

Local media outlets launch joint fundraiser

Unprecedented collaboration includes community and ethnic media from across the city

Facing drops of revenue as high as 85%, 43 independent Chicago media outlets have joined forces to raise funds in a monthlong campaign in May. The for-profit and nonprofit organizations represent a wide cross-section of authentic community media in the city and nearby suburbs.

The public can give at savechicagomedia.org through June 5. The website offers the option to donate one amount to be split among all of the outlets, or donors can select one or more outlets to give a specific amount to.

"We who are in independent media find ourselves in a unique

and dangerous economic situation," said Tracy Baim, publisher of the Chicago Reader. "In response to COVID-19, national news outlets are tallying death tolls and assessing the situation globally. While that coverage is important, it leaves the average citizen confused and unsure of how to proceed within their community."

The campaign is being coordinated by the Chicago Independent Media Alliance (CIMA), a project launched in 2019 by the Chicago Reader. Sixty media companies and nonprofit newsrooms belong to CIMA, which is coordinating grants, advertising, and editorial projects to assist in strengthening the local media landscape.

CIMA's goal is to lift all boats through partnerships. Donations

are not tax deductible, but those wishing to provide money to a pooled matching fund can donate to The Chicago Independent Media Alliance 2020 Matching Fund at the Crossroads Fund. Several foundations have already committed to donating to the matching fund, and full details on the match will be available in mid-May.

"Local media outlets deliver authentic, community-driven journalism, reporting on the stories that matter most for communities largely affected by this, and future, health crises," said Yazmin Dominguez, CIMA project coordinator. "Unfortunately, community media outlets are not getting the resources they need

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City provides relief to businesses during lockdown

Extending license expiration dates and deferring the collection of public vehicle payments

On May 7 city officials introduced an ordinance to provide additional regulatory and financial relief measures to Chicago's businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and concurrent forced economic lockdown.

The proposal would extend the expiration date for licenses that otherwise would expire during the

pandemic and defer the collection of Accessibility Fee payments from taxicabs and Transportation Network Providers (TNPs) while the ordinance is in effect.

The relief legislation will be considered by the full City Council on Wednesday, May 20.

The proposed ordinance would be in effect until it is automatically repealed on June 30, or until the Commissioner of the Chicago Dept. of Public Health (CDPH) makes a written determination that the threat to public health of COVID-19 has diminished,

whichever is earlier.

Under the ordinance, any license issued by City Hall with an expiration date on or after March 15, 2020 will be considered active and no late fees will be assessed until 30 days following the repeal of the ordinance on June 30 or until CDPH makes a written determination. This applies to all businesses licensed by the City, such as retail stores, child day cares, hotels, restaurant and bars, along with public vehicle

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Tribune Tower project OK'd by Plan Commission

Streeterville ground zero for high density

Apparently learning nothing about the inherent risks of adding high density buildings during the new era of pandemics, the proposed Planned Development for the Tribune Tower project at 421 N. Michigan Ave. was approved at the Chicago Plan Commission meeting Friday.

The development team is a joint venture between Chicago's Golub & Company and the Los Angeles-based CIM Group. They have renovated the existing Chicago landmark Tribune Tower, which will have 162 for sale condominium units in the historic building.

The Applicant is also planning to erect a high density, 1,442'-tall mixed-use building, including retail and commercial uses along

This ambitious plan will transform an important stretch of Streeterville, turning it into one of the most densely populated areas in the entire city.

with 200 hotel rooms and 564 dwelling units.

The overall Planned Development will have 726 dwelling units between the two buildings as well as 687 parking stalls and 14 loading berths. The developers sought

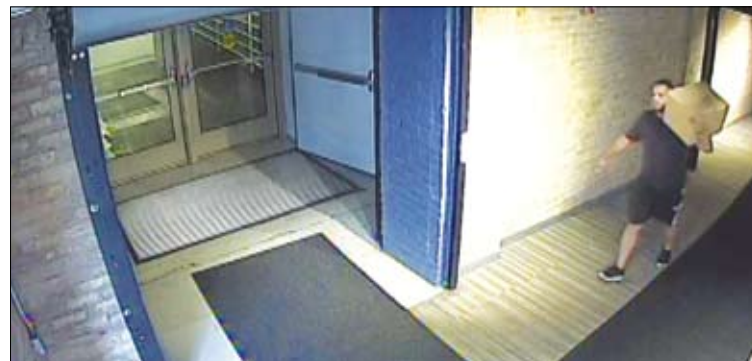
a zoning change to allow the transformation of the former office complex into new residences, retail space, and hotel rooms. Total cost of the project is estimated to top \$1 billion.

In light of recent experience, the elevators and lobbies of this new skyscraper may end up being some of the most contaminated spaces in the city in any future pandemic. And the real need for more bricks and mortar retail space on Michigan Ave. is questionable as the area was already facing a commercial space glut before the COVID-19 pandemic even hit.

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Streeterville cocaine and cash seizures.



Andres Villegas in Streeterville parking garage.

Mexico-to-Streeterville cocaine pipeline dismantled

Ten indicted in federal investigation

Ten individuals are facing criminal charges as part of a federal investigation that disrupted a Mexico-to-Streeterville cocaine pipeline.

During the investigation, law enforcement seized approximately 18 kilograms of cocaine and more than \$300,000 in suspected illicit drug proceeds. The alleged drug trafficking occurred in the South Loop and Streeterville neighborhoods.

The indictments were returned May 6 in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Two of the defendants remain at large, and warrants have been issued for their arrests. Arraignments for the other eight defendants have not yet been scheduled.

The charges describe several drug transactions last year in Chicago and the suburbs. One of the deals occurred in a high-rise parking garage in the Streeterville neighborhood on Chicago's Near North Side, while another occurred in a parking garage in the South Loop neighborhood on the city's Near South Side, according to the charges. Other transactions cited in the charges occurred in Plainfield and Bolingbrook.



South Loop cocaine seizure.

According to the indictments and criminal complaints previously filed in the case, Andres Villegas, 30, of Berwyn, worked with suppliers in Mexico to transport cocaine into the United States. Villegas conspired with a network of traffickers to distribute the drugs in the Chicago area, the charges allege.

Charged in four separate indictments with drug conspiracy are Villegas; Gustavo Avila, 23, of Plainfield; Aaron Adams, 41, of Peoria; Adrian Curtis, 42, of Peoria; David Palm, 50, of Chicago; Alvin Broan, 51, of Chicago; Santiago Meraz, 35, of Milwaukee, WI.; Jorge Valdez, 33, of Milwaukee, WI.; Isidro Moya, 59, of Chicago; and Eduardo Carrizales, 45, of Laredo, TX.

Moya and Meraz are currently at large.



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Why hindsight is 2020, an act of optimism for what lies ahead



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Tom Roberts, aka Tom Foolery, is a brilliant soft-spoken London poet. Born in New Zealand, he works in the film industry to eat. Poetry rarely gives you a sustained existence.

From Homer to Ezra Pound to Sylvia Plath and Maya Angelou, they'd all tell you that a second job really comes in handy. Especially at the grocery store.

We cherish the poetic world mainly because it is often less complicated than the broken, frayed, assaultive one we are forced to actually live in.

You know the one which is disease ridden, and populated by sad, foolish idiots who have never struggled to find a long term solution to anything in life.

Like the freedom marchers who are obsessed with their right to spread the Coronavirus. The ones who insist that they be allowed to wander, gather, congregate and joyously cough on each other because the Constitution says so. I refuse to live in that world for more than a moment. No more time than I emotionally have to.

Rather, I want the world of the poets, the one that lives just beneath the surface of human frailty.

A world with which Dante, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman were very familiar. Whether that is the elegant ponderous couplets of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow or the off-kilter syntax of E.E. Cummings.

Given the choice I want to live in the heart of their poetic rhythm and rhyme, stanza by stanza.

Dactyl by spondee. Possessed of the incomprehensible. Nourished by the specter of an emerging world of hope.

In other words, I want to be embraced by the optimism to which poetry points. Not "moon, June, spoon." Please. But rather, the imagery of heaven, engaging the unseeable, in concert with the unimaginable and strengthened by the words only the heart understands.

You know what I mean, less cerebral, more soul. Less head. More heart. More meat. Less potato. That's the real glory of the poetic intuition and the human capacity to use language to express.

This raises questions. Can we still hear this language in the 21st century? Can Neanderthal urban dwellers still speak such words? Can the survivors of pandemics give such words a chance? Do American politicians care enough to see a world beyond their own cyclopean vision? If the victims of pandemics take such words to their graves, does hope have any chance of still walking our streets?

In his new poem, "The Great Realization," young Roberts cracks the shell on COVID-19. He carries us to a moment in which we feel what he feels, a fresh time for optimism. At his start and at his finish he reminds us that "Hindsight is 2020." The unfolding of his poetic vision is itself an act of optimism for what lies ahead. His words are a re-telling of the Coronavirus tale. Imagining how we shall speak of this unspeakable plague in times to come. This is important for our physical health. And our mental health.

"The Great Realization"

by Tom Roberts

"Tell me the one about the virus again, then I'll go to bed."

'But my boy, you're growing weary, sleepy thoughts about your head.



Poet Tom Roberts.

'Please! That one's my favorite. I promise just once more.

'Okay, snuggle down my boy, though I know you know full well.

The story starts before then, in a world I once dwelled.

'It was a world of waste and wonder, of poverty and plenty, back before we understood why hindsight's 2020.

'You see the people came up with companies to trade across all lands.

But they swelled and got bigger than we could ever have planned.

'We'd always had our wants, but now it got so quick.

You could have everything you dreamed of in a day and with a click.

'We noticed families had stopped talking. That's not to say they never spoke.

But the meaning must have melted and the work life balance broke.

'And the children's eyes got squarer and every toddler had a phone.

They filtered out the imperfections but amidst the noise, they felt alone.

'And every day the sky grew thicker, til we couldn't see the stars.

So we flew in planes to find them while down below we filled our cars.

'We'd drive around all day in circles. We'd forgotten how to run.

We swapped the grass for tarmac, shrunk the parks till there were none.

'We filled the sea with plastic cause our waste was never capped.

Until each day when you went fishing, you'd pull them out already wrapped.

'And while we drank and smoked and gambled, our leaders taught us why,

It's best to not upset the lobbies, more convenient to die.

'But then in 2020, a new virus

came our way.

The government reacted

and told us all to hide away.

'But while we were all hidden, amidst the fear and all the while,

The people dusted off their instincts, they remembered

how to smile.

'They started clapping to say thank you, and calling up

their mums.

'And while the cars keys were gathering dust, they would look forward to their runs.

'And with the sky less full of planes, the earth began to breathe.

And the beaches brought new wildlife

that scattered off into the seas.

'Some people started dancing, some were singing, some were baking.

We'd grown so used to bad news but some good news was in the making.

'And so when we found the cure and were allowed to go outside,

We all preferred the world we found to the one we'd left behind.

'Old habits became extinct, and they made way for the new.

And every simple act of kindness was now given its due.

'But why did it take a virus to bring the people back together?'

'Well, sometimes, you got to get sick, my boy, before you start feeling better.

'Now lie down, and dream of tomorrow, and all the things that we can do.

And who knows, maybe if you dream strong enough, maybe some of them will come true.

'We now call it the Great Realization, and yes, since then there have been many.

'But that's the story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020.'

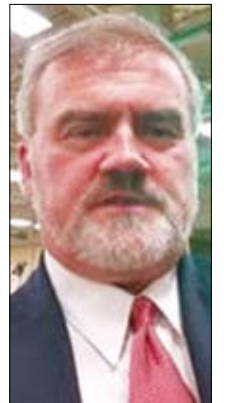
Poets see with the heart's eye. They see around the corners of catastrophe and the barriers to reason. They can smell the pathway along the road map that carries us to hope.

What the world needs now is optimists. People who believe in the world of human progress and civil living. As we attempt recovery from pandemic, stay close to poets of hope. They will lift your hope more than the bankrupt politics of the moment. Or the hypnotic spell of social networking.

Or the empty cupboards of our kitchens. Or frail loves and betrayals of everyday life. Channel that optimism. Go to Youtube and hear Tom Roberts read his own poem. Bring mercy to others. And bread. And soup. And salad. And smile. Remember, "Hindsight is 2020."

NURSES WEEK: Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig

reminds us last week was Nurses Week, and that found him at Rush Medical Center to help with the "Blessing of the Hands," a Rush tradition that this year takes on special



Chaplain Mark Schimmelpfennig.

meaning. Chaplains bless and anoint the hands of the nurses that work at RUMC.

FIVE HAPPIEST MOMENTS: Bond girl **Diane O'Connell** asking people to name their five happiest memories. My five: 1. My First Communion day. 2. Getting a new navy blue suit when I was seven. 3. Sailing to Europe on a grand Cunard liner when I was 13. 4. Spending an hour talking to **John Paul II** by myself and having lunch with him. 5. Having lunch with **Rose O'Neill** at the Wintergarden dining room of the Bristol Hotel in Paris with the Irish Ambassador to France. What are your five?

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Fat shaming the gov has no place in pandemic



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter

Throughout the past couple of months, I've seen Gov. JB Pritzker take some really big hits regarding his weight. The gov has been called a lot of hurtful names that really take pot shots at his body.

Sure, he could stand to lose a few dozen pounds, but couldn't a lot of us? Not liking the gov is one thing, and you're certainly entitled to not agreeing with his politics. But why bring his weight into it?

Actually, I like a guy with a little meat on his bones.

If you watch any of Gov. Pritzker's briefings online, you can see some of the nasty comments people make. One day last week I jotted down just a few of the nastiest ones:

"I know your piggly self wants some bacon," said one jerk, while another stated: "One Snickers bar away from losing a foot." "He needs a health partner," "Looks like he ate Costco," and "Someone stole the governor's neck," were among others.

Ouch.

As someone who is on cancer medication that causes weight gain, those names hurt me too. They're not just mean-spirited. They're downright cruel.

Let's face it folks, chubby people know that they need to lose a few pounds. They don't need it pointed out, nor do they need to be fat and body shamed.

We have a governor who, no matter what he weighs, took swift action to save lives. Those lives could have been a member of your own family -- your beloved mother, father, sister, brother, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, or your child.

We have a governor who has the connections to sneak a couple of plane loads of Personal Protective Gear in for those Illinoisans who are in the thick of the COVID-19 battle. We have a governor who is making decisions based on data and science, and not false, miracle-promising, virus disappearing hunches.

Gov. Pritzker may not be perfect, but he has worked diligently for us, day after day. He deserves some respect.

[Oddly, the much-too-skinny Mike Madigan has been invisible since the state went into lockdown.]

Think about some of the other gobs you've seen on TV lately. Some of them really seem to fit their states. Gov. Andrew Cuomo is New York slick, with his fancy cufflinks and perfectly coiffed hair, and I just love his accent. In that they're ground zero for virus deaths in America the old song saying if you can make it there you can make it anywhere... takes on all-new meaning.

And have you seen Gavin Newsom, who is so apropos as the governor of California with his movie star looks? The guy looks like he just walked off of a feature film set.

Our governor is one of those Midwest hearty, beefy guys like we all see around town, so I think he represents this part of America well. If we had a skinny twig for a gov, I bet the online comments would call for somebody to feed him -- or her -- a big fat juicy Gibson's steak.

Anyway, if you don't love the gov and want to criticize him, try finding something else to complain about other than his weight. Show a little compassion.

And if you can't do that, go pick on someone your own size. Please.



Gov. JB Pritzker

Help needed...you've seen today's page one story, [and ad at right] about the 43 media outlets that have joined forces to raise funds. Please donate if you can at savechicagomedia.org.

The info is all there on the front page but let me tell you just a little bit about our newspapers, *Booster*, *Skyline* and *News Star*. When you give to the fund through June 5, you help to keep these historic community papers alive, and each dollar donated will be matched.



Visit savechicagomedia.org and click on this icon to donate to this newspaper.

The three papers are the last of Lerner Newspapers, the venerable, 115-year-old chain of papers that once ruled the city's neighborhood news. I hear stories all the time about what these newspapers have meant to people, especially the *Booster*. It seems like everyone in this city either used to read it, deliver it, or they hold really special memories of it. These newspapers are dear to my heart, and also the hearts of countless others.

Lerner was my first-ever newspaper job, and I will never forget how excited I was when I sold my first professional story to them as a freelancer in 1996. I interned with Lerner in 1997 and in 1998, went to work for *Skyline* full-time. It has been love ever since for me and these newspapers.

Again, all the details are on page one. If you have a few spare bucks, please give whatever you can to help out. It will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

At the head of the class... are the considerate administrators at Mather High School, who this week completely surprised their teachers at their homes by dropping off cute little care packages filled with school spirit.

"I was just blown away," said Jeanette Alfred, an ESL and Brit Lit teacher who has worked at the school for 15 years.

Alfred said the admins had asked for everyone's addresses, but they do that frequently in case they need to be in touch. But when they asked how to get in her building, she thought it was a little "weird."

She was expecting a delivery, when her bell rang. "I opened the door and I was wondering why no one was there," said Alfred. "I went outside and I see a gift bag and then I see my boss, who said, 'There's

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Studs Terkel's epitaph reads "Curiosity did not kill this cat."

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Chicago home resale market in tailspin due to pandemic



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Buying a home during the COVID-19 crisis may not be a life or death situation, but the market currently is coming out of a coma.

“There is no denying that a comparison of the April 2019 and April 2020, sales numbers are devastating,” noted Realtor John Irwin of Baird & Warner in a May 2020 Market Analysis for Chicago’s North Side.

“Despite the negative effect that the crisis has had on our lives, Chicago’s North Side real estate market is showing some positive trends and generating cautious optimism,” Irwin said.

The Chicago Assoc. of Real-



A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.10%. According to a May 8 survey by RateSeeker.com, Chicago borrowers can lock up 30-year fixed loans at rates as low as 3.126%.

tors reported that between April 1 and April 18 only 330 homes went under contract in Chicago, compared with 674 units prior to the virus crisis in the week ended on March 7. During the same period, property listings fell to 586 homes from 1,313 units.

After the initial shock of Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s “shelter-in-place order” buyers are starting to shop for homes, Irwin noted.

House hunters this spring include people with stable jobs,

those with life-style changes involving marriage, divorce, children in school, and those changing jobs and relocating to Chicago from out-of-town.

“Despite the crisis, there has been very little price erosion,” said Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty. “Even the market for luxury homes priced between \$1-million and \$2-million is keeping pace with more affordable units.”

The Baird & Warner report cited the following reasons for the resurgence:

- Psychological stress. Many would-be buyers have grown accustomed to living with the virus threat. Some are becoming impatient or bored with the current shelter-in-place order and want

to get back into the house-hunt market.

- Buyer urgency. Whether relocating for schools, growing families or business, there are some pent-up-demand life-style situations that cannot wait.

- Record-low rates. As mortgage rates continue to fall to new record lows, affordable interest charges continue to be a major buyer motivator. “No one knows what is going to happen to interest rates in the future,” Irwin said.

On May 7, Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan rates averaged 3.26%, up only slightly from a week earlier when it averaged 3.23%—the lowest rate in the survey’s history which dates back to 1971. A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.10%. According to a May 8 survey by RateSeeker.com, Chicago borrowers can lock up 30-year fixed loans at rates as low as 3.126%.

“Mortgage rates stayed at or near record lows for the fifth straight week and homeowners are taking advantage with refinancing activity remaining high,” said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac’s Chief Economist. “Although purchase demand declined 35% year-over-year in mid-April, demand has improved modestly over the last three weeks.”

If you hope to buy a home in 2020, experts suggest the following:

- Get pre-approved for a loan, not just pre-qualified. Pre-approval includes the lender’s verification of borrower income, employment and assets. This will put you in a stronger bargaining position—largely equivalent to a “cash” buyer.

- Strengthen your credit score. Some lenders are requiring higher credit scores and a larger down payment. Don’t buy a new car or make a major credit-card purchase for jewelry, furniture or other household items before you close the deal.

- Great Depression-era advice. Only purchase what you can eat.

Because of the pandemic’s effect on the economy, a market roller-coaster ride will ripple into 2021. Economists predict home sales will decline 2% to 3% over the next year. However, a market rebound is predicted in spring of 2021 to pre-virus levels—or beyond.

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

People’s bailout meeting

ONE Northside, in conjunction with Peoples Lobby and the Jane Addams Senior Caucus, will be hosting a virtual “People’s Bailout” town hall meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21. The meeting will be streamed live on Facebook.

The focus of this meeting is for those individuals who have lost their employment and health-care insurance in the midst of

COVID-19 economic shutdown. The coalition is fighting for Federal and State Medicare coverage to pay pandemic-related medical expenses, through the passage of the Healthcare Emergency Guarantee Act and the Medicare Crisis Program Proposal.

Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky are expected to show up online.

Some parks are still open

Lagoons, prairie, grasslands, savannas, and woodlands west of the Lakefront are still open to explore the beauty of native plants and flora.

The featured natural areas listed below are ones that are well worth visiting. Many of these featured sites offer lovely views, unique nature-based activities and

a break from our Covid-19 lives. They include the Indian Boundary Natural Area, 2500 W. Lunt Ave., Winnemac Natural Area, 5100 N. Leavitt St., Welles Park Nature Play Area, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. and the West Ridge Natural Area, 5601 N. Western Ave.



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You likely missed it but there were more big waves last week

If 20-foot waves crash down on the North Lakefront Trail and nobody is there to witness it, does it still leave damage behind?

There are citizens who have found secret access to those waterfront areas shut off by order of Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and they have told this newspaper that the Lakefront was again battered last Thursday and Friday when strong winds shifted out of the Northeast.

Indeed before declaring the current COVID-19 state of disaster, Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a state disaster proclamation in January when seeking federal relief to address damage to the Cook County shoreline on Jan 12.

In February the Chicago Park District approved a contract for and emergency assessments of

lakefront damage caused by a January storm that created 20-foot waves. That was before access to the lakefront was denied, when many citizens were first hand witness to the damage as it was occurring on that Saturday. It decimated many North Side beaches.

These recent storms have caused nearly \$40 million in damage to Chicago’s lakefront and shut down the Lakefront Trail.

In the aftermath of the Jan. 12 storm, and a second March 6 storm, teams led by engineering firm SmithGroup and city inspectors looked for mechanical and structural damage at dozens of properties along the lakefront. On the North Side that damage was found in parks, beaches and buildings predominantly in the

48th and 49th wards.

But this story, that once captivated people pre-pandemic, has now slipped off the radar screens since COVID-19 came to town.

On the North Side, a portion of the pedestrian path south of Fullerton Ave. was again submerged May 8 when the wind blew in out of the Northeast, with waves creating dangerous passage on the empty Lakefront Trail. And CPD officials warn that it may still get worse yet, as lake level are expected to rise even more in a wet May — possibly another four to six inches according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lake sat, on average, at 581.53-feet above sea level in February, breaking the previous record for the month set in 1987 by three inches and rising 5.5-feet above its lowest average set in Jan. 2013. The lakes rose past their combined long-term historical average in July 2014 and have remained above that baseline ever since. The all-time record average, 582.35-feet, was set in Oct. 1986.

Heather Gleason, the CPS’s Director of Planning and Construction says that the Spring and Winter damage means that CPD crew are now working with engineers to make short term quick fixes before the trail is repaired fully in a proper fashion. Yes, there will come a time when the mayor will open up the lakefront again and it needs to be ready for the crush sure to come.



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City having a high time during lockdown

*Do bogart that joint,
my friend ...
don't pass it over to me*

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The lyrics to everyone's favorite Fraternity of Man pot song could be changed in light of the COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

Since you put that thing in your mouth, "go ahead and bogart that joint, my friend."

Whereas pre-pandemic it may have been considered selfish to hog that joint, dangling it between the lips instead of passing it on - now it's best "you don't pass it over to me," and let others get their own stash.

That might be part of the reason why pot sales are now on the rise locally. The question is whether this pop in sales is a short-term blip or will sales remain strong as we move through the economic crisis of high unemployment and perhaps a deep recession.

Since April 8 when the "stay-at-home" curfew took effect, recreational marijuana sales have skyrocketed. According to the Governor's office, Illinois residents - in obedience to an early secular Lent - spent \$37.3 million worth on recreational pot.

That's \$2.6 million more than

recreational pot users bought the previous month, just before Chicago's longest curfew in living memory took effect.

In the few short months since recreational use has been legalized in Chicago, cannabis sales have transformed from a mostly illegal enterprise to an 'essential business' that now must be kept open during the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Anderson Economic Group [AEG] have been closely monitoring COVID-19's impacts on the cannabis industry. Indeed this is the first time the local cannabis industry has faced a significant economic downturn since legalization started.

But according to Brian Peterson, director of public policy for AEG, "There's a lot of uncertainty about what will happen next - we can't look to the past to predict how consumption patterns will change in response to an economic downturn because this is the first one."

The edict was issued by Gov. J. B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot as part of a number of emergency measures imposed in the wake of the worldwide pandemic. Restaurants, bars and a number of other businesses, went dark, but not cannabis dispensaries, which were deemed essential.

The purpose of that exemption, according to Toi Hutchinson, a senior Pritzker advisor on cannabis management, was primarily for the benefit of medical marijuana patients and to "ensure that consumers are safe" when they go into a dispensary to make a purchase.

But cannabis dispensaries aren't the only ones who have been cleaning up in recent weeks. According to Nielsen Research data, alcohol sales in general have been up 52.2% during the seven weeks nationwide since almost the entire country went into a secular cloister. And online alcohol sales are up an astonishing 243% over a year ago.

Of course, Cinco de Mayo celebrations - increasingly adopted by non-Mexicans in the last few years - may have helped. Tequila, after all, has become the country's top-selling liquor in recent months. According to Nelson's, nationwide tequila sales have gone up 54.2%.

In the meantime, 75 new dispensary licenses throughout Illinois - originally supposed to be issued on May 1 - have apparently been frozen until the Stay-at-Home order ends. While bars are closed to indoor consumption until further notice, liquor stores are allowed to remain open until 9 p.m. But thanks to recent changes

in city and state laws, some bars and restaurants are now selling retail liquor to-go out their front doors. Last weekend there were longer lines in front of Hopleaf Bar in Andersonville for those buying carry-out beer than there were for those queuing up to buy pot down the street at Dispensary 33.

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Since the crisis hit with the mayor and governor shutting down the local economy, and with restaurants and bars relegated to takeout, Americans have stocked up plenty on their favorite party drugs. As for booze, grocery and

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Free educational webinar, Medical vs Recreational cannabis

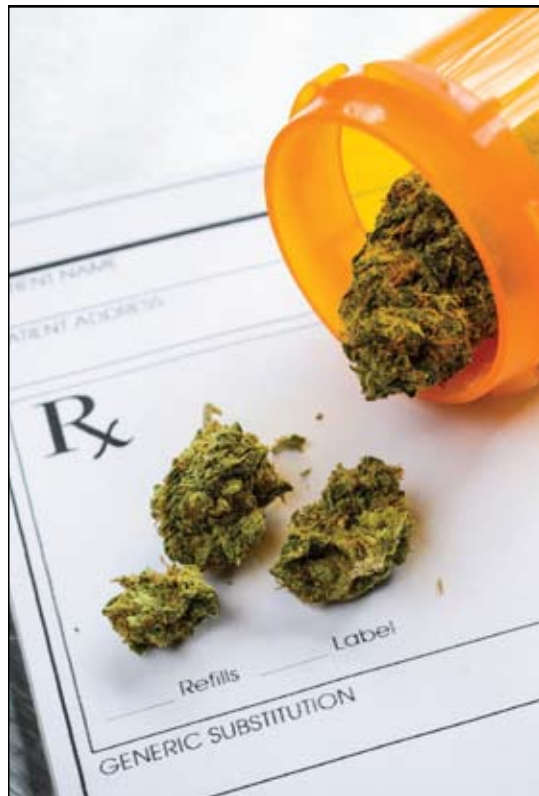
Artis Senior Living will be hosting a free online education webinar of the difference between medical and recreation cannabis 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

Though marijuana may be enjoyed for medicinal or recreational uses in Illinois, it's important to recognize the fundamental differences between medical cannabis and recreational weed. Cannabis became legal in Illinois for both medical and recreational purposes on Jan. 1.

Granted, some of the differences may seem like semantics, but for legal and social purposes, certain distinctions have been made. While a recreational user may purchase the same strain as a medical cannabis card holder, each purchase has its own unique restrictions and implications.

The webinar will be presented by Jessica Harshbarger, advocate, educator, and patient of medical cannabis and plant-based healing. Harshbarger will explain the differences between cannabis and hemp, medical and recreational

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Police Beat...

Six-year sentence for felon who robbed woman just 2 weeks after he got out of prison

A three-time felon is back in prison after he pleaded guilty to robbing a woman on the Argyle Red Line CTA platform just two weeks after the state released him early from prison for his third robbery conviction.

Darnell Dorsey-Collier, 28, pleaded guilty to approaching the woman from behind on Jan. 4, 2019, and taking her phone by force, police said at the time. Officers arrested him a few minutes after the incident.

Judge William T. O'Brien sentenced him to six years in prison with credit for 375 days served while awaiting trial. Dorsey-Collier, who will earn a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior, is scheduled to be paroled on Dec. 28, 2021.

State records show Dorsey-Collier was released from the Pinckneyville Correctional Center just 14 days before his latest robbery after serving half of a five-year prison sentence that he received for mugging a woman in Oak Park on May 29, 2016.

Oak Park police said at the time that Dorsey-Collier grabbed a woman in a bear hug, knocked her to the ground, laid on top of her, grabbed her buttocks repeatedly, and tried to rob her. A grand jury charged Dorsey-Collier with attempted criminal sexual assault, attempted robbery, and aggravated battery. Judge Paula Daleo approved a plea deal in which Dorsey-Collier pleaded guilty to one count of attempted robbery while the state dropped all other charges.

Dorsey-Collier was previously sentenced to three years for robbery in 2011; a concurrent three-year sentence for another robbery in 2011; and one year for possession of a lost or stolen credit card in 2014, according to state records.

Man shot at gas station

A gunman fatally shot a 33-year-old Junius Thurston May 7 in an apparently targeted attack at a South Loop gas station. No one is in custody.

Two men and a woman stepped out of a black four-door Audi and opened fire on the 33-year-old around 10:20 p.m. as he stood next to his car at the BP station, 1004 S. Desplaines, according to police.

He suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at Stroger Hospital.

According to state records, the victim was discharged from parole on April 20 after receiving a three-year sentence for his second firearm violation.

Area 3 detectives are investigating the homicide.

Thieves stealing loads of mail from North Side apartment buildings

Thieves stole large volumes of mail and packages from three North Side apartment complexes in late April, according to an alert from Chicago police.

The offenders entered large residential buildings in Lakeview, Uptown, and Lincoln Square and then forced their way into banks of mailboxes. They stole all of the mail and packages from each building, police said.

According to the alert, the thefts took place on the 600 block of W. Sheridan at 5:05 p.m. April 26; on the 4300 block of N. Kenmore at 1:45 p.m. April 27; and on the 4600 block of N. Winchester at 10:40 p.m. April 27.

A man and a woman who wore masks carried out the Sheridan theft. The Kenmore suspect is a black male between 30- and 35-years-old, who stands 5'-6" to 5'-9" tall, police said in the alert. A dark four-door sedan and a white SUV were used by the offenders.

Anyone with information about the incidents can contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern P20-3-097.

Felon free on "affordable bail" accused of punching, robbing victim in Uptown

A convicted felon is charged with robbing two people in Uptown May 4. At the time, he was free on a \$500 bail bond while awaiting trial for allegedly being an armed habitual criminal, according to prosecutors. Jajuan Morrisette, 36, is charged with aggravated robbery for allegedly robbing the pair with another man who remains at large.

Morrisette and his accomplice approached the victims and asked them for money on the 4500 block of N. Broadway around 12:20 a.m. as the victims walked home from the Wilson Red Line CTA station around 12:20 a.m., said Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy.

When they did not give him any money, Morrisette allegedly told the victims, "you are p*ssing me off." He then said he had a gun and demanded their phones, according to Murphy.

The other offender reached into one of the victim's pockets, took their phone, and smashed it on the ground. Morrisette then punched one of the victims in the face and both offenders ran from the scene, Murphy said.

Police responded quickly and soon located Morrisette nearby. The victims allegedly identified him as one of the robbers.

Morrisette was previously convicted of robbery in 2006 and he is currently awaiting trial on allegations of being an armed habitual criminal, according to Murphy. He got out of jail on that charge by posting just \$500 bond, Murphy said.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Morrisette held without bail for violating the terms of the pending case. The judge set an additional bail of \$15,000 on the new robbery charge.

Robbery alert issued for Lincoln Square

Chicago police issued a community alert May 9 after three robberies were reported in Lincoln Square and Ravenswood earlier this week. Detectives release alerts when they believe an individual or group is responsible for a series of crimes.

The robber is targeting people as they walk during evening hours, police said. He then robs them while displaying a handgun or implying he has a gun in his waistband, according to the alert and victim statements.

Two robberies were reported on May 5:

- A 29-year-old man told police that he was robbed of about \$150 as

he walked on the 4400 block of N. Campbell around 9:30 p.m. The victim said the offender walked up and demanded money while holding his waistband as if he had a handgun. The robber then fled northbound on Campbell.

- A 22-year-old man was robbed as he walked in the 2000 block of W. Eastwood at 9:59 p.m., police said. The offender walked up behind the man and tried to strike up a conversation. When the victim did not engage him, the robber followed behind and eventually displayed a handgun while demanding the man's property, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Another robbery unfolded around 8:25 p.m. the next night on the 4500 block of N. Leavitt. The victim told officers that a man approached him on the street and demanded his phone and cash while implying that he had a gun in his waistband.

Police said the suspect is black, between 25- and 30-years-old, stands 6'-2" to 6'-4" tall, and weighs 175 to 200 lbs.

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding case P20-3-099.

Group of teens seriously injure, rob man on CTA train

Three teenage boys, all under the age of 17, beat and robbed a man on a CTA train near the Roosevelt station on May 5, police said. The victim was hospitalized in serious condition.

Police said group beat, kicked, and robbed the 51-year-old man aboard the train around 8:15 p.m. They took the man's phone, exited at Roosevelt, and fled the station.

Officers searched the area and spotted three teens nearby who matched descriptions provided by the victim. He identified the group as the people who attacked him on the train and police arrested the trio — two 16-year-olds and a 14-year-old.

An ambulance transported the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious condition, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Prosecutors charged each teen with one felony count of robbery.

Man fatally shot in Rogers Park

A 22-year-old Jemel Murphy of the 7700 block of N. Marshfield was found dead following a drive-by shooting in Rogers Park May 6, police said. No arrests have been made.

The victim was on the sidewalk in the 1600 block of W. Jonquil Terrace when someone fired shots from a passing vehicle around 4 p.m., according to CPD. A private citizen drove him to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston where he later died from multiple gunshot wounds, police said.

Some witnesses said the gunman fired from a gray Jeep that was last seen heading east on Jonquil after the shooting.

Wednesday's shooting is the first murder of the year for Rogers Park. It was the third homicide on the 1600 block of W. Jonquil since 2018.

Man gets 2-year sentence for participating in teen mob attack at Chicago Red Line station

An adult who was involved in a teen mob beating of a man at the Chicago-State Red Line in Dec. 2018 received a two-year prison sentence for his involvement. But, after receiving credit for time spent on electronic monitoring before trial and Illinois' standard 50% sentence reduction, Michael Sardin, 19, was released from state custody on the same day he arrived.

The incident was captured on video by a bystander.

After the attack, police said CTA surveillance cameras recorded Sardin "taking part in an unprovoked, mul-

Second man sentenced in series of Grindr hook-up robberies

A second man who used the Grindr gay dating app to lure men into a series of robberies on the North Side has been sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Stephen Jackson, 26, pleaded guilty to three counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted armed robbery in a plea deal with prosecutors. His accomplice, Trenell Kirkman, received an 18-year sentence late last year.

A total of nine men told police that a pair of offenders lured them into armed robbery ambushes in Rogers



Stephen Jackson



Trenell Kirkman

Park during the fall of 2017. Chicago police arrested Jackson and Kirkman after an undercover officer arranged to meet with them in a sting operation, prosecutors said.

Jackson received four concurrent prison sentences in exchange for his guilty plea: three 18-year terms for three of the robberies and a 15-year term for an attempted robbery with a firearm, according to state records. He is scheduled to be paroled in October 2026 after serving nine years. Illinois gives most prison inmates a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior.

Prosecutors dropped multiple felony counts of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated unlawful restraint as part of their agreement with Jackson.

Judge Earl Hoffenberg oversaw the case.

tiple-offender attack of two victims" on the station platform on Dec. 29, 2018. Sardin kicked and punched the victims along with eight to ten other offenders, according to a CPD media statement that was released after Sardin's arrest.

One of the victims suffered broken bones and cuts, including a shattered eye socket, prosecutors alleged. At least three juveniles were also charged in the case.

Sardin agreed to plead guilty to one count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm in exchange for the sentence and the dropping of six other felonies, including mob action, according to court records.

He spent over 300 days on electronic monitoring before the case was resolved. Judge Mary Margaret Brosnahan credited those days toward his two-year sentence. The state also applied its standard 50% sentence reduction for good behavior. When it was all said and done, Sardin went home just hours after he was placed into state custody.

Group beat and robbed man who asked them to maintain social distancing at Uptown sandwich shop

An Uptown man and a group of his friends beat and robbed a 50-year-old man who asked them to maintain social distancing in an Uptown sandwich shop May 7, prosecutors said.

The victim was exiting the store on the 1000 block of W. Wilson around 2:40 a.m. when 19-year-old Alijay Jenkins and four friends wearing surgical masks tried to walk in, Assistant



Alijay Jenkins

State's Attorney Katherine Hegarty said in bond court Friday.

When the man asked Jenkins and his friends to step back and maintain safe distancing, Jenkins punched the victim in the face, according to a police spokesperson.

Jenkins' friends then began punching and kicking the victim as he laid on the ground, Hegarty said. The man tried to call 911, but Jenkins allegedly took his phone and then fled the scene with the other men. Portions of the attack were captured by a nearby CPD surveillance camera.

tucked in his waistband.

The victim later identified him as one of the attackers, the CPD spokesperson said.

Prosecutors charged Jenkins with felony robbery and felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Judge Charles Beach set bail at \$2,000. Jenkins will need to post \$200 to get out of jail before trial. Beach was unable to require electronic monitoring for Jenkins because the sheriff's office has run out of ankle monitors.

The victim was treated at Weiss Hospital. None of the other alleged offenders have been found.

Thief stealing motorcycles from North Side streets

Someone is stealing motorcycles from streets and parking garages on the North Side, according to a community alert from Chicago police. At least eight motorbikes have been stolen since April 1 in an area that stretches from Lincoln Park to Uptown to Lincoln Square.

According to CPD's alert, the thief struck on the 600 block of W. Roscoe at midnight on April 1; the 500 block of W. Wrightwood at 8 a.m. on April 8; the 4700 block of N. Ravenswood sometime on April 26 or 27; the 800 block of W. Agatite between April 29 and May 2; the 4300 block of N. Hazel at 7:30 p.m. on April 30; the 1200 block of W. Waveland at 10 a.m. on May 1; the 400 block of W. Wrightwood at 1:30 p.m. on May 9, and the 400 block of W. Surf at 1:30 p.m. on May 9

Police said the suspect is a black male who wears a yellow vest.

Anyone with information about the thefts can contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 about crime pattern P20-3-100.

Rogers Park robberies

Police are warning residents of Rogers Park of recent robberies. In these incidents, the lone victim is approached or passes a group of offenders on bicycles. One, or several offenders, approach the victim and make a demand. The offender(s) strike the victim with their hands or hands and feet and remove property.

Incidents include one on the 6900 block of N. Sheridan Rd. at approximately 10:15 p.m. April 13, and another on the 2200 block of W. Greenleaf Ave. approximately 9:57 p.m. on April 26.

The offenders are described in one of the incident as six male, African Americans, 16 to 17 years of age, 5'-9" to 5'-10" tall, 130-150 lbs.

How the pandemic wreaked havoc with one of Chicago's most venerable beer bars

The owner of Hopleaf Bar in Andersonville shares the unique challenges a tavern faces during the novel coronavirus crisis

BY MICHAEL ROPER
Chicago Eater

Since my start as a waiter over 45 years ago at a tavern, I have seen many challenges to the tavern trade in general and my role in it specifically. I even saw my first bar in Michigan firebombed and shuttered by some disgruntled local ne'er-do-wells. Nothing in all those decades, not even the fire, prepared me for March 17. Who could have predicted that 2020 would turn out like this?

Before the pandemic, a stam-pede of new brewery taprooms, a collapse of neighborhood retail that swept the streets of foot traffic, and rising residential rents diverted consumer dollars from dining and drinking out. The lure of TV, computer, and smartphone screens didn't help either.

Actually, January and February of this year were a ray of hope for us. That was a change as the tavern trade — especially for a beer-focused venue like Hopleaf — has been difficult since our peak year of 2014.

Cafes and restaurants have also been struggling. Simultaneously, our costs have been rising despite a static and shrinking pool of customers, tempted by a flood of new options that compete for their food and drink spending. That said, January and February were two consecutive months when we rang more sales than the same months in 2019. I heard similar reports from some fellow publicans and was feeling optimistic about the coming spring and summer. We had a few really busy nights that harkened to our heyday. And then came COVID-19 and a mandated closure, and the door slammed shut on us.

We felt confident in late February, so we paid our property taxes early and had some overdue masonry and mill work done. We even scheduled a day of closure — something we never do — to refinish the dining room floor, install a new bar top, and pour a new non-slip floor in the kitchen. That day was supposed to be March 16. Although I quickly canceled a couple of the projects, I was still a bit cash poor going into the state's mandated closure and was shocked at how fast our accounts dwindled to nothing. We gave away all of our perishables to staff, neighbors, and the Lakeview Pantry and closed. The bills for those foodstuffs came in a few days later along with plenty of others. A cash flow business with no cash flow starts to wither very rapidly. We laid off all 65 employees.

I will add that I am in a high-risk group. Due to an accident in 2013 where I severed my left phrenic nerve, my left lung doesn't fully function. COVID-19

could be deadly for me. On Sunday, March 15, I learned one of our employees showed COVID-19 symptoms. He was tested the following day. But since the test was sent out of state to be processed, more than a week passed before we knew his diagnosis. He tested positive, and thankfully his symptoms passed quickly and he's since fully recovered. Since I had interacted with him on his last work day, I was nervous. I was not able to be tested, but it seems that I did not pick it up. It seems that no one else did either. Since he was not showing any symptoms, such as coughing, and was bar backing, meaning his hands were in sanitizer all night, his job duties may have saved us from contamination.

It is hard to say what the future is for Hopleaf and thousands of other independent drinking and eating establishments. Can we succeed with 50% capacity limits?

I never really contemplated food delivery or curbside. We had no history of it. Our profits were always centered on beer sales. Our food was labor intensive and our signature menu item, mussels, fare poorly in a box. In fact, Hopleaf was always experiential and more about conviviality, ambience, comfort, and service in combination with exceptional food and beverage options. In short, it is hard to put Hopleaf in a box. I also felt that it was unlikely to be profitable, and with our financial condition critical, we could not risk losses. Beyond that, how could our kitchen, a narrow galley space, ever be safe for staff? So, after emptying the perishable foods, we turned the coolers off, shut the gas off, and mothballed the kitchen.

To bring in some revenue, we sold off our bottled beers in a pre-ordered, prepaid, and prepacked system that was accomplished safely. We sold off kegs to customers with kegerators and growlers poured from our draft faucets. These were all things we were able to do mostly ourselves with some volunteer help. It accounted

for less than four percent of our normal sales and even less in profits. It helped us stay in touch with customers, move some time-sensitive beverages along, and pay a few bills. Customers were generous with tips to split among our laid-off staff. Selling off so much of our inventory means that reopening will be akin to opening a new tavern. We will need to buy a lot of products.

With at least a month left to go, a faltering government response, confusing relief options, and uncertainty about what restrictions we might be under when the mandated closures end, it is hard to say what the future is for Hopleaf and thousands of other independent drinking and eating establishments. Can we succeed with 50% capacity limits? I am not sure that the experience of widely spread-out table seating, masked servers, or sitting at barstools that are six feet apart will entice people craving normality, especially when their wallets are a bit thin. If we have to take on new debt to reopen and then find that our business is a fraction of what it was in the past, that debt may well sink many of us. The Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) relief program is particularly baffling for businesses like ours. Who thinks they'll be able to retain or rehire all of their staff when the volume of future business is such an unknown? I alternate between confidence and despair when I think about our business's future. Somehow, confidence wins out most of the time.

I do have concerns about the post-pandemic era. Will people feel safe and comfortable in crowded dining and bar rooms? Will they go to live music ven-



Michael Roper has run Hopleaf Bar since 1992 in Andersonville.

Photo courtesy Barry Brecheisen, *Eater Chicago*

neighbors. Some of these places are so much a part of the everyday framework of our communities that we may take them for granted or overlook their importance. When the mandated closures end and we are free to go out again, I hope that people will make a point to support independent businesses like ours. The experience may be a bit less than we'd like to be offering for a while, but know that as restrictions fade, we will be more motivated than ever to please. A requirement to be an entrepreneur is optimism, and even in these times, the worst of times for many of us in the food

and beverage trade, I feel that many will find a way to survive and even gain from the experience. I hope to be one of them, and when I am in my quiet, empty bar room these days and nights, I can't stop myself from thinking about little things I want to do to make coming in more special. I know that is true for many of my fellow publicans and restaurateurs.

Michael Roper has been the owner of Hopleaf Bar in Andersonville, an essential Chicago Pub, since 1992.

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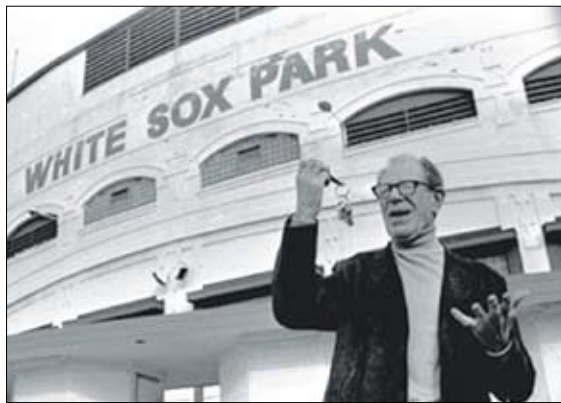
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HINDSIGHT from p. 2

Chicago Sinfonietta has announced **Blake-Anthony Johnson** as their next Executive Director. Johnson will officially replace Andersonville resident **Jim Hirsch**, who held the position for 15 years. A leader in the classical music industry having worked with several orchestras and organizations including the New World Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and more, Johnson's multifaceted career to date encompasses work as an administrator, performer, and educator. He is also an award-winning cellist, he started his career in the arts as a professional cellist performing throughout the U.S. and abroad as an orchestral musician and soloist.

ALWAYS CHIC: **Martha Singleton Ferris**, 87, passed away recently after a long career in fashion in Chicago that began in 1969 when she joined Bonwit Teller & Co. as Chicago Director of Fashion and Publicity. She was later Regional V.P. at Lord & Taylor. Well known and respected in Chicago fashion circles, she was an accomplished professional who injected fun and flair into her work. She was an alum of New Trier High School and Northwestern Univ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: The Archdiocese of Chicago says Catholic masses are to resume in Chicago with a 10-person limit. As per the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control. As per **Cardinal Cupich**.

IF YOU CAN MAKE IT THERE: Glad to be Second City now that The New York Times tells us that new research reveals New York City's coronavirus outbreak grew so large by early March that the city became the primary source of new infections in the United States. New York acted as the Grand Central Station for the COVID-19 virus, with the opportunity to move from there in so many directions, to so many places, said **David Engelthaler**, head of the infectious disease branch of the Translational Genomics Research Institute in Arizona. "We now have enough

data to feel pretty confident that New York was the primary gateway for the rest of the country," **Nathan Grubaugh**, an epidemiologist at the Yale School of Public Health, told the Grey Lady.

LOCKDOWN DERBY: No Kentucky Derby or Mint Juleps for 2020. Historic. Add to that the cancellation of Pitchfork.

CANALS AND ARIAS: **Cynthia Olson** sharing concerns during the pandemic for her beloved Venice, a waterway city of artistic refinement and architectural wonder, in one of Italy's high Corona regions. She offers an image of Santa Maria della Salute, the church Venetians built in 1631 to honor the Virgin Mary's protection following a terrible plague.

JUST IN FROM CANDACE: **Candace Jordan** was with comedian **Tom Dreesen** (aka "The Man Who Made Sinatra Laugh"), joining the Gibson Bar & Steakhouse crowd for a one-night-only livestream Zoom, an evening of never-before-told stories from Tom's friendship with the legendary **Frank Sinatra**. And great Gibson's carry-outs.

JUST IN: **Jim Kinney** tells us the Jewel on Clark and Division is refusing entrance to anyone without a mask. Many Millennials turned away in frustration. Guess they did not know

what mandatory means. Our educational system needs an overhaul.

SHALOM: **Sam Batt** ran the iconic Mama Batt's Restaurant at 22nd Street and Michigan Ave., for decades, continuing a family tradition of offering Jewish specialties, steaks and chops to customers who were sometimes drawn by the restaurant's ample parking and bus service to nearby McCormick Place and Comiskey Park. All the cozy fixings from chopped liver to brisket were in ample supply. Like **Mamma Batt** used to make. As a child I still remember that Batt's advertised on the **Jack Eigen** radio show from the Chez Paree. Both my Irish grandmothers were Jack Eigen addicts. So their common knowledge about show business life in Chicago was hi-

larious. They always knew when **Shecky Green** was in town. I always thought that was Sam Batt's doing. He was generous, comedic, devoted and dedicated to the traditions of Chicago's Jewish life. His food was iconic and delicious.

And these days a rarity. His restaurant was a GHQ for Chicago sports. And his diners were Chicago's old-fashioned creme-de-la-creme. **Kup, Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, Jack Brickhouse, Bill Veeck, Nellie Fox, Luis Aparicio and Early Wynn** all nosing in what once was **Al Capone's** stompin' ground, the Lexington Hotel. Where **Geraldo Rivera** opened the safe. We mourn Sam's gentlemanly passing.

ALWAYS SO PROUD OF ZWECKER: Hard to believe it was just a few short months ago when **Bill Zwecker** was laughing and catching up with other American journalists at the Critics Choice Awards. Missing those days, but trying to stay safe.

PAX TIBI: **Rebecca M. Adelman**, "Bess," age 36, recently of Brooklyn, NY, was fatally injured on April 22, in a traffic accident on her way to work at the New York Presbyterian Hospital NICU. She was the daughter of **Patricia** and **Howard Adelman** of Chicago. After graduating from Wellesley College in 2004, she saw the world as her oyster, focusing on public service, eventually joining the **Obama** Presidential Campaign staff. She later worked in the Dept. of HHS during both Obama terms, rising to the position of its Deputy Liaison to the White House. She leaves a spouse, **Caroline Lemelin**, and was the devoted mother of twin two-year-old sons.

LOCKDOWN SOCIETY: **Lainie Petersen** is taking the time, ahem, to locate Chicago's best Manhattan and thinks she may have discovered it at Ward Eight and will investigate as soon as it's legal... **Mark Olley** arranging the soundtrack of Lockdown with the elegant sound of **Bobby Short** and memories of better days at the Cafe Carlise... **Vonita Reescer** recalling her favorite thing to do in NYC, staying at The Carlyle and catching the immortal **Bobby Short**, saying she used to work with his brother, **Reggie Short**, in her banking days, admitting they were always treated like royalty... **Rob Sabetto** proudly displaying a new family portrait with **Aaron Miller** at Fisher Studio with their beloved pooch... **Sherry Lea Fox** made it to Laguna Beach, CA and is doing Lockdown at the Montage Laguna Beach... **Thad Wong** reminding us of the perils of the times with barber shops being closed... Chefs **Charles Jordan** and **Candace** just baked up a batch



Bobby Short



Sam Batt



Rebecca M. Adelman

of banana muffins with black walnuts, that's the ticket... **Jolanta Ruege** definitely in a polka dot kind of mood... the **McGuire** girls, **Eleanor** and **Brooke**, taking advantage of the balmy evening and making S'mores, at the fam-

ily S'mores pit... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** at their Moveable Feast of Destination Dining, packing their bags for a trip outside their front door in Lockdown

(dinner in the hallway), their first dining "out" in many weeks with dinner served on Brian's post-college Spode China with his childhood silverware, having spent the day preparing a lobster Thermidor with a béchamel sauce au gratin with Dirk's providing the lobster bisque to start and trifle for dessert. Of course, Seersucker was the dress code to coordinate with the blue and white Spode. You could hear Edith Piaf singing in the background.

LOCKDOWN PASTRY: **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** whipping up her Extreme Banana Nut Bread. Here's the recipe: Total: 1 hr. 30 minutes, yield: 2 - 9x5-inch loaves. Two cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 1 cup butter or margarine, 2 cups white sugar, 2 cups mashed overripe bananas, 4 eggs beaten, 1 cup chopped walnuts. Serves 24.

PRECK WINKLE JUSTICE: According to police and **Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy**, officers in the 18th Police District pulled up CPD surveillance camera feeds after a 911 caller reported people breaking into cars on the

first block of E. Scott St. shortly after midnight April 29. They saw them breaking into cars red-handed. They were quickly caught driving the wrong way in the 900 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. a few minutes later. Prosecutors charged 38-year-old **Willis Baker** with felony burglary and misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicles. Baker previously served prison time for residential burglary in 2008 and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. **Judge Susana Ortiz** released him on his own recognizance. **Larry McGee**, 50, is also charged with felony burglary, his criminal history includes five drug-related felony convictions and three misdemeanor convictions. Judge Ortiz also released him on his own recognizance. Revolving door justice.

I've never canceled a subscription to a newspaper because of a bad cartoon or editorials. If that were the case, I wouldn't have any newspapers or magazines to read. -- **Richard Nixon**

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DePaul student accused of leading online toilet paper scam

BY ALAYNE TRINKO
The DePaulia

A DePaul Univ. student allegedly participated in an online shopping scam, selling free toilet paper in exchange for a shipping and handling fee, according to a report by CBS 2 Chicago.

The student has not been identified as he has not been charged with a crime.

Victims say that the website, Sally's Depot, collected payment but no toilet paper was delivered in return.

Hundreds of desperate people came across the ad on facebook, and when some victims attempted to reach out to the seller via email about their toilet paper order, the email bounced back as invalid.

The student in question knew he could make a lot of money scamming people online – and he bragged about it on social media, according to footage the alleged

scammer posted online found by CBS 2 Chicago.

"Just put two and two together, and you'll realize how much money you can make doing this," he allegedly said.

The suburban police dept. serving the hometown of the perpetrator told The DePaulia that they could neither confirm nor deny that the DePaul student is being investigated, but they did say that an investigation of similar nature is underway.

Students and alumni are baffled by the allegations.

"Obviously it's wrong, but that's hilarious people are buying TP off Facebook," DePaul senior Colby Marchio said. It's sad how far people have to go to get a decent wipe nowadays."

"That guy should not only have his name blasted everywhere to be publicly shamed, but charges should be pressed. He is scum," DePaul alumnus Danny

Minard said.

"If they are indeed guilty, such disgusting behavior should be punished in such a way that they truly learn their lesson,"

Hundreds of desperate people came across the ad on facebook, and when some victims attempted to reach out to the seller via email about their toilet paper order, the email bounced back as invalid.

Minard added. "Charges should be pressed and they should be expelled."

DePaul issued the following statement: "In general, we refer reporters to law enforcement to provide detail on any criminal investigation and, when appropriate, follow established policies and procedures to respond to allegations of student misconduct."



Teachers at Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln Ave., were pleasantly surprised when school administrators unexpectedly dropped off Mather-related goodie bags to their homes.



While mom and dad prep food for first responders, Olivia, Nicholas and Dimitri Faklaris keep their parents company at the family's Honeybear Café.



Congrats to Shirley and Norman Baugher, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 10.

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a little something for you."

"Superhero off duty," "You're our superhero," items were included, along with a Mather logo mug, a little tiny flowerpot, notes with teacher appreciation sentiments. This and more are what Alfred happily discovered in her goodie bag.

"They had to actually make these bags for every teacher," said Alfred, who also runs a charity called Haiti Reads (haitireads.org), which sets up libraries in various schools in the island's Port Au Prince area.

"Oh my God it was just unbelievable," added Alfred, whose husband, Gerald, is in the bands Indika Reggae, and Creole Roots. "I couldn't believe they went out of their way. They took all this time delivering these little gifts for their teachers."

Nourishing the community... are Prudence and George Faklaris, owners of Honeybear Café, 7036 N. Clark St. The pair were definitely "thrown a curveball" when shortly after newly opening their restaurant in February, the pandemic started.

So what did they do? Besides offering takeouts of their yummy grub, the pair started feeding first responders and now every Sunday -- and sometimes Saturdays too -- they provide meals at St. Francis

Hospital in Evanston, supplying breakfast burritos, wrap sandwiches, fruit cups -- grab-and-go food that's easy to eat yet nourishing.

"We're passing out food throughout the hospital," said Prudence Faklaris. "It's nice because we have customer support in the area."

"We're not doing what they do every day," Faklaris said of those on the front lines.

The generous couple has also signed up with the Rogers Park Community Response Team, to provide up to 10 meals a day to anybody in need. They are helping to pay their staff by selling locally-sourced pounds of coffee blended especially for their café that people can order either whole or ground through their website at honeybearrr.com.

Faklaris told me that she and her husband feel "fortunate and blessed" to be part of the Rogers Park community. Funny, but I feel the same way about having a giving business like theirs being part of my neighborhood.

If you'd like to contribute to feeding frontline workers at St. Francis, please go to Venmo@Honeybearfrontlinefund.

All you need is love... here's wishing the happiest of wedding anniversaries to the adored and adorable Old Town couple Shirley and Norman Baugher, who

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. We wish these lovely lovebirds many more years of happiness and send them lots of love!

Facelift for Sullivan!... a long overdue, \$25 million makeover is in the works for Sullivan High School, 6631 N. Bosworth Ave. Woo-hoo! I've lived in Rogers Park since 1976, and I honestly can't recall the school getting this kind of attention ever.

Apparently, the leaky roof will be replaced, and the science labs and gym will get an overhaul, with the gymnasium receiving new bleachers, a scoreboard, and backboards. The school, which opened in 1923, will get new windows, new paint and plaster, and, best of all, masonry work will repair its historic façade features.

"This project will help continue to build pride in our neighborhood schools while providing students with the shelter they need to be successful once they return to school," 49th Ward Ald. Maria Hadden told constituents.

Work is scheduled to start possibly this week and continue until the Fall of 2021. Being a longtime neighborhood resident, I can't wait to see the finished product. Just an FYI: Sullivan has 642 students, 90% of them are low income.

Friends group presents 'Poetry@Home' May 16

A trio of published poets living in three states will offer readings from their homes to yours in a virtual program presented by Friends of the Edgewater Library, 6000 N. Broadway, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

The panel will share poetry from their latest works followed by a Q&A session moderated by author Jane Ward, co-chair of the volunteer, nonprofit organization that supports the Chicago Public Library's Edgewater Branch.

Ken Taylor, a Chicago resident and co-founder and contributing editor of Lute & Drum, an online journal of poetry and poetics, will read selections from self-portrait as Joseph Cornell. Cornell is an American artist known as the creator of surrealist shadow boxes featuring found objects.

"Writing poetry is challenging and may not be as dependable a way to find connection or comfort," said Taylor. "It's easy to forget that the poem is really in charge. Trying to stay out of the way of messing it up is what I feel I'm mostly doing. And then there's the reader or the listener who often completes the job by lifting what's been taken into a place that may not have been intended, but is no less real or wondrous. And what's better than that when you're stuck at home?"

The other two poets in the Poetry@Home program are J. Peter Moore and Maggie Zurawski. Moore is a literary critic, poet and editor who teaches at Purdue Univ. in Indiana. He'll read selections from his Zippers and Jeans poetry collection.

Zurawski is an award-winning poet and associate professor of English and creative writing at the Univ. of Georgia where she directs the creative writing program. She'll read selections from her latest collection, (Distressed Properties).

To register for the free program that will be delivered via Zoom, email info@FOELchicago.org.



Ken Taylor



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convenience stores that sell liquor, they can stay open later, but can’t sell any alcoholic beverages after 9 p.m. Mayor Lightfoot noted that businesses violating the order could be fined and possibly stripped of their liquor license.

While Chicago has a long history to examine on selling liquor in good times and bad, several factors are working against pot sales going forward. The foremost concern being the loss of income for many Chicagoans who lost their jobs from the lockdown. Add in global supply chain disruptions, combined with the cannabis industry not being eligible for federal relief grants, and unable to legally acquire loans from commercial banks, which may slow or stop cultivation, and you see an industry facing some serious ‘unknowns’ moving forward.

Andrew Miller, a senior analyst at AEG,

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use, which medical conditions qualify for treatment and the importance of getting a good consultation. Harshbarger became an expert advocate for cannabidiol medicine in 2011 to treat her own rare blood cancer.

Registration is required by Friday, May 22, call 312-281-6018 or visit TheArtisWay.com/InsideBooster. Artis Senior Living, 3535 N. Ashland Ave., offers free personal tours, call 877-318-6691.

Cannabis contains over 100 unique compounds called cannabinoids. The best-known and most heavily researched cannabinoids are THC and CBD. Researchers

POLICE BEAT *from p. 6*

In another incident: the one main offender is described as: male, African American, 20 plus years of age, 5'-10" in height, and 150 lbs. A group of male African Americans and Caucasians remained behind the main offender.

Police respond to explosions, find drugs inside River North apartment

Two explosions that jolted a River North neighborhood last month were large firecrackers tossed from an 18th floor apartment at State and Illinois St., and Chicago police now say they found narcotics in the apartment but due to the pandemic could not make any arrests.

The explosions were reported by multiple people, as far as six blocks away, at about 12:36 a.m. on April 20. One 911 caller described an explosion as sounding like a stun grenade.

As police cars cruised through the area, a man outside Hotel Palomar approached officers and, according to police, claimed to be a federal agent. He told officers he saw people throw fire-

predicts that medical cannabis sales will see a short-term boost as patients concerned about dispensary closures engage in panic-buying. “Illinois and Maryland both saw their medical cannabis sales increase by over 20% in March,” he noted. And in Massachusetts, where a stay-at-home order banned recreational cannabis sales, medical patient registrations have more than tripled as consumers seek to switch to medical cannabis.

Initial data suggests that recreational cannabis sales held steady in March as well. Illinois and Michigan both saw recreational sales increase despite stay-at-home orders.

Although initial data show increased demand, Miller notes that we won’t have a clearer picture of the epidemic’s impact until states begin reporting sales data for April. “Unlike March,” Miller said, “sales data for April will reflect a full month of

have discovered that these cannabinoids interact with the body’s own endocannabinoid system, resulting in some surprising medical benefits.

Cannabis has been shown to help patients suffering from a wide range of conditions, including Alzheimer’s disease, anxiety, cancer, chronic pain, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy/seizures, glaucoma, loss of appetite, muscle spasms, PTSD, and schizophrenia.

More than half of all U.S. states now have laws permitting the medical use of marijuana. Some of these states, though, are very specific about how marijuana may be consumed.

crackers off a balcony of a rental unit above the hotel.

The west-facing unit has a distinctive display of Christmas lights in a window, which helped the doorman at 505 N. State St. direct police to Unit 1807. When they got to the unit, officers found numerous people inside – along with an open backpack that allegedly contained Ziploc bags of suspected cannabis, a bag containing suspected Xanax, and \$3,165 in cash.

The owner of the backpack, according to police, was a 23-year-old, 320-pound Hispanic man. When officers asked him about the drugs, he said, “I don’t know how it got there.”

Officers took the backpack, suspected Xanax, and money but returned the cannabis. Because testing labs were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, police say they could not arrest the man but noted in their report that charges could be pursued at a later date.

— *Compiled by CWBChicago.com and Steven Dahlman*

stay-at-home orders and provide a better look at their impact on cannabis sales.”

Another factor working against Chicago for both pot and booze sales is the impact of the downturn in tourism. Chicago and Illinois are highly dependent on out-of-state consumers who account for one-quarter of all recreational sales. With so few traveling, and so many conventions and trade shows cancelled and postponed, entertainment spending this year in Chicago will be down severely.

And while no licenses have been lost yet, the city is starting to get serious about vio-

North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, WMALT SERIES 2006-AR10 Plaintiff,
-v-
ELIZABETH A. KEELEY, ROBERT BIDDLE V. CITIBANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK, FSB AND FIRMUS FINANCIAL, LLC Defendants
19 CH 3120
405-07 W. EUGENIE ST.
CHICAGO, IL 60614
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 3, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST., CHICAGO, IL, 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-331-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$960,569.70.
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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.

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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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 19-01031.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
STANDANDER BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v-

BRETT E. OPIE, ELIZABETH B. OPIE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ORCHARD PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants
2019 CH 10275
1479 CLYBOURN AVENUE UNIT D
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 5, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below,

the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1479 CLYBOURN AVENUE UNIT D, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-115-064-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.

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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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LOWELL HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-

TRINITY GREEN LLC-88 W SCHILLER Defendants
19 CH 10492
88 W. SCHILLER ST, #1001
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 88 W. SCHILLER ST, #1001, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-209-043-1008
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$60,897.28.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the

lators. Both the Alibaba Hookah Bar, 4046 W. Lawrence, and Cortland’s Garage, 1645 W. Cortland St., were busted for allegedly allowing dine-in customers rather than offering take-home or delivery orders.

Cortland issued a release denying any wrongdoing, calling the city’s charges “wholly untrue,” arguing two customers had been waiting for a takeout. According to the management, the customers didn’t eat or drink anything as they waited for their order.

Nobody answered the phone at Alibaba.

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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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Case # 19 CH 10492

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVING LLC; Plaintiff,
vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FLORENCE BRAUDY CARL SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 2; ANDREW BRAUDY, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE MARY BRAUDY; MICHAEL BRAUDY; ESTATE OF FLORENCE MARY BRAUDY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants,
17 CH 11777
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-04-207-086-1022.
Commonly known as 1460 North Sandburg Terrace, Apartment 2501, Chicago, IL 60610.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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The survey by The Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo wants to hear from everyone over the age of 18, even if you do not currently have rat problems. The goal of this study is to determine if staying at home has changed rat problems in homes across Chicago and if this has changed public health risks from rats or attitudes about Chicago's wildlife.

Survey responses will help them identify areas that may need support for rodent control, public health, and urban nature because no one knows your community better than you.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChicagoRats> to take the survey.

Fair warning, some of the survey questions will have images of rats and rat droppings, they will ask about rat droppings in

your home. The survey also asks if you are afraid when you see a rat. You can choose not to answer any question, for any reason.

This survey is part of the Chicago Rat Project, led by scientists at Lincoln Park Zoo, the Field Museum, the Center for Community Health Equity, and Johns Hopkins Univ. The Urban Wildlife Institute at Lincoln Park Zoo is continuing to learn about Chicago's urban wildlife landscape as our communities navigate COVID-19 together. They would appreciate any insights you are able to provide via this survey. Hopefully, they'll learn a little bit about our city and its non-human residents in this challenging environment.

If you have any questions, please contact the study lead Dr. Maureen Murray and project coordinator Jackie Buckley at ChicagoRatProject@gmail.com, and visit the Chicago Rat Project website.

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Prison for North Ave. Beach stabbing

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man has been sentenced to six years in prison for stabbing a stranger on the North Ave. Beach bike path two years ago. In a deal with prosecutors, 38-year-old Pablo Sosa pleaded guilty



Pablo Sosa

to one count of attempted murder and the state agreed to drop four aggravated battery counts.

Prosecutors said Sosa was acting erratically when he first met the 25-

year-old victim at the beach around 5 p.m. on June 14, 2017. Sosa pulled out two knives about an hour later during an argument with the man. The victim was stabbed nine times, police said.

Bystanders and police caught up with Sosa as he fled the scene on a bike.

With 856 days credit for time served, Sosa is expected to be paroled on July 6, 2022. Judge Catherine Haberkorn oversaw the case.

The Gwendolyn Brooks Youth Poetry Awards

The Gwendolyn Brooks Youth Poetry Awards are accepting submissions from all Illinois students now through May 30. All youth in grades K-12 are invited to submit their original poetry at no cost.

The competition is an opportunity for caregivers and educators to share with students learning remotely.

For more information visit www.illhumanities.org/program/gwendolyn-brooks-youth-poetry-awards/.

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The short-term chore program assists older adults who need temporary assistance in the home due to illness, recent hospitalization, or injury to assist them as they recuperate. To sign up for the program, call 312-744-4016, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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and are thus facing the real possibility of closure. This includes media serving African American, Latinx, Asian American, immigrant, LGBTQ, and other Chicago communities.”



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A one-minute animated video was produced by artist Emma Biancak and narrated by multiple Chicagoans, including Kevin Coval in English and Yazmin Dominguez in Spanish. More translations by media outlets may become available in May. Amber Huff created the digital and

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This ambitious plan will transform an important stretch of Streeterville, turning it into one of the most densely populated areas in the entire city. The plan will dramatically impact local infrastructure, traffic flow, loading patterns and open space.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] said his office had no shortage of opinions and feedback from the surrounding neighborhood. “I co-hosted two community meetings where the Developer shared their plans with the neighborhood, so well attended that the ballroom was filled to capacity at each. In addition to six meetings with my office, the Developer met with the Cityfront Center West Assoc., Streeterville Organization of Active Resident, as well as with the residents from the condominium building at 240 E. Illinois St. who are the adjacent residential neighbors to this site.”

Following those meetings the alderman claims his office condensed those concerns into a working punch-list of infrastructure and design issues that the Developer would be required to address. He claims that “many important design changes were made to the proposed tower. We negotiated a number of important design and infrastructure changes to improve traffic flow, loading and public safety on both the Upper and Lower levels of Michigan Ave., Illinois St. and Cityfront Plaza, to be funded entirely by the Developer.”

Examples of these changes include the addition of new vehicular and pedestrian entries; two 24/7 Security Offices with lines of sight to perimeter of building; pick-up and drop-off areas for ride share and passenger vehicles and all commercial loading; enhanced lighting and refreshed

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infrastructure with clean and refinished wall surfaces; and the removal of lower level sidewalk obstructions.

The revised plan keeps the most intense loading and traffic below grade hoping to improve the aesthetic and safety of the area of Lower Level Michigan Ave. and Illinois St.

At the Upper Level Illinois St. and Cityfront Plaza, an internal building cut-through has been added from Illinois St. to Cityfront Plaza for hotel guest drop off - taking traffic and loading off of the curb and into the internal base of the building; restricted curbside parking (within lay-by lanes); the removal of the traffic circle at Upper Illinois and Cityfront; the extension of a pedestrian refuge on Cityfront Plaza to calm traffic; and the addition of new trees planted around the perimeter of the development.

Pioneer Court will be redesigned with the addition of a new public pathway connecting Michigan Ave. and Cityfront Plaza creating a bit more open green space - includ-

ing the addition of numerous grassy berms and lawns, trees, outdoor seating, raised planter beds, enhanced lighting and a unified granite paving system.

“Although this was a long and difficult negotiation, I believe it has resulted in a far superior project to the one that was initially proposed,” said Ald. Reilly.

The developers will also pay the City of Chicago \$13 million toward the Affordable Housing Fund; \$15 million to the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund; and could generate over \$25 million in annual property taxes.

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The proposed ordinance would also give City Hall the authority to defer the collection of the Accessibility Fee paid by Chicago taxicabs and Transportation Network Providers (TNPs). Currently, taxicab medallion licensees pay \$22 per month and TNPs pay \$0.10 per ride into the Accessibility Fund. Under the proposal, this fee will be deferred until June 30 and will apply retroactively to March 18 since these businesses are not able to generate revenue.

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