said. A witness said the group escaped in a small blue car.

Police released three suspect descriptions: a male, Hispanic, tattoos above the left eyebrow, black leather jacket, gray hoodie, black shoes; a female, Black, gray hoodie, black shoes, and a female, Black, green puffy coat.

Witnesses at both of April 5’s incidents reportedly said the man was bald.

Anyone with information about Tuesday’s incidents can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263

regarding crime pattern #P22-CWP-006.

A woman who has no criminal history is charged with felony retail theft for allegedly stealing purses worth \$4,647 from an Oak St. boutique April 4.

Prosecutors said Viviana Delarosa, 49, walked out with three handbags from Tory Burch, 45 E. Oak, around 11:15 a.m. The store called police, and an officer stopped Delarosa near the corner of Oak and Michigan moments later. Store security cameras recorded the alleged theft.

Judge Susana Ortiz released Delarosa on a recognizance bond after noting her lack of criminal background.

**Driver plows through other cars to escape cops in the Gold Coast**

Newly-discovered video shows the driver of a stolen SUV ramming through two other cars to escape Chicago cops at a bustling Gold Coast intersection. No injuries were reported, but the footage shows just how bold Chicago’s criminals have become.

It happened at 12:20 p.m. April 1, on the 1000 block of N. State — right next to Mariano Park, a small three-sided public space surrounded by pricey bars and restaurants favored by an older clientele. Some folks call it the “Viagra Triangle.”

Cops were patrolling the area when they spotted the stolen Jeep heading south on State St. The SUV popped a U-turn and quickly got boxed in by the police car, a CTA bus, and other vehicles that were in traffic.

At least one officer pulled out their service weapon during the incident, but no shots were fired, according to a CPD report.

The driver escaped by plowing through a Nissan belonging to an advertising company and a Ford Fusion driven by its owner, who lives in Columbus, Ohio. They then swiped a CPD patrol car that was stopped in the intersection ahead of them, according to police records.

After breaking free, the Jeep headed north to Division St., east to Inner Lake Shore Drive, north on the Inner Drive to North Ave., and then north on the Outer Drive. Police did not pursue the vehicle, and no arrests have been announced.

According to Chicago police records, the Jeep belongs to a woman from Richton Park. It was stolen in the South Loop early on March 22. A police report reviewed by this reporter did not list a description of the driver.

**Armed carjackings reported in Lakeview, Uptown**

Four armed men pushed a driver to the ground and stole his car in Lakeview on April 10, police said. Earlier, an armed carjacker took another man’s car in Uptown.

The Lakeview victim, a 29-year-old man, was standing next to his car on the 1100 block of W. George when the hijackers approached him around 8:50 p.m., said Kellie Bartoli, a Chicago police spokesperson.

She said one hijacker pushed the victim to the ground and displayed a gun. The group then climbed into his gray Nissan Sentra and fled eastbound.

The victim, who was working as a delivery driver, declined medical attention.

Bartoli said suspects are Black males between 15- and 25-years-old who wore jeans and jackets.

In Uptown, a man was outside his car on the 5100 block of N. Clark when a hijacker displayed a gun and drove off with his blue Toyota 4Runner around 3:20 p.m., according to a CPD report.

That victim described the carjacker as a bald Hispanic man with a large beard.

Citywide, hijacking reports paced slightly ahead of last year’s record during the first quarter, with 433 cases compared to 423. There were 198 during the first quarter of 2020 and 110 in 2019.

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the misplaced racial agendas that it offers. And the manner in which begging-bowl institutions like the AIC think they can pull the wool over the public's eyes.

Treasure-house agendas like the AIC's will be thwarted and exposed for what they are really doing.

But choking-off financial opportunities for such institutions is a must.

Reason and intelligence, the favored weapons of Sister Boniface, are our best hope.

The awkward misplaced philosophy of woke cultural expression has no place among the worthy recipients of public monies and private fortunes. Call your attorney and question the poor judgment used in "docent-gate." Reevaluate your financial support of the new racialization of the AIC. Hold their feet to the fire. Things will change. Right, President Rondeau?

It's time for MacDonald to be heard. The countless victims of the cancel culture debacle need to be given a vocabulary and poetry to silence the racial-



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obly obtuse in academe and in once beloved art centers, like the AIC.

We need to liberate those now driven by shallow intellect and imprudent racialization bent on distorting the present and rewriting the past.

The undermining of our culture must be altered against the latest emotional fad. We need more Chestertonian elan. Civilization, after all, is at stake.

**THE CHALLENGER:** The race to rescue Chicago from further disaster took a step in the right direction with the announcement that **Ald. Ray Lopez** [15th], a devout intelligent critic of the "Lightfingers' fiasco," will run for the office himself. What a race it will be. My feeling is she won't wind up running. We'll see.

**DANCE FANS:** **Silvino da Silva**, who has served as acting executive director since late 2020, has been chosen as the next executive director of The Ruth Page Center for the Arts, effective immediately. da Silva is responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic planning of the well-respected and nationally recognized center for dance in Chicago currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Silvino da Silva has been with The Ruth Page Center since 2000 as its director of marketing, communications and development.

**REQUIEM AETERNAM:** Chicago has lost a giant. **Fr. John Richardson, CM** was the 9th president of DePaul Univ. and was called home to God at the age of 98. Active and engaged to the very end, his presence at the university, in the city and in our world will be felt for generations to come. A beautiful, thought-

ful man who embraced diversity with a true and loving heart, long before it was fashionable, at the largest Catholic university in America.

**SPORTS FANS:** Chicago Joe's in North Center is holding an auction. The home of **Al and Brad Rompza** is filled with local sporting memorabilia including autographed championship 16" softballs from famous local teams. The restaurant is closed, so the April 30 auction means everything goes.

**CSO:** This year celebrates the 132nd season of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assoc., and its 13th and final year under the baton of music director **Riccardo Muti**. The season also marks the 25th anniversary of Symphony Center's opening. Banner works by **Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev** headline Muti's CSO three residencies. The 80-year-old conductor will also lead the US premiere of a **Samuel Coleridge-Taylor** work: Solemn Prelude. In May, the maestro will conduct the world premiere of a CSO-commissioned work by the orches-

tra's composer-in-residence **Jessie Montgomery**. Muti's tenure will conclude in June 2023 with performances of **Ludwig von Beethoven's** Missa solennis.

**LYRIC OPERA:** "Fire Shut Up In My Bones" opened at the Lyric Opera on March 24. In this stunning production composer **Terence Blanchard**, baritone **Will Liverman**, author **Dr. E. Patrick Johnson**, and host **Rhannon Giddens** take a closer look at the gripping opera through the show-stopping aria "Peculiar Grace."

**FALLING DOWN:** Water Tower is falling down, the mall that is. Brookfield Properties has given up. COVID-19, the rioters and looters won. Nope, no sale, they just turned the keys in to the bank and walked away. Incredible. Yes, other malls have faced similar struggles, but not typically malls in such prime locations like on Michigan Ave.

**WARSAW:** The ashes of Poland's award-winning composer and famed conductor **Krzysztof Penderecki** have been laid to rest in a state ceremony after a two-year, pandemic-caused delay. Poland's **President Andrzej Duda** attended the service. The renowned composer died in Krakow on March 29, 2020, at the age of 86, but COVID-19 restrictions postponed a formal

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funeral service. Penderecki's urn will be interred among authors and scientists at the National Pantheon at Krakow's St. Peter and Paul Church. Penderecki was one of the world's most popular contemporary classical music composers. His "Paradise Lost" received its world premiere at the Lyric Opera of Chicago in 1978, and he presented his Symphony No. 7, "Seven Gates of Jerusalem," with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 2000. Their romantic expression troubled listeners who recalled his radical works from the 1960s. In July 2011, Maestro Penderecki led the Grant Park Orchestra in a program of Ludwig von Beethoven and his own Concerto Grossi for three cellos.

**SERVICE CLUB:** Please join The Service Club of Chicago on May 16, for The Spring Hat Luncheon at the The Ritz-Carlton Chicago. All are welcome, purchase your tickets now.

**CANCER FUNDS:** A sunny time was had in the desert when Palm Springs snowbirds joined forces for a great cause to raise funds for breast cancer, at the Melissa Morgan Art Gallery with **Barbara Paget, Marilyn Noll, Barbara Feldman and Linda Robin** doing heavy lifting.

**WHO'S WHERE:** **Mark Oley and Jim Ellsworth**, earlybird antiquers front and center at the Brown Elephant... **Kelly Wolter Mondelli** at the Union League's Engineers Foundation event for meatloaf cupcakes with mashed potato frosting... **Ken Norgan** walked home after listening to the beautiful Beethoven 9th Symphony at Lyric Opera conducted by **Sir Andrew Davis**, a peaceful stretch of the legs along the Chicago River... **Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange** getting nostalgic at the **Todd Rundgren** concert at the Auditorium... **Paul Tuminaro** dining at Chef Nates in Wilton Manors, FL... actor **Hershey Felder** walking home in Cannaregio in Venice and feeling he belonged... **Jeff and Stephanie Leese Emrich** steppin' out to Steppenwolf where new swank

space delivers ideal guest experience... **James Staples** remembering a test-run in the Easter Bunny mobile at the Peninsula Hotel seven years ago... **James M. Kinney and Brian White** at the Lyric for Beethoven's 9th... Songstress Supreme **Barb Bailey** with **BJ Murray and Shelley Howard** for About Last Nite at Marchesa for the Aries and Xmas Soiree, also in attendance were **Kathy OMalley Piccone and Melissa**

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Silvino da Silva.

Photo by Anthony Robert LaPenna

**Anderson Hovey.... Lauren Lein Cavanaugh with Donna Hoos** at the Flueurs De Villes show at 900 North Michigan... **Lynn and Michael Ciuchta** in Madrid, Spain, surrounded in snowcapped mountains... Maestro **Stanley Paul** delighted with visit from lovely **Biba Roche** in Palm Springs... **Doug Van Tress** observing a special birthday that sounds better in French... **Sherry Lea Fox's** dear friend **JoAnn Fakhouri** created and donated 50 Easter baskets to be given to any in need... Longtime Lincoln Park resident, attorney **Todd A. Smith**, has been inducted into the 2022 Lawdragon Hall of Fame, quite the honor joining the ranks of U.S. Supreme



Jack Goggin (left) with brother, the late Michael Goggin.

Court Justice **Stephen Breyer** and U.S. Attorney General **Merrick Garland**... **Father Jerry Boland** above the hills of Assisi whispering prayers... artist **Susie Fornstmann Kealy** happy walking in the rain near Ralph Lauren... Adding another year of grace Chi-town choicest twins, Mark and **Matt O'Malley**, blessings... and, begorrah, for Irish violinist superb, **Patricia Treacy**, as well... and Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill Executive Chef **Ryan Pitts** still basking in the glory of his famed home-cured corned beef served every St. Patrick's

**CONDOLENCES:** Deep expressions of sympathy and prayer for **Myra Reilly, Pam Lombardi Wenzel, Lori Lombardi Nugent, Fred Lombardi** and family on the death of their dearest brother, **Richard Lombardi**. Now safe in the heart of God.

**SUAIMHNEAS SIORAI:** The **Goggin Family** are an Irish tribe of deep traditions and elan. Well educated, erudite, social and engaged wherever they are. Long years of connectedness with Oak Park, Fenwick and the Chicago legal profession shaped their aristocratic Irishness and sense of service to others here in Chicago. You never know just one Goggin. You befriend them in lucky numbers wherever good things unfold. Sadly they have lost a treasured brother in the recent death of **Mike Goggin**. A long respected legal prosecutor. His wit and wisdom went before him, a thoughtful protector of the rights of others. Tough opponent before the legal bench. Adjunct Professor at Loyola University School of Law. The tribe doesn't let go of him easily, releasing him now into the promise of God's love. Deep sympathy and prayer at his noble passing. And healing to all he loved.

**CHANGES JUST FOR FUN:** **Joaquin Phoenix's** real name is **Joaquin Rafael Bottom**. And **Julianne Moore** is actually **Julie Anne Smith**. **Jamie Foxx** was born **Eric Marlon Bishop**. While New Zealand singer **Lorde** is **Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor**. Who'd have guessed **Lady Gaga** is **Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta** at home. And **Winona Ryder** is **Winona Laura Horowitz**, too big for a tattoo. **Alicia Keys**, none other than **Alicia Augello Cook**. And **Ludacris** was born **Christopher Brian Bridges**.

**Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.**

-- **Jean-Paul Sartre**  
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 P.I.N. 17-09-259-022-1060.  
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 455 W. SAINT JAMES PLACE, UNIT 402 CHICAGO, IL 60614  
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 Property Index No. 14-28-320-033-1017 and 14-28-320-033-1036  
 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$117,958.69.  
 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 Municipally 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/or 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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 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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 6033 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APT 29J CHICAGO, IL 60660  
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 1, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 3, 2022, 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 6033 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APT 29J, CHICAGO, IL 60660  
 Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1304  
 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 Municipally 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/or 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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 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155 CHICAGO, IL 60657  
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 Property Index No. 14-20-414-019-1067  
 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.  
 The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.  
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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. F/K/A HARRIS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARRIS BANK ROSELLE Plaintiff, vs. RONALD K. MENDELBLAT, 5757 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 2019 CH 14647  
 5757 N SHERIDAN ROAD APT 13J CHICAGO, IL 60660  
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 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
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 Attorney File No. 14-19-11535  
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
 Attorney Code. 21762  
 Case Number: 2019 CH 14647  
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Case # 2019 CH 14647  
**13191211**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF BCAP LLC TRUST 2007-AA4 Plaintiff, vs. DEBBIE PINES MANSFIELD, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE AMBIANCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LAWRENCE MANSFIELD A/K/A LAWRENCE J. MANSFIELD, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO COLE TAYLOR BANK AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 10, 2004 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 01-041170, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 09 CH 35324  
 545 WEST ALDINE AVENUE, UNIT 6E 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 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 25, 2022, 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 545 WEST ALDINE AVENUE, UNIT 6E, CHICAGO, IL 60657  
 Property Index No. 14-21-312-053-1029  
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
 The judgment amount was \$3,762,949.10.  
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 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.  
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 Case Number: 09 CH 35324  
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 Case # 09 CH 35324  
**13190589**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN L. ANDERSON-DUDEK, FREDERICK R. DUDEK, WELLINGTON PARK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, THOMAS BLISCHOK, SHARLA BLISCHOK Defendants, 2021 CH 00693 CONSOL W/ 2021 CH 00601  
 2121 N. HERMITAGE AVENUE 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 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 27, 2022, 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 2924 N. HERMITAGE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60657  
 Property Index No. 14-30-223-175-0000  
 The real estate is improved with a townhouse.  
 The judgment amount was \$312,873.14.  
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 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.  
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 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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 For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 20 8324.  
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 Attorney File No. 20 8324  
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 Case Number: 2021 CH 00693 CONSOL W/ 2021 CH 00601  
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 Case # 2021 CH 00693 CONSOL W/ 2021 CH 00601  
**13190802**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OAK TERRACE CONDOMINIUMS I, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. STEPHEN DURR Defendants, 21 CH 6197  
 435 WEST OAKDALE AVENUE #2E CHICAGO, IL 60657  
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Forced Sale Order entered in the above cause on March 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 29, 2022, 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 435 WEST OAKDALE AVENUE #2E, CHICAGO, IL 60657  
 Property Index No. 14-28-118-051-1017 AND 14-28-118-051-1026  
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.  
 The Forced Sale Order judgment amount was \$11,246.82.  
 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 Municipally 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/or 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 judicial 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 judicial sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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 For information, contact Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFFRIN NESBIT Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500.  
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 Attorney Code. 38862  
**Case Number: 21 CH 6197**  
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Under the Assumed Business Name of Delia Jean Art with the business located at 5004 N Leavitt St, Chicago, IL 60625. The True and real name and residence address of the owner is Delia Jean Hickey, 5004 N Leavitt St Chicago, IL 60625.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of business in the State," as amended, that a certificate was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. Registration Number: Y22008965 on April 6, 2022. Under the Assumed Business Name of Flower Flat Antiques, with the business located at 622 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613. The true and real name(s) and residences of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Owner/Partner Bruce Jasinski address: 604 W. Patterson Ave., Apt. 1, Chicago, IL 60614, USA.

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Interested in helping the environment, those less fortunate? Recycle Plus, operating since 1990, offers recycling service as well as: Used plastic buckets (food grade) various sizes & shapes, cardboard boxes, old lumber, furniture, reusable shopping bags made in Chicago from repurposed fabric. Contact Recycle Plus Inc Gary Zuckerman 773-761-5937 or 773-858-1210 Email: [recycle\\_plus\\_chicago@yahoo.com](mailto:recycle_plus_chicago@yahoo.com)

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## TICKETS from p. 7

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Proponents of Lightfoot's speed camera policy have pushed back against reports illustrating the scope of its financial impacts on city residents, again focusing on the assertion that cameras improve traffic safety.

They point to studies stating speed cameras reduce vehicle collisions and injuries by as much as a 25% at conspicuous camera sites, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. A separate study found the reduction in speeding rates spills over to neighboring unmonitored streets, leading to a decrease in most types of collisions near cameras.

The safety argument seems weak in light of the various studies and increase in accident deaths. Speed cameras might be more accurately called cash cams.

"While the city is ticketing people going two miles over the limit, they do almost nothing about other traffic issues like drivers texting or on their phones or improving roads," Gumucio said. "These are huge hazards, but the city doesn't protect those people. Instead, they put up these cameras to generate revenue."

## Mobile City hall coming to Warren Park June 2

The Chicago City Clerk's Office is bringing their mobile City Hall to Warren Park, 6601 N. Western, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

That day, residents will be able to purchase City Stickers, residential parking permits and dog licenses right in their neighborhood. Residents will also be able to get a CityKey ID card at the Mobile City Hall. This government-issued ID card is available to all Chicagoans regardless of age, gender, immigration status, or housing status. It will also serve as a Chicago Public Library card, a Chicago Transit Authority Ventra card, and a Chicago Rx prescription drug discount card.

For more information, visit [www.chicityclerk.com/mobilecityhall](http://www.chicityclerk.com/mobilecityhall).

# Owner hands over keys to Water Tower Place mall

Move comes about a year after the mall lost Macy's, its largest tenant

BY THEREALDEAL.COM STAFF

Brookfield Property Partners is handing over the keys to Water Tower Place, a Magnificent Mile mall, about a year after it lost Macy's, its largest tenant.

Brookfield plans to relinquish the mall to its lender, MetLife Investment Management, a unit of New York insurer MetLife, according to Crain's Chicago. Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave., was the first indoor mall in Chicago when it opened in 1975 and is part of a development that included condominiums, office space and the Ritz-Carlton Chicago.

The decision underscores how challenging it's been for landlords and retail tenants on the Chicago shopping strip to recover even as the pandemic wanes. A quarter of retail space on the Mag Mile is vacant, according to Crain's.

Giving up the property means that Brookfield doesn't think it's worth spending the money required to restore the mall to pre-pandemic success. The mall has also lost so much equity that the firm's investment is gone — it's now worth less than the \$300 million in debt owed on it.

"Water Tower Place will no longer be part of Brookfield's portfolio," the company said in a statement. "After many discussions to carefully assess and identify all available options to move forward, we've determined that it is best to focus Brookfield's resources on other opportunities



Water Tower Place, a nine-story, 818,000 square-foot vertical mall, opened its doors on Chicago's Magnificent Mile in October 1975.

within our portfolio."

A Brookfield spokeswoman declined to comment to Crain's beyond the statement.

The nine-story, 818,000-square-foot mall lost other tenants besides Macy's during the pandemic, including Banana Republic, Aritzia and Riley Rose. Initially, Brookfield planned a substantial makeover of the mall after Macy's left, but the renovation never materialized.

MetLife may consider revitalizing the mall itself or selling it off. In a statement to Crain's, MetLife declined to comment on the specifics of the transaction.

Retailers vacating the Mag Mile include Forever 21, which left 42,000 square feet along N. Michigan Ave. before the pandemic. In some cases, landlords are struggling to replace them and building owners have tried to create smaller spaces for retailers. The N. Michigan Ave. retail vacancy rate rose to 26% in 2021 from 5.3% in 2017, according to Cushman & Wakefield.



Fire department personnel take the victim to an ambulance.

# Attackers stabbed a man at the Roosevelt CTA station, then beat him in the street

BY CWBCHICAGO

Cops arrested five suspects after a man was stabbed inside the Roosevelt CTA station and then beaten in the middle of Roosevelt Rd. on April 8, according to Chicago police.

The 30-year-old victim got into a physical altercation with five males inside the train station around 6:12 p.m., CPD said in a media alert. One member of the group pulled a knife and stabbed him in the chest.

The fight moved into the street, where a passing patrol officer saw the group punch-

ing and kicking the victim as he lay on the ground. All five offenders returned to the station and boarded a southbound train.

Cops used CTA's surveillance network to track their movements, and officers took them into custody near the 35th St. Green Line station. At least three of the five are juveniles. Charges were pending.

EMS took the victim to Insight Hospital and Medical Center in fair condition.

Friday's stabbing is the latest in a string of violent incidents on the CTA system last week.

## HIJACKER from p. 1

CPD subsequently identified Ransom as the hijacker who took a 41-year-old man's car at gunpoint on the 1400 block of N. Astor on September 9, 2021.

Patton did not provide details of that hijacking, but last year we reported that the victim told police two men armed with a handgun took his white Toyota Highlander around 8:17 that night. Accomplices in a previously hijacked Toyota sedan followed the stolen Highlander from the scene, according to CPD reports.

CPD did not release the exact addresses of Astor St. hijacking. But GPS coordinates associated with the crime in the city's da-

tabase come back to the home of Gov. JB Pritzker, we reported.

Prosecutors charged Ransom with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, aggravated fleeing, and resisting.

Patton said he has three juvenile arrests, one for felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and two for misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicles. The status of those cases was not available on Sunday, she said.

Ransom's private defense attorney, Bill Stanton, said he is a high school senior who also works at the United Center. Stanton said Ransom has mental health concerns.

## POND from p. 1

for the meeting visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-pond-restoration-project-public-update-meeting-registration-310736961617>

The Conservancy is always in need of volunteers to help beautify the park and keep natural areas healthy.

North Pond Gardeners meet every other Saturday morning in the spring, summer and fall. Over the weeks, volunteers will

learn how to sew native seed, plant new wildflowers and grasses, remove invasive species, prune and mulch trees and shrubs, and collect seed heads from prairies and woodlands.

They will kick off 2022 with their Earth Day Event on April 23. Spring workdays include May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18. Those who may be interested should contact Carrissa Hudson at [chudson@lincolnparkconservancy.org](mailto:chudson@lincolnparkconservancy.org).

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