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Dexter Reed killed by Chicago Tactical Squad

By Daniel Weinberg

On March 21, 2024, Dexter Reed, 25, was stopped in his car by the Chicago Tactical squad at 3800 W. Ferdinand in Garfield Park. Reed had allegedly been stopped for not wearing his seatbelt even though his car had tinted windows. According to the blockclubchicago website, on April 24th, Reed's family filed a wrongful death suit against the 11th District Tactical Police unit.

According to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, (COPA) Dexter Reed had a gun and shot first at the tactical squad member, unnamed. Then the squad of five men returned 96 shots, in 41 seconds, according to the COPA preliminary report released on April 10, on the blockclubchicago.org website.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times of April 18, 2024, COPA said, that one of the tactical members shot "at least 50 times" including three times as Reed was "motionless on the ground," the Sun-Times continued.

History of Dexter Reed showed that he had an altercation with his uncle in the Austin neighborhood, in 2021. Reed was shot several times and survived after being in a coma. Reed had attacked his uncle with a knife twice, according to police reports discovered by the Chicago Sun-Times.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times article of April 9, 2024, COPA chief administrator, Andrea Kersten, spoke about "grave concerns about the [tactical] officers' ability to assess what is necessary, reasonable, and proportional use of deadly force."



According to the April 12, 2024, online Chicago Sun-Times, the five Chicago tactical police squads, involved with Reed's shooting, have been investigated 41 times since 2019.

Jocelyn Woodards, from the April 12, 2024, online Chicago Sun-Times, nominating committee member of the 11th Police District Council, said in a statement, "When emotions are high, we often retreat within our respective communities so we can assign blame safely, without challenge... We must," she went on, "realize, however, that these exceptionally violent events are part of a pattern that are bigger than us and our anger."

In an interview with Business Finance major student Dejan Ajayi, who will graduate soon, at Harold Washington College on April 15th, Ajayi said, "I try to shy away. It's really scary. I am a young Black person and I drive. It's really disheartening. As a society, we try so hard to make excuses for cops because most of us can't believe the tragedies they cause."

Ajayi went on, "I've seen the video posted all over Facebook and I couldn't finish it because, in my mind, the less I know the better. My uncle was killed by a cop, and to know that hurts because it hurts people around you. And it creates a bad feeling-towards cops."

Dexter Reed's death shows the devastating pattern of police brutality that has occurred in Chicago and around the United States. Historically, people of color have continued to be subjected to extreme and dangerous situations and have become victims of police violence. With every victim, there is more activism and many can hope there will be more justice and safety.

Stress Awareness Month and Management

By Khari Forrest Staff Writer

April marks the beginning of Stress Awareness Month, which originated in 1982 from a non-profit health organization. The origins of National Stress Awareness Month can be traced back to 1992 when the Health Resource Network (HRN), a non-profit health education organization, launched a campaign to encourage people to learn about the effects of stress and to provide information on how to manage it.

The campaign aimed to educate people about stress and provide resources on how to manage it.

For college students, stress is often a part of daily life due to the demands and pressures of academic performance. Additionally, transitioning into adulthood while navigating financial and tuition concerns can exacerbate stress levels. It's important to remember that stress can manifest differently in every individual and seeking support is crucial. As Ms. Devyn Longstreet, a case manager in the Wellness Center at Harold Washington College, emphasizes, understanding how stress affects each person is just as important as managing it.

Students in college often experience a high amount of stress due to the high performance, demand and conditions that come with being a college student. When students are transitioning into college they are also going through the transition that is adulthood and the struggles that come with it. These struggles consist of so many factors while also having to navigate financial situations and tuition pricing. It can become overwhelming very quickly, especially if they are going through this process alone.

Stress is a mental illnesses that can manifest in a multitude of ways "how stress shows up in every individual is different but just as important" says Ms. Devyn Longstreet, a case manager at Harold Washington College. According to Longstreet, "Some of the most common is financial resources. Rather that's because they are struggling with getting food, transportation or tuition."

"A common amount of stress from college students seems to stem from the lack of financial literacy." At Harold Washington College, the Wellness Center provides all kinds of help rather than grants for money and or housing opportunities. "There are resources also outside of the wellness center such as talking to your advisor or working with the student services center and programs like TRIO," says Longstreet. Highlighting the importance and need of housing issues that are also common amongst students as well.

Stress is something we all experience as we pursue higher education. Rather than show up during midterms or finals, it's always important to maybe take a step back and assess where you are mentally your body and mind are just as important.



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Letter From The Editor

By Jessica Acevedo Editor-in-Cheif

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I hope you all are doing well and are pushing through finals! We are reaching the end of the semester and getting closer to summer break day by day. In our last issues I introduced myself a bit but to recap, my name is Jessica Acevedo, and I am the editor of our school newspaper, The Herald.

In our March issue, I shared with you all a bit about what The Herald News Crew had been up to. This month. The Herald News Crew released our first paper issue of the year! Our writers explored various topics in our March issue, focusing on topics ranging from Women's History Month to the local Gaza protest. If you have not checked out last month's issue, you can find a copy in various places around the building. Some places you can check out first are the newspaper rack on the second floor and in the library on the 5th floor. If you are having trouble locating a copy, you may reach out to me, and I can help you locate one!

Since we are about to end the semester, I encourage those of you who are interested in the newspaper to consider enrolling for the College Newspaper course or volunteering with The Herald News Crew next semester. We have had a great time working together to produce work for our school community throughout this semester, and it would be wonderful to have more of our HWC community taking part in our school newspaper!

As the Editor-in-Chief of this semester, I have appreciated my time with the news crew as I have gained an unforgettable connection to the Harold Washington college community along with some new skills that I look forward to applying in the future. Although I am graduating from HWC this year, I am beyond excited to see the progression of our school newspaper and the great things the future Herald News Crew will accomplish!

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time at jacevedohwc@gmail.com. Have a great and safe summer everyone, and congratulations to this year's graduates! Like I mentioned last time, continue striving to do great, make time for things you enjoy, and encourage those around you to do the same!

I Enjoyed Writing To You All,

Jessica:)

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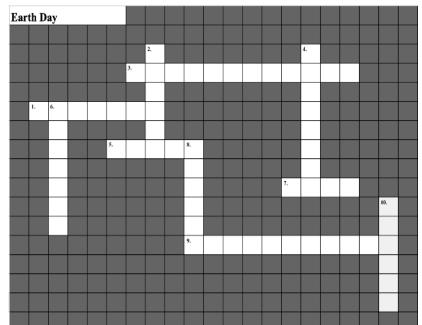
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Crossword Puzzle



By Jessica Acevedo Editor-in-Cheif

Across

- 1. Reduce, Reuse,
- 3. To prevent wasteful use of a resource
- 5. H20 is the chemical symbol for
- 7. An insect that produces honey who is at risk of extinction
- 9. The surroundings in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates in

Down

- 2. A large area covered mainly with trees and shrubs
- 4. Wild animals are collectivley known as
- 6. The branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.
- 8. To make smaller or less in amount
- 10. Trash left lying in a public place

Sudoku

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Dením Day At HWC

By Kelly Camargo Guest Reporter

On Wednesday, April 24th, Harold Washington, and other City Colleges across Chicago joined in wearing blue denim or teal in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This day is coined as *Denim Day*, an internationally recognized day that began three decades ago in Italy in 1992. The goal of this day is to show support towards Sexual Assault survivors by informing the public about sexual violence, clearing up misconceptions, and sharing resources.

The event itself had an array of information and resources regarding sexual assault. Some of the present organizations were the well-known YMCA, the CPD, and Mujeres Latinas En Accion. The YMCA has many locations throughout the City of Chicago and its suburbs; there is at least one on every side of the city. Additionally, the YMCA provides 3 rape crisis hotlines, and all their services are available in Spanish as well. The organization also provides counseling along with both legal and medical advocacy and education and training.

Mujeres Latinas en Accion (Latin Women in Action) provides services in both English and Spanish, which include counseling groups, parenting classes, crisis intervention, and therapy among many others. The organization also helps those who seek citizenship.

Project S.A.F.E, an initiative that took major part in organizing Denim Day at Harold Washington College, seeks to bring awareness to sexual assault experienced by everyone regardless of gender. They are district wide and aid the cause by hosting and organizing workshops where they support survivors. Their support manifests in a multitude of ways: counseling, sexual violence education, among other resources.

Harold Washington College also has many resources and services on campus through the Wellness Center located on the 10th floor. The Wellness Center offers support through the process of reporting an assault, and provides therapy and workshop groups. They also help with insurance and provide groceries in the food pantry in the basement. Additionally, the CCC website provides a plethora of resources and steps to take for survivors or people looking for help.



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Commando leaders wear teal for Denim Day observance

By Daniel Weinberg Staff Reporter

Cicadas make noise in the trees every 17 or 13 years. Cicadas live underground for more than 99% of their lives.

Andrea Trejo Kim, Harold Washington College Biology Lab Assistant, said in an interview on April 15, 2024 that the cicadas' 17-year cycle is a "testament to their amazing biology."

Cicadas need healthy soil to live in for 13 or 17 years, so a good garden helps. "The Chicago area supports a huge cicada 17-year population, Brood [group] XIX," according to Gene Kritsky, Professor Emeritus of Biology at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cicada nymphs feed on tree root sugars for a few years and then go deeper for the rest of their years. They emerge from the ground after their 17- or 13-year period.

Then the males sing to find mates for a month or so and then they die. Females cut into a twig and place their eggs inside the twig a short way, and then the females die. Egg will hatch after four to six weeks. Then the baby nymphs fall out of the tree and dig into the ground for the 17 or 13-year period.

Good gardening practices help the trees and cicadas survive. If a garden has healthy soil, this will benefit the tree and cicadas. The app, CicadaSafari, keeps track of sightings and video of cicadas. Cicadas should be in Chicago by late May or early June. They are now in Northern Georgia and South

Noisy Cicadas In Chicago Soon



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This is a photo of a cicada.

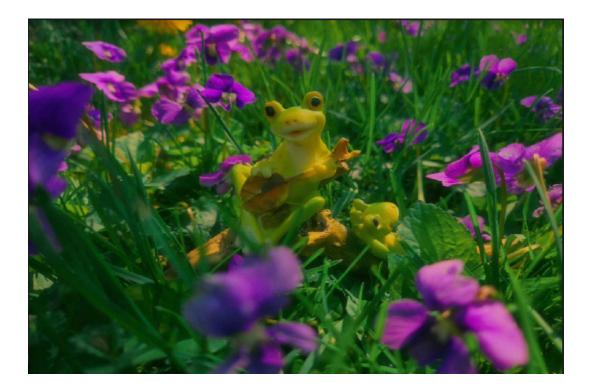


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Cicada and old cicada nymph shell.

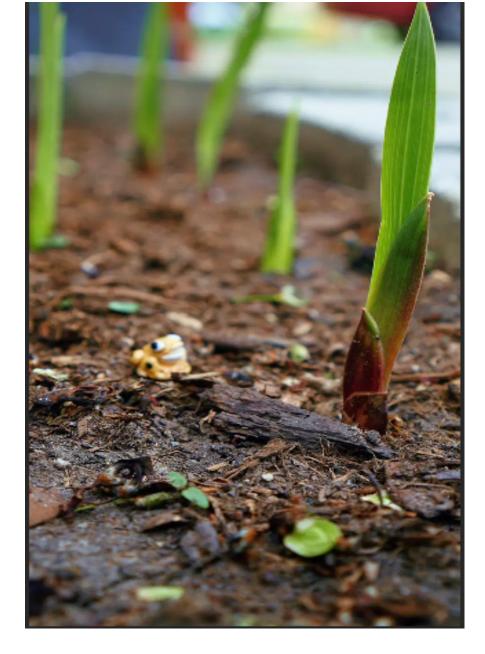
Earth Day Gallery

By Isabel Tlaxcaltecatl Guest Photographer



Happy Earth day!! Make sure to appreciate the flowers, trees and plants that give us clean air just like the frogs right here!

Gardening helps with the earth ecosystem and avoids greenhouse gasses so make sure you also plant your vegetables or flowers.





Look for new buds coming in! Make you sure to check your backyard or parks to see flowers coming into bloom.

Autism Acceptance Month

By Katia Jackson Staff Writer

In 2013, then-Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel called for the closings of more U.S. schools at once than ever before. Amongst the students affected was my nephew, Ronald. He was eight years old at the time and was thriving at Drake Elementary School in the Bronzeville neighborhood. Ronald is on the Autism Spectrum and while at Drake, he had instrumental teachers that supported his needs. It was devastating that Drake was on the verge of closure, but my sister, our grandmother, and I attended countless meetings to prevent this from happening.

Unfortunately, Drake closed its doors, and my nephew was displaced, as many students were across Chicago. Almost 11 years to the date of the massive school closures, my nephew is a soon to be high school graduate of Ogden International School. After high school, Ronald will be attending a four-year program at a transitional school that prepares students for college courses and life skills. During his second year at the school, he will be eligible to take classes at Harold Washington College. How has Harold ensured that neurodivergent students could thrive academically?

The City Colleges of Chicago's mission on accessibility "is committed to creating learning environments that meet the needs of our diverse student body and the City of Chicago."

Current student, Em Valdez discovered that they were Autistic not too long before they began their educational journey here at Harold this past summer. "Once officially diagnosed, it felt like school was a possibility again and I came to CCC to ease back into the academic lifestyle.

From their experiences. Harold has been a safe space for Autistic students and feels that "the ACCESS Center at HWC was extremely supportive and helpful." They continued, "I don't know if I would be doing as well as I am without my accommodations.

The understanding of Autism is shifting to better cater to the needs of students pursuing their educational and professional goals. A key element of acceptance is that it comes with the resources necessary for neurodiverse individuals to succeed while being themselves. As I am reflecting on my time here at Harold Washington before graduation, I am grateful for the supports I have received and am looking forward to what my nephew will accomplish as he embarks on his next chapter in higher education.



Image Credit: Katia Jackson

Prospective student, Ronald

By Ash Cross Staff Writer

On April 8th, Chicago experienced an almost total solar eclipse.

"You're always going to get an eclipse when you have all three. The sun, the Earth, and the moon all in a nice even line. The difference is what's basically in the middle. So for a solar eclipse, you're going to have the moon in the middle and it's going to be casting its shadow on the Earth. Whereas for the lunar eclipse, the Earth is going to be in the middle, and we're going to be casting the shadow of the Earth onto the moon. So the trick is to have them all kind of nicely in that line," explains Professor Phillip Vargas who teaches physical science and astronomy at Harold Washington College.

Harold Washington City College students and professors all rushed outside, many professors even granted spontaneous school trips, as the moon began sweeping over the sun, yet even at 2:07 pm they still witnessed a sliver of the sun

"It was kind of fun, just like having, you know, a lot of people outside. Like, I think we had people coming into the lobby just because we were handing out eclipse glasses," says Co-chair of the Physical Science department Dr. Anthony Escuadro. "I was walking around with, like, a pasta strainer, right. Just so that anyone who didn't have eye protection could see a projection of the sun and see the sun being kind of like slowly, slowly getting smaller and smaller. And that's pretty much one of the safe ways, right, where you're not looking at the sun directly.'

The unification of Chicagoans for Eclipses is not new. In fact, Eclipses have brought Chicagoans together for many decades.

The Moon Sweeps Over the Sun: Apríl 8th's Solar Eclípse

"For the 1905 eclipse, the Tribune indicates that crowds of Chicagoans gathered on "housetops, balconies, and other vantage points" while astronomers used makeshift. smoked lenses and cardboard cutouts to "safely" observe the phenomenon," explains Dr. Domenico Ferri Co-chair of the Social and Applied Science department and professor. "The 1935 eclipse was barely visible due to thick cloud cover, while the Adler Planetarium hosted a viewing party for [the] 1970 eclipse. For the 1994 eclipse, the 100-year anniversary celebration at the Art Institute included an eclipse viewing party, which included scores of schoolchildren, seniors, and downtown workers.'

"I just love how all these accounts highlight the way Chicagoans collectively took a break from their typical, fast-paced routines to relax, appreciate, and commune with the universe," says Dr. Ferri. "Our reputation as a hardworking "city of big shoulders" is well-earned and well-known but people often overlook our profound commitment to and connection with the natural world. Evidence of our city's affinity for nature can be seen in our immense public park system and glorious lakefront.'

Eclipses aren't the only time to appreciate the sky and space.

"[Students] could definitely learn more if they take astronomy," jokes Dr Escuadro.

"Adler is a world-class planetarium. We've got world-class museums right in our backyard here in Chicago. We don't always take advantage of them as Chicago citizens because they are so close so we just think we could do it at any time, but you'd be surprised how fast time goes by. So take advantage of them, there are always free days. If you just go to the local library, you can sometimes get passes for them," says Professor Vargas.

Despite how faraway space and science may seem, it is more accessible than most people would believe.

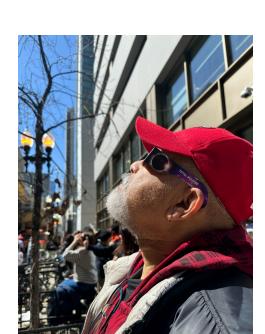


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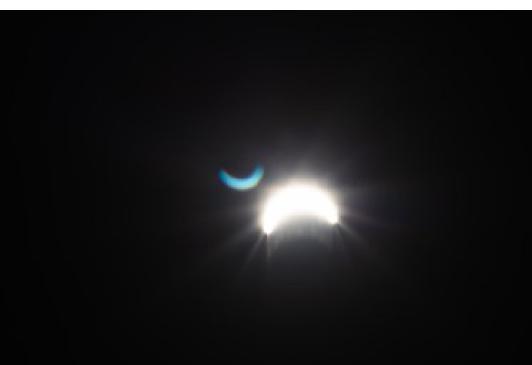


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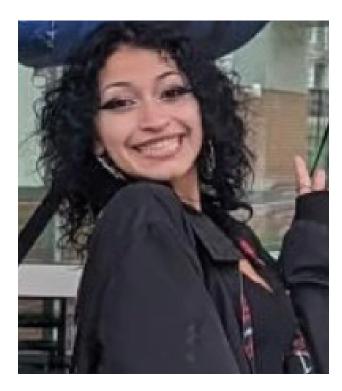
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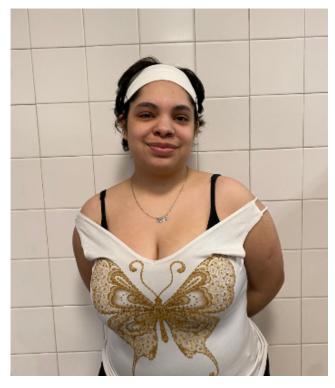
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Photo Poll: What are you looking forward to this summer?

By Khari Forrest Staff Writer



"I'm looking forward to transferring to University of New Haven to study forensic biology!!!!" - Zenobia Mulero



"I'm looking forward to the Tomorrow X Together concert on June 5th!" - Sara Diaz



"I'm looking forward to spending time with friends & ATEEZ!" - Leslie Gorostieta



"Just to work over the summer to afford a trip to Japan and clean my room" - Dina Dwyer



"Being international and being with family bring loved."
- Cayla Parker



"I'm looking forward to spending time with friends, painting and going to lollapalooza for metroboomin and future :D" - Melissa Maciel