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— Winston Churchill

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## Protected bike paths coming this year, just not for the North Side

On June 29, the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] announced accelerated plans for this year to upgrade 15 miles of existing protected bike lanes and add 10 miles of new protected bike lanes with concrete barrier curbs, but virtually none of that work will occur on the North Side.

As with many of Mayor Lori Lightfoot's public infrastructure efforts, it will be focused on the South and West Sides.

While CDOT's and the Chicago Works capital plan has focused on building connected biking networks connecting neighborhoods to the Central Business District,

none of that new - more secure - activity seems destined for North Side areas this year outside of a three-block stretch in River North.

The City's plan calls for urban transportation to be developed in the "wake of the pandemic, economic, and racial justice crises of 2020." The plan charts a course toward building safer streets; and "reprioritizing transportation projects to increase access to opportunities for residents in historically neglected neighborhoods."

That would not be the North Side.

Last week's announcement of

expedited concrete curb protection installation for bike lanes mostly ignored North Side sites located east of the Chicago River. The one area east of the river noted by name is a three-block stretch of Kinzie St. in River North ending at Wells St., that serves the Central Business District.

Incorporating concrete curbs "will be the standard for new protected bike lanes in Chicago and by the end of this year," the city release states. CDOT's target is for 70% of all protected bike lanes to include curb separation.

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The Living Statue at rest on Michigan Avenue.

Photo by Jim Matusik

## Jump in, some pools are now open

**North Ave. Beach access to be limited, Welles Park remains closed**

Jump in, the water's fine... and the pools finally open for the summer.

The Chicago Park District [CPD] has finally opened some of their indoor and outdoor pools across the city starting July 5.

But the Welles Park pool in Lincoln Square, and Hamlin Park pool in Roscoe Village will not be opening, and portions of North Avenue Beach access will be limited by reducing its foot-

print at the northern section of the beach, just south of Fullerton Ave.

The beaches and pools had been closed up until now due to the CPD's inability to recruit lifeguards. They will limit access to small, underutilized portions of North Avenue Beach and Calumet Beach to divert the lifeguards to neighborhood pools.

The CPD continues to seek residents ages 16 and older, to fill seasonal lifeguard positions. These positions are vital to fully staffing and keeping the city's beaches and park pools safe. The current hourly wage for life-

guards is \$15.88/hour without the \$600 bonus. The \$600 retention bonus for all new hires and returning seasonal and year-round lifeguards would raise the average current wage to an equivalent of \$17.08/hour.

Over 200 spray features across the city have been activated and are available for public use. Some larger water playgrounds may remain closed if they require a lifeguard to activate, and some water features may be closed if they are under construction for upgrades.

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## Your chance to grab wood block paver from Banks St. may have passed

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Anytime Burnim Baraku gets bored looking down at the hairstyles, hats and shoppers wandering outside the Gold Coast building where he works, he takes a walk down the street in his neighborhood.

There the 58-year-old can wander back maybe 150 years as he watches city workers who have pried open the surface of Banks St. just west of N. Lake Shore Dr., exposing the original wood block roads hidden below.

The road is being repaved, and it opened a treasure trove for local souvenir collectors.

"People have been coming all week, taking home pieces of wood as mementos" from around the block as souvenirs, Baraku



Original wood block road.

Photo courtesy HistoricPavement.com

told Mitch Dudek of the Chicago Sun-Times.

"They're kind of all over the place," said John Russick, se-

nior Vice President of the nearby Chicago History Museum.

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## Proposed new River North pot shop going before ZBA July 15

In May, GRI Holdings, LLC, hosted a public community meeting as a requirement of the Special Use application necessary to open an Adult Use recreational weed dispensary at 612 N. Wells St.

The ZBA will consider this Special Use application at an upcoming virtual public hearing 9 a.m. Friday, July 15.

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial body who are solely responsible for approval or denial of Special Use licenses and are not obligated to give special consideration to comments from an aldermen or police officials.

This hearing will allow time for public comment. Those who would like to comment must visit the ZBA website to submit a written comment in advance of the hearing, and also to access the link to the Live Stream on the morning of July 15. For more information contact Nancy Radzevich by emailing [nancy.radzevich@cityofchicago.org](mailto:nancy.radzevich@cityofchicago.org).

Other proposed recreational pot dispensaries who would like to operate nearby include one at 605 N. Clark St., and another at 212 E. Ontario St. Neither of those operators has yet been added to a ZBA agenda yet.

## Man shot during robbery attempt in Streeterville; woman shot in Old Town

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A 39-year-old man was shot during an apparent robbery in Streeterville on July 4, Chicago police said. Earlier, in an unrelated incident, a woman was shot in Old Town. No arrests have been made.

In Streeterville, the victim was near a parking garage in the 400 block of E. Erie when an armed man tried to rob him around 1:48 a.m., according to CPD. The offender shot the man in the knee

and took the victim's fanny pack, officers at the scene said.

The gunman escaped in a white Nissan Murano that headed toward Lake Shore Dr. with two other occupants. Police did not release any descriptions of the offenders.

EMS took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

Earlier, a 28-year-old woman was shot in her right arm as she

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# Chicago to endure Griffin's absence with usual swagger and sour grapes



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The shocking sadness that Ken Griffin, Chicago's man with the Midas touch, decided to relocate his financial empire, Citadel, to the shores of Miami was the financial shot heard round the world.

The tremors were felt from the Evanston border to the Indiana frontier. From the shores of Lake Michigan to the leafy western urban boundary of DuPage's Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Wheaton and Lisle.

Chicago's grandest civic booster, in the regal style of philanthropists of our grandest past, is done with our town.

A man in the traditions of the Ryersons, Fields, Rockefellers, McCormicks and Palmers. You know, the shapers of our greatest artistic benevolence, corporate underwriting, strategic urban planning and expansive civic financial development. The builders of museums, libraries, universities, urban roadways, symphony and opera houses.

The summer urban oxygen seemed more thin than usual when Griffin's announcement was made.

Some spoke of the massive hit to Chicago's financial reputation. Others spoke of the great loss of Griffin's growing political influence. The loss of his discerning cultural eye. The fearful despondency of his genuine concerns with everything from a running and bike path to a soprano's aria. And from his quick willingness to jump into a Chicago financial need often with both feet.

I first saw the wonder of the

Griffin persona when I attended a political soiree some years ago at his sky-high residence above the Water Tower. A friend was giving a short political homily to a selective group of boosters. They stood at a podium to deliver their remarks in the grand foyer of the Griffin residence.

Of course, it was hard to pay any attention to the speaker because they were standing beside a piece of foyer art. Edgar Degas' statue of "The Ballerina." A four foot bronze masterpiece for which Griffin paid somewhere between \$50-70 million. Bought at the auction of treasures of a deceased Arab prince.

Viewing that piece of art has few equals for aesthetics. Especially in the quietude of gentle domestic living. It remains one of the last 27 pieces of Degas' work still in private hands.

Perhaps you have encountered the Griffin aesthetic yourself as you wander the Art Institute of Chicago. There you may have come face to face with Jean-Michel Basquiat's "Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump," 1982, for which Griffin is said to have paid \$150 million. Among the most expensive paintings ever purchased.

His generosity has no measure. No equal. Neither has his courage, which of course must go in tandem with his profession.

I always considered his bravest expression to be his ability to engage Mayor Rahm Emanuel in rational conversation. A skill I never acquired in all my days at City Hall. But Griffin had the chutzpah to go head to head with the mayor over city needs and necessities.

The word in City Hall was that they had some pugnacious sessions. Lots of complaining about the quality and organization of the lakefront landscapes.

The running and walking trails and bicycle lanes. Pathways, the mayor told Griffin that his kind critiques for reconstruction would be an undertaking with too high a price tag.



Ken Griffin

Supposedly Griffin then offered to pay for the vast rehab himself.

Which he did.

The Griffin fingerprints are everywhere worthwhile up and down our coast.

While his Republican politics are no mystery, his current strategies are, especially in the race for Illinois governor. No one can say that he hasn't made Illinois politics rambunctious. When there is a king's ransom in treasure being passed out to candidates it makes the ground shaky for Democrats who know the value of big money spread across the Prairie. Suddenly things aren't so boring. It has to be asked if the future of Florida politics will wed Griffin to the antics of present Gov. Ron DeSantis there?

But the move really does shake the ground physically here in Chicago where the generous Griffin has served on many not-for-profit boards that have always known his financial intensity and clear-eyed strategies for the future.

Given his political perspective and philosophical sensibilities, it can't be a shock that he might welcome the distance between sunny Miami and the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC], now so euphoric in the rise of its questionable woke-ism and questionable adherence to the politics of racialism.

The shameful episode sur-

rounding the dismissal of the docents from the AIC last winter becomes the perfect symbol of that sea change in the Miami move. There will be museums in Miami equally grateful for the Griffin generosity. They're probably already surveying available Basquiats.

It's sad to think what the withdrawal of Griffin's philanthropy will mean for all the worthy organizations and efforts across Chicago. But Griffin might just feel more harmony with the goings-on in Miami than with the shaky soil of Chicago's manipulated elite.

I've already heard from some former AIC docents who believe the disappearance of Griffin from the everyday life of the AIC is a divine judgment on its shifty leadership and shameful actions.

Miami is attractive. And I don't just mean the easy access to Joe's Stone Crab. For all its retirees, Florida is a vibrant and youthful geography. Not to mention all the professional athletes who call it home no matter where they play in the season. All that sun and sea air is refreshing, and no ever-rising state income taxes to boot.

Miami is no retirement village. It's no Naples.

Over the past decades it has restored itself to a stunning and electric landscape. Architecturally and politically. The Cuban influence has been an enhancement to the old-fashioned mediocre WASP aging-culture of the metropolis.

Smart folk want to embrace the sun and cease their shoveling, and watch MLB in the winter. They want a warm breeze in January to carry the salted scent of the sea to them. They want sandals in the winter, and a tan year round. And they want smart young people. Well-educated and eager to build up the state that of course traces its origins back to the Spanish adventurers who first founded St. Augustine in the 16th century.

No matter how primitive it may have been, it was no Plymouth Rock with Puritans and freezing winters. I can't imagine "The

Scarlet Letter's" Reverend Dinsdale psychologically surviving along the sands of the Florida coast. From the beginning Florida has been a tonic.

So we wish Mr. Griffin well. Presuming that his presence alone will add a fresh beat to the samba



Degas' "The Ballerina."

dancing of his new city. I hope he does find the perfect Basquiat for his new hometown. I also hope he finds less treachery and more harmony, even for his Republican allies. He will enrich the lives of Floridians. They have need for generous people of kind wisdom.

Meanwhile, Chicago will endure his absence with our usual swagger and sour grapes. Playing in the heat of summer in our Johnnypumps. Fire hydrant-refreshed.

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# Tickle your funny bone at The Comedy Social



## Heart of the 'Hood by Felicia Dechter

When Anthony Aguinaldo expressed a desire to “manifest” an open mic comedy night in his Rogers Park neighborhood, he received support from people in the community as well as comedians he’d met at other such events in the city.

He reached out to Erik Archambeault, the owner of Rogers Park Social, 6920 N. Glenwood Ave., with his idea. Archambeault was not only open to the concept, but enthusiastic about it, Aguinaldo said.

“I decided to reach out to Rogers Park Social because I thought the vibe in their main room would be perfect for creating a comfortable and welcoming setting for performers - it also didn’t hurt that they are an LGBTQ+ owned business and just off the Morse red line stop,” said Aguinaldo. “It’s a really good location for a neighborhood open mic.”

Interest and support continued to build on Aguinaldo’s social media posts, “and I suppose this is when I really started becoming ‘the producer,’” he said. “I realized I needed to take myself seriously as someone who was putting time and energy into this project, so I asked for compensation and for performers to get certain perks.”

“I consider this a good starting place, and I hope that the open mic can change into an occasional comedy showcase so that we can reward the talent we cultivate in this space,” he added.

If there are any budding comedians out there, come on over and strut your stuff. Open mic nights are called The Comedy Social and they’ll happen the first and third Tuesday of the month. Although the premier event already occurred, there’s plenty of time left to get your funny on.

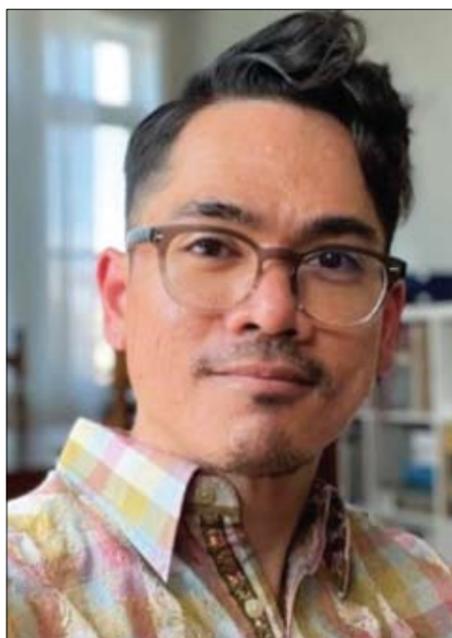
Or to go and have a good belly laugh... hopefully.

“It’s been a fun but nerve-wracking process,” said Aguinaldo. “At this point I feel like Drew Barrymore in ‘Never Been Kissed’ - waiting on the pitcher’s mound, with a mic in hand, afraid that no one will show up. Considering the positivity and support I’ve seen, I know it’s unlikely!”

Here’s wishing him all the best. We can’t wait to check this out and have some cheery (and possibly cheesy) chuckles.

**Q:** Tell me a bit about yourself?

**A:** I was born in Chicago, and raised in Puerto Rico until I was 13. My family is from Puerto Rico and the Philippines, so I consider myself “Latinasian,” which is



Anthony Aguinaldo

a term I discovered on TikTok. I am from the Humboldt Park area, and I’ve lived in Wicker Park, Bucktown, and Logan Square. The Blue line made my life so convenient, I didn’t bother learning to drive until four years ago, when I moved for seminary with my boyfriend David. (He’s really my husband. We decided to revisit the label “boyfriend” since we now realize that marriage is a problematic institution that reinforces heteronormativity, mononormativity, and attaches benefits that everyone should have access to.)

I just finished my degree in Divinity, and I’m using that to continue to pursue professional chaplaincy, which is what I currently do. As an on-call chaplain at a hospital, I provide emotional and spiritual support to patients, families, and staff. It’s not an easy job facing illness, death, and grief, but it’s a supportive role that I feel comfortable in.

I’ve been uncomfortable my whole life, as someone who feels like he doesn’t fit in, and that chaplaincy gives me an opportunity to connect with others who are in uncomfortable situations.

I wouldn’t consider myself a comedian. Aspiring comedian at best, but what I am really is a fan of comedy and open mics. I discovered my love for the comedy scene when I was in my early 20s, and I especially like the spaces that feel like a supportive community – the open mic at the

Logan Theatre lounge is one example, and the inspiration for the open mic I am trying to start in Rogers Park. It is in these supportive spaces where I felt encouraged to get up and try jokes, and my hope for The Comedy Social is that it can also be the kind of space where others can be brave and try something new.

**Q:** Who should come to perform? Can anybody participate? Are there any off-limits subjects?

**A:** Comedic performers of any kind are welcome. I’ve been asked about comedy musicians, and I am excited about who could possibly show up. I also want people of all experience levels to participate – whether they are seasoned or have always thought about trying comedy but felt too intimidated. All are welcome. Just make sure you practice your set. I know I will!

As far as subject matters go, I think a talented and thoughtful comedian could make a good joke from any subject, just as long as they’re not punching down at marginalized groups.

I’ve read about trans people saying that it is possible to make a good trans joke; they just [wish] transphobes [would] stop making the same tired and transphobic comments on stage. I have a trans joke that I think could be funny – it isn’t mean or invalidating, but I think it’s going to depend on the audience and my delivery.

**Q:** Why is this important to you? Do you think laughter is needed more than ever these days?

**A:** I found comedy after one of the lowest points in my life as a young man, and was drawn to comedians because of their ability to bring relief. I often struggle with fitting in, and open mics are one of those spaces where you meet people who can be a bit odd and out of place – you feel less alone at an open mic.

The Comedy Social is my attempt to recreate those hospitable spaces where people’s oddities and internal struggles can be a source of life for others, and a way in which performers can practice vulnerability while being generous with themselves.

For me, open mic comedy is a way to try and lighten up and tell my stories from a place of empowerment, rather than woundedness.

I absolutely believe laughter is needed more than ever these days, and not necessarily as an anesthetic. Open mic comedy can be a space where we cultivate joy and bring relief, which I see as playing an important role in resisting evil and enduring difficult times.

This is one of the scariest things I have done, even though I have been met with nothing but support and enthusiasm at every step I’ve taken to promote this event. Comedy is flirting with failure. Relating to people also carries the risk of failure. Sometimes you connect with others, and sometimes you don’t. You have to go easy on yourself and realize that failure and rejection are going to happen at some point. And when it does, take the time to reflect, learn, and try again.

I hope my neighbors in Rogers Park can be brave and try something like this, because we could have something incredible. I hope they know that no matter how good they are they’ll have at least one cheerleader, and it’s the guy that’s putting this together!



Trudy Leong

**Congrats!...** to North Sider Trudy Leong, on winning a Best in Show Award at WZRD Chicago 88.3 FM. Leong’s segment, “Chicago Department of Water Management Disregards Mature and Historic Trees,” received the award from the Associated Collegiate Press at the ACP Spring National College Media Conference in Long Beach, California. The show airs on Mondays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. WZRD Chicago 88.3 FM is the student-run radio station at Northeastern Illinois Univ.

The segment concerns the importance of preserving old trees as the city’s Dept. of Water Management [DWM] works on replacing lead pipes. Instead of cutting them down, Logan Square resident Emma Pöelsterl and the newly-formed Chicago Ur-

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# Joy of online shopping for your home involves 'Bushman' dents, time spent in return lines



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

When Americans decided to sit back in their La-Z-Boy chairs over the past couple of years to ride out the pandemic, something remarkable happened.

Folks started ordering billions of dollars of stuff online—furniture, bath and kitchen items, gardening supplies, designer clothing, fancy gym shoes, perfume, lipstick, Viagra and every other consumer item imaginable.

Based on this writer's personal experience, America's truck, train and airplane delivery systems were not up to the challenge, especially on those bulky items shipped by truck from the warehouse and aimed for a "room of choice."

This past week we had home-delivery disasters that seemed like they were cursed by the wrath of Donald Trump's entourage.

Everything arrived damaged. It was as if Bushman—the legendary Lincoln Park Zoo gorilla—had used our home deliveries as play things in his cage. In 1950, Bushman, the 550-pound gorilla, was noted for bouncing auto tires off of his cage walls.

Believe it or not, these are the facts:

• **Vanity-top disaster.** Shopping online, my wife ordered a handsome 48-inch-wide bathroom vanity on Amazon.com. The lure? The vanity was well priced—at about \$1,100—a few hundred dollars under the competition. Af-



(L-R) Bushman, the gorilla, was known for bouncing auto tires off of his cage walls. By the looks of the crushed and cracked marble vanity top ordered through Amazon and the cracked Lowe's mirrored medicine cabinet, Bushman's cousins may be working in today's shipping industry for online retailers.

ter a few weeks, the 200-pound white vanity cabinet and its gray cultured marble top arrived at our house.

We paid \$20 in advance to have the truckers haul the box to the proper level of the house, and tipped the workers another \$20. The following day, when my carpenter opened the box, the marble top was crushed in three pieces like a broken cookie. It looked as if it had been thrown off the truck by Bushman.

• **Replacement vanity-top disaster.** Trying to speed up the installation, we went to Menard's in Morton Grove to find a replacement 48-inch vanity top. We purchased a nice one for \$220, and sent our carpenter to pick it up.

Later, when the carpenter opened the box, he discovered the corner of the replacement top was chipped—obviously another Bushman disaster. Luckily there was a similar replacement top in stock, so we only lost three man-

hours during the top-hunting adventure.

However, we had to stand in the "return line" and wait to get a credit for the damaged item.

• **Medicine-cabinet disaster.** The next day, we ordered delivery of two 36-inch wall-hung, mirrored medicine cabinets from Lowe's. Cost about \$320 for the pair.

These are the basic three-mirrored medicine cabinet design used by landlords across the city. The online description of the "Tri-View" cabinet cheerfully states: "Fully assembled for easy installation, you'll be well on your way to creating your ideal bath with all the storage you need. Plus, it comes with a five-year limited warranty."

Well, when our carpenter arrived to hang the cabinets, upon opening the boxes, he discovered that both were damaged—one with a shattered mirror, the other with a crushed frame.

Our mistake was ordering online. This created the chance that some "delivery professional" earning \$15 an hour would toss

our online home product off of a loading dock, or bounce it off a truck or dolly, creating an unusable pile of rubble.

The happy ending occurred when Lowe's offered to replace the damaged medicine cabinets, which allegedly were in stock. All we had to do was haul the damaged items back to the store, wait in the "return line" for a while, and buy the same cabinets.

Unfortunately, the popular cabinets were not in-stock. They are on back order at all of the local stores until Jan. 2023. The moral of this home-renovation story is the following—our "Rehab Survival Rules":

- Hire your own trusted crew with a truck, or rent a U-Haul. Then, go to the store and choose the in-stock home product you wish to buy.
- Ask your workers to open the box before you purchase, and inspect the product for damage. Personally escort the item to your truck and bring it home.
- Never, never buy a product that has been previously opened

and re-sealed.

• And, don't forget to call home-repair expert Bob Vila for more advice.

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## Fire Dept. community pop-up in Edgewater July 9

The Chicago Fire Dept. is hosting a community pop-up meeting 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at Engine 70, 6030 N. Clark St.

Guests will get information on upcoming firefighter exams, free blood pressure testing, instruction on how to stop bleeding in an emergency and hands-only CPR, free carseat inspections, and public demonstrations on fire-fighting systems, practices and equipment.

Good will be served so stop on by, no reservation is required.

## Free meals at local schools

The Chicago Public Schools [CPS] are offering taxpayer-funded, free meals for youth at outdoor school locations throughout the summer through their LunchStop program.

They promise to provide a free, nutritionally balanced breakfast, lunch, and snacks to all students.

LunchStop sites are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. now through Aug. 12. The summer meal program provides free, healthy meals to all children between 1 and 18-years-old. An ID is not required.

On the North Side, free lunch locations include The Alcott School, 2957 N. Hoyne Ave.; the Pierce School, 1423 W. Bryn Mawr; the Boone School, 6710 N. Washtenaw Ave.; Rogers School, 7345 N. Washtenaw Ave., and the Jordan School, 7414 N. Wolcott Ave.

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# Three charged with launching fireworks at cops during drag racing “sideshow” in the Loop

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three Calumet City residents have been charged with felonies for launching fireworks at Chicago police vehicles during a car “sideshow” in the Loop early on the Fourth of July, according to a CPD media statement.

All three 19-year-olds, Giovanni Araujo, Yair Cruz-Roman, and Guillermo Mota Jr., were in bond court Tuesday.

They were arrested separately near Wacker Dr. and Michigan Ave. as a large crowd of people closed down the streets so drag racers—more precisely, “drifters”—could perform donuts in the intersections.



Left to right: Giovanni Araujo, Guillermo Mota Jr., and Yair Cruz-Roman.

Police said they were identified as some of the people who launched fireworks at officers who were trying to clear the area. Some of the action was captured on video as a crowd of people in the Loop attack Chicago police after some civilian cars do donuts in an intersection.

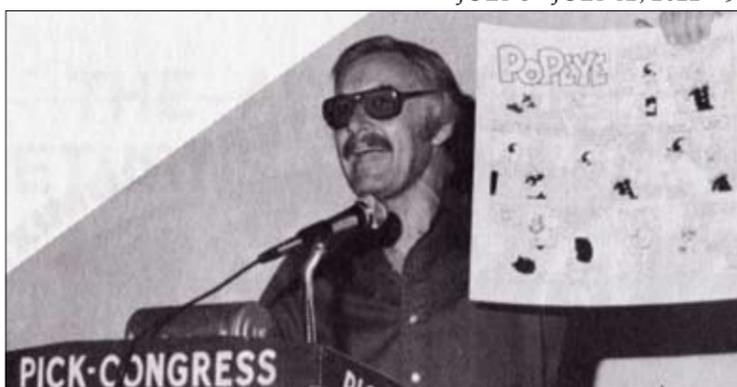
Araujo, who was arrested in the 200 block of N. Michigan, is charged with two counts of aggravated battery of police, two counts of aggravated assault of police, and criminal damage to government property, which are all felonies.

Cruz-Roman, arrested in the 200 block of E. Wacker, is charged with two felony counts of aggravated assault of police and an ordinance violation for failure to disperse.

Mota is charged with two counts of felony aggravated assault of police and misdemeanor reckless conduct. He was arrested in the

100 block of E. South Water. The Loop incident is one of at least four similar disturbances across the city recently in which sideshow crowds damaged police squad cars and sometimes injured officers as CPD tried to disperse the groups.

An Illinois State Police squad car was trampled by a crowd after a trooper encountered a sideshow near the Division St. bridge at Goose Island early Sunday. Chicago police sent units from two nearby districts to help disperse the crowd, which a supervisor said had grown to about 300 people. Officers said the group threw fireworks at them, too, while others climbed onto occupied CPD squad cars as cops responded to disturbances on the city’s northwest and southwest sides early Sunday. Two officers received minor injuries, and three patrol cars were damaged, according to CPD reports. No arrests were made.



Stan Lee auctioning Popeye artwork.

## Chicago celebrates 50 years of fandom

Comic book convention’s Gold Anniversary

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

We were all young once and for the lucky, some of those childhood passions never faded. Fifty years ago, local fandom was changed forever when Nostalgia ‘72 began in Chicago, creating the first space in the Midwest for fans to gather and celebrate comics.

The show has since been relocated to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, now known as FAN EXPO Chicago. The convention will return this weekend for its biggest show yet - bringing an incredible round-up of legendary celebrities, comic creators, voice actors and cosplayers to town from July 7 to 10.

In 1972, Chicago collectibles

dealer and local school teacher Nancy Warner made history when she united 2,000 of Chicago’s biggest comic fans in the first ever comic and collectibles convention called Nostalgia ‘72. Beginning as a space by and for comic collectors, and expanding to include exhibits, attractions and celebrities from all walks of fandom, the show ran from 1972 to 1975 at the Pick-Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. The hotel is now called the Americana-Congress Hotel.

The show was later taken over in 1975 by comic book shop owners Larry Charet and his partner Joe Sarno. Both Larry and Joe, sold comics at the early conventions and the name Chicago Comicon was adopted.

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## Dashcam video shows crowd stomping, shattering windshield of Police cruiser ‘Sideshows’ taking over streets

BY CWBCHICAGO

An Illinois State Police trooper who stumbled upon a car “sideshow” near Chicago’s Goose Island on July 3 got quite a surprise when the crowd of people swarmed his squad car, jumped on the vehicle, and busted its windshield. And his dash camera captured it all.

We learned of another big “sideshow” that unfolded in the Loop July 4. A crowd launched fireworks, blocked off streets, and watched souped-up cars spin donuts in the middle of Upper Wacker Dr. At least one person was arrested for throwing fireworks at officers during this incident.

Fortunately, the trooper was not seriously injured, but a couple of hours later there were at least two other incidents in Chicago—on the northwest and southwest sides—that resulted in Chicago police officers receiving minor injuries from shattered windshield glass.

The trooper was heading west on Division St. around 1:40 a.m. when he arrived at the Chicago River bridge and noticed that the roadway was being blocked by people who had gathered for a “sideshow” — an event promoted on social media where crowds block off streets so drag racers can do donuts in the intersection.

Chicago police sent units from two nearby districts to help disperse the crowd, which a supervisor said had grown to about 300 people. Officers said the group threw fireworks at them, too.

“Give these bad guys a f\*cking avenue to get out of here,” a Chicago cop said. “That’s all we

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# Police Beat...

## Three in custody for attacking, robbing two at Belmont CTA station

Three people are in custody for allegedly attacking and robbing a man outside the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview June 30 and then doing the same thing to another man on the station platform minutes later, Chicago police said.

The first robbery occurred around 4:34 a.m. under the Red Line station at 945 W. Belmont. A CPD spokesperson said three people pushed a 46-year-old man to the ground and physically attacked him while taking his belongings.

Within minutes of the first attack, the same group attacked and robbed a 49-year-old man on the station's platform.

Police officers arrived at the scene and took all three suspects into custody. They are a 20-year-old woman and men ages 24 and 18, police said.

EMS took the first victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition with minor injuries. The second victim was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

## Two-hour armed robbery and carjacking spree leaves at least seven victims in its wake

Police are investigating a series of armed robberies and carjackings that unfolded in about two hours on July 29 in Lincoln Park, Bucktown, West Town, and the Lower West Side. No arrests have been made in the robberies, which appear to be the work of a hold-up crew that uses at least two cars.

A similar crime spree occurred in the same areas one week earlier.

Wednesday's crimes began with an armed carjacking in the 1700 block of W. 21st Street around 1 a.m. The stolen car would later be used in other robberies.

At 1:30 a.m., a man reported that three offenders tried to rob him at gunpoint as he stepped from his car at a gas station on the corner of Armitage and Wood in Bucktown. He got away.

About 20 minutes later, in the West Loop, four men in surgical masks dragged a 67-year-old Uber driver from his white Nissan Altima in the 1100 block of W. Adams. The hijacked vehicle, which has Texas license plates, was also used in later crimes.

Around 2:14 a.m., the silver Kia that was carjacked on 21st Street rolled onto the 2000 block of N. Orleans in Lincoln Park. Two men, both 25-years-old, were sitting on the curb in front of their home when the Kia pulled to a stop and four men stepped out.

The victims tried to run away, but the robbers caught them and put guns to both of their heads while demanding their property, a police spokesperson said.

Then, at 2:38 p.m., a 54-year-old man was carjacked as he sat in his gray Volkswagen Tiguan in the 400 block of W. Fullerton. He told police that a white sedan pulled up next to him and a group of hijackers got out to demand his vehicle at gunpoint.

Less than 20 minutes later, a masked robber displayed a handgun and confronted a 41-year-old man at a gas station in the 2300 block of W. Belmont in Roscoe Village. The robber demanded his keys

and took valuables from the victim's pockets. He tried to use the keys to steal the man's car, but he was unsuccessful, and he fled in a silver car that was waiting for him.

Surveillance video showed the carjacked Volkswagen was in the gas station parking lot along with the robber's getaway car.

All of the hold-ups reportedly involved three or four Black males dressed in ski or surgical masks as the robbers.

A similar group of robbers committed a string of armed robberies and hijackings early on June 22.

## Charges filed in June 13 shooting outside Boystown nightclub

An Oak Lawn man swerved his car toward an acquaintance on the Boystown bar strip, then did a U-turn and



Anthony Lampkins

shot the man as he stood outside a popular nightclub early on June 13, prosecutors said June 27. Anthony Lampkins, 33, was ordered held without bail by Judge Maryam Ahmad on a charge of aggravated battery by discharging a firearm.

Prosecutors said a 27-year-old man was visiting Halsted St. nightclubs with friends when he saw three people that he recognized, including Lampkins.

An argument broke out as the group left a club around 1:10 a.m. and Lampkins stepped away to retrieve his car, according to the allegations. Meanwhile, the rest of the group walked across the street.

As Lampkins pulled up to them, he jerked the steering wheel toward the victim, but a witness pulled the man out of the car's path, prosecutor Steven Haamid said. Two other members of the group entered Lampkins' car, which headed south on Halsted St.

But Lampkins pulled a U-turn about a block later and returned to where the victim and a witness were walking.

He rolled down his window to call the victim a "p\*ssy b\*tch" and then fired one round at the victim, which passed through the man's left leg and lodged in his right leg, according to Haamid. The victim's right femur broke.

Haamid said CPD surveillance footage showed Lampkins' car in the area and making a U-turn. The footage also shows people scrambling when the victim was shot, but the police video did not record the actual shooting, he said.

The victim and a witness identified Lampkins in photo line-ups last June 21. Police arrested him on June 26.

Lampkins' private defense attorney said he has no criminal convictions and works as an interstate trucker. He also told Judge Ahmad that Lampkins holds a valid license to own firearms in Illinois. The attorney argued strongly against the state's motion to have Lampkins held without bail.

"Mr. Lampkins is an intelligent man," Ahmad said. "He shouldn't be here now. But he is."

"I don't know why this happened," she conceded. But, she said, the allegations made her concerned that it could happen again. She then granted the state's no-bail request.

## Gunman kills two, injures three in Loop mass shooting, same block four injured in May

A gunman opened fire during an argument in the Loop on July 1, striking five people, two of whom died, according to Chicago police. It happened on the same block where a mass shooting left four people in-

## Infuriating video shows shoplifting mobs raiding Loop convenience store again and again

Shoplifting mobs have stormed behind the counter of a Loop convenience store not once, not twice, not three times, but at least four times over the past month, hauling away booze, cigarettes, and lottery tickets each time.

Three of the raids occurred in the past week. And it was all caught on video.

One time the mob hit, we're told, the store clerks blasted at least some of the thieves with pepper spray. The thefts have been happening at 7-Eleven, 58 E. Lake St.

jured on May 3.

Police said the victims got into an argument with someone as they were leaving a business in the 400 block of S. Wells around 1:44 a.m. The offender pulled out a gun and began shooting at the men, according to initial information from CPD.

Personnel stationed at Chicago Fire Dept. Engine Company 1, 419 S. Wells, were the first to call in the gunfire. Video shows an ambulance stationed at the firehouse leaving on a run as gunfire continued to break out.

Officers found two victims at the scene who subsequently died: a 29-year-old man with a gunshot wound to his head and a 26-year-old man who suffered a gunshot wound to his chest.

Three more victims walked into Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment. Police said a 35-year-old man received two gunshot wounds to his left arm, a 29-year-old suffered a gunshot wound to his buttocks, and a person of unknown age was also shot in the buttocks.

On May 3, four people were shot when two gunmen opened fire on an SUV on the same block. Three people in the SUV and a bystander were shot. Police found more than 30 shell casings at the scene, including some fired by a rifle. Those victims had also just left a local business. No charges have been filed.

So far this year, 21 people have been shot in the Loop. That includes a man who was shot by police after he allegedly opened fire on a police officer and a man who was shot by a Millennium Park security officer after he allegedly pointed a gun at the guard.

By comparison, the Loop had 13 shooting victims at this point last year, six as of July 1, 2020, and four during all of 2019. Two of 2019's shootings were deemed to be self-defense.

## Pair charged with beating, robbing victims at Belmont Red Line station "too intoxicated" to remember what happened

A man and woman who allegedly beat and robbed two separate victims at the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview on June 29 told police they were too intoxicated to remember what happened, prosecutors said. Eva Watts, 20, and Sean Harris, 24, were in a group of five people that punched, kicked, and knocked a 46-year-old man to the ground outside the station, 945 W. Belmont, around 4:05 a.m., according to Assistant State's Attorney Sean Kelly.

Harris allegedly went through the victim's pockets, taking a money clip, cash, and credit cards, as well as the man's brown satchel. Police later found the victim's property in Harris' possession.

A woman standing just five or 10 feet away from the attack called 911 and later identified Harris and Watts as two of the perpetrators.

About 10 minutes after the robbery, Harris and an unidentified man

Videos show that someone usually holds the store's front door open as a string of shoplifters, often wearing ski masks, rolls in. The store employees can do little but stand back and hope nobody gets hurt.

Some of the thieves even wore the same outfits on two different nights, a source said.

Exterior footage shows people lingering outside the store, waiting for people to emerge with booze, smokes, and other goodies.

As of July 4, no arrests had been made.

allegedly attacked a 49-year-old man upstairs on the CTA station's Red Line platform. The offenders repeatedly punched the man in his face and body and took his cash, credit cards, Ventracard, and bookbag. While Harris and the other man started gathering the man's valuables, Watts joined in to punch the victim in the face and body, too, Kelly said.

After the robbery, the second victim went downstairs and noticed that Harris and Watts had been taken into custody by the police. He approached officers, explained what had occurred, and identified them as two of the assailants. Harris was allegedly carrying some of the victim's stolen property.

CTA's security cameras recorded both robberies.

Watts and Harris both identified themselves in images from the surveillance footage, but they both claimed that they could not remember what happened because they were too intoxicated, Kelly said.

EMS took the first victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition with minor injuries. Kelly said the second victim was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital for head trauma, soreness, and bruising. He was released the same day.

Harris and Watts are both charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of aggravated battery in a public place. Watts is also charged with one count of aggravated battery of a peace officer because she allegedly bit and kicked one of the cops.

Judge Susana Ortiz set bail for Watts at \$75,000 and for Harris at \$60,000. They must post 10% of those amounts to go home on electronic monitoring.

## Carjacking, robbery reported in crime-infested Lincoln Park corner; teens arrested

Two 15-year-old boys charged with robbing a woman of her car at Clark and Fullerton on June 27 are the prime suspects in a string of auto thefts and muggings of women in the area. Those 15-year-olds were released after being charged.

On July 1, a woman was mugged by two people smack dab in the middle of the robbery pattern's hot zone. Chicago cops arrested one of the robbers. He's a 15-year-old boy.

About an hour before the woman was robbed, an armed carjacker took a man's brand new car just a block away. That offender remains on the loose.

Around 9:40 p.m. July 1, a 63-year-old man was sitting in his newly-purchased Toyota Highlander in the 2600 block of N. Hampden Ct. in Lincoln Park. A gunman entered the front passenger door and ordered him out at gunpoint, a CPD spokesperson said.

The suspect was described as a Black male wearing a black bandana on his face and all black clothing.

Then, at 10:46 p.m., two robbers pushed a 32-year-old woman to the ground and took her property in the

2700 block of N. Hampden Ct. Officers arrested the 15-year-old nearby. He is charged with felony robbery and misdemeanor counts of battery and theft, the police spokesperson said.

This week, two 15-year-old boys and 19-year-old Precious Taylor were charged with robbing a woman of her car in the 2300 block of N. Clark on June 27. One of the teens stuck his hand into the victim's pocket to get her car keys and knocked her to the floor of a nearby business.

The woman fought off the teen, but the second 15-year-old jumped in to help fight her as Taylor held the business' front door open, Assistant State's Attorney Steven Haamid said. After getting the woman's keys, the trio sped away with her Audi Q5, which they promptly crashed in Streeterville, said Haamid.

Taylor, unable to raise the \$5,000 bail bond, is still cooling her heels in the Cook County jail. But, consistent with policy, the 15-year-olds were released after prosecutors filed charges.

A law enforcement source told CWBChicago that the 15-year-olds are two of three suspects in a series of at least 12 robberies in which women were targeted—mostly within the area bounded by Clark, Fullerton, Lakeview Ave., and Diversey. Police believe the crew has also stolen dozens of cars from the same area and nearby Lakeview, likely starting sometime last year.

The source said police have recovered more than 20 cars stolen from Lakeview and Lincoln Park near one of the 15-year-old's suburban home.

## Man critically injured in Uptown shooting

A 26-year-old man was shot in the back while standing outside in Uptown on July 1.

The man told officers he was in the 800 block of W. Eastwood when "he heard shots and felt pain," according to a CPD media statement. A bullet struck him in the middle of his back.

EMS took him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition.

Officers at the scene said they found four vehicles damaged by bullets and upwards of 40 shell casings in the street, a cul-de-sac behind Weiss Memorial Hospital.

The victim is the ninth person shot in Uptown so far this year. The neighborhood had six shooting victims at this point last year and eight victims as of July 2 in both 2020 and 2019.

## Large group swarm Lakeview streets again, two arrested

Another large group of young people descended on Lakeview June 27, dancing on squad cars, jumping on top of a CTA bus, and blocking the street as Chicago police once again summoned backup units from other districts to help contain it all.

"What's going on," a man asked an officer as CPD's helicopter hovered overhead and blue lights flooded the intersection of Belmont and Clark.

"Same sh\*t every night," the cop replied, raising her hands in exasperation. Including June 26's Pride Parade afterparty, police have dealt with large crowd incidents in the immediate area three times in eight days.

According to information from Chicago police and sources, police arrested at least two people during the latest group gathering, which

## Dakotah Earley, nearly killed in a Lincoln Park robbery, speaks to his mom in heart-tugging video

BY CWBCHICAGO

There is a video out now that will bring a big smile to your face.

It was released June 29 by Joy Dobbs, mother of Dakotah Earley, the man who was nearly killed when an armed robber shot him three times in Lincoln Park last month.

Less than eight weeks ago, Chicago police were told that Earley's case was likely going to turn into a murder investigation. But he's been fighting back every day.

He turned 24 a couple of weeks after the shooting.

On June 10, he moved to acute rehab. Last week, doctors removed wires from his jaw, which was badly damaged by a bullet.

On June 29, Dakotah spoke with his mom in a short video clip. And, in a great relief, he appears to communicate without the aid of a voicebox, as was ex-

pected just a few weeks ago.

"Say 'Hi,' Dakotah," Joy Dobbs says to her son.

"Hi," he replies, feeding himself from a red cup.

Earlier this month, Dobbs said her son is "hell-bent" on remaining a Lincoln Park resident after he goes home. He has undergone at least six surgeries and doctors had to amputate one of his legs above the knee. But he's slugging away every day.

"I am grateful to have my son," Dobbs said earlier in June.

And all of Chicago is grateful she does, too.

"We know all of Chicago has his back. With the strength of the city, all things are possible. A true son of Chicago," Dobbs recently wrote in an update on Dakotah's GoFundMe campaign. An earlier version of the campaign raised over \$100,000 to offset medical bills and travel expenses for Dakotah's family. His mom lives in



Dakotah Earley is seen in an image from video shared by his mom on June 29.

Georgia but has been at his side since shortly after the shooting.

Prosecutors last month charged Tyshon Brownlee, 19, with shoot-

ing and robbing Dakotah Earley.

Brownlee is being held without bail.

## Police arrested 26 people during and after the Chicago Pride Parade

'Kim Foxx says let them go!'

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors decline charges in triple shooting that followed Chicago Pride Parade, also reject felony charges in triple stabbing

On June 27, hours after three people were shot and three others stabbed in separate incidents following the Chicago Pride Parade, city officials offered glowing reviews of their performance.

Everyone responsible for the shootings and stabbings was in custody, they said. In total, 26 people were arrested after the parade.

"The next best thing to preventing it is holding the person accountable and making an arrest right away, which is what happened," CPD Supt. David Brown told reporters that Monday. Police also recovered a gun from the shooting, Brown said.

Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] agreed with Brown's assessment.

"There were incidents. The shooting and, then, the stabbing. But all assailants are in custody. That's what I've heard from the commander," the veteran Lakeview alderman told the Sun-Times. "It's unfortunate. But I have to give a shout-out to the police. They did an amazing job."

Indeed, moments after the shooting, Chicago police arrested three people who allegedly had a gun in a pickup truck similar to one that was seen speeding away from the shooting.

And police arrested a woman for allegedly slashing and stabbing three people near the Belmont Red Line CTA station.

But, we have learned, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office refused to file any charges against the three people who were in the pickup truck. As of Tuesday, no

one is in custody for the triple shooting.

And the stabbing case?

Well, CPD issued a press release June 28 to announce that a woman had been charged with three felony counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

On June 29, they issued a correction. She had only been charged with misdemeanors.

Why? Because the Cook County State's Attorney's Office rejected felony charges.

At 1:27 a.m. June 27, dozens of shots were fired on a parking lot where a crowd of people was hanging out near the intersection of Clark, Barry, and Halsted streets. Two men and a woman were shot.

Hundreds of Chicago police officers were in the area to handle the large crowds and seemingly inevitable violence that descends on the area around Boystown after recent Pride Parades.

Cops immediately radioed that shots had been fired and a vehicle, described as a "Dodge Ram pickup" and, alternatively, a "black truck," was leaving the scene, according to a CPD report.

Two or three minutes later, officers saw a black Dodge Ram pickup truck heading north on Broadway near Roscoe St. They pulled it over.

As officers removed three men from the four-door truck, bystanders swooped in to record the incident on their phones.

"Let them go! Kim Foxx says let them go! Lawsuit! Lawsuit!" a man yelled in a video that has since been removed from the Citizen app. "Yeah, you mother f\*cking clowns ... I want a badge number from each and every one of you all."

"Another stupid mother f\*cking clown ... Incompetent! Incompetent! Let 'em go," he continued. "Kim Foxx says let them go. Kim Foxx, Kim Foxx says let them go! Let them go!"

### Woman charged with stabbing three during Pride Parade after-party



Lakendra Porter (inset) is charged with stabbing three people.

An Old Town woman is charged with stabbing three people during an argument near the Belmont CTA station as a large crowd gathered in the area following Sunday's Chicago Pride Parade.

Lakendra Porter, 24, is charged with three counts of felony aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor reckless conduct, police said.

Two women and a man suffered stab wounds when Porter allegedly flailed a knife during an argument in the 1000 block

Unbeknownst to the bystanders, police saw an ammunition magazine lying on the truck's front passenger floorboard and a handgun in the rear passenger area, according to a CPD report that documented the stop.

Police records indicate that officers sought charges for aggravated battery by discharging a firearm against at least one of the truck's occupants. But, two days after the men were arrested, they were all released, according to police records.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office did not respond to an inquiry about the matter.

CPD emailed media outlets June 28 to inform them that Lakendra Porter, 24, had been charged with three felony counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon for allegedly stabbing three people in the 1000 block of W. Belmont

of W. Belmont around 11:27 p.m. Porter tried to run away, but cops arrested her almost immediately, according to a CPD statement.

After the incident, police said a 28-year-old woman was in serious condition with stab wounds to her chest, arm, and back. A 20-year-old man suffered a stab wound to his back. He was in fair condition. And a 35-year-old woman was in good condition with a stab wound to her buttocks. EMS took all of them to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

hours after the Pride Parade had ended.

According to police, Porter allegedly flailed a knife during an argument in the 1000 block of W. Belmont around 11:27 p.m., injuring two women and one man. She tried to flee, but cops apprehended her almost immediately, according to CPD.

Police said a 28-year-old woman was in serious condition with stab wounds to her chest, arm, and back. A 20-year-old man suffered a stab wound on his back. He was in fair condition. And a 35-year-old woman was in good condition with a stab wound to her buttocks. EMS took all of them to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Porter was also taken to Masonic for treatment of a laceration to her face.

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Chicago Police Dept. has announced that Chicago police officers will no longer be allowed to chase people on foot simply because they run away or give chase over minor offenses. Our crimes continue to be the butt of our nations' ridicule: "At least we're not as bad as Chicago."

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF:** George Murry reports former President Jimmy Carter got on his plane, seated in first-class. Got up before the plane left and shook every single hand on the plane and thanked everybody. The plane erupted with applause and tears. It was an awesome American moment.

**CHICAGO CRIME:** How is it possible that this year marks the 35th anniversary of the making of Brian De Palma's "The Untouchables," here in Chicago in 1987, with Kevin Costner (as Elliot Ness), Sean Connery, Andy Garcia, Robert De Niro (as Al Capone) and Patricia Clarkson. Remember the baby carriage scene?

**TAKE ME OUT:** Gordon Sinclair writes that as an avid Cubs fan (he DVRs every game), he sees how many new balls each game requires. Get this: All the major league teams totally spend \$10 million on Rawlings balls at \$7 each. Balls that hit the ground or are not thrown to the fans, are used by their farm teams (AAA) and in practice and in the bullpen as pitchers-in-waiting warm up.

**POSH PRODUCTION:** Needless to say, the elegant dinner cabaret show starring Barb Bailey at Marchesa was a sensation for



Denise Adducci Jagiella and family.



Bruce DuMont and Kevin Fuller.



Hattie and Thad Wong.

entertainment in Chi Town. Barb was electric and smooth, fitting the contours of the BJ Murray production that was jam-packed with celebrities and well-dressed fans. What a summer gala. The star outdid her Hollywood showbiz renderings and the crowd was luxuriating in the unique layers of posh vittles provided by the fabulous eatery. Chicago's summer began wrapped in refined musical elegance as bubbly as the Champagne that flowed.

**RIP RENAISSANCE MAN:** Joseph W. McCloskey, of Evanston, was larger than life, leaving well more than 100 years after his Philadelphia birth. A man of high values and deep education, much of his adult life was spent teaching at New Trier High School in Winnetka.

A historic, popular teacher and the last surviving crew member in the 23rd Squadron of the 5th bomber group during World War II, carrying out some 46 missions. Adventure was an everyday part of his living. So was learning. A former Fulbright Exchange Teacher in London, he was a true

citizen of the world. He was a larger than life educator and friend to his students with many close-knit friends over the course of six decades and more.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Sidetrack's Brian Rody and mom, Susan Seiler, having an impromptu lunch at Crosby's Kitchen... TV newsy Phil Ponce urging fans and followers to pay attention to a sound check of music by his friend and colleague, reporter Paris Schutz... Bethany Florek with Gov. JB Pritzker at Revel Motor Row as Team GH joined the Chicago Aldermanic Black Caucus Foundation at their Juneteenth Soiree, recognizing the current cohort of college scholarship recipients and honoring U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush with the Oscar De Priest Award... Fr. Jeremiah Boland's latest stop on his sabbatical Amman Jordan, the Roman Amphitheater and the Citadel go back to the 6th century BC. The land of the Moabites and the Amorites... Brian White and Jim Kinney have begun serving summer soirees on their Lake Shore Dr. roof once more... Bobbi Panter and Matt Arnoux hosting a fabulous feast on 55th St. in New York at the Ralph

Lauren Restaurant... Marius Morkvenas and Hector Gustavo Cardenas at La Fontelina Beach Club in Capri, Italy... Happy 101st birthday to Aunt Catherine Murphy in Wilmette, celebrating with Dan and Laurie Baker Lawlor... Peggy Snorf taking the Fleet Review at the Chicago Yacht Club... The Corcorans led by Fr. Bill in Lucerne, Switzerland, on their way to the Passion Play in Oberammergau... Rhoda Sweeney at the Theatre La Scala in Milan... Jim Kinney with Vern Broder at the Fleet Review at the Columbia Yacht Club... Jeff and Stephanie Leese Emrich at a family wedding in Colorado... Christie's Steven Zick at the Morraine Lake Lodge in Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada with the crew... Thad Wong so proud of daughter, Hattie Wong, a first time voter this year... Eamon Cummins and Pennie Taylor at Cobra Lounge with Eric Mills, Mike Shamoun, Jennifer Girdon Mills, Mo Morrison and Kayla Fricke... Candace and Chuck Jordan looking so chic at the 50th anniversary of the Gene Siskel Film Center... Ken and Mary Claire Scorsone Moll celebrating 22 years of marriage at Piccolo Sogno... meanwhile Kenny Moll, Jr., on the rooftop at 22 W. Washington with his bees observing International Pollinator Week... Kristine Zielbauer Kinder in the Peloponnese, Corinth, Greece... Takara Beathea-Gudell creating jewelry that brings the summer to life, check it out on facebook... Artist Rosemary Fanti creating memories painting a wedding at the Drake Hotel... Happy Birthday to Colleen Grace Herlihy, one in a million... Mark O'Malley and Patricia Treacy off to Dublin, now that the violinist can come and go to the U.S.A. with freedom... Beyond the Beltway's Bruce DuMont and Kevin Fuller marking 25 years together on their iconic Chicago-proud political show... Tom and Lauren Lein Cavanaugh were

saluting love in the air and opening up their home with a fabulous engagement party for Bethany Florek and Andrew Kitick. The best of the best. Hosted by Sherri Bodine, Tina Gravel. Architect Lucien Lagrange and Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange were front and center for the engagement soiree... Karen Zupko at Grant Park Music Festival to hear the composition by Mischa Zupko, now busy trying to discover if they are related... Maria Pappas in Ukrainian Village at Kasia's Deli and then onward to Gold Coast Greek Fest on LaSalle St... Birthday joy to Liz Teasley on her birthday... Denise Adducci Jagiella and family at Comiskey for the Sox game and spending the delay in the Stadium Club... Brian Wilson chalking up another summer, a season the Beach Boys really invented in 1961 with their tunes from "Little Deuce Coup" on... Comedian/actor John T. O'Brien filled up his bag of laughs, auditioning for a coveted role... Tom Hackett and Sarah Touhy celebrating their St. Norbert College roots 32 years and counting, friends of a lifetime... Ben and Paula Borg have got the season off with a triumph and already have been to Ravinia with Jackson Browne.

**CITY CLUB DAY ON THE TERRACE:** They're calling it "Cinema Paradiso," after my favorite Italian film. This fashion show and luncheon are the social event of the season, Aug. 1 at the Peninsula Chicago Hotel. The society models are the very best. The "After Party" from 2 to 4 p.m. is worth the price of admission. Co-chairs for the event are the fabulous fashionistas, Jean Antoiou, Tracey Di Buono and Sharyl Mackey. Make your reservation today.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Has the study been done?**



Your [July 22] article on bike safety and traffic speedways was one of the very few that lent some defense to car drivers, confronting the confusing paint diagrams, annoying bollards, and sharp lane changes.

Your article might beg this question, has a study been done to determine where the bike rider was located, when the car hit them?

How many are hit by cars, when they were correctly riding inside the bike lane?

Did some bike rider blow through a stop sign, or parking lot entrance/exit, to connect to the next green bike lane?

Were some leaving the bike lane, mixing with the left lane of traffic, to make a left turn?

Were some riding at night with

no lights?

Or were some ignoring a car or truck's right turn signal?

Were they wearing a helmet?

If taxpayers are now going to pay for another costly device to create bike safety, will cyclists use it?

Bad behavior on the streets also has to be addressed by members of the powerful bike lobby.

Here are two photos (above) pinpointing the current parking nightmare. On top, Dunkin Donuts' customers parking at formerly legal commercial parking spots they've used for decades; and a commercial truck unloading supplies in a spot they've used for decades.

*Susan Darnall  
Andersonville*

**Alternative to killing unwanted children is adoption, not abortion**

Felicia Dechter (June 29) asks her readers, "What would you rather have happen, an abortion or" finding a murdered child? She then cites the Freund baby, whose parents killed him. She says her main reason for supporting abortion is "There are already enough unwanted children in this world. (They) are never really wanted to begin with." She seems to think that to prevent unwanted children from being murdered they should be killed before they are born.

Actually, the Freund baby is a counterexample. Although his parents could have aborted him, they chose instead to kill him after he was born. The availability of abortion did not prevent his murder.

In preferring aborting unwanted children to killing them, she asks, "Which would you rather see?" Few people would want to see an abortion because seeing an abortion is watching a murder. Parents with unwanted children can leave the killing to a clinic, where few people see it happen, rather than killing their children after they are born and risking criminal penalties.

She asks, "Why bring more (unwanted children) into the world? Who will raise them?" Unwanted children are already being raised, of course, by social service agencies, along with many other children who were wanted but whose parents are unable to take care of them.

The alternative to killing unwanted children is adoption, not abortion.

Abortion does not prevent murder. Abortion is murder.

*Ellen L. Credille  
Rogers Park*

**TURNING** from p. 3

ban Forestry Advisory Board advocated for using a lining inside existing pipes, or using high air pressure to clear roots in the way of new piping.

But there is no guarantee that DWM will commit to preserving these grand old trees, said Leong, who does the show with Rogers Park Chamber of Commerce president Bill Morton. She said it's "very gratifying" to be recognized for her social justice work.

Way to go Trudy!

**Ukraine love...** Marine Dr. resident Carla Gordon, along with Myrna Petlicki, will hold "Songs for Ukraine: A Concert for Hoping and Helping," featuring Joel Barry, Charlene Brooks, Gordon, Beckie Menzie, Tom Michael, David Meulemans, Jerry Miller and Jan Slavin at 3 p.m. July 10 at Congregation Kol Emeth, 5130 W. Touhy Ave. in

Skokie. The free concert (donations are accepted) benefits the Ukraine Childrens' Emergency Fund. Reservations required at myrna.petlicki@sbcglobal.net.



Finish all eight XXXX wings in the XXXX Challenge and get a comped XXXX Challenge meal, a free XXXX t-shirt and a chance to be invited back for the championship on July 29.

**Hot stuff...** Jake Melnick's Corner Tap, 41 E. Superior St. is celebrating its 20th birthday with a month full of festivities in July, including the Tongue Scorching, weekly XXXX Wing Eating

Challenge. Take the challenge from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday in July and maybe you'll earn a spot at the championship on July 29, which is apparently National Chicken Wing Day.

The housemade XXXX sauce features four of the hottest peppers on the planet: Habanero, Ghost, Carolina Reapers, and Scorpion Peppers. Those who sign a waiver, take the challenge and are victorious will win a coveted spot on the "Wall of Flame," and a spot in the championship. Finish the plate and your order of wings will be on the house. Happy birthday to Jake's!

**Get your purple on...** at the Prince Drag Brunch starring Lucy Stoole and a cast of characters at 10 a.m. July 16 at the Walnut Room in Macy's, 111 N. State St. Prince inspired looks, costumes and all ages are welcome.



**Taste returns this week**

The Taste of Chicago returns to Grant Park this Friday, July 8, through Sunday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with three days of food, music and activities around the iconic Buckingham Fountain.

In addition to the more than 30 food vendors, guests can enjoy a designated beer hall, wine tent and cocktail lounge in Grant Park.

This year's vendors for the Taste of Chicago will dish out Chicago classics tied to the city's history as a melting pot of cultures. A few highlights include: Whadda Jerk, The Original Rainbow Cone, Don Paleta, Mr. Quiles Mexican Food, Haire's Gulf Shrimp, Robinson's

No.1 Ribs, Churro Factory, Mr E Chef Catering, Doom Street Eats, Chicago's Doghouse, Eli's Cheesecake Company, Arun's Thai Restaurant, Tandoor Char House, Porkchop and Connie's Pizza.

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**FANDOM** from p. 5

Charet, in an Interview from 2018, said "I was a dealer from '73 to '75. Attendance continued to decline which caused big name comic book dealers who came in from New York to be disappointed."

A separate 1974 comic book convention cancelled at the last minute helped to tarnish the city's reputation while Nancy Warner was having second thoughts about her show. "She gave up. Chicago had a bad name for conventions. New York was the big convention back then, not San Diego," Charet recalls.

Warner asked Sarno if he wanted to take the show over and told Charet about it. Their first show was at Chicago's Playboy Towers Hotel, 919 N. Michigan Ave., during the summer of 1976.

In 1969 Charet was drafted into

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the Vietnam War and was able to save enough money to start his store. "Most stores in the 70's were used book stores that had comics because there were no comic book stores. If you ever heard of Acme Books back in the 60's, they were an old book store and they got into used comics, especially when the Batman TV show came. Comics were the rage."

Business at Charet's store, however, seemed quiet. "Nothing took off. I was doing okay but I was kind of bored. Because I went to the New York convention this guy named Phil Seuling made a deal with DC and then with Marvel to distribute comic books to stores directly. They would order them and get them two to three weeks before the other stores would have them," he said, as he searched other book stores himself to find what he wanted. "You had them before anyone had them and it was a great thing. That's what turned the business around."

As the comic business grew, the first Comicon in 1976 had big names with special guests including Marvel Comics figurehead Stan Lee, DC Comics president Jenette Kahn, and Playboy and

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Mad Magazine artist Harvey Kurtzman.Charet said, "The idea was to make it a real good (convention) so that people would want to come back."

This time the event was promoted better and drew over 2,000 attendees. "Dealer tables were only \$50...everybody liked it, everybody had a good time, and we had a lot of people...It was an artistic success. Even though we lost money we decided to do it a second year."

In 1977, the show moved back to its original location on N. Michigan Ave. where it remained until 1983. Business continued to flourish and the show moved to a larger venue in Rosemont.

Comic sales rose to new heights in 1992 with The Death of Superman which "probably was the biggest thing to ever happen to comics. After that is was a slow decline. In '94 we made record profits... in '96 we lost money," recalled Charet.

The market became over saturated in the 90s, especially with special covers thought to some-day be collectible. "People come into my store and they want to invest," he said, thinking that buyers thought that they could put their kids through college with comics which wasn't the case. "Collectibles can't be manufactured."

As sales started to slump, Wizard Entertainment bought the Chicago Comicon from Charet and Sarno in 1997 and renamed Wizard World Chicago in 1998 to expand from its core publishing business into trade/consumer conventions.

Wizard World Chicago attendance grew, to over 58,000 people

by 2006, and the show had expanded to a four day weekend. In the years to follow attendance started to grow but neither DC Comics nor Marvel Comics had an official presence at the show.

Charet reflected on his favorite moments. One in particular was meeting the Golden Age comic book artist of Batman and convention guest, Dick Sprang. "He was a favorite of mine when I was a kid... I knew a guy (at the hotel) who was good friends with him who said, 'Come on up to our room.' So we had an hour and a half talking to Dick Sprang. It was a very friendly thing. We also had (Dick Tracy creator) Chester Gould. It was the only convention

that he ever appeared at." He sums up a reason why he organize the conventions, "Superheroes were always my thing."

The show now known as FAN EXPO Chicago is gearing up for its biggest year ever - while paying homage to the traditional comic culture that started it all.

To celebrate the golden anniversary, celebrities will reunite, including "the Hobbits" of the iconic Lord of the Rings trilogy (Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Dominic Monaghan, Billy Boyd), in addition to a multitude of other appearances.

Tickets start at \$22. For more information, visit www.fanexpochicago.com

**DASHCAM** from p. 5

can do."

No arrests were announced after the Goose Island incident.

There was a replay in the Loop early on the Fourth of July as a crowd overtook Upper Wacker Dr. at Columbus Dr. around 3:15 a.m. Once again, Chicago police officers reported that the crowd threw fireworks at them. At least one person was detained for launching fireworks at police.

**ARRESTED** from p. 7

Some 15 hours after CPD announced felony charges had been filed against Porter, the department sent a correction. Porter had only been charged with misdemeanor battery.

Nearly two days after she was arrested, Porter walked out of custody on a recognizance bond that was issued at the police sta-

Charges have not yet been announced.

In other sideshow confrontations, crowds of people threw rocks and fireworks at Chicago police officers while others climbed onto occupied CPD squad cars as cops responded to disturbances on the city's northwest and southwest sides early Sunday. Two officers received minor injuries, and three patrol cars were damaged, according to CPD reports. No arrests were made.

tion, according to CPD records.

According to a source familiar with the investigation, prosecutors in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office refused to file felony charges against Porter due to "inconsistent statements." Police were left to file misdemeanor charges, which do not require approval from the state's attorney's office.

**Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale**

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- JAMES P. SHEEHY, JR. AKA JAMES P. SHEEHY, 1247 W. NORTH SHORE, LLC Defendants 12 CH 42649 1247 W. NORTH SHORE AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 4, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 9, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
 Commonly known as 1247 W. NORTH SHORE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-313-005-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$702,755.93.  
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).  
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 For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 328123.  
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 HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 328123 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 12 CH 42649 TJSJC#: 42-1722 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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 P.I.N: 14-33-413-004-0000; 14-33-413-017-0000. Commonly known as 235 West Menomonee St & 234 W. Willow St., Chicago, Illinois 60614.  
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with two single family residences. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g)-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The properties will NOT be open for inspection.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC. MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3 Plaintiff, -v- SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2020CH03907 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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UNIT 4201, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$234,671.73.  
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).  
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 For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 312792.  
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Attorney File No. 312792 Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2020CH03907 TJSJC#: 41-1666 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
 Case # 2020CH03907 **13197657**

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COLONIAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A. Plaintiff, -v- VERONICA H CASTNER, VERONICA CASTNER AS THE NEXT FRIEND OF H.C., A MINOR, VERONICA CASTNER AS NEXT FRIEND OF M.H., A MINOR, CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEFFREY D CASTNER, IF ANY, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NONINEE FOR CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JEFFREY D CASTNER, DECEASED Defendants 2019CH01302 1400 NORTH STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 6E 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 April 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 26, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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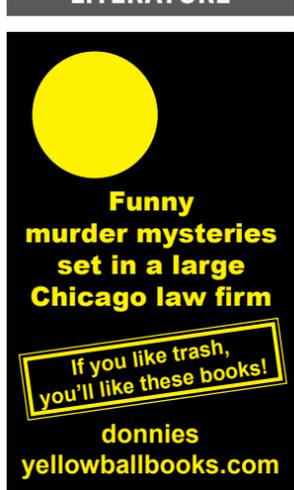
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## POLICE BEAT from p. 6

stretched well into the morning.

CTA trains were ordered to bypass Belmont to cut off the supply of partiers. Around midnight, CTA opened the turnstiles so passengers could board trains at the station without charge as cops tried to coax the crowd to leave. The enticement proved to be only mildly effective.

An officer first reported about 100 people gathering at the intersection of Belmont and Sheffield around 9:45 p.m. About 30 minutes later, an officer reported that the group was dancing on her squad car.

In video taken by Matt Stegman, people can be seen jumping and twerking on a CPD vehicle in front of the Ann Sather restaurant, 909 W. Belmont, which is owned by a local Ald. Tom Tunney [44th].

A Town Hall 19th District sergeant estimated that 200 to 300 "minors, juvenies" were gathered and overtaking Belmont Ave.

"We need more help, squad. That's the bottom line here," the sergeant pleaded at 11:15 p.m. Two minutes later, he declared a "10-1" police emergency as the crowd blocked and danced on a CTA bus in the middle of Belmont Ave.

That incident was captured on video.

Police arrested a woman for alleg-

edly hitting an officer shortly after midnight. Earlier, a 45-year-old homeless man who has a history of impersonating police was arrested because he called 911 with a fake "10-1" police emergency at 10:15 p.m., about an hour before the real police declared their own emergency.

Around midnight, a couple wheeled luggage west on Belmont toward the Red Line CTA station. A man walking in the opposite direction stopped them and suggested they find another way to get to their destination.

As of 4 a.m., a group of about 50 people remained in the area of Belmont and Sheffield, occasionally blocking traffic as they partied, an officer said.

"Tell 'em the train's free," a cop radioed sarcastically.

"Yeah. They know," an officer replied.

One month ago, the City Council rolled back Chicago's youth curfew to 10 p.m. and expanded it to include 17-year-olds after a teenager was shot and killed at Millennium Park.

On June 24, CPD Supt. David Brown told a group of aldermen that there had not been an increase in curfew violations since the ordinance changed. He credited widespread compliance by the city's young people as the reason more kids weren't being cited.

Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th] coun-

tered that he believed the real reason citations weren't being issued is because CPD wasn't enforcing the ordinance.

As police were handling June 27's crowd, a man walked in to Stroger Hospital for treatment of stab wounds. When officers arrived to speak with him more than four hours later, he reported that he received the injuries at the Belmont station that morning.

### 15-year-old crashes hijacked SUV in Streeterville, three arrested

Two teenagers and a woman were arrested after they crashed an allegedly hijacked SUV in Lincoln Park on June 27 and crashed minutes later in Streeterville.

According to Chicago police, three people pulled a woman from her Audi Q5 on the 2300 block of N. Clark in Lincoln Park and drove away with her car.

Moments later, around 5:50 p.m., a 15-year-old driving the stolen vehicle tried to avoid a traffic jam by jumping onto the drive's inner lanes at Chicago Ave. He ran a red light and collided with a car that was turning in the intersection, according to a CPD traffic crash report.

Three people who ran from the crashed SUV were arrested in the area within a few minutes. The report said they are two 15-year-old boys and a 19-year-old woman. Charges were

pending.

According to the crash report, a 27-year-old man who was driving the other vehicle was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment along with his passenger, a 26-year-old woman. The extent of their injuries was not detailed in the report.

Hijacking cases are setting a record pace for June, according to CPD data. There were 99 carjackings in the city during the first three weeks of this month, up from 78 last year. There were 80 cases during the period in 2020 and 34 in 2019.

Year-to-date, police logged 762 hijackings through June 21. That's up more than 7% from the same point last year. The comparable periods in 2020 and 2019 had 438 and 238 cases, respectively.

### Armed robbery, two auto thefts reported in River North, Streeterville

Chicago police are investigating a series of crimes that unfolded in River North and Streeterville June 27.

First, a man reported that two robbers displayed guns and took his wallet, cash, phone, and car keys near Superior and LaSalle around 4:10 a.m. He told police the robbers were two Black males in their early 20s. One of them had dreadlocks, he said.

Then, two incidents involving the same group of offenders occurred af-

ter 6 a.m.

In one case, a 31-year-old woman had just parked in the 100 block of E. Delaware when two men wearing ski masks pulled up next to her in a dark-colored SUV at 6:14 a.m., a CPD spokesperson said. Upon seeing the men, the woman became scared and ran into a nearby hotel. One of the men then jumped into her Lexus ES350 and drove it away.

About 20 minutes later, the woman's Lexus rolled up next to a 47-year-old man's Pontiac G6 on the 300 block of E. Ontario. As the victim returned to his Pontiac, he saw one of the men, wearing a ski mask, in the driver's seat of his car.

The victim grabbed his car's door handle as the offender started to drive away. But the thief struck a parked vehicle and dove out of the Pontiac's passenger-side door. He returned to the Lexus, which sped away.

A CPD spokesperson said the victim suffered a hand injury, but he declined medical attention.

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## Near North Library closed until July 16

The Near North Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 310 W. Division St., is now closed through July 16, for the installation of a new Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning system.

While the branch is closed, the drop boxes will be locked so patrons will be asked to return their library materials to one of the other library locations in town. Patrons will also not be able to select Near North as a preferred location for holds or pick-up their hold items until the branch re-opens.

## SHOT from p. 1

walked in the 400 block of W. Evergreen around 11:50 p.m. Sunday. Police said the woman “heard shots and felt pain,” but no other details were released. She was taken to Northwestern in good condition.

The victims are the 37th and 38th persons shot on the Near North Side so far this year. By comparison, the area had 18 shooting victims through July 4 last year; 14 as of Independence Day 2020; and 21 at this point in 2019.

## BIKE PATHS from p. 1

Remaining protected bike lanes will be upgraded in 2023.

That concrete bike lane protection is surely going to come from forfeiting vehicle street parking.

CDOT will utilize a combination of traditional concrete curbs as well as pre-cast curbs to allow for quicker implementation. The pre-cast curbs will be constructed in various sizes to allow for concrete curb

## POOLS from p. 1

They have now opened 37 pools across the city based on securing only 55% of the targeted number of qualified seasonal lifeguards who have successfully completed the hiring process.

The CPD will also limit access to four smaller, beach areas to re-deploy lifeguards to support operations at neighborhood pools.

## WOOD from p. 1

And it’s no surprise a lot of people have been carrying away as many of these souvenirs as they can. After all, many of these mementoes were here before the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, Russick told Dudek.

“There’s a lot of wood down there under our car tires,” he said.

But time is running out for the collectors. Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] said the city intends to repave the street soon, once again - covering the remaining wood blocks for perhaps another generation. Someone even asked permission to haul away as many of the wood blocks as possible, and Smith po-

separation on narrower protected bike lanes, where once cars were allowed to park.

In 2021 the city began a two-year process of building 45 miles of connected neighborhood bike networks in Austin, Belmont Cragin, North Lawndale, and 13 miles of bikeways on the Far South Side.

Chicago will soon have more than 400 miles of on-street bikeways and off-street paths.

The immediate plan now seems focussed

Those pools will be open to the public five days a week and days of operation will be determined by park hours and staff capacity.

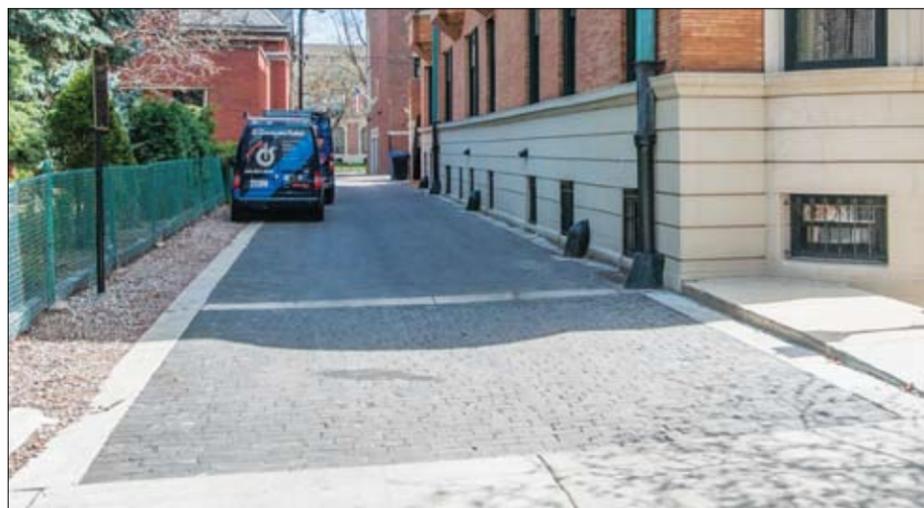
The CPD selected a combination of indoor and outdoor pools based on geographical location, staffing requirements and availability, the condition of the pool, historical usage, pool capacity, access to public transportation and safety considerations.

on areas outside of the North Side, but after 2023 that may change. In the near term, those who park private vehicles on North Side public streets may want to use this ceasefire period to locate private off-street parking. With the city allowing the expansion of high-density TOD and POD housing developments all over the North Side, with little to no new parking, that game of musical chairs has already begun.

Patrons should visit the District’s website or contact the nearest park swimming pool for pool hours.

### North Side Pools now open:

- California Park:** 3843 N. California Ave.
- Chase Park:** 4701 N. Ashland Ave.
- Holstein Park:** 2200 N. Oakley Ave.
- Humboldt Park:** 1400 N. Humboldt Blvd.
- Pulaski Park:** 1419 W. Blackhawk St.
- River Park:** 5100 N. Francisco Ave.



The alley stretching between N. Astor and N. State St. is paved with wood blocks from the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Photo courtesy of HistoricPavement.com

lity said no.

While parts of the bits of the wood along Banks St. are rotting away, others still retain much of the brick-like patterns often used back in those days when wood was used for just about everything.

Wood was cheap, and mud was everywhere, as Chicago was built over a swamp. The wood pavers allowed for easier transportation in the budding city. The city began widely using wood block pavement - known as Nicholson pavement - back in the 1850s. Chicago’s Civil Engineer, Samuel Greeley, praised this wooden pavement “where lumber was the great staple of the market, and where the foundation was new and yielding.”

Wood blocks were durable, clean, and quiet. They were constructed from 4”-wide by 12”-long wooden blocks. The blocks settled on a sand foundation filled with gravel and coal tar to keep out mois-

ture. When pine blocks proved to wear out quickly, the city switched to the more durable white oak and cedar. By 1891, 62% of Chicago’s 774 miles of road were paved with wood blocks. Many of those blocks even survived the Great Chicago Fire.

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], said he has already taken his souvenir chunk of rotten wood to take home with him. “I’m going to put it in my City Hall office,” he told reporters.

For those who haven’t collected their own memento it may already be too late. But you can still see what a restored wooden road in the alley south of the Cardinal’s Mansion at 1555 N. State, which had been restored in 2011, and well-maintained over the years. The alley was built in 1909 at a cost of \$3,347. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

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