



CPD names new downtown police commander after questionable temporary replacement jettisoned

BY CWBCHICAGO

That was quick!

About three days after Chicago police leaders assigned a commander with questionable priorities to temporarily lead the downtown police district, the department named a permanent replacement.

The Central (1st) District commander position became available earlier this month when decorated CPD veteran Jacob Alderden was unceremoniously demoted to captain and reassigned to a unit that takes police reports over the phone.

Alderden was jettisoned after he refused to assign district patrol cars to sit outside a Loop restaurant favored by CPD Supt. David Brown and other political heavyweights, according to multiple sources.

Two sources said a restaurant employee mentioned to Brown

last month that a series of “large group” incidents were impacting businesses in the area. Brown reportedly told Alderden to post one of the district’s scarce patrol cars outside Remington’s, 20 N.

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Michigan. But Alderden balked at that idea and found himself working at a new location with a lower rank.

On June 22, Cmdr. Darrell Spencer was named acting commander of the district. But Spencer has a history of using CPD resources for questionable purposes.

When he was commander of

the West Side’s Harrison District in April 2020, he ordered cops to disperse groups of more than 10 people and check the IDs of anyone who wanted to enter four specific blocks in the district.

The Sun-Times reported that Spencer just happened to own a three-flat home on one of those blocks.

Just hours after CPD confirmed Spencer’s new role for this reporter, we received a message via social media: “Your article worked. Trish Zuber is being promoted to 1st District commander tomorrow morning.” And that’s exactly what happened.

Officers in the district were told June 23 that Lt. Patricia Zuber, a well-respected 29-year veteran who was already assigned to work in the district, had been promoted to run the show.

Zuber has worked in the 1st

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Police charge man with Kimchi murder

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police have announced Tony L. Robinson, 41, has been charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of robbery, and three counts of aggravated battery. He is the homeless man who’s being questioned by police in connection with the June 13 fatal stabbing of a Maryland woman in the Loop.

Robinson has never been charged with a felony in Cook County, according to court records. CPD lists his home address as the 300 block of S. Lower Wacker Dr.

While his history in other jurisdictions is unknown, local records show Robinson has only faced minor charges like CTA violations and theft. Other records show he was convicted of burglary in St. Clair County in 2006. CPD records show police have built a case against him for fatally stabbing Anat Kimchi, 31, and beating a 50-year-old hotel guest with a heavy object in the Loop on June 13.

Detectives and Central (1st) District tactical officers arrested Robinson around 3:30 p.m. June 24 on the 300 block of S. Low-

er Wacker Dr., less than a block from where Kimchi was killed. She was stabbed repeatedly in the upper back.

Police have also linked Robinson to a violent attack on a 25-year-old woman in the 500 block of S. Franklin around 9:30 p.m. June 10. That victim was injured so badly, fire department personnel initially thought she had been shot in the head.

Court records show Robinson has faced nine misdemeanor charges in Cook County since 1997. No cases were filed against him between 2003 and 2011. But another case file shows he may have been in St. Clair County or behind bars for at least some of those years. His most recent local case, filed in May 2018, included two counts of misdemeanor battery and criminal damage to property. Prosecutors said he tore up the Subway restaurant at 66 E. Washington, pushed two workers, and struck them with a metal



Tony L. Robinson

stool. Prosecutors dropped all of the charges less than a month later.

Other charges like selling loose cigarettes on CTA trains and possessing stolen credit cards were also dropped over the years.

In 2014, Robinson was arrested in Chicago on a Lake County warrant for harassment through electronic means for allegedly threatening to injure a woman via phone calls and text messages, records show. The outcome of that case was not immediately available.

Robinson has consistently given police and court officials a home address in the Englewood neighborhood since at least 2014, records show. But that does not necessarily mean he lives there.

In the June 13 attack, a man allegedly approached the hotel guest on the 100 block of East Ida B. Wells and asked, “are you following me?” The attacker then struck the woman in her head with a heavy object, which caused the woman to drop her phone. He allegedly picked up her phone and hit her two more times with the object before leaving the scene.



Grant Park Music Festival returns July 2

The Grant Park Music Festival is back, and will start up the free of charge concerts on Chicago’s lakefront.

All Grant Park Music Festival concerts at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion will be restored to full seating capacity this summer. As such, no reservations are required, and seating on the Great Lawn and in the Seating Bowl is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

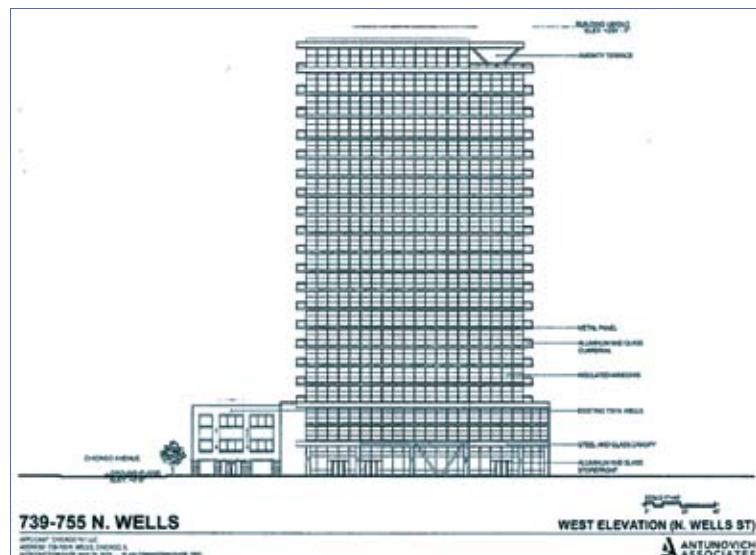
The 2021 lineup includes Festival favorites, like the Grieg Piano Concerto, the New World Sym-

phony, the William Tell Overture, Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun plus plenty of family fun with Carnival of the Animals, Classic Broadway and the annual Independence Day Salute.

Outside food or drink, including beer and wine, is welcome at the Pritzker Pavilion for all Festival concerts.

Seating in the bowl is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Food and drinks are also welcome in the Seating Bowl.

Last week in City Hall wasn’t just about Lake Shore Dr. Story on page 7



Proposed building for 739-755 N. Wells St. by developer Vista Property Group.

Community meeting July 6 over proposed Wells St. high-rise

The River North Residents Assoc. and Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] are hosting a virtual community meeting 6 p.m. July 6, where developer Vista Property Group will be presenting a proposal for 739-755 N. Wells St.

The proposal seeks planned development approvals for a 21-story high-rise building, measuring up to 254’4” in height, offering 21,000 square feet of retail

space, with 178 residential apartment units on the east side of the street between Chicago Ave. and Superior St.

The property qualifies as a Transit-Oriented Development location and therefore will have limited residential parking, 53 spaces would be included.

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Making it through life with dignity and humanity intact



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It's a glorious summer's afternoon. It doesn't get much better in this part of the world. But I'm fretting. You see, I'm inside in the house.

Air-conditioned, but inside. Normally I'd at least sit in the garden, but the garage roof is being worked on and there's too much workers' commotion. So I'm inside.

I'm not as crazy as I used to be for a glowing tan. There's still time.

But while indoors, I have given myself permission to watch what is among my very favorite TV

shows. I'm still deeply devoted to the "West Wing" White House of President Josiah Bartlett, a necessity during that Trump debacle, even the Biden win makes me less psychotic for a fictional Democratic government.

And the current rejuvenation of American values makes me less lonely now for the lifestyle shared by my pals Rory and Lorelai in Stars Hollow, CT on "Gilmore Girls" and all those nosy New England townspeople.

But what has me scratching my head is why, at this moment in history, I feel weirdly attracted to NCIS, the long-running series about our U.S. Navy's branch of law enforcement. The crime-solving antics of the Naval Criminal Investigation Squad led by former macho Marine, Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs (Mark Harmon). His forensic team is first rate. His squad of agents leave no mysterious clue unturned, no culprit, traitor, terrorist bad guy gets away with any crime against our nation.

So I ask myself why I'm in the front row at Netflix to watch these all too familiar episodes unfold? What are the adventures of these Naval crime sleuths teaching me? Why, right now, do I find comfort in them?

Perhaps it's the straight forward, simple military environment and culture that makes me feel secure, despite the trauma of the related crimes.

Perhaps it's the continuity of the main characters that bring me back. Like "Ducky," the veteran medical examiner, Dr. Donald Mallard, a Brit, played for 18 seasons by David McCallum. (Remember Illia Kuryakin back in the '60s on "The Man from U.N.C.L.E."?)

Post pandemic, I must be trans-

ferring some internal emotions to viewing this show. The writing is good. The crimes, though imaginative, are plausible. A lot of Washington D.C. scenery. The characters all pretty believable. I could see myself schmoozing any or all of the glib, facile, likable cast of characters. And I love watching the rivalries and competitive aggression that the Naval investigative agents are often forced to utilize doing internal battle with the F.B.I., the C.I.A. or local law enforcement.

I enjoy crime that involves our nation's enemies. Bin Laden. Al Qaeda. South American drug cartels, ordinary spouse killers and international meanies. The NCIS Team has a great capacity to synthesize their combined knowledge, though. That seems to be the best scenario for capturing and conquering bad guys.

I also like that the story is not some dark, dystopian saga. This is no fantasy world in an imagined state of heightened injustice. A tale loaded down with dark and bitter reason by our enemies. It's just ordinary injustice. Everyday crime and betrayal. It doesn't overpower the NCIS Team's capacity for being friendly colleagues. Buddies on a mission. Straight arrows using science, the arts and good old-fashioned deduction to defeat the forces of darkness.

I suspect this is why I find the show so appealing. It's very aware of its own humanity. The characters respect humanity. They don't hate, distrust, or fear it. This bunch have very level heads. Qualities I find missing in much of TV. And in everyday life.

Perhaps I find the solid character of Special Agent Gibbs an unconscious affirmation of much needed civil morality in life. You know, when people do the right thing for the right reason.

And even the right thing for the wrong reason. And are willing to live in the conflict because their hearts are true, as Pope Francis is fond of saying.

Maybe all that saluting, sense of duty and fairness helps us identify what's important in human life. That's something the Dominican nuns reiterated 400 times a day in grade school. Maybe we really need to see people do good. To know how we can do good. How we can make a difference in the lives of other.

Many modern philosophers, especially the French, say that we need no rationale, or pattern of observation, for making it through life with dignity and humanity intact.

There are a pile of bitter, self-serving, self-absorbed Chicagoans like that. A lot of politicians. You know, the cheaters, the users.

Those who take advantage of everyone around them. Those who ruin the lives of others by their fears, selfishness and bigotry.

Do any of these dark sides sound familiar to you? Where have you run into the dark gaze of human wounding? How do you conduct the forensics on such crime?

To me it's not just Vladimir Putin and his global gang of oligarchs that makes me frightened. How about good old Boris Johnson and his Old Eatonian cabal of landed gentlemen? Or the odd perplexities of the German Chancellor's Brexit rise to new authority? Or Monsieur Le President Marcon, too publicly slapped in the kisser?

Or closer to home, what about Mayor Lori Lightfingers and her posse of angry maidens? Did they practice their standing at attention during her twisted dystopian diatribes about how urban violence is really a medical condition?

What about her latest dark shadowed soliloquy that's supposed to show us a healthy, vibrant metropolis? I have no more time for her distorted visions. I'm not one

of her believers. I am at the verge of calling Leroy Jethro Gibbs and asking the NCIS medical examiner to intervene. Time to call out the Marines. Semper Fi.

LET US FEED YOU: Congratulations to **Rich Melman** and the entire Melman and "Lettuce" families on 50 years of transforming Chicago's hungers. R.J. Grunts began a new fangled, old-fashioned style of restaurants, inventing the salad bar in the process. The Melman genius recalibrated Chicago palates and reshaped savvy public table manners. Melman's tireless renaissance of Chicago tastes is still a work in progress, the long journey

to fresh urban sophistication.

ARCHITECTURAL: **Zurich Esposito** has announced that the Chicago Architecture Center and Chicago Architectural Club have a competition calling for "new, creative visions" for **Helmut Jahn's** 1985 glassy spaceship, the James R. Thompson Center. With complications in design over the



Therese Marie Loftus

years, the building has come close to being sold. A re-use could help. Registration closes July 2, submissions are due July 19. The winning design will be announced in August and will be featured in an exhibition at the Chicago Architecture Center in the fall.

HIGH HOPES:

Last time the White Sox had the best record in majors was 2005, when they won a World Series.

PEACE, LORD: **Therese Marie Loftus**, Misericordia's Candy Days maven, has died at 62. A woman of enormous faith and extravagant charity, working tirelessly to ensure that each year more than one million small bags of jelly beans were shared with those responding to Misericordia's plea for assistance from Chicagoans. A native of suburban River Forest, "T," as she was affectionately known, demonstrated the best traditions of Catholic outreach to the vulnerable. She was endeared to legions, none more sweet than **Riley**, her cat, who

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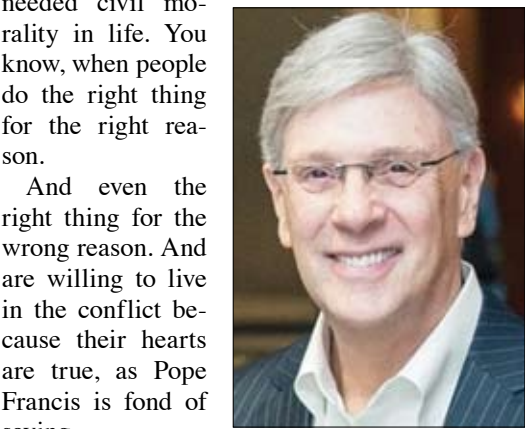
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Coalition garners, seeks, support for Far North Side community center



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

When the High Ridge YMCA at Touhy and Western closed its doors at the end of January after nearly 70 years of service, its nearby communities were left with a gaping hole.

Where would the neighborhood kids take affordable swim lessons and learn about water safety to keep them from harm in Lake Michigan? And where did they now have to go to keep them safe from the harm on the streets?

And what about the seniors using the facility to stay connected or the moms needing the after school program, where would they now go? No more day camp, no more workout room, no more Y for the folks who used it regularly.

I used to be one of those folks. My kids took swim lessons there, played in the open gym. My now 36-year-old daughter was a cheerleader in seventh or eighth grade (maybe both) for the High Ridge Chargers youth football team. I swam and worked out there too once upon a time.

The Y's closing truly left a huge gap in the Rogers Park, West Ridge communities. But there is now hope -- and opportunity -- for something bigger and better to come along, thanks to the High Ridge Coalition.

After Metropolitan YMCA of Chicago closed High Ridge for good, Y users and neighbors gathered together to form the not-for-profit coalition. The group has been exploring its options and what they've come up with so far is mighty impressive.

First, the coalition tried to buy the High Ridge Y property at 2424 W. Touhy Ave. It worked with city, county, state and federal



This columnist's oldest daughter, Tedi, as a High Ridge Charger cheerleader in the late 1990s.

elected officials to try and turn into a community center. The coalition offered \$1.5 million in cash, a price they felt was fair considering there is nearly \$3 million in deferred building maintenance, and \$100K would be needed to make the building ADA compliant.

Now here's something I really don't get. Metropolitan Y turned down that much money, \$1.5 mil, for that property? It's not the snazziest location in town. It's surrounded by a couple of nursing homes, a gas station is across the street, and an unkempt medical building that needs a good facelift is next door to the east. I would have taken that money and run, as fast as possible, if I were the Metropolitan Y. (And maybe donated a little of it towards a new center for the community they'd been supported by for 70 years?).

But after the Y's refusal to sell, the coalition walked away. But they've definitely not given up.

"Our Far North Side neighborhoods, so



The closing last January of the High Ridge YMCA at Touhy and Western has left a huge gap in the Rogers Park, West Ridge communities. A coalition has been formed to find or build a new kind of community center that will offer programs for kids and seniors alike.

close to beautiful but potentially dangerous Lake Michigan, must have an available indoor pool and swim lessons/water safety instruction," the coalition said on a flier distributed during the recent Artists of the Wall Fest in East Rogers Park. "We lost that when High Ridge closed its doors."

Thus far, the coalition is moving full speed ahead. It has secured \$250,000 in state funding, and is either looking for a building to renovate or to construct a new one. It is there that neighbors will be able once again to swim for both leisure and to learn to save their lives, have a meeting place, have a day camp, after school programs, fitness, senior programs, do things with the arts, etc.

All the things a thriving community needs. What an amazing thought.

The High Ridge Coalition is now a state nonprofit and it has also filed for federal nonprofit status, which will open up other avenues, said coalition member Sue Ontiveros. Losing the Y is a void, "and we

need to fill that void," Ontiveros said.

"We're sad the Y walked away from us, but this is an opportunity to serve our multi-faceted community," Ontiveros said. "We can build from scratch and expand on High Ridge things."

In Wards 48, 49 and 50, before the High Ridge Y closed, there were 192 pool hours offered each week including lessons, free family swims, lap swims, etc. After the Y closed, there were just 20. "We lost 172 hours, they're gone," said Ontiveros.

Yet those 172 hours might have helped to save a life, or several. Drowning is the number one reason a healthy child will die before kindergarten and is the second leading cause of accidental death for kids under 15, with black boys age 15 to 19 drowning at the highest rates and usually in open water like our lake, said West Ridge resident Halle Quezada, a co-founder of the Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety.

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Admission free July 4 at Chicago History Museum

The Chicago History Museum will host a virtual event titled "Activating Freedom: With Liberty and Justice for All" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 4.

The family-friendly event will include conversations, a show-and-tell of early items from the museum archives, hands-on history activities, sounds and songs, and more.

"The Fourth of July is remembered as the day when a newly forming country promised freedom and equality as part of its citizenship," the museum wrote on its website. "However, it took several justice movements in the

following centuries to extend those values, indicating that the work to ensure the full measure of freedom for all remains unfinished.

"With conversations about America's future in focus, how might we build a 'more perfect union?'"

The event is free, but the museum would appreciate a donation. To register visit chicagohistory.org/event/activating-freedom-july-4-2021/.

Admission to the museum is free July 4 for all Illinois residents. For more information call 312-642-4600.

SOS office opens at Thompson Center

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the Driver Services facility located at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., is now open to the public. The entrance to the facility is located on Randolph and Clark streets.

The Thompson Center facility has been closed to the public since March 2020 due to the pandemic lockdown. Hours for the facility are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Face masks, social distancing and temperature checks are still required.

All driver's license and ID card expiration dates have already been extended to Aug. 1, 2021, so customers do not need to rush into the facility. The U.S. Dept.

of Homeland Security has also extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

Secretary White has expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Many transactions can be conducted online including the purchase of license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license/ID card, and renewing a standard driver's license or ID card for those who are eligible.

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To find out if your license is valid, call 217-782-6212, select option two, then option one. Have your Social Security Number and Driver's License Number handy.

Malcolm Ewen bequest establishes emergency fund for theater community

A local charitable organization has created an emergency financial support fund for Chicago theater makers in need.

The fund will provide short-term assistance for theater employees facing non-health related financial issues, according to a press release from Season of Concern [SOC]. It will be open to all Chicago theater artists as well as union and non-union theater workers – whether they work on stage or behind the scenes.

SOC named the effort in honor of the late Malcolm Ewen,

the long-time production stage manager at Steppenwolf Theatre Company and decades-long SOC board member whose bequest to the SOC established the fund.

"Although Ewen's premature death in 2019 robbed the community of one of its most effective leaders, his generous spirit will live on in The Malcolm Ewen Fund," the organization said in a press release.

SOC has provided direct, short-term emergency financial assistance to Chicago-area actors, directors, designers, technicians,

playwrights – anyone working in the theater – for more than 30 years. It was founded in 1988 in response to the advent of the AIDS crisis.

Applications for assistance from The Malcolm Ewen Fund will be accepted starting Thursday. Applicants must be active members of the Chicagoland theater community, having worked with or without salary since Sept. 1, 2019.

For more information call SOC board member Richard Turner at 773-404-2994.

Letters to the Editor

Exciting history

It's so exciting reading about our Founder.

It seems that Jean Baptiste Point du Sable "sold his land" and moved on, after his job was done founding the city of Chicago.

I got to thinking though... how did he own the land? Who did he buy it from??

Either he took the land from Native Americans... or, there was a previous owner there (from whom DuSable purchased the land), and then that previous owner would actually be the founder of Chicago.

Isn't history exciting? And re-writing history is even more exciting!

Our aldermen have acted like a pack of fools and disgraced the city and themselves with their vote.

Seven out of 10 citizens did not want a name change on Lake Shore Dr.

It seems that these public servants do not know their role at all.

John Weis Loftus

Need a taxi? Call mommy

Forget about COVID. Who cares if public schools will never reopen. Armed robberies? Carjackings? Drive by shootings? Forget them.

Chicago has a more serious problem.

Lakefront liberals are being inconvenienced. Call out the National Guard!

According to Mr. O'Gorman [June 23], Lincoln Park trixies going to their yoga classes and Trader Joe's are being overcharged by Uber.

Why doesn't the government do something? Because they deserved to be screwed. They brought it upon themselves.

You didn't want the taxicabs. You were too good for that. Blue collar riffraff take cabs.

You wanted Uber. Chauffeured around like when mommy took you to your clarinet lessons or lacrosse practice in the minivan.

Taxis and their drivers were 'bad.' Taxis had to pass inspection twice a year, had to be washed and cleaned once a day and over-insured.

Taxi drivers had to be fingerprinted, criminally background checked, pass a TB test and licensed.

Taxis charged the same rate, no matter the time of day, weather conditions, neighborhood or your skin color.

Bad taxi drivers were fined and suspended by the City.

Taxi fleets had to offer wheel-

chair accessible vehicles.

None of this applied to Uber.

Uber came in with an app for your phone.

The City of Chicago, under Mayor Rahm Emanuel, forbade the taxicab industry from having an app for five years. He gave Uber a five year head start.

Who was a big, early investor in Uber? Rahm's brother Ari. What a surprise.

Now one man is standing up for you. One alderman has gotten up off his barstool long enough to make noise.

Ald. Brendan "Another Round" Reilly.

He has just noticed there are hardly any cabs left. Uber has a monopoly, and Reilly wants to make things worse.

He wants to cap fees at 150%. What is 150% of a monopoly?

Drivers will only come out and drive when the prices are surging. Who wants to be carjacked at regular price?

So what will happen to all the woke, selfish, lakefront liberals who were too elite to take a cab and now can't get an Uber?

I hope you enjoy the CTA.

You might even be calling mommy and her minivan for a ride again.

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Lane Tech Indian retired, vote coming for new symbol



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

ican symbol.

In July 2020, the long-standing Indian symbol was retired by faculty, parents and a conservative school council. Recently, the school has launched the "Lane Tech Symbol Survey," to create a new emblem to represent the school into the future.

The two-phase survey asks the Lane Tech alumni, students and parents to share their "most creative and thoughtful" suggestions to create a new symbol. In the second phase, students will vote on the final choice of emblem to be presented to the Lane School Council and the Chicago Public Schools for final approval.

The plan to remove the Native American statue from Lane Tech's Memorial Garden has developed into a generational donnybrook between military veterans and older alumni and students, faculty and the council.

The restored bronze statue, titled "Shooting the Stars," depicts a Native American warrior in a feathered headdress gazing to the heavens. The warrior statue stands on a pedestal in Lane's central private garden at 2501 W. Addison St.

Some students and alumni say the statue and other Indian symbols on the Lane Tech campus reinforce harmful racial stereotypes.

However, a plaque attached to the base of the war monument simply states: "In reverent tribute to those Laneites who gave the last full measure of devotion for justice, and the American way of life, this memorial is solemnly dedicated."

The campus Totem Pole on Addison St. west of Western Ave. already has been removed from Lane's campus. The plan also will remove a huge Native American curtain on the auditorium stage, and several priceless Works Progress Administration (WPA) murals and paintings of Native Americans that adorn school halls.

Lane's WPA murals have been appraised at \$11 million.

I hope somebody keeps an eye on these valuable pieces once they leave the school

grounds?

A 2020 survey of 9,135 Lane Tech alumni, faculty, students, parents and community members found that 52.5% wanted the Indian name and symbol to be discontinued, while 47.5% staunchly believe they should be preserved. Of the people surveyed, 59.6% were older alumni, including many graduates from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Since 1945, some 80,000 Lane Tech alumni have attended the school.

John H. Schwan, 78, Class of 1961, and a decorated Vietnam War veteran said: "The Native American statue stands as a memorial to every Lane Tech man and woman who served in the U.S. Armed Forces since World War I through the Iraq War, the War in Afghanistan. Some 314 of Lane's fallen Gold Star World War II heroes and more than 50 veterans of World War I, Korea and Vietnam are solemnly honored by name on plaques displayed in the garden."

Many Lane military veterans say saving the Shooting the Stars statue is "a fundamentally correct cause."

If the historic Shooting the Stars statue and other Native American icons are banished from

the Lane Tech campus, what should the school and students choose as its new mascot name?

Many older alumni, including this writer, believe students should choose "The Champions" as Lane's new mascot name. After all isn't Lane Tech known as the School of Champions because of the hundreds of sports victories and championship awards that adorn its halls?

Lane reportedly holds more sports championships than any other Public League school.

One suggestion for the new school symbol should be a simple myrtle green and gold circle surrounding a gold star with a green background, similar to the Dallas Cowboys five-pointed star. The gold star pays homage to Lane's military heroes. The words surrounding the star would say: "Lane Tech College Prep—School of Champions."

From the early days, Lane Tech history is filled with sports stars. Ivy League running back Fritz Pollard (Lane Class of 1912) played at Brown Univ. and for the Akron Pros during the 1920s in the NFL. Pollard, the first African-American football coach in the NFL, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005.



"Shooting the Stars" statue in Lane Tech's Memorial Garden.
DeBat Media Photo

One of Lane's most famous sports heroes is Phil Cavarretta, who played for the Chicago Cubs from 1934 through 1953. Cavarretta was a starting pitcher at Lane, leading the team to city championships in 1932 and 1933.

As a first-baseman/outfielder for the Cubs, Cavarretta was named National League MVP in 1945 after batting .355 and driving in 97 runs to lead the Cubs to the NL pennant.

Other Lane Tech baseball greats include Cubs catcher John Felske (Class of 1960),

who managed the Philadelphia Phillies from 1984 to 1987, and Buzz Capra (Class of 1965), who pitched for the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves from 1971 through 1977.

Chuck Logan, one of several Lane football stars when the school won the 1959 Prep Bowl, earned a scholarship to Northwestern Univ. in 1960. He played in the 1964 Collage All-Star game at Soldier Field and was drafted by the Chicago Bears. Logan, who played tight end, had a six-year NFL pro career with the St. Louis Cardinals and the 1969 Minnesota Vikings Super Bowl team.

Of course, most Lane military veterans, and older alumni will continue to wear their graduation rings and cherish the Indian symbol. "I am, and always will be an Indian," said Dean Karouzos, 73, Class of 1965, and a Vietnam War Navy veteran.

"In the Lane Indian statue, I see a young, brave warrior shooting not an arrow of battle, but rather symbolically raising his hand to the stars from an invisible bow aiming for peace towards all humankind."

Ironically, Karouzos lost his Lane graduation ring years ago. So, to immortalize the school's tradition, he recently purchased an antique 1909 U.S. \$5 gold Indian-head coin and asked his jeweler fashion it into a handsome Lane Indian ring.

Go Lane, Go!

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This design has been submitted to Lane Tech for the Symbol Survey for the new school logo.

Edgewater Historical Society hosts two neighborhood tours in July

The Edgewater Historical Society [EHS] will host two tours in July featuring some of the neighborhood's historic buildings.

The first tour, which begins at 9:30 a.m. July 17 at the EHS Museum Garden, 5358 N. Ashland Ave., will showcase the Andersonville Historic District, with a focus on fine commercial architecture by Swedish architects at the beginning of the 20th century.

The tour also will include a few residential buildings of early construction, EHS said.

The walk ends at Foster and Clark, where the tour guide will inform participants about the history of Clark St. devel-

opment over the past 30 years.

"Discover the Art Underfoot" begins at 11 a.m. July 24 at the pier at Kathy Osterman Beach on the east end of Hollywood Avenue. Edgewater's Bill Swislow will lead the tour, which features hidden artwork along Edgewater's lakefront.

Tours are limited to 15 participants each, and guides will be equipped with microphones as well as the EHS researched brochure.

All attendees must wear face coverings and maintain social distances.

Admission cost \$15, with proceeds supporting the EHS Museum.

To register visit bit.ly/ehswalk6.



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Police Beat...

Two more gun arrests at North Ave. Beach

Chicago police arrested two more people last week for allegedly trying to bring guns onto North Ave. Beach. Prosecutors have now charged six adults with having guns at the beach since Memorial Day — about one case every three days.

The latest arrests took place at a checkpoint where police search bags for alcohol and other contraband at the beach entrance, 1601 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Around 3:38 p.m. June 19, Isaiah Simpson was with a group of beachgoers when police allegedly found alcohol in one of their bags. Simpson, 24, tried to leave, but police told him he was on park property and his bag was subject to search, prosecutors said.

Cops allegedly found a loaded handgun in his bag. Simpson has a valid Firearm Owner’s ID card, but he is not a concealed carry licensee, prosecutors said. Judge John Lyke released him on his own recognizance.

On June 13, the contraband checkpoint scored another arrest. Prosecutors said Jamique Holts, 18, had a gun in a bag he brought to the beach around 5:30 p.m. Holts initially told police the bag was his, but then said he found the gun and kept it for protection, prosecutors said.

Group of young people attack man on Uptown street

A group of masked young people beat a 40-year-old man in an apparently unprovoked attack in Uptown on June 21, according to a CPD report. No arrests have been made.

The victim was walking in the 800 block of W. Montrose when the group approached and began punching and kicking him in the face and body around 9 p.m., Officer Steve Rusanov said. Witnesses reported seeing about five young men wearing masks attack the victim, who was then dragged into the street as the group continued to kick and punch him.

Rusanov said the victim ran into a nearby business to get help.

Police responded to Food Town, 4401 N. Hazel, after an employee reported that a man came into the store with a bloody face. Witnesses said the group ran from the area after the attack.

The assailants were described as Black males in their mid- to late teens who wore ski masks. According to witnesses, they were all 5’-5” to 5’-7” tall and weighed 150 to 180 lbs. One suspect who took off a ski mask was in his early 20’s, 6’-2” tall, 180 lbs, and wore a white t-shirt, according to another witness.

An ambulance transported the victim to Weiss Hospital where he was treated and released.

Lakeview man shot in apparent drug-related incident

Police are investigating after a man was shot in an apparent drug-related incident in Lakeview East June 23. No one is in custody.

The victim, age 24, was in an apartment on the 600 block of W. Oakdale when an acquaintance shot him several times in the lower body around 2:22 a.m., police said. Police allegedly found drugs in the victim’s apartment.

After the shooting, the gunman fled in a white Jeep bearing Florida plates. According to police, he’s described as a heavy-set Hispanic male who is about 5’-6” tall and wearing a mask.

The victim sought help from a downstairs neighbor and was subsequently taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition with six gunshot wounds — two each to his buttocks, left thigh, and right thigh.

Investigators found shell casings in the victim’s apartment and on the stairs leading to his third-floor unit. Police said he does not have a history of contact with CPD.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant owner sentenced

The owner of five Chicago-area Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant franchises - including one in Lakeview - has been sentenced to more than a year in federal prison for filing false corporate tax returns that underreported \$2.5 million in gross receipts and sales.

Juan C. Hurtado, 45, of Joliet, pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of making a false statement in a tax return. On June 23, U.S. District Judge John F. Kness sentenced Hurtado to 15 months in federal prison and fined him \$45,000.

Hurtado owned Pepe’s franchises in Chicago, Tinley Park, Hickory Hills, Matteson, and Chicago Heights. Hurtado admitted in a plea agreement that from 2016 to 2018 he caused the filing of 11 materially false corporate tax returns with the IRS, as well as materially false sales and income tax returns with the State of Illinois, that underreported the gross receipts and sales of his restaurants by a combined total of approximately \$2.5 million. He further admitted that he created false sales reports and gave them to his accountants, knowing the reports would be used as a basis for underreporting the receipts and sales.

Shots fired in Wrigleyville

A gunman fired at least eight shots on Wrigleyville’s Clark St. bar strip June 25, but no one was seriously injured, according to police.

Two women, ages 24 and 27, told police they left one of the local bars just before 1 a.m. to get into an acquaintance’s car, which was “surrounded by an unknown group of male offenders,” Officer Michelle Tannehill said.

The women drove around the area for a while and rolled back through the 3400 block of N. Clark a short time later. As they did, one of the men who was standing near their car earlier pulled out a gun and began shooting, Tannehill said.

The gunman then got into a dark-colored minivan that was last seen heading westbound on Cornelia Ave. from Clark St.

Police met with the two women outside of Wrigley Field. The 24-year-old sustained a minor injury to her head, possibly from broken glass. She declined medical attention.

Investigators found eight shell casings on the 3400 block of N. Clark. Witnesses described the shooter as a Black male who stands about 5’-10” tall and has long dreads.

Shots have been fired without causing injuries in the Lakeview-based Town Hall police district at least two other times over the past nine days.

On Wednesday, June 16, police found several shell casings on the 2000 block of W. Byron after witnesses reported seeing a man firing into the air from a black Challenger around 9:20 p.m.

Then, on Monday, a woman’s car was shot up in the parking lot of Walgreens, 1500 W. Wilson, in Uptown.



The stolen Altima and carjackers Joshua Saldana (top) and Carlos Carlin (bottom).

Armed carjackers busted when they get stuck in Gold Coast traffic jam

Two men who carjacked a driver on the Southwest Side were arrested less than two hours later after they got stuck in a traffic jam on Lake Shore Dr. while police were on their tail, prosecutors said. Cops arrested Carlos Carlin, 18, and Joshua Saldana, 20, after they drove the allegedly hijacked Nissan Altima into bumper-to-bumper traffic near Oak St. Beach.

Assistant State’s Attorney Darryl Auguste said a 28-year-old man was sitting in his car on the 8100 block of S. Pulaski around 12:25 p.m. Sunday when Carlin pointed a gun at him and ordered him to get out of the vehicle. The man complied. Saldana got behind the steering wheel while Carlin jumped into the passenger seat, and they sped away, Auguste said.

Just over an hour later, a CPD license plate reader detected the stolen Altima driving southbound on the 4100 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. in Uptown. Cops from the Lakeview-based

Police found four shell casings in a nearby alley after the 10:30 p.m. incident. The suspect fled the area in a small silver SUV, according to a witness. No arrests have been made in any of the cases.

Man shot while driving on Ashland

A 20-year-old man is in good condition after someone shot him from another vehicle as he traveled on Ashland, police said. No arrests have been made.

The victim told police he was driving his van northbound on the 1200 block of N. Ashland when someone opened fire on him from a black SUV around 1:20 a.m. One bullet struck him in his right elbow.

He drove to his home and then proceeded to St. Mary’s Hospital for treatment. Police evidence technicians were seen processing the man’s van, which was pocked with bullets.

Teens rob woman on Loop CTA platform; another woman robbed in Streeterville

A teenage boy faces robbery charges after he allegedly battered and robbed a woman on a Loop “L” CTA platform June 23. Another woman was robbed about an hour later in Streeterville.

In the first case, a 31-year-old woman was on the Adams/Wabash Green Line platform when the teen punched her in the head and knocked her to the ground around 8:15 p.m., according to a CPD report.

The teen took the woman’s phone, then ran out of the station. Officers arrested him a short time later in the 400 block of S. Plymouth. Witnesses reported that at least four other teens were with the offender when he robbed the woman.

Paramedics took the woman to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition with a head injury.

Then, just after 9 p.m., three men on bikes rode past a woman and stole her purse near the corner of Grand and Fairbanks in Streeterville. The

offenders continued westbound on Grand after getting the woman’s bag. The woman, who was not seriously injured, told police the robbers were three Black males: one wore a black hoodie, one wore a yellow top, and one had a cast on his arm. No arrests were made.

Man shot, driver carjacked, at least five others robbed in downtown crime spree

An armed robbery crew that shot one victim, carjacked another, and held up at least five others in the downtown area June 26 and 27 is also responsible for carjacking a driver in River North on June 24, according to a law enforcement source.

We have learned more about that case and Saturday’s incredible crime spree that rolled through Streeterville and the Loop.

First, detectives have determined that the black Land Rover the robbery crew used to commit Saturday’s crimes was taken in an armed hijacking on the 500 block of N. Rush around 1:44 a.m. June 24.

A 29-year-old man was sitting in the SUV when four men who all displayed handguns and ordered him out of the car, police said. Less than 30 minutes later, another driver was carjacked of their 2016 Dodge Durango by three men on the 1100 block of W. Van Buren. Again, all of the offenders had guns. But CPD has not formally linked the West Loop carjacking to the wider crime spree, according to a source.

Between 12:20 a.m. and 12:51 a.m. Saturday, the offenders used the carjacked Land Rover to commit a series of robberies across the downtown area that culminated with a victim being shot, detectives have determined. Saturday’s first four armed robberies were reported: at 12:20 a.m. at 441 E. Erie; at 12:27 a.m. at 256 E. Grand; at 12:40 a.m. at 232 E. Ohio; and at 12:51 a.m. at 180 N. Michigan.

In each case, between two and four men stepped out of the Land Rover while wearing ski masks and display-

ing firearms to demand the victims’ property, according to a CPD report. At 12:58 a.m., the crew tried to rob a man on the sidewalk at 222 S. Wabash using the same technique. But the victim refused to comply and one of the offenders shot him in his right ankle, police said.

Incredibly, the crew struck again even after they shot the man, according to a timeline developed by investigators.

At 2 a.m., a man was smoking a cigarette on the fifth floor of a parking garage at 217 W. Washington when three offenders approached, and one of them implied they had a gun by holding their hand under their hoodie, the CPD report said. The offenders took the man’s phone and wallet, then drove away with his black Dodge Journey.

The crew also used a silver Infiniti SUV during some of the robberies, the police summary said. According to the report, the offenders are four Black men between 18- and 25-years-old. They stand 5’-6” to 5’-8” tall and wore black ski masks, black hoodies, and black pants, and carry multiple firearms.

Man wounded during Gold Coast carjacking attempt

Chicago police have released surveillance videos that show two suspects who are wanted in connection with a shooting that left a River North man critically wounded during a carjacking attempt in the Gold Coast.

The 35-year-old victim was standing with his girlfriend at 21 E. Chestnut at 10:22 p.m. June 26 when a man demanded the keys to the Jeep Trailhawk at gunpoint, according to a CPD report. Police said one of the offenders then fired a shot, striking the man in his neck. The carjackers then returned to an SUV they arrived in and fled the scene.

Video footage released by police shows an SUV arriving on the block and two offenders stepping out of its rear doors. One of the suspects is wearing a Fila tracksuit, according to a notation that police added to the video.

The driver of the SUV backs into a parking space while the two offenders walk toward a U-Haul truck, which was parked near the shooting scene. Ten seconds later, the two offenders run back to the SUV.

Cops shutter “Dinner And A Movie” after shots are fired during sidewalk brawl

A Lincoln Park restaurant has been forced to close by Chicago police after shots were fired and a large group of people fought outside the venue June 26. No one was struck by the gunfire, but several people were overcome by pepper spray during the altercation, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Police initially responded around 11:58 p.m. to calls of people fighting in front of Dinner And A Movie, 2500 N. Ashland. Officer Ronald Westbrooks, a police spokesperson, said a fight broke out inside an establishment and spilled onto the street. Westbrooks did not identify the business by name.

As the fight unfolded, a man stepped out of a car and fired about 17 rounds toward the business, Westbrooks said. No people were struck, but police found shell casings lying on Altgeld St. just east of Ashland Ave.

The melee reportedly continued and a woman sprayed mace as officers tried to control the brawl, Westbrooks said. An officer at the scene said “a bunch” of people were

Nightclub theft ring may be busted after cops find 60+ phones in trio's car

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police who responded to a call of an intoxicated driver near Montrose Harbor June 26 found much more than just a drunk motorist inside the vehicle, according to Chicago police. Scattered across the car's floor was a "large amount of cellphones," a police spokesperson. In fact, more than 60 phones, all likely stolen, littered the floorboard, a source said.

Police arrested three occupants of the gray Mazda around 6:40 a.m. on the 300 block of W. Montrose Harbor Drive — a 34-year-old woman and two men whose ages are 33 and 28, Officer Steve Rusanov said.

Most of the phones' SIM cards had been removed and taped to their cases, according to a source. Removing the SIM cards would make it impossible for owners to track the stolen devices. Police worked to reunite owners with their phones through the weekend.

Rusanov said Area Three detectives are investigating the surprise discovery.

Some of the phones were reported stolen less than three hours earlier from a bar in Boystown, according to a police report. While it remains to be seen where all of the recovered devices came from, phone thieves ran rampant through Boystown bars and festivals during the summer of 2019.

During the weekend of June 22 and 23, 2019, more than 35 people filed police reports after losing their phones to pickpockets in Boystown. CPD records show 27 of those thefts took place within the grounds of Pride Fest, an annual Halsted St. celebration that was canceled last year and rescheduled for October of this year due to COVID.

The next weekend, at least six women lost phones to pickpockets inside Halsted St. bars during Pride Parade festivities, according to an alert issued by police in July 2019. Another wave of pickpocket reports hit the Boystown bars in Aug. 2019. Five people reported having their phones stolen at a single Halsted St. bar in under an hour on one Saturday night that month.

Analysis of police reports shows many victims tell police their phones were stolen while grooving on packed dance floors or walking through crowded clubs. By comparison, before the dawn of compact, powerful, and expensive smartphones, CTA buses, trains, and platforms were the site of most pocket-pickings in Lakeview.

Last week in City Hall wasn't just about Lake Shore Dr.

With all the bickering and posturing in City Council last week, aldermen were still able pass several major ordinances including the pro-business package that now allows businesses to do many things small business has been advocating for several years.

Among those successes are A-frame signage for businesses, along with an extension of the food delivery cap at 15%, and a bone tossed to the struggling taxi industry.

The City hopes these emergency measures will provide critical financial relief, remove unnecessary burdens and keep workers safe.

Among those actions, they provided over \$100 million in emergency financial relief through direct aid to businesses, deferred license renewal for tens of thousands of businesses, acted to make it easier for restaurants and bars to operate outdoors, with reduced permit fees, larger footprints, and expedited issuance, implemented

COVID-19 Anti-Retaliation Ordinances to prohibit employers from retaliating against employees for obeying a health order to quarantine, isolate or take time off to be vaccinated.

With the end of the pandemic in sight, City Hall's focus has shifted from survival to recovery.

"We have listened to Chicago's business community and held hundreds of conversations with small business owners, workers, and advocacy organizations — and we know that the strength of our recovery will depend upon the speed with which our local businesses are able to start up, expand, and provide quality jobs," said Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd].

"We tried to pass reforms to the signage process that would have cut weeks off of waiting for signage as the process winds its way through aldermanic offices. The reforms would have been a substantive change but were

separated from the main business package vote," said Waguespack. "Many cities take just a few weeks to get signs approved, Chicago's can take months."

The pro-business package includes A-frame signage for businesses, along with an extension of the food delivery cap at 15%, and a bone tossed to the struggling taxi industry.

The City's plan hopes to implement lessons learned from the pandemic to deliver support to businesses and workers to get businesses back in operation quickly.

Restaurants have relied on third party delivery services during the pandemic but have often faced per-order fees of up to 30%. This temporary new policy will cap the fees that third-party delivery services can charge restaurants at 15% through the recovery — extending a lifeline to the City's ap-

proximately 8,000 restaurants.

The ordinance also uses \$10 million in federal relief to offer targeted grants to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, clarifies the minimum wage ordinance so chain businesses do not undercount employees, and requires that domestic employees be paid at least \$15 an hour, with a contract.

"This was a very good business package overall and supported by groups like the Illinois Restaurant Assoc., and our local chambers of commerce who have been working with us for years on these reforms," said Waguespack. "I was glad to see almost all of their long standing requests incorporated and passed by the aldermen."

Changes to city policies
• **Expedited Restaurant Licensing:** With a number of res-

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Man charged with shooting tourist, killing passerby while AWOL on gun case

BY CWBCHICAGO

Last June 30, Chicago police pursued a car allegedly used in a shooting earlier in the day. After the vehicle crashed, all of its occupants bailed out and ran. Cops arrested one of them, Angel Ayala, and allegedly found a loaded AR-15 rifle behind the seat he had been riding in.

But prosecutors declined to file a felony gun charge in the case. Instead, Ayala was charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct, and he went home from the police station on a recognizance bond, CPD records show.

Ayala, 22, went AWOL and never showed up for a single court date, prosecutors said Saturday as

they charged him with shooting a tourist and murdering a passerby during last weekend's Puerto Rican Day festivities.

Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said a carload of Milwaukee residents who came to Chicago to enjoy Puerto Rican Day was riding in the 3300 block of W. North Ave. as several people walked around their car last Saturday evening.

Ayala, wearing a purple sweatshirt, white pants, and sporting "poofy hair," threw up Latin King hand gestures and demanded to know where the carload of Milwaukeeans was from, Murphy said.

The 20-year-old then pulled out a gun and began shooting at the

visitors' car, striking a 23-year-old male passenger in the thigh, according to Murphy.

Another round flew across the street and struck Nichole Osbourne, 37, in her back as she walked with her husband, Murphy said. Osbourne instantly fell to the ground.

Osbourne's husband, Brenndon Struk, wrote a detailed account

of her slaying on GoFundMe this week.

"I stopped talking with 911 and held Nichole's cheek and asked basic questions. She wasn't responding. I started to panic, so I asked her to say anything. I cupped her cheek with my only free hand and looked her in the

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Angel Ayala

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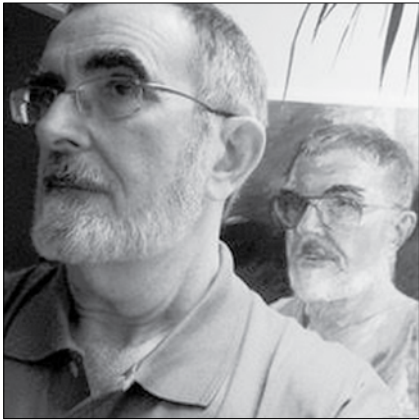
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was by her side till the end.

DALEY GENIUS: Old Mayor **Richard J. Daley** was a mayor for history. In some ways, he still sits on the throne. Never better than in his plan to disallow **The Halas Family** and the Chicago Bears organization to cash out and move to a new home outside the 606 zip with their name intact. He made sure they will be unable to keep “Chicago” as part of the team’s name.

SPANKING: What Cook County official recently threatened to put a North Side alderman over her knees and spank him for trying a rank intimidation trolling?

MARKETDAYSRETURNS: Market Days, a three-day event this year, is set for Aug. 6-8 on Halsted St. with **Trixie Mattel**, **Todrick Hall**, **Greyson Chance** and **Project Fierce** headlining and also featuring “Drag Race” and “Pose” stars. Market Days in Lakeview typically draws thousands to the LGBTQ-friendly summer street festival.

STAR POWER: Savvy **Flavia Magdalin** has been an important part of the life at **Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill** for a long time. Even before she had three wee tots to

fill up life. Now she has a new post at RL, Customer Ambassador. Flavia will be embracing all the details of having so many celebrity customers at the posh eatery. Many of whom are returning fans who cherish the fabulous food, cocktails and the Bette Davis booth, the Irv & Essee Kupciet booth or wait a black napkin with their dark suit. Good Luck.

CHICAGO SUMMER SOUND: The Maestro **Rich Daniels** and **Shelley MacArthur Farley** making beautiful music together again in Livestream and mellowing on stage with **Linda Clifford**, **Paddy Homan**, **Katherina Keberlein**, **Suzanne Palmer** and **Mike Harvey**. Real Chicago in the air. Up next, concert in person.

LUNCH AHOY: Chicago Yacht Club was the lakeshore venue for luncheon with **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Bethany Florek**, **Ann Schwarz Sherrill**, **Julia Jacobs** and **Kate Krause Prange**. The provisional class of Service Club.

ROYAL DIPLOMATIC VITTLES: I liked the way the royal meal that chef **Emily Scott** served to the G7 leaders in Cornwall, England reflected very much the location of the G7 summit. Spiced melon. Gazpacho. Roast Turbot on the bone caught by local fishermen off Newquay. Cornish new potatoes and wild garlic with greens from local Padstow kitchen gardens. Then, of course Cornish Cheese, Gouda, Yarg and Helford Blue (makes my knees weak). And a true English staple for dessert, Strawberry Pavola for **PM Justin Trudeau**; clotted cream fudge and mini ice cream cones for **Chancellor Angela Merkel**. Simple, but bril-

liant. Thanks Downing Street.

WHO’S WHERE: Singer **Dayle D Ann Edgeworth** having a ball this summer with granddaughters **Kit Meagher** and **Meg Anemone**... **Barb Bailey** healing from serious neck strain... Starting the weekend off right and loving the Ritz Carlton rooftop, Chicago’s chicest and sweetest **Bobbi Panter**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Karin Carlson**, **Wynnis Mackie** and **Melissa Babcock** embrace a tasty summer...famed architect **Lucien Lagrange** doing a quiet dinner “a Francais” with wife, **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange** and handsome son, **Christophe Lagrange**... Lifelong listener, first time contributor, **Bernard Dunleavy** just recorded his story for ‘Sunday Miscellany’ a popular Dublin RTE radio chat show. It was a thrill and a half for the famed barrister... Yes, that was **Ald. Ed Burke**

at **Peter Martino’s** Old St. Pat’s Requiem offered by **Monsignor Velo** with all the **Daley Family** in attendance and **Peter**, **Patrick** and **Courtney Daley Thompson** eulogizing their beloved and devoted step-papa, such a fine tribute... **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** at Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco with children **Andrea** and **Andrew Santos**... Lifelong Chicagoans, **Bill** and **Erin Krees** were first time on the Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise, beautiful, hot day in Chicago... **Eamonn Cummins** at A Boy And His Dream Scholarship Award Luncheon with Windy City Live’s **Ryan Chiaverini** and the charity founder **Sunny Akomu Akhighbe**... Congrats to Chicago actor **Nate Buescher**,

proud grad of Disney School and soon to be student at Lincoln Park High School’s esteemed actors studio... Producer **Richard** and **Linda Robin** are breathing fresh life back into the lungs of the American theater and nothing is more uplifting than celebrating a birthday with Broadway actor **Ryan Silverman**, currently at work on “Chicago”... **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Lorelei Knutson Beau-**



Myra Reilly, Kim Gleeson, Sheree Shimmer Valukas, Paula Borg and Bobbi Panter.

cainre assembled their Lake Forest ‘Girl Gang’ to celebrate five June Babes birthdays, **Lori Tinsai**, **Ann McAweeney**, **Lynne Kennedy**, **Peggy Vignocchi** and **Karen Schmid**, also joining in was **Lysa Hynes**, **Jennifer Mannis**, **Maura Schuster**, **Laurie Shannahan**, **Camille Prindle**, **Laurie Rozdolsky** and **Tina Ballis**... Congrats to **Charlie Bartholomey**, proud grad of North Shore Country Day... Birthday greetings to **Nina Mariano**... and three cheers to the distinguished **Rafael Angel Chacon**, father of newsy **Lilia Chacon**, just turning 100 years old, Complanos... **Sean Eshaghy** and **Denis Healy** splashing in Acapulco, Mexico... Service Club at the Four Seasons with **Myra Reilly**,

Paula Borg, **Kimberly Gleeson**, **Sheree Shimmer Valukas** and **Bobbi Panter**... Old Town artist **Norman Baugher** with self portrait... **Dame Charlene** and **Scott Seaman** with birthday boy **Lionel Richie**.

AMERICAN ART: Artist **Adam Scott Umbach** has just been picked-up by the renowned **Robert Cavaleri** Gallery in NYC, Greenwich, Palm Beach and Nantucket. Looks like his exhibition on Nantucket will start in July. Way to go.

CIRCUIT COURT BALLOT: Attorney **Dan Balanoff** was kicking off the Juneteenth celebration with **Rev. Jesse Jackson** and a distinguished gathering of our elected officials and community leaders. His running for the Circuit Court as a judge is a sign for many that the future is getting brighter.

MICHAELANGELO ALIVE: Sistine Chapel Art Exhibition: Chicago, prepare to be amazed. Advanced ticket sale ready for the Oakbrook show. Don’t delay.

PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAITS: The **Obama** portraits are on view “al fresco” on the exterior walls of the Merchandise Mart. The works created by **Kehinde Wiley** and **Amy Sherald** light up at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. every night through Sept. 16 along the Chicago River.

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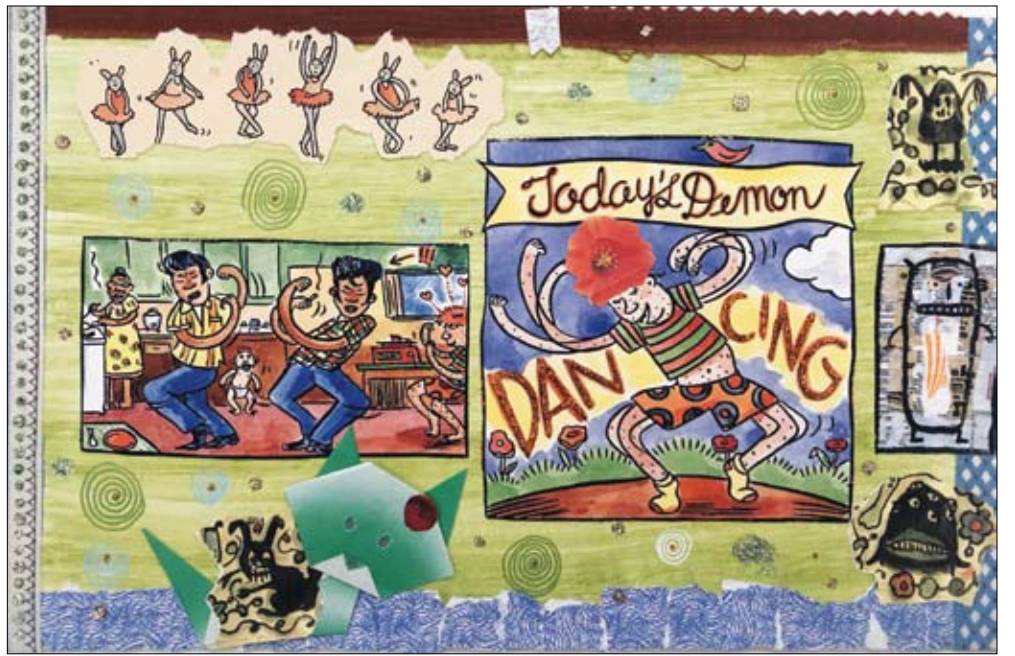
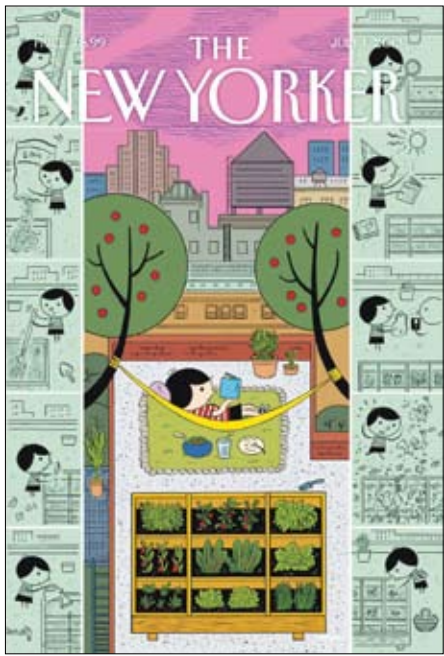
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Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now is a chronicle of the history of comics in Chicago

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

This summer the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave., has opened the highly anticipated summer exhibition Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now, a celebration of Chicago's pivotal role as a national and innovative center for comics and cartooning.

With a focus on rediscovering the work of women and BIPOC comic artists, this exhibition presents the last 60 years of the city's artful cartooning history, showing how comic art is a democratic medium that allows artists to speak directly to people in relatable ways.

Over 40 cartoonists, among them Lynda Barry, Lilli Carré, Daniel Clowes, Nick Drnaso, Edie Fake, Emil Ferris, Nicole Hollander, Charles Johnson, Kerry James Marshall, and Chris Ware, are represented by comics, graphic novels, zines, original drawings, dioramas, commissioned films, installations, rare ephemera, and books. On view through Oct. 3, the show is organized by comic historian and curator-at-large for Dan Nadel from an idea by former MCA Chief Curator Michael Darling. It explores the ways that artists use comics not only to entertain readers, but to engage them in the relevant social and political issues of their time.

The exhibition is divided into four key sections spanning Chicago comic history, including 1960-70s: The Underground; 1980-1990s: Alternative Weeklies, Comic Books, and Zines; 1990-2000s: Graphic Novels and Community; and 2010-Now: Chicago Rising.

The roots of this exhibition are in the publishing history of Chicago, from the legendary newspaper comic strips such as Frank King's Gasoline Alley and Chester Gould's Dick Tracy, to the Chicago Defender and Johnson Publishing's comics by and for the local and national Black population.

By the mid-1960s, a new generation of journalists and cartoonists founded and ran underground newspapers such as the Chicago Seed and Bijou Funnies with Chi-

cagoans Skip Williamson and Jay Lynch, who became a key publisher of a national underground comics movement. Hollander's wildly popular comic strip Sylvia grew out of the 1970s feminist newspaper the Spokeswoman.

Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now also weaves together Black artists across a range of generations, from Richard 'Grass' Green and Robert 'Buck' Brown to Turtel Onli and Yaoundé Olu, revealing the multiplicity of voices responsible for shaping comic's history as a site of expression of Black culture as well as resistance to inequity. The exhibition features works that paved way for Black cartoonists and comic artists such as Tom Floyd, whose book Integration is a Bitch addressed race in workplace culture, and Seitu Hayden, a cartoonist whose slice-of-life comic strip Waliku chronicled the lives of working class Black Chicagoans of the 1970s.

From radical newspapers to literary graphic novels, encompassing autobiography, satire, absurdism, science fiction, horror, and fiction, the exhibition foregrounds comics and cartooning as a democratic medium that allows artists to grapple with the issues of their time. Women artists working today, such as Bianca Xunise, Molly Colleen O'Connell, Gina Wynbrandt, and Anya Davidson are highlighted throughout the exhibition and explore ideas ranging from comics history to gender inequality and intersectional feminism, while entertaining readers with their wide-ranging approaches to comic style and technical skill. The exhibition also pays homage

to women pioneers in the field Dale Messick and Jackie Ormes, who is credited as the first Black woman cartoonist in history.

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Other highlights of the exhibition include new works by Emil Ferris who presents over a dozen original paintings and previews of pages from her upcoming book. Edie Fake creates an immersive new mural commission that combines bold colors with mesmerizing geometric patterns and spans the entire fourth floor lobby wall. Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now brings us to the present with these new works, along with the debut of a film by Lilli Carré, and new comics and wall-works by Jessica Campbell.

The exhibition is designed by Chicago-based contemporary architecture studio Norman Kelley, who re-imagined the space for visitors to feel like they are walking through a comic strip. A matrix of rooms divides the fourth-floor galleries, and installations are viewed between, within, and through portals, as if looking through the frames of a comic.

Throughout the run of the exhibition, artists participate in live

drawing sessions on select days during museum hours. Visitors are invited to view the creative process up-close as it unfolds in real time. Dates include Chris Ware on July 14 and 15.

The second floor of the MCA Store is now a dedicated comics store throughout the run of the exhibition, with a comics-inspired installation by Joshua Vides and exclusive books, zines, posters, t-shirts, and more created by artists and cartoonists on view. The MCA Store also features a "pop-in" shop of novelty products and unique displays from Quimby's and Chicago Comics, two stores at the core of the local comics community.

The exhibition is accompanied by a book titled It's Life as I See It: Black Cartoonists in Chicago, 1940-1980, a first-of-its-kind anthology of Black comic artists in Chicago that includes many of the works featured in Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now. The book, published on June 1, can be read as an alternative history of cartoons and comics: all of the comics and cartoons will be reprinted for the first ever, and also includes new

essays by National Book Award-winner Charles Johnson and Ronald Wimberly. The book is intended to expand understanding of science fiction, fashion, autobiography, and identity in comics.

Related exhibition

This summer through Oct. 3, the Chicago Cultural Center presents Chicago: Where Comics Came to Life that covers the history of comics in Chicago from its very earliest beginnings from 1880-1960. Curated by Chris Ware and Tim Samuelson for the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs, the exhibition looks at the 'trash publishing' industry of the late 19th century up through its greatest popularity as a medium of real-life storytelling throughout the Great Depression and beyond.

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Raven Theatre offers free film screenings, live storytelling class

The Raven Theatre will host a series of free outdoor events this summer in its parking lot at 6157 N. Clark St.

“Friday Nights at Raven” begins at 8 p.m. July 23 with a screening of “James and the Giant Peach,” the 1996 children’s film based on the novel by Roald Dahl.

A screening of “Inherit the Wind,” Stanley Kramer’s 1960 film adaptation of the play The Raven Theatre had planned to produce in the fall of 2020 – will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.

The lot will open at 7:30 p.m., and both

COALITION *from p. 3*

“Look, we want people in the water—it is stimulating, it’s restorative, it has physical, cognitive, and mental health qualities—but it is also deadly,” said Quezada. “Our kids have direct access to a leading killer in their age group because water is all around us—they deserve access to learn how to protect themselves.”

Swim lessons need to be visible and community centered, said Quezada, who was on a Rogers Park beach one summer a few years ago when a teenage girl drowned.

“In Rogers Park and West Ridge we have several communities with cultural restrictions for swimming, with water trauma either for their journey to this country

movies will start at sunset. The event includes a pre-show discussion with Raven teaching artists.

The event includes a pre-show discussion with Chicago director Ian Frank.

Seating will be provided for the moving screenings, which are limited to 50 people each. No masks or social distancing will be required.

Raven Theatre teaching artists Micah Figueroa and Dana Murphy will lead two spontaneous and collaboratively imagined live storytelling experiences for children

or from proximity to someone who has drowned in Lake Michigan, and with variable income levels,” said Quezada. “A community centered water program would be responsive to these needs and open a world of possibilities to our young people, their families, and neighbors.”

I’m told that the main must-have for a new center is a competition-sized pool. I can see it now, that size of a pool, for kids with big, even Olympic-sized dreams to swim in. At least one therapy chair, so handicapped folks can use the pool and perhaps even water-based Physical Therapy can be given there. (How about involving a healthcare system that could pitch in for pool use for PT?)

The coalition will begin fundraising ef-

CITY HALL *from p. 7*

taurants closing their doors during the pandemic, City Hall will create an expedited food licensing process to help fill empty restaurant spaces quickly and enable an estimated 1,000+ new restaurants to open up to 14 days sooner.

- **Legalized Sidewalk Signs:** Sidewalk signs (e.g., A-frame signs) help businesses draw in foot traffic from the street, providing an important boost in revenue and source of customers. This initiative will legalize these signs, helping Chicago’s street-front retail businesses advertise their services.
- **Faster Signs and Awnings:** Businesses currently have to wait up to 150 days to get a permit for signs, awnings, and other critical business infrastructure. City Hall will shave up to two months off of this process by removing the requirement to pass a unique ordinance for each Public Way Use Permit, building upon temporary Sidewalk Café Permit reforms enacted during the pandemic.
- **Hospitality Reforms:** This initiative

TOURIST *from p. 7*

eyes... that’s when I lost it. Her eyes had lost focus and she wasn’t moving,” Struk wrote.

“Baby say anything, just speak to me. Stay with me please! I love you.” I saw her mouth moving, but nothing was coming out.”

His wife died. The other victim survived, but he still has the bullet stuck in his leg, according to Murphy.

POLICE BEAT *from p. 6*

maced, but none required hospital treatment, according to Westbrooks.

Police ordered the business to shut down and issued a summary closure notice due to the shooting incident. The venue is required to remain closed until the city holds a hearing.

The man who fired the shots is a Black male in his early 30’s who wore a white t-shirt and blue jeans. He was in a gray Chrysler 300 with two other men and a woman, Westbrooks said.

The city approved Dinner And A Movie’s liquor license plan in November, according to public records. City documents show the business is supposed to operate primarily as a restaurant, with liquor service being incidental to its food operation.

However, social media video posted from inside the venue shortly before the shooting shows people dancing on furniture, plastic tubs of chilled mixers like orange juice, and drinks being consumed. Little to no food is visible in the clips from late Saturday.

A video tour of the property posted to Facebook last month suggests the “bar” is associated with a former basketball player, but state records show the business is owned by someone else.

Two robberies near Lathrop Homes

Two recent robberies with similar characteristics have prompted police to issue a community alert for the Lathrop Homes neighborhood. Detectives typically issue community alerts when they think a person or group is responsible for multiple crimes.

on Friday, Aug. 20.

The “Storytelling Flash Mob” session for ages 6-9 is 4-4:45 p.m., and the class for ages 10-14 is 5-5:45 p.m.

Classes are limited to 30 children, and participants are required to wear masks.

All “Friday Nights at Raven” events are open to the general public, but participants are asked to RSVP in advance at raven-theatre.com/friday-nights-at-raven. Registered guests will receive a pre-event email the week of each event with any updates. For more information call 773-338-2177.

forts once a location is found but is in the beginning stages of planning an event later in the summer that they could use some help with. Or if you know how to build a website, give them a holler, please. Also, start spreading the news -- there will be a High Ridge Community Center that will offer a pool and a facility/services similar to what was lost when the High Ridge Y closed, but with expanded and new programs.

“At this point, we want everybody to know,” said Ontiveros. “If they have any ideas, go to the coalition’s page and say, ‘This is what I’d like to see.’”

You can do just that at savehighridge@gmail.com or facebook.com/HighRidgeCommunityCenter.

ers for non-violent offenders and providing pathways to rehabilitation.

- **Wage Theft Protection:** Almost \$400 million in wages are stolen from Chicago-land workers by bad-faith employers every year. Chicago’s first wage theft ordinance will grant the City greater ability to protect and recoup stolen wages for its workers.
- **Domestic Workers:** Care workers have been hard-hit by the pandemic and face high rates of exploitation. This initiative would support domestic workers with a written contract requirement for employers and place 8,000 domestic workers on the path to a \$15 minimum wage in 2021.
- **Chain Business Workers:** This initiative would ensure that chain business workers are paid the correct minimum wage, by clarifying how employers count their employees.
- **Paid Sick Leave Enhancements:** This initiative will cover and clarify additional uses, such as caring for a family member with a closed school or place of care, compliance with public health orders, and mental and behavioral health.

tor alleged.

Ayala, who was convicted of aggravated battery in 2019, was also charged with carjacking in 2018, court records show. He’s now charged with first-degree murder and four counts of attempted first-degree murder.

A public defender said Ayala just started a new job at an airport, but he didn’t say which one.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Ayala held without bail.

Both robberies in the new bulletin involve a man who pushes his victims to the ground and then wrestles for control of their valuables, police said.

One robbery unfolded on the 2800 block of N. Leavitt around 8:30 p.m. June 17. The other took place on the 2000 block of W. Diversey around 4 p.m. June 19.

Police said the suspect is a Hispanic man who wears a black cloth mask and a dark green top. He stands 5’-8” to 5’-10” tall and weighs 160 to 180 lbs, according to the alert.

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Community Clinic provides care to local uninsured, free from fear of big bills

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Probably one of the best-kept secrets on the North Side is the Old Irving Park Community Clinic, a free clinic operating at 5425 W. Addison St. for the past 14 years.

It's a health safety net for those who can't afford insurance or are between coverage. And more than 4,000 people across the city consider the clinic their medical home, according to Executive Director Marjorie Goran, who recently spoke at the Lake View Kiwanis Club which meets at noon on the first and third Wednesdays at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 W. Belmont.

While horror stories abound of people being denied service if they have no health insurance, show your Blue Cross card at the Old Irving Park Community Clinic and you'll be asked to find another clinic... they serve only those truly in need.

The clinic was founded in 2007 by Dr. Charles Martinez, a retired nuclear medicine physician and George Malteroz, a former mental health and substance abuse professional.

As boys, they lived across the street

from each other on the Near North Side. They have been buddies ever since.

Malteroz and some of his friends wondered what they were going to do now that they were retired and suggested helping out in some medical way. But none of them wanted to volunteer to fill out paperwork for insurance companies, or stare at a computer screen all day long trying to satisfy government regulators. As two retired men they engaged in a demanding venture — providing free health care to the uninsured.

Dr. Martinez jumped on the wagon immediately, recalling his own growing-up years in a family of 11 kids, with little money and no insurance. He recalled how when he was 15, he accidentally crashed into an iron fence and had to go to the hospital immediately.

The one thing he was worrying about as he was being taken to the hospital was how his family was going to pay the medical



Dr. Charles Martinez, MD and George Malteroz.

Photo courtesy Chicago Tribune and Judith Graham

bills.

Today, however, nobody has to worry about payment at the Community Clinic, which provides free, volunteer based primary care as well as one of the few for-free behavioral health departments, led by Jim

Crystal, who had worked for 27 years at the Community Center of Lake View.

The longtime friends started the clinic in an area with significant need for health care services.

"It's a little overwhelming, to be perfectly frank," said Maltezos, who said he was working harder in his retirement than he did when employed full time. "When you compare what we're doing to the need that's out there, we're not even close to providing a significant level of care."

Still, the work became a source of satisfaction to both founders. To be able to give back to others in need, he said, is "very rewarding because the people we're helping have no place else to turn," said Dr. Martinez.

Other volunteers include Dr. David Scheiner, who had served as one of former President Barack Obama's doctors. He has over 58 years of experience in the medical field.

The overall mostly-volunteer staff includes 25 physicians, and more than 200 nurses and behavior health care students, Goran said, noting that while the clinic was closed between March 15 to June 1 because of the Coronavirus pandemic, clinic activity has been increasing slowly.

While not a walk-in clinic, Old Irving Park is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. Any questions, call 773-427-0398.

Note, patient are required to wear a face mask while inside the clinic. For immediate behavioral health assistance at any other times, help is available at: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service helpline 800-985-5990; National Suicide Prevent Lifeline 800-273-8255; National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago Helpline 833-626-4244, and Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline 877-863-6338.

Harry Caray's solves decades-long mystery of fan letter written in Braille



Harry Caray recovers from an accident in 1968 that broke both his legs.

Photo courtesy of Grant DePorter

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN

Loop North News

The letter to sportscaster and Chicago legend Harry Caray had hung on a wall next to his office since 1987 but no one knew what it said because it was written in Braille.

The tactile writing system has been around since 1824 and more than 130,000 sight-impaired people in the United States

currently read Braille, but apparently none of them had visited Caray in his office.

One fan — Stephanie Gibson of Talladega, Alabama — did write him a letter after Caray was struck by a car while crossing a street in St. Louis on Nov. 3, 1968. The accident sent him to Barnes Hospital (now Barnes-Jewish Hospital) in St. Louis with two broken legs, but after rest and rehab in Florida, Caray recovered in time for the start of the 1969 Major League Baseball

season.

Two years later, the owner of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, Grant DePorter, posted the letter on Facebook, seeking advice on how to translate the letter. One reader of the post — this reporter, to be precise — opened a photo of the letter in Adobe Photoshop, increased the contrast, and submitted it to an online Braille translator at ABC Braille.

The website, developed by Gonzalo Ernst, produced this translation...

Mr. Harry Caray, Barnes Hospital

St. Louis, Missouri

November 5, 1968

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Sincerely yours,

Miss Stephanie Gibson

"Harry liked that a fan wrote him in Braille and had it framed but told me he did not know what it said," recalled DePorter. "Harry received bags of fan mail every week for 50 years but that letter stood out so he had it framed and put in a place of honor."

DePorter says he read the translation to Caray's widow, "Dutchie," and reports she was "happy that we finally know what it says."

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District "for years as a lieutenant and gained indispensable knowledge of the area," Brown said in a press statement June 23. Zuber has also worked in three of the department's detective divisions, Brown said.

In separate press conferences Monday, reporters asked both Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Brown about the reasons for Alderden's surprising demotion and reassignment. Lightfoot, who could have simply answered the question, told reporters to "dig a little deeper."

A Sun-Times reporter tried to "dig a little deeper" by asking Brown about Alderden's demotion at a separate press conference that afternoon. Brown refused to answer. As Brown walked away from the lectern,

a different reporter asked him directly about our report that Alderden's ouster was caused by his refusal to assign a patrol car to sit outside Remington's.

Brown stopped in his tracks and returned to the microphone. Then, he denied that he has a "favorite restaurant" despite living in Chicago for over a year, and he said he doesn't eat steak, preferring blackened salmon.

He didn't address the patrol cars that are posted outside Remington's daily, nor did he deny that Alderden's demotion and reassignment came after the former commander refused to order police resources to sit outside the restaurant.

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