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Candidates for 48th Ward alderman head to final stretch

BY BOB KITSOS

Community safety, empty storefronts, the economy, issues with bicyclists, the double parking of delivery vehicles on Sheridan Rd., and the need for more CTA security were a few of the real-issue topics addressed at the third 48th Ward aldermanic candidate forum on Jan. 26 at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd.

More than 300 people attended as WGN's weekend morning anchor Sean Lewis moderated the event. With 10 candidates in the race, it is the largest field of all North Side wards, and almost certainly headed for a showdown between the top two contenders.

The event, which was sponsored by ASCO, the Assoc. of Sheridan Condo/Co-op Owners, also was live streamed. (It is available for viewing on YouTube).

The candidates' websites and survey results with candidates are



Ten aldermanic candidates respond to ASCO President Sandy Chaet's opening remarks before answering questions at the Jan. 26 aldermanic forum.
Photo by Joanna Broussard

available on ascosheridanroad.com.

Candidates vying for the position include Joe Dunne, vice president of real estate development for Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.; Nassir Faulkner, a digital communications manager; Isaac Freilich Jones, an assistant Illinois attorney general and public interest attorney; Brian Haag, a contractor and founder of Green Element Resale; and Leni Manna-Hoppenworth, small business owner and board member and co-

chair of the diversity, equity and inclusion committee with Andersonville Chamber of Commerce.

Other candidates are Andre Peloquin, a real estate broker; Andy Peters, restaurateur and entrepreneur who previously worked in the Chicago Mayor's Office; Larry Svabek, lecturer in political science and critical race and ethnic studies at the Univ. of Chicago; Roxanne Volkmann, deputy director of the Chicago re-

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Cold weather will be driving rats indoors

The good news on the vermin front is that cold weather can kill off many of the rats that plague the North Side. The bad news is that the smart rats seek interior spaces to survive the cold.

Extermination experts are warning Chicago households over a winter rat invasion, as cold periods drive them into homes. They say that rats are predicted to plague Chicago-area homes in the third week of January as they seek shelter from freezing temperatures. That's this week!

Yes, Chicago is perpetually near the top of annual lists on America's rattiest cities. For the eighth year in a row, in 2022 Orkin Pest Control named Chicago the "rattiest" city in the U.S. But Chicagoans hoping that our cold weather and snowfall would wipe out the populations need to know that rats are much tougher than that. Brown rats (*Rattus norvegicus*), also known as Norway rats, are perhaps the most successful urban wildlife species in the world.

"Rodent infestations are among the top pest issues of the fall and winter seasons," said Ben Hottel, an Orkin entomologist. "Not only are mice and rats a nuisance, but they are known to spread a variety of dangerous diseases, including Salmonella and Hantavirus."

Pest control experts have predicted that rodent activity in homes across Illinois is due to pick up following freezing temperatures over the past month, and as the second half of January is typically the coldest in the year. The increase in rat invasions is caused by the animals seeking warmer sheltered spaces, such as attics and basements, to escape the harsh winter temperatures.

And according to the Lincoln Park Zoo's Rat Project website, research has found that neighborhoods with higher numbers of renters and less vacant land tend to have more rat complaints.

The areas of the city now generating the most rat complaints are Lincoln Park, Lakeview, River North, Old Town, the Loop and Wicker Park.

Rats are creative when it comes to survival and can adapt to most any situation. Our homes provide the ideal opportunity for rodents to overwinter by providing convenient cavities in walls, attics, crawlspaces, and between floors that protect them from the elements. These hiding spots are usually filled with insulation, as well, which gives them the perfect nesting material. Add in the heat we turn on in the winter and the food crumbs and other food sources we provide and they have

an ideal living situation during the winter.

"Rodents, above all other pests, are a public health concern as they can cause considerable damage to both residential and business premises," said Zachary Smith, owner of The Pest Dude Exterminating. "Not only can they damage the structures of both residential and business properties, but they can also significantly affect a business' reputation. As temperatures drop, we're seeing an increase in service calls as rats continue looking for somewhere warm to spend the winter. While most of us may associate rats with sewers and holes in the ground, brown rats are very nimble climbers, and can be found in attics and inside walls. Homeowners should look out for nests, droppings and gnaw marks. The animals will also shred attic insulation, cardboard and other soft materials to make their nests."

Cristina Villareal of the Chicago Dept. of Streets and Sanitation says that they do set out rat poison year-round. "The extreme cold helps to slow down breeding, but we will continue to aggressively bait. Snow is helpful for our work, because we can track rodents easier and find their burrows."

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In the midst of a gentle snowfall adults and children lined Argyle, Broadway and Sheridan the afternoon of Jan. 29, to cheer on their friends and family participating in the Argyle St. Lunar New Year Parade. Politicians along with volunteers, members and staff of area not-for-profit organizations, schools, businesses and government agencies carried lanterns wore red sashes for good luck, banged drums, and clashed cymbals to ring in the Year of the Rabbit. This year's parade route was modified to accommodate street closures related to ongoing Red Line construction.

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Winona St. closed until March 15

On Monday, the CTA closed W. Winona St. between the CTA Red Line tracks and N. Winthrop Ave. That section of street will be closed now through Wednesday, March 15, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., for continuous street prep work which will begin at least ½ hour

prior to start of shift.

The street will be closed to all vehicular traffic. Sidewalk closures will alternate between the north and south sides of the street. One sidewalk will remain open at all times.

Mayoral forum at History Museum Feb. 6

The Asian Americans Advancing Justice and Chicago and the Pan-Asian Voter Empowerment Coalition [PAVE] will be hosting a mayoral forum 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Chicago History Museum, McCormick Theater, 1601 N. Clark St.

The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required by visiting bit.ly/jascmf2023 or calling 773-275-0097.

The forum will also be live-streamed on Facebook.

PAVE is a coalition of 16 Asian American advocacy and service organizations in the Chicagoland area. Founded in 2011, the group focuses on increasing voter turnout and civic participation among Asian Americans and improving the lives of Asian Americans through advocacy and policy change.



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Calamity Jane’s historically violent caricature an icon for present day Chicago



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

Have you ever been to Deadwood, South Dakota?

We visited there during my Eisenhower childhood, and I still have a few recollections from the journey. (More than just playing hours of “Old Maid” in the back seat with Grandma O’Gorman.)

For the O’Gorman’s it was a trip back into cowboy land. The Black Hills. A small town not too far from Mt. Rushmore with Gold Rush streets and mines, saloons and bawdy houses filled with the ethos and drama of the Old West.

That should be expected since it’s the hometown of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane.

They’re not fictional characters. Both are real human beings steeped in the myth and legend of the Old West.

My father was a great fan of Hickok who was featured in a popular 1950s TV series with actor Guy Madison.

More recently Deadwood was also an HBO series. I never had the chance to see it or measure its veracity with real life. But I believe it was very realistic and rough around the edges. And pulled no punches.

I understand that actor Kevin Costner owned property in Deadwood and even had a top quality restaurant for a while.

But I especially remember the town cemetery, Mount Moriah. The town’s Boot Hill. And it remains the burial site of Hickok and Calamity Jane.

They’re next to each other.

Doris Day once played Calamity Jane in an antiseptic Hollywood movie, a musical. Surely it bore no resemblance to any historic truth. But it brought the character of Calamity Jane to life on the screen. And the tunes “Just Blew in from the Windy City,” and “Secret Love.”

Calamity Jane was a true frontiers woman. “Outdoorsy,” tough as a spittoon, and a reported crack shot markswoman.

She had a rough life in Deadwood. Everyone did.

Her real name was Martha Jane Cannary. She was said to be foul-mouthed and a tobacco chewer who loved her beer. No white wine or teeth for her.

Some say she got her name for her intolerance of anyone opposing her or her ideas. She took no prisoners. If you stood in her way “calamity” was sure to follow you.

The body count of such folk was high.

She clung to her personal sense of power and righteous might. Opposers usually wound up looking down the barrel of her gun. She was impetuous, often unprepared for the full scope of her undertakings. She’d let her weapon do her talking.

Calamity Jane joined Buffalo



By spring 1876, Calamity Jane had arrived in Deadwood, South Dakota. By this point she was well-known for her shooting, brash mannerisms, and her drinking habits.

Bill’s Wild West Show in later years, in which she was very popular on the stage. Even making an appearance in Chicago with him at the 1893 World’s Columbian Exhibition, demonstrating her un-failing handling of her guns.

That was after Hickok’s death. Someone shot him. And got away with it. A victim of frontier violence.

Calamity Jane died in 1903 and was buried in Deadwood. Her adventures were always over embellished, fantastical, and announced as fact by sensationalist journalists from all over the country. Yellow journalism made her sparkle. The violence of history and her historically violent caricature made her an icon of the era.

For all these reasons I think she is the perfect metaphor for Chicago’s current mayor, now seeking re-election. If anyone is a “Calamity Jane,” it’s Lori Lightfoot.

Don’t believe me? Just ask any of the aldermen who have decided to leave office rather than run for re-election. The calamity of her railroading legislation and affirmative decisions through the City Council should be clear enough to any Chicagoan with even limited vision.

Ask any of the old-fashioned aldermen who once regarded their Ward as their personal fiefdom. Geography in which they were their own mini-mayor for decision making and fiscal concerns. Instead of now facing the calamity of Lightfoot’s strong-arming tactics to dislodge them

and rearrange the boundaries of their careers.

Or ask any of the Council’s new members, who managed to get themselves elected to the City Council, if they still believe that they retain the freedom to legislate. And the freedom to question. And the freedom to protest the calamity of the mayor’s arm-twisting and political distancing. Especially issues like casino gambling, legal and illegal auto racing on Chicago’s streets, or her deep-seated rage against police... and the calamity of her unsupportive role in law enforcement.

Or ask any North Side resident how they feel about the calamity of crime spiking in their neighborhoods. With the daily calamity of record numbers of carjackings in broad daylight. And the looting of specialty stores on State St., Oak St. and Michigan Ave. that now want to pull up stakes due to the calamity of the city not being capable of sustaining law and order where it is most needed.

Or, if you can find them, ask those who have decided to leave the city, deciding ‘anywhere else’ is a viable alternative to living a day longer in the calamity of our mayor’s navel-gazing authoritarian rule. Add in the disintegrating quality of urban education and the calamity of Chicago Public Schools... it’s a double whammy.

Chicago’s Calamity Jane is deaf and blind to criticisms and cries for help. She hasn’t noticed the tail lights heading outbound north, east, south and west. She likes being tough as a spittoon. But it gets Chicago nothing.

The violence of history and her historically violent caricature have made her an icon of the era. A true Calamity Jane. Not exactly the leadership style we need or can afford. This isn’t Deadwood. We’ve had too much calamity for too long. Time for the mayor to join a Wild West Show and let Chicagoans go back to living their lives with dignity and freedom.

MAKE HISTORY: Don’t be history. It’s Black History Month, our annual observance and celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their significant role in U.S. history. While there is much to celebrate, there is an alarming trend among this demographic. Over the last decade, suicide rates in the United States have increased dramatically among African Americans.

Long term suicide trends within the country changed heading into the pandemic. Data released by the CDC showed that as rates

fell steadily among White Americans for the first time, they rose among African American people. From 2007-2020, suicide rates for African Americans increased by 39%, after years of steady decline. Some startling trends surfaced during the COVID-19 pandemic. African Americans were seriously considering suicide at almost twice the rate as White Americans.

CDC data also showed that 44% of African American respondents reported more than one adverse mental or behavioral health symptom compared to almost 38% of White Americans.

If you suspect someone is experiencing a mental health crisis or contemplating suicide, consider reaching out to them with empathy and understanding. Connect to the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting 988. Dial 911 if it is an emergency. The Jason Foundation is another available resource. They are dedicated to the awareness and prevention of suicide through educational programs and provides tools and resources to identify and assist those who are at-risk. For more information visit www.jasonfoundation.com.

ONE MORE CANDLE: Add another candle in the birthday cake this week for **Carol Gagnon**. Gentlemen never tell, so we won’t say what new decade that candle count recorded, but it’s a good one. Carol is the lady who every week delivers this newspaper to her better-informed neighbors in Edgewater. And smart Edgewater dogs all know her by the treats she keeps in her pockets.

RIP: Former Second City actor-writer **Michael Lehrer**, who suffered from ALS, has died at 44.

NUMBER 31: The White Sox have created a webpage for fans to support **Liam Hendriks**, the

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Going to the chapel of love

Weddings and accolades on tap at Baby Grand Café & Chapel, Le Piano



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

Musician extraordinaire Chad Willetts is definitely on a roll.

His live jazz club, Le Piano, located in Rogers Park, ended 2022 on New Year's Eve breaking its all-time record by 100% and started 2023 with breaking its Saturday night record of all time.

"I've been feeling for the last six months to a year like we've been on a surfboard on our bellies, paddling out towards the waves," said Willetts, who opened the popular club in Nov. 2018 but had to close down for 11 months due to COVID. "I could see that wave coming and tried to prepare for what it would look like, but I had no idea. Now I'm positioned firmly on the upside of that big wave."

To add to that success, Willetts also recently received well-deserved accolades from Secret Chicago, which put Le Piano at #11 of the 33 best things to do in Chicago in 2023, stating: "Alongside esteemed venues like Uptown's Green Mill Lounge and South Loop's The Jazz Showcase, Le Piano has emerged as a phenomenal new jazz hideout." The author also describes their experience as, "Vivacious!"

"That public acknowledgement means a lot to me because we've been working as hard as we can the last four years to be in the company of these Gold Standard jazz institutions that have been programming artists from all the world for decades and indeed, in addition to our overwhelming Rogers Park support, Le Piano has also emerged as an international destination for guests and musicians," Willetts said. "In fact, on several occasions guests have arrived from both airports with luggage. I'm continually humbled and amazed..."

These great things happened, I believe,

because Willetts seems to have a mind that's constantly in gear and filled with an enormous amount of creativity. I interviewed him prior to the 2018 opening of Le Piano, and was really impressed with his ideas back then. But after spending nearly three hours with him last week hearing about and seeing his latest work in progress, I realized this guy is brilliant and his thinking outside the box is going to bring a whole lot of coolness -- and whimsy -- to my neighborhood.

That's because soon, in the former Far East Kitchen space next door to Le Piano at 6966 N. Glenwood Ave., Willetts will open the Baby Grand Café and Chapel. Anyone who might have been thinking about getting hitched will appreciate his unique, endearing, and totally imaginative way to tie the knot.

A wedding chapel? In Rogers Park? Who'd have thunk it? Yet it's happening. And in the near future.

Elvis won't be in the building nor at the altar reciting your nuptials. But you will have someone who performs legitimate, ordained wedding ceremonies. And you'll even be able to buy your beloved a vending machine ring for a quarter!

No, Elvis won't be in the building nor at the altar reciting your nuptials. But you will have someone who performs legitimate, ordained wedding ceremonies. And you'll even be able to buy your beloved a vending machine ring for a quarter!

"And the tag line is, get married for pennies on the dollar," laughed Willetts. "No grand ballroom at the Drake, no dead flowers at 4 a.m. and no dried up surf and turf. The venue's booked and the band is paid for next door."

If you do want to get a bit fancy or more exclusive and special, you can have a private dinner in the House of Cards, which is the back room of the chapel.

"It'll be your choice of chef, who will be required to pair each course with wine or spirit or piece of music, because your table



Chad Willetts, owner of Le Piano.

is the grand piano, and a pianist will play," said Willetts. "And that's what it is today."

"What will be a year from now I don't know," he added, then joked: "It's like Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. We give you everything you need. Just don't steal."

By day, Baby Grand will offer healthy street food that one might find in a European city such as Paris, or Madrid, meaning sweet and savory, crepes, coffee, espresso, beignets, etc. By night, it will transform into a chapel, so grab your dearly beloved

and come and get yourself joined in holy matrimony.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be a steward of the Rogers Park community and to participate in something that's bigger than myself -- and fulfilling dreams that I didn't know I had," Willetts said. "Not only is LePiano an award-winning jazz club, restaurant, and bar, it's also a center for the arts. And not far behind, the Baby Grand Café will follow suit as a center for human union."

Willetts and I were laughing our tails off as he took me over to Baby Grand to see the unfinished space, which is being completely designed by him. You'll stand on "Michelangelo's oval," a painted space on the floor with two arms reaching for each other, and the official will stand behind a sleigh headboard-back cut into three pieces. The place is hodge-podge decorated, and the walls are plastered with all sorts of cool stuff such as French stock certificates, Toulouse-Lautrec, and items found at used book and thrift stores.

Originally, Willetts was thinking he would just gain an extra kitchen and a weekend overflow space. That is, until he received a call from his friend Bill at the Green Element Resale in Edgewater, saying that there was a pump organ in an alley and to check it out. So Willetts did, and he found a 1894 pump organ sitting there, "and it plays beautifully." He brought it back to Le Piano, wondering what to do with it.

"And then I think, 'What would Einstein in Blues do? (Einstein in Blues is a commissioned mural on the north wall of Le Piano). And he says, 'Open Chicago's first walk-in, drive-by wedding chapel, Vegas-style.' And Baby Grand Café and Chapel

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Apartment rents on the rise as landlords prepare for tax hikes



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Squeezed by ever higher real estate taxes and operating costs, most Chicago landlords are planning rent increases this spring.

The median apartment rent in the city of Chicago rose 5.5% since Jan. 2022 to \$1,375 a month, reports Apartment List, a national analyst of the rental market, in its January Rent Report. One-bedroom units in the Windy City now rent for a median of \$1,277, while two-bedroom layouts go for a median of \$1,386.

Rent increases actually eased a bit in 2022 as the pandemic slowed. Between January and December of 2021, Chicago rents rose a whopping 15.6%, Apartment List reported.

Last year, rent increases generally averaged 4.5% in North Side walk-up buildings. However, pandemic “catch up hikes” of up to 20% have occurred in posh downtown high-rises, experts say.

North Side landlords are nervous because the first installment of the 2022 real estate tax bill is due on April 3, only three months after the second installment of the 2021 bill was paid on Dec. 30.

The first installment of the 2022 real estate tax bill will be 55% of the second installment of the 2021 bill. So, if the December bill was \$10,000, the April bill will be \$10,500.

Both bills reflect extremely hefty reassessment numbers in the city of Chicago passed on by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi. Reassessment increases ranged from 38% to 55% in Lincoln Park and Old Town. Hefty rent hikes likely will follow in spring and summer of 2023 when new leases are drafted.

Median rents in Chicago are 2.3% higher than the national average of \$1,344 a month. However, Windy City rents still are

a relative bargain. Chicago rents rank 56th among the most expensive top 100 large U.S. cities, reports Apartment List. Renters in ritzy Irvine, Calif., pay a median rent of \$3,067.

Compared with the city, rents actually are more expensive in Chicago’s northwest suburbs. Apartment dwellers in Arlington Heights, which was hit with an 11.8% rent increase over the past year, now pay median rent of \$1,451 on a 1-bedroom unit, and \$1,802 for a 2-bedroom layout. In Schaumburg, rents rose 9% over the past year. Renters now pay a median of \$1,514 for 1-bedroom units and \$1,845 for 2-bedroom layouts.

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Rental experts say apartment dwellers generally should budget 30% of gross income for rent. However, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that average hourly wages nationwide have grown 23% over the past five years, while rents have climbed 37%. The typical full-time U.S. employee worked nearly 63 hours in Oct. 2022 just to pay the average rent of \$2,040, Zillow reported. Therefore, 36% of the average workers gross income was spent on rent.

The Home Front column found the following assortment of available rentals in lakefront neighborhoods on Apartment List:

- **Near North Side:** Some 2,003 apartments currently are listed for rent on the Gold Coast, Streeterville, and Near North Side. Twenty-nine units are available at The Sinclair, 1201 N. LaSalle St. Studios with 505 square feet go for \$2,129. One-bedroom floor plans with 654 square feet rent for \$2,528. Two-bedroom layouts with 1,185 square feet are priced at \$4,420.

- **Lincoln Park:** There are 1,321 units currently listed for rent in the neighborhood.

At the Belden Stratford, 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, renters can choose from 127 available units in the renovated former hotel. Studios with 552 square feet go for \$2,510. One-bedroom units with 560 square feet rent for \$2,610. Deluxe 2-bedroom layouts with 1,043 square feet lease for \$5,163 a month.

At Eugenie Terrace, a high-rise overlooking Lincoln Park at 1730 N. Clark St., prospective renters can choose from 41 available apartments. Studios with 511 square feet go for \$1,848. One-bedroom units with 961 square feet rent for \$2,415. Two-bedroom layouts with 1,175 square feet lease for \$3,695 a month.

- **Lakeview:** Some 538 apartments currently are listed for rent in the neighborhood. Wave Lakeview, 420 W. Belmont Ave. near Belmont Harbor, currently has nine available units. Studios with 565 square feet go for \$1,941. One-bedroom units with 532 square feet rent for \$1,926. Two-bedroom layouts with 1,145 square feet lease for \$3,561 a month.

For renters who can’t afford luxury apartments downtown, or in lakefront neighborhoods such as Old Town, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and Edgewater, some nice units are located in the first ring of neighborhoods outside downtown, noted Ron DeVries, senior managing director of Integra Realty Resources, a consulting and appraisal firm.

In some cases, rents in outlying neighborhoods, such as West Town, Logan Square and Avondale, are 20% lower than downtown and the lakefront, he said.

However, 2021 real estate tax bills in many small walk-up buildings in Avondale jumped 24% in 2022, so those bargains may be evaporating soon.

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

CTA seeking scholarship applications from CPS students

Now in its fourth year, CTA’s Red and Purple Modernization scholarship program is seeking to help Chicago teens pursue degrees in construction and engineering-related fields.

Applications are now being accepted for the “CTA Elevating Futures Scholarship Fund,” a program that provides a path for economically disadvantaged youth to pursue education and careers in construction and engineering.

Created in partnership with the Walsh-Fluor Design-Build team, the scholarship program provides aid to students who plan to pursue four-year degrees in construction management, civil engineering, industrial engineering or systems engineering.

Specifically, the scholarship program was created to help students to pursue an education in

fields that historically create barriers for low-income students. The program provides \$5,500 per year for four years, mentoring support and guidance in career development opportunities.

“These scholarship recipients are not only receiving financial and academic assistance, but they’re also getting work experience as interns in the construction and engineering fields,” Walsh-Fluor Project Executive David Shier said. “Our intent is for this program to provide everything these students need to launch successful careers.”

“The scholarship has allowed me to bring my dream to a reality,” said Loyola Univ. student Axel Hernandez, a past scholarship recipient. “I’ve always wanted to go to college and I want to be the first person in my family

to graduate from college, and get a degree in Business Administration and create a construction business for me and my family.”

In the past, scholarships have been awarded to graduates of Lake View High School, Lane Tech College Prep, and Sullivan High School, among others.

This will be the fourth and final round of this scholarship. The \$250,000 fund will have provided 10 financial aid scholarships from 2020 through 2023. The students who are awarded scholarships are also eligible to apply for paid summer internships with Walsh-Fluor and the CTA. Applications are due March 1.

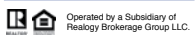
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Fentanyl holds Chicago in its grip as overdose deaths soar

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office says that we set a grim new record in 2022: the death toll from opioid overdoses. The final number is yet unknown, but for the first time ever it will top 2,000 deaths in 2022.

It's everywhere. The Drug Enforcement Administration Chicago Division seized 804,551 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and over 549 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2022. The DEA Laboratory estimates that these seizures represent more than 18.3 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl.

But the staggering amount of fentanyl seized throughout the region makes up a fraction of the 50.6 million fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and over 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder seized by the DEA throughout the U.S. last year. The DEA Laboratory estimates that these seizures represent over 379 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is by far the deadliest drug threat facing America, and much of it is simply walking across America's southern border, carried in by the thousands of illegal migrants that enter America every day. Most of the fentanyl trafficked by the Sinaloa and CJNG Cartels is being mass-produced at secret factories in Mexico with chemicals sourced largely from China.

Right now synthetic opioids like fentanyl claim more than 150 lives every day in America,

and the DEA reports that a recent study of fake prescription drugs revealed that six out of 10 pills analyzed contained potentially lethal amounts of fentanyl.

Once all autopsies for 2022 have been completed, Cook County will have eclipsed the previous record of 1,936 opioid overdose deaths in 2021. Drug overdoses kill more people now than cars, guns, or falls.

"Fentanyl is about 80 to 100 times more potent than morphine, so you can put that into perspective in terms of its danger," said Dr. Paul Christo, an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Medicine. "That can really make it very easy for someone to overdose."

Opioids began as an effective treatment for chronic pain, but its use quickly spiraled out of control.

"We know that every year since we've been starting to track the number of opioid-related deaths, we've seen a greater portion of people affected by fentanyl or having fentanyl in their system," said Dr. Wilnise Jasmin, medical director at the Chicago Dept. of Public Health.

In the mid-1990s, more and more medical practitioners were using opioids as a first-line agent to reduce pain and that led to an increase in the use of opioids for chronic pain and probably increased the use for those who really didn't need them.

Recreational drug use is also a

major contributor, as Fentanyl is showing up in most of the major drugs with the exception of marijuana... meth, cocaine and heroin being the top three. It can also show up in MDMA and other psychedelic club drugs.

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Last year the DEA issued an alert on the widespread drug trafficking of fentanyl in the form of fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills. These pills are made to look identical to real prescription medications—including OxyContin, Percocet, and Xanax—but only contain filler and fentanyl, and are often deadly. Fake pills are readily found on social media. No pharmaceutical pill bought on social media is safe.

The opioid epidemic today pro-

gressed in three phases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first involves deaths caused by prescription opioids, the second, an increase in heroin use, and the third, a surge in the use of synthetic opioids or fentanyl. Experts say the U.S. is right in the middle of the third phase of the epidemic, due to the increasing availability of fentanyl and increasing rates of overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids.

There's no question that the pandemic caused a troubling upward trend in addiction disorders, and a recent study predicts an additional 1.2 million drug overdose deaths in the next decade in the U.S., with the Black community bearing the brunt of the opioid epidemic. According to data compiled by the Cook County Medical Examiner's office, 78% of people who die by overdose

in the county are men, 56% are African American, 28% are White and 15% Latino. Of those people who died from opioid-related overdose deaths, many are older Black males falling between the ages of 44 and 65.

Individuals who are discharged from jail settings are particularly vulnerable to overdose in the period immediately following discharge, with a 40x greater risk in the first two weeks post release compared to the general population.

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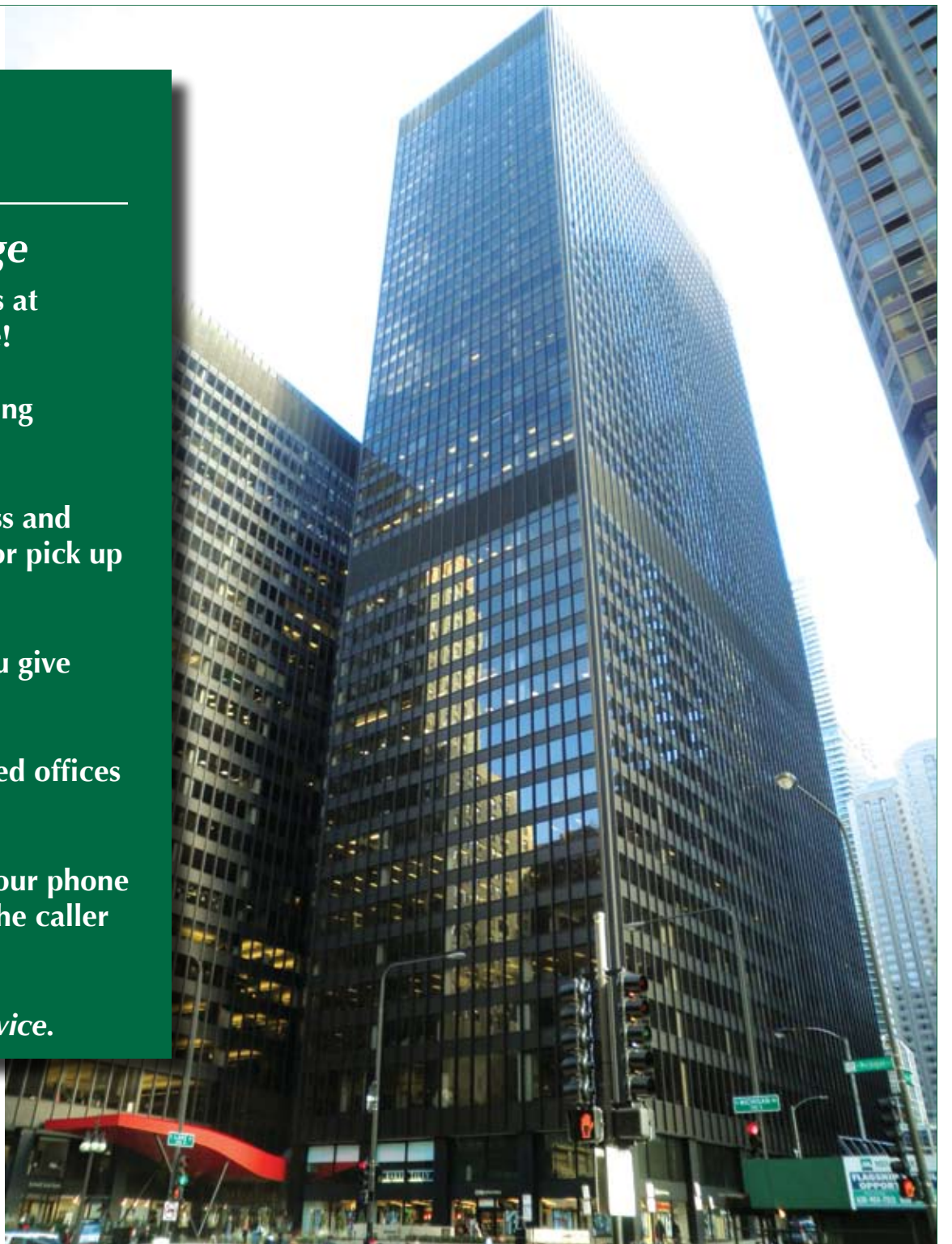
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Chicago man started downloading child porn ‘within days’ of being paroled for the same thing

Prosecutors say a Chicago man who was paroled in November after serving time for sexual abuse of a child and child pornography began downloading more child porn “nearly every day” within days of being released.

Michael Gonzalez, 30, was ordered to pay a \$25,000 bail deposit to be released on the new charges by Judge Mary Marubio on Jan. 25.

“I don’t even have that kind of money,” Gonzalez remarked at the conclusion of his bail hearing.

Gonzalez received concurrent three-year sentences in 2021 after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting a 15-year-old Wisconsin girl he met online and brought to Chicago. He also pleaded guilty to having child pornography on his phone when police arrested him in that case.

He was paroled on Nov. 15, 2022, after serving half of his sentence. “Within days,” prosecutor Nicole Murphy said, Gonzalez began accessing a Google account that contained child pornography. He logged into the account “multiple times” on “nearly every day” between Nov. 24 and Dec. 14, when Google deactivated the account and reported it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children [NCMEC].

Google also provided NCMEC with 122 files of child pornography from the account, which was linked to Gonzalez’s name and birthdate, Murphy alleged.

Cook County investigators took up the case and uncovered 590 child pornography files in the suspended account, about 300 of those involved children under the age of six and some as young as babies being sexually assaulted by adult men, said Murphy.

Police learned that Gonzalez lived at a halfway house for sex offenders and coordinated with parole officers to arrest him this week.

Gonzalez was carrying two phones when police arrested him. Murphy said that officials found two more phones inside a backpack in his room at the halfway house. Three of the four phones allowed Gonzalez to access the internet, which he was prohibited from doing as a condition of parole.

Murphy said that two of the phones had more child porn and links to websites with similar content. “This is not a victimless crime,” Judge Marubio said near the end of Gonzalez’s hearing. “There is a supply and demand component to this where if there was no demand, there would be no supply and therefore no

children harmed, sexually exploited.” The Illinois Dept. of Corrections is reviewing Gonzalez’s parole status in light of the new allegations. He is charged with possessing child pornography and violating the sex offender registration act.

Delivery driver carjacked in Lakeview

A food delivery driver was robbed and carjacked at gunpoint outside a Lakeview restaurant Jan. 26, according to Chicago police. It’s the latest indication that vehicular hijackings may be spiking again after falling out of vogue during the “Kia Boys” phenomenon late last year.

Chicago police said the 32-year-old driver was working a delivery in the 1600 block of W. Belmont when two men got out of a black sedan and demanded his property at gunpoint around 2:30 a.m. They took cash from the driver and then stole his gold 2019 Chevy Equinox, which was parked nearby.

Footage from a nearby security camera showed the hijackers traveling east on Belmont, then making a U-turn to confront the victim, an officer said.

On Jan. 23, another man was carjacked in Lakeview, and a second victim was targeted in an apparent hijacking attempt in Boystown.

The pace of carjacking reports began to fade in the second half of 2022 as car thieves seemed to turn their attention to stealing Kia and Hyundai vehicles with an ignition design flaw, but hijackings are increasing in the new year.

Through Jan. 16, the Chicago police took 99 carjacking reports this month. That’s up slightly from last year’s pace, below 2021’s record high, and well above earlier years.

Man gets three years for a series of anti-Semitic hate crimes on the North Side

A Niles man was handed a three-year sentence on Jan. 24 after he pleaded guilty to committing a series of anti-Semitic hate crimes in the West Ridge neighborhood on Jan. 29 and 30, 2022.

Shahid Hussain, 40, pleaded guilty to five counts of hate crime involving a synagogue and two counts of institutional vandalism before Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer. She gave him three years for each count, but the sentences will be served concurrently, according to court records. His sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior.

In one incident, Hussain stood outside Yeshivas Meor Hatorah of Chicago, 3635 W. Devon, and yelled about Jews while breaking lights, using his hands to gesture like he was shooting a shotgun, and making a Nazi-like salute, prosecutors said. Video showed Hussain breaking other lights in the area while wearing a red hat and cape, two items he allegedly wore during other incidents.

Hussain allegedly admitted that he was responsible for the incidents on Facebook and posted photographs of himself performing a Nazi salute with a mustache similar to Adolph Hitler’s, prosecutors alleged.

In another incident, prosecutors said that a witness saw Hussain yelling loudly about what time Shabbat began as he walked outside Congregation KINS of West Rogers Park, 2800 W. North Shore. She recorded video of the man wearing a cape and red hat as he walked into a vestibule, where another camera captured images of him breaking the glass.

Later, a driver called 911 after allegedly seeing Hussain paint swastikas on trailers outside Jewish institutions on the 2900 block of W. Devon. Those incidents were also captured on video.

Police arrested Hussain near the 6300 block of N. Albany after a 911 caller reported that a man was yelling about bombing and burning synagogues, according to CPD records.

Hussain was on parole for forgery and on supervision for stalking and violating a no-contact order at the time of the hate crimes. Authorities revoked his parole after the new allegations surfaced and returned him to the Pinckneyville Correctional Center last February. The Illinois Dept. of Corrections has not published Hussain’s anticipated parole date.

Man charged with arson

Toma Smith, 49, of the 600 block of W. Lawrence Ave., was charged with one felony count – Arson – AGG Arson/Know Person Present. He was arrested by the Chicago police 6:20 p.m. Jan. 24, in the 700 block of W. Lawrence Ave. He was positively identified as the offender who, moments earlier, lit an incendiary object to cause a fire inside of a building in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence Ave.

Smith was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

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Burglary at local businesses

Police are warning businesses of recently reported commercial burglaries. In each incident, the offender unlawfully enters into a business by forcing entry through a rear door or breaking glass doors. Once inside, the offender takes property from within and flees the scene on foot.

Incidents include one on the 1000 block of N. Halsted St., Sunday Dec. 25, 2022 during the afternoon hours; another on the 2200 block of N. Lincoln Ave., Thursday Dec. 29, 2022 during the morning hours; 500 block of N. Wells St., Saturday Dec. 31, 2022 during the evening hours; 900 block of W. Webster Ave., Tuesday Jan. 17, in the morning hours; 0-100 block of W. Elm St., Thursday Jan. 19, in the evening hours, and the 0-100 block of W. Elm St., Thursday Jan. 19, in the evening hours.

Gunmen rob cab driver outside River North hotel

A group of men armed with rifles and handguns robbed a cab driver as he picked up a passenger in River North on Jan 24.

The cabbie, 49, was outside the Hyatt Place Chicago hotel, 66 W. Illinois, when a white SUV pulled up next to him around 5 a.m., according to a Chicago police report.

The offenders displayed at least three guns, including a rifle, as they broke the cab’s driver-side window and robbed the man, according to the report.

After the hold-up, the four-man crew returned to the SUV, possibly a Nissan Rogue, and headed north on Dearborn St.

On Saturday morning, a taxi driver and his passenger were robbed in West Town.

That driver told police four men wearing ski masks pulled up next to him around 3 a.m. in the 2700 block of W. Superior. The group displayed guns and took his wallet and watch, according to a Chicago police report. The crew also robbed the cabbie’s female passenger before driving away.

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Smash and grab burglars hit Canada Goose store on the Mag. Mile

Chicago police are on the hunt for three smash-and-grab burglars who targeted the Canada Goose store on the Magnificent Mile on Jan. 30.

A store employee was in the back office area of the store, which sells high-end winter gear at 800 N. Michigan, when the burglary occurred just after 6 a.m.

Three men used a hammer or crowbar to break a pane of glass. Then, they ran in, grabbed armloads of merchandise, and hurried back out in a flash.

A Chicago police officer who reviewed surveillance video said the trio fled in a white SUV.

Canada Goose coats typically sell for over \$1,000 each. The store is located directly across from Chicago’s historic Water Tower.

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The break-in at Bottega Veneta Chicago was committed by three men who pulled up in a white van and used a sledgehammer to break out a pane of glass. Once inside, they filled trash cans with purses that retailed for more than \$4,000 each and hauled them away.

Chicago police released surveillance video of the Bottega Veneta crew, but no arrests have been announced.

Man robbed DePaul student inside school library

A man is facing armed robbery charges after he allegedly brandished a knife and threatened to kill a DePaul Univ. student during a robbery inside the school’s downtown library.

The accused man, Kanti Foster-Smith, 22, was also arrested in December at the city’s Harold Washington Library for allegedly battering a library patron and carrying two 10½ -inch Bowie knives.

At a bail hearing on Jan. 29, prosecutors said the DePaul student saw Foster-Smith watching her as she went to the library restroom. Her wallet was missing from her workstation when she returned.

The woman confronted Foster-Smith about the theft and called for security. Foster-Smith allegedly told the school’s officers that the woman was a “crazy ex-girlfriend” and walked away.

But the woman followed him and asked for her wallet back. That’s when Foster-Smith pulled out a knife, according to prosecutors.

“I’m going to murder you if you keep on following me,” he allegedly said.

Chicago police arrived a few minutes later and arrested Foster-Smith. They allegedly found a knife and the woman’s wallet, ID, and credit cards in his possession.

Prosecutors charged him with armed robbery, unlawful possession of three or more credit cards, and misdemeanor counts of aggravated assault, theft, and obstructing identification.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered him to pay a \$25,000 bail deposit to go home on electronic monitoring. She also told him to stay away from the DePaul building at 1 E. Jackson.

On Dec. 5, Chicago police arrested Foster-Smith at the city’s main library at State and Van Buren.

In that incident, a man told police that Foster-Smith punched him in the face as the victim walked to a service counter to extend his computer session. Chicago cops said Foster-Smith had two 10½ -inch Bowie knives when they arrested him, including one tucked into his waistband.

Foster-Smith had two misdemeanor warrants out for him at the time. One was for shoplifting, and the other was for trespassing.

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Chicago police are looking for this man in connection with a random attack with a hammer in the Loop last month.

ing pedestrians with a hammer, but no injuries were reported.

One officer at the scene said the suspect was “walking around with a big hammer.” Another said the man might also have a crowbar.

If you know anything about the suspect in the above video, you can call Detective Rozanski at 312-744-0570 and talk about case number JF-502607.

Thefts of cars

Chicago police recently reported motor vehicle thefts, where in each of the incidents, the victim’s park their vehicle inside parking garages. Upon returning to the garage, they discover their vehicle has been stolen.

Incidents included one on the 0-100 block of East Grand Ave., Friday Jan. 6, in the evening hours; another at 800 block of N. Michigan Ave., Sunday Jan. 8, in the evening hours; 300 block of W. Ontario St., Friday Jan. 13, in the morning hours; 200 block of E. Illinois St., Sunday Jan. 15, in the evening hours, and on the 900 block of N. Halsted St., Monday Jan. 16, in the morning hours.

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Insurance carriers refuse to issue new policies for Kias, Hyundais as thefts skyrocket in Chicago

BY CWBCHICAGO

Some major auto insurance companies are no longer issuing new policies for some theft-prone Kia and Hyundai models in Chicago and other big cities.

The cars, which have an ignition design flaw that makes them easy to steal by so-called “Kia boys,” are too much of a risk, and companies, including Progressive, are refusing to accept the risks.

On Jan. 27, our reporters tried to get insurance for affected Kia models in Lakeview, the Loop, and Wicker Park, but Progressive’s online quote service said no.

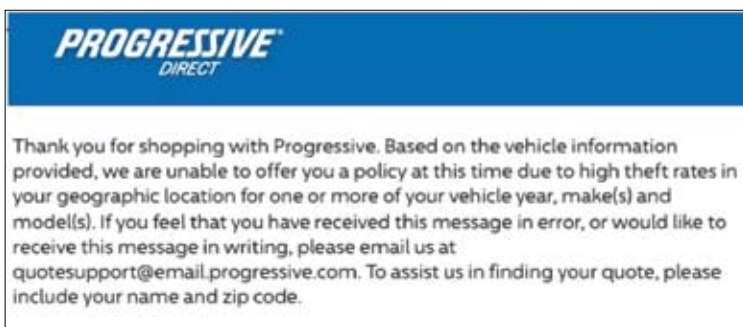
“We are unable to offer you a policy at this time due to high theft rates in your geographic location,” the Progressive site said

after each attempt. Progressive suggested trying other carriers, including Hugo Insurance and Allstate.

CBS2 News recently reported that 10% of the Kias registered in Chicago had been stolen in 2022. The station found that 7% of Hyundais, another car model with faulty ignition systems that allow thieves to steal them with USB cables, had been stolen.

Kia and Hyundai owners in other cities are also being denied new coverage. Reports indicate that insurance companies are jacking rates way up for current customers who drive affected models.

In St. Louis, State Farm and Progressive are both turning down new policies for Kias and Hyundais manufactured between



CWBChicago reporters received this result after trying to secure insurance online for a 2011 Kia in Lakeview, Wicker Park, and the Loop.

2011 and 2021, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

“I’ve been in this industry for 15-plus years. It’s hard to call a precedent for this,” Michael Barry, a spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, told the paper.

Some drivers of affected cars

told the newspaper that their insurance rates had recently increased as much as 30%. One driver reported that their insurance premium is now more than when they bought the car new in 2016.

Cops looking for man who punched, kicked women near Mag. Mile

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are trying to locate a man who has punched and kicked women as they walked near the Magnificent Mile last month. One of the incidents was captured on video.

Police said the man in these images punched a 50-year-old woman in the jaw as she crossed the street in the first block of E. Ontario around 1:45 p.m. Jan. 5.

Dan Butterworth, a candidate for the 16th District Council, tweeted about the attack shortly after it happened and later posted a video of the incident. “I was able to get my hands on the video of the incident,” he said. “This could happen to anyone, at any time. We need to do what we can to make Chicagoans feel safe when they walk our streets. Stay safe.”

About 10 minutes later, the same man kicked a woman as she was crossing the street in the same block of Ontario, police said.

In a community alert issued Jan. 27, Chicago police described the attacker as a man of unknown race who wore a white and orange knit cap, face mask, black coat with yellow stripes on the sleeves, and black pants.

Anyone with information about the man can contact Area Three Detective Leon at 312-744-8261.

Two juveniles charged with North Side robbery, carjacking spree

Ald. Debra Silverstein:
“absolutely fed up”

BY CWBCHICAGO

On Jan. 26 Chicago police arrested two juveniles in connection with a string of armed robberies in Rogers Park and West Rogers Park and a North Side alderman said she’s “absolutely fed up” with North Side crime.

The teens were arrested around 12:30 p.m. in the Morgan Park neighborhood. Chicago police recovered two firearms and suspected narcotics during the arrests, according to a CPD statement.

A 17-year-old boy is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, armed robbery, possession of a stolen motor vehicle,



Ald. Debra Silverstein

and possession of a stolen firearm, the statement said.

He is accused of carjacking a 52-year-old man’s

Jeep Cherokee in the 2900 block of W. Fitch around 7:15 a.m. and robbing a 38-year-old man in the 1900 block of W. Farwell at about 5:25 a.m.

The second teen, also a 17-year-old boy, is charged with armed robbery, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and two counts of possessing a fraudulent identification, police said.

He is accused of robbing a 49-year-old man in the 6600 block of N. Maplewood at 6:45 a.m. and being inside the hijacked Jeep

when police located the vehicle.

Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] announced the arrests in an email to constituents this morning.

“Like you, I am absolutely fed up with the increase of crime in our neighborhood,” Silverstein wrote. She was scheduled to meet with Chicago police leadership on Jan. 26. She shared “hundreds” of written testimonials she received from residents “demanding more

resources and additional police attention in our community.”

The alderman recently asked constituents to send videos and written messages “expressing our communal outrage” about violence in the ward that she could share with Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Silverstein said the two juveniles arrested are eyed as suspects in other robberies that remain under investigation.

Vehicle Safety Day Feb. 11

Chicago police are hosting a 19th District vehicle safety day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

During the event, the police will register and mark catalytic converters on citizen vehicles to help prevent theft.

But those interested must register to have their cars worked on, by contacting the police at caps019district@chicagopolice.org.

The offer is only for vehicles registered and located between Lawrence Ave. south to Fullerton and from the lakefront west to the Chicago River.

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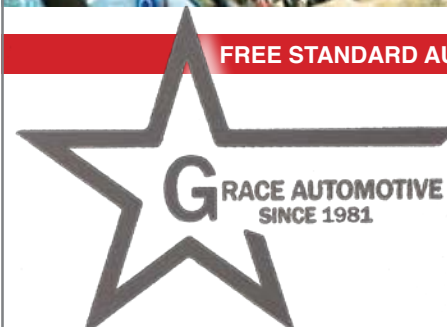
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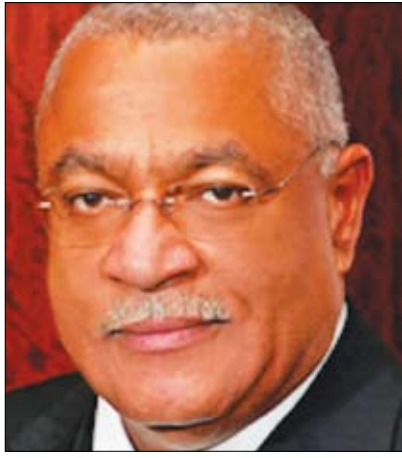
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Roderick "Rory" Dunne



Judy Woodruff



Gerry Gainer

CALAMITY from p. 2

White Sox's Australian closer pitcher undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Say one for him. Visit www.mlb.com/whitesox/fans/team-liam.

AIC: A Beach Park man is facing federal charges for allegedly stealing more than \$2 million in funds from the Art Institute of Chicago over the span of 13 years while employed as a payroll manager. **Michael Maurello**, 56, of Beach Park, was charged with two counts of wire fraud and two counts of bank fraud. An indictment in U.S. District Court in Chicago accuses Maurello of fraudulently obtaining the museum funds from 2007 to 2020. All about rights but not responsibility, so far President **James Rondeau** hasn't resigned.

HOT DOG: Oscar Mayer is searching for its next 12-pack of Wiernmobile drivers. The "Hot-dogger" position is full-time for one year. It entails traveling about 20,000 miles to 200 events across 20 states promoting the company's products.

BULLS A PARIS: Feeling the Paris love, the Bulls' **Derrick Jones Jr.** got engaged to girlfriend, **Shakara**, while in the French capitol getting ready to play the Pistons. Jones Jr., 25, popped the question during a team dinner with family and friends amid the Bulls' trip for the Jan. 19 game in which they beat the Pistons 126-108. Jones scored 12 points in 17 minutes, but his biggest score was sitting in the stands.

Remember when **Michael Jordan** played in Paris? That was 25 years ago. In 1997 **Joachim Noah** played in the City of Lights. In 2023 he helped organize a basketball clinic for French children.

CSO: On Jan. 20, 2014, the Italian conductor **Claudio Abbado** (1933-2014), one of the most important interpreters of the romantic, late romantic and operatic symphonic repertoire of modern times, died in Bologna. From 1968 to 1986 he was music director of the Teatro alla Scala in Milan and simultaneously, in the 1970s, principal conductor of the Wiener Philharmoniker, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra. It's important to remember those who made Chicago great.

HEALTH UPDATE: **Kevin Sullivan** is still in the hospital recovering from surgery. The surgery went well. Please storm the heavens with prayers for Kevin.

DE PAUL JOURNALISM: **Carol Marin** says everyone is excited that PBS's **Judy Woodruff** will be DePaul's Distinguished Journalist of 2023, and **Sally Ramirez** their Distinguished Alumna. Center co-directors **Marin** and **Don Moseley** will



Derrick Jones Jr. and Shakara.



Mamie Walton with Sean Eshaghy.



Mark Olley and Jim Ellsworth.

present the awards at a luncheon at the Union League Club on April 27.

PAX: Roderick "Rory" Dunne was a Winnetka lifer. Saints Faith, Hope and Charity School and Loyola Academy. A colorful arts graduate at Williams College and a Northwestern Law School alum. A childhood cancer survivor bonded forever to young people in crisis with the disease. He was outdoorsy, philanthropic, mad for football and rugby and the charities of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago [IFC]. His great grandfather, **Edward Fitz-Simmons Dunne**, the only person to be elected both Mayor of Chicago and, later, Governor of Illinois, was the founding first IFC President. His father, the late distinguished Judge **Arthur "Moose" Dunne**, was the 77th IFC President. Rory returns to God wrapped in the eternal pedigree of faith and generous living. Peace. Suaimhneas Sioraí.

MAYORAL INFLUENCE: Are any of our living former mayors sticking their two-cents into the upcoming mayoral political environment? What's **Richard M. Daley** been up to? I'd like to know if he has a horse in this race. Or what about Ambassador **Rahm Emanuel** in Tokyo? Is there someone in his chopsticks?

ANCHOR DEPARTURE: The Wicker Park CVS drug store at the Polish Triangle, Ashland, Milwaukee and Division, will be vacating their historic premises, first known as the Home Bank & Trust Company, in March. The classical-Revival building was design by **Karl M. Vitzthum** &

Co. and opened in 1926 in what was the center of Chicago's Polish community.

PAX TIBI: Dolores Schaller (95) was a woman of high refinement, married for nearly half a century to the distinguished Circuit Court Judge **George Schaller**. The Schaller Family operated one of Bridgeport's most famous watering holes, Schaller's Pump, 3714 S. Halsted. Chicago's oldest bar with the city's sixth liquor license. It closed in 2017 after 136 years. A real Chicago landmark across the street from 11th Ward Aldermanic Offices. Best steak sandwich in town. George and Dolores raised seven children. Peace to her forever.

WHO'S WHERE: Aldermanic candidate **Bennett Lawson** pilgrimed to the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin, Germany on the day of Remembrance... **James Staples** Golden-Gating in San Francisco... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** in Sao Paulo, Brazil eating Korean at Komah Restaurant with friends **Shihoko Ui** and **Shuji San**... Mamma **Gerry Gainer** celebrating a birthday at a fabulous family and neighbors dinner in Beverly... **Dr. Rose Gomez** at Hotel Bellevue Palace, Berne, Switzerland... Attorney **John Dombrowski** and banker wife, **Vickie Dal Santo**, in Steamboat Springs, CO... Legal eagle **Jack Goggin** and wife, **Anne**, are also in Steamboat... Lovely Judge (ret.) **Rhoda Sweeney** is in cozy Huntington Beach, CA... **Cynthia Olson** in San Miguelito, Mexico... **Grady Campbell** has been named a Top Branding and

Marketing Agency... **Rhonda J Liesenfelt** is with **Rasha Abbas**, kicking up her dancing shoes at Fort Lauderdale Hilton Resort... Having a special evening with close friends in Lake Forest was **Myra Reilly**, **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Bobbi Panter**... AIT World Wide Logistics will take over the splendid **Arthur J. Gallagher** building in Itasca... **Brian White** dining with **Maureen Maloney White** at Formento's on Randolph... **Anna Pakula** with **Andreas Larsson**, **Lydia Letch**, **Andrew Krafft**, **Ted Widen** and **Kathryn Sullivan Alvera** dining at Gibson's Steakhouse for the debut of "Wine Spirituality" and passing it on to **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**... **Julie Haron** in Brickell, Miami, FL after holiday trip to Chi-town... Happy 2023 birthday to attorney and erudite writer **Thomas Geoghegan**... Yes, that was the fashionable **Mark Olley** and **Jim Ellsworth** at Dove's Luncheonette on Damen... **Mamie Walton** and **Sean Eshaghy** holding lunchtime office hours in their banquette at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Chadwick Godfrey** and **Bob**

Dobnick being sunny with **Kelly Cleveland** in Palm Springs, CA... **Trey Mancini** has just signed with the Cubs... **Pat Toney** has shared the sad news that attorney **Larry Rogers**, so generous with his love for Chicago causes, has died at 75... Musician, producer, and painter **Joni Mitchell** will be the next recipient of The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, the nation's highest award for influence, impact and achievement in popular music... **Shelley Howard** at Kamahachi with **Chase Garrett** and **Minji You**... Lovely **Peggy Snorf** Heathrow bound for London to see the new king... Attorney **Ken Moll** adding another year... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** in Park City, UT.

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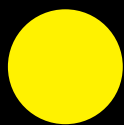
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
HORRI A. GREEN AKA HORRI GREEN; 3440 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 5341
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 6, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-21-307-047-1138.
Commonly known as 3440 North Lake Shore Drive, Unit 12M, Chicago, IL 60657.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W22-0231 ADC
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3212134

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARUICE SEAN THOMAS; 824 OAKDALE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,

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22 CH 3582
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 14-29-218-039-1001.
Commonly known as 824 West Oakdale Avenue, Unit 3, Chicago, IL 60657.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARCIA A NAAS A/K/A MARCIA NAAS, 4200 MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
22 CH 00281
4200 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, APARTMENT 602 CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
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the above cause on October 26, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2023, 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 4200 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, APARTMENT 602, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-16-302-030-1030
The real estate is improved with an apartment building.
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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 22 CH 00281
TJSC#: 42-4135
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Case # 22 CH 00281
I3211451

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
JUDITH M. WEATHERHEAD, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 05447
4632 N WINCHESTER CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2023, 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 4632 N WINCHESTER, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-18-206-024
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the 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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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS, THE 549-551 W. BELDEN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 07580
551 WEST BELDEN AVENUE GRW CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2023, 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 551 WEST BELDEN AVENUE GRW, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-111-063-1003
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the 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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Case # 2022 CH 07580
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
JERRY J. CEDICCI, MARIA-URBANA AFONSO-CEDICCI, MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MADIGAN & GETZENDANNER, CACH, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SANDRA R. GLASS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 10926
63 WEST SCHILLER STREET 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 October 6, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 3, 2023, 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 63 WEST SCHILLER STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-217-003-0000; 17-04-217-137-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the Internal Revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
MICHAEL TAURO, 30 EAST HURON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A BOARD OF MANAGERS OF 30 EAST HURON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 1649
30 E. HURON STREET, UNIT 2010 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 November 30, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 3, 2023, 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 30 E. HURON STREET, UNIT 2010, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-104-037-1120 (17-10-104-030 and 17-10-104-033 UNDERLYING PINS). The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$161,811.90.
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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judg-

ment 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).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-00421.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com
Attorney File No. 22-00421
Attorney Code. 18837
Case Number: 22 CH 1649
TJSC#: 42-4509
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Case # 22 CH 1649

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE FW SERIES I TRUST;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MOHSEN JAILIVAND; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ANDREW ELSTIGOV; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FARNAZ JAILIVAND; RICHARD HUNGATE, AS SOLE MEMBER OF HUNGATE REAL ESTATE VENTURES, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants
21 CH 3697
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 17-04-422-039-1205
Commonly known as 111 West Maple Street Unit

Real Estate For Sale

1712, Chicago, IL 60610.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512. ILF2106017
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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I3211662

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; Plaintiff,
vs.
RODOLFO M. CARAOS; 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST PRIVATE RESIDENCES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 4777
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 14-33-209-010-1146 (new) 14-33-209-001-0000 (old); 14-33-209-002-0000 (old).
Commonly known as 2000 N. LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 1307, CHICAGO, IL 60614.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
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For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1491-182957
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The real estate is improved with a white stone, high rise unit condo with an attached multi car garage.
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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 19 CH 10674
TJSC#: 42-4330
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Eleven local spots up for James Beard awards

Last week the James Beard Foundation announced their 2023 restaurant, bar and chef award semifinalists for their annual James Beard Awards. Eleven are from Chicagoland.

The 2023 restaurant and chef semifinalists are recognized across 23 categories, including the new Award for Outstanding Bakery.

Nominees will be announced on Wednesday, March 29, and winners will be celebrated at the James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards Ceremony on Monday,

June 5, at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The James Beard Foundation's Restaurant and Chef Awards list includes 11 Chicago restaurants, bars, chefs, and beverage professionals who are up for awards. Among the North Siders up for awards are Wazwan, 1742 W. Division St.; Khmai Fine Dining, 2043 W. Howard St.; Big Jones, 5347 N. Clark St.; Obelix, 700 N. Sedgwick St.; Kasama, 1001 N. Winchester Ave.; Mi Tocaya Antojeria, 2800 W. Logan Blvd., and the liquor store All Together Now,

2119 W. Chicago Ave.

The James Beard Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to celebrate, support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability.



The "Michelangelo oval" that couples will stand on as they take their vows.

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was born."

What's interesting is that as he expands his business in Rogers Park, the neighborhood wasn't a place that Willetts originally considered when he first opened Le Piano. He looked downtown but was "well-advised," by the "infamous restaurateur" Gordon Sinclair and veteran restaurateur Giovanni Garelli "that I would lose my ass in something I couldn't afford downtown." Finding the Le Piano space -- formerly the home of the No Exit Café at 6970 N. Glenwood Ave. -- was a stroke of luck. Willetts heard about its availability at a cocktail

party in Evanston when someone said they had a group of friends that were thinking of buying it but had no concept.

"I got a concept, what's the address?" Willetts asked. "I Googled it and bought it."

Since then, Willetts has hosted world-class musicians who've brought down the house. And he has paired with one of them, singer-songwriter Liv Warfield (who toured with Prince until his death) to bring the LenaBlu Foundation Series to Le Piano. LenaBlu was created by Warfield to support the arts and underserved artists, and through the series, Le Piano has presented about a half-dozen up-and-coming new artists

so far.

"We're bringing a whole new level of artistry into Le Piano," Willetts said. "What I've learned through all the mistakes I've made, is the best I can do is lead by example and hope that inspires extraordinary things and indeed it has."

For Le Piano's upcoming fifth anniversary, Willetts will be publishing a book of art to be titled, "Tawanchaya: Photos and Residents the First Five Years." It will showcase award-winning photographer Phillip Tawanchaya's "best of the best" of Le Piano photos taken during the last five years,

Willetts said.

Finally, it was time for Willetts and me to part ways. But first, he sat down and played that fabulous old organ, providing me with a musical glimpse of a wedding ceremony. He and I, using blue cotton candy, then toasted to his future success and I left there thinking that it almost might be worth it to renew my vows with my hubby just so I can have an unforgettable and crazy good time wedding ceremony at the Baby Grand.

"It's so fun and so Rogers Park," Willetts said.

I so agree.

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Registration Number: Y23010090 on January 24, 2023
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East Bank Storage located at 730 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL, 312-876-2000, is opening lockers: 6350X- Garces, Alexander 3380D- Hess, Heidi 8201SM- Hodges Ronan, Kamla 5495E- Johnson, Reneesha 2112A- Kitch, Medvedieva 6100W- Mitchell, Dave (Renewed Mind) 5330E- Olayos, Josh 3355B- Pfeiffer, Lisa 2011D- Poulin, Nicholas 6240W- Sender, Scott 5355I- Tencza, Stan for public sale. This sale is to be held on Tuesday February 28, 2023, at 2:00PM. Cash payments only.

Notice of Public Sale

Honore Storage 5147 N. Clark, Chicago IL 60640 773-250-6670 Online bids end February 22nd, 12pm at storageauctions.com: Saba Hussein #013, Edgar Hernandez #106, Landis Spencer #533 Honore Storage 3215 W. Lawrence, Chicago IL 60625 773-583-6900 Online bids end February 22nd, 12pm at storageauctions.com: Anna Beardsley #363A, Aeneas Lanier #606, Malik Bailey #620, Alsaklyn Aidarova #S106

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Valentine dinner
and movie at Indian
Boundary Park

Indian Boundary Park will be hosting a family Valentine dinner and a movie at 2500 W. Lunt, showing the Disney animated classic, Beauty and the Beast. The film will be accompanied by a light buffet meal. The event will be 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and the cost is \$5 per person and advanced registration is required due to limited seating. For more information, visit bit.ly/ChiMovieinPark.



Candidates will be sharing the platform once more 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, during a public forum at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 5751 N. Kenmore.

CANDIDATES from p. 1

gional office of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; and Nick Ward, an arts administrator and Goudy Elementary Local School Council community representative. Candidates will be sharing the platform once more on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1-3 p.m. at a Town Hall on the Environment. The event is sponsored by the Edgewater Environmental Coalition and will be held at Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 5751 N. Kenmore. The aldermanic and mayoral election is Feb. 28.

Meet the 48th ward
aldermanic candidates

Candidates' main issues may be viewed on their websites and from the link on ASCO's website at ascosh Sheridan road.com; it also has a recording of the Jan. 26 forum. Following are quotes and comments taken from each candidate during the forum.

- Joe Dunne**
Website: Dunnefor48.com
"Safety and economic developments go hand in hand."
"We need affordable housing in the community."
- Nassir Faulkner**
Website: Faulkner48.com
"New businesses need assistance plowing through red tape."
"Constituent service is of prime importance."

- Isaac Freilich Jones**
Website: Isaacfor48.com
"We need returning community-based foot patrol officers to our neighborhood."
"We need to design community infrastructure with safety in mind, including CTA stations and street lighting."

RATS from p. 1

So how can North Siders avoid this impending invasion? Smith says, "Rather than appealing to their appetite, effective control methods involve understanding their natural tendencies and fears, such as their skepticism of new objects and environments (neophobia). This is why traps and bait stations may be ignored for long periods of time before a rat is brave enough to investigate them, and why placing drop-pings or leaving them empty for a week can increase their effectiveness. It is also why poison may take days or weeks to kill a rat, as they can learn from the deaths of their peers and avoid the same fate." Rats thrive in areas with supplemental food from garbage and where clutter, also known as harborage, provides shelter and cover. Zoo researchers record these habitat features in alleys that are likely to attract rats. The results: alleys with more uncontained garbage tend to have more rats. Here are some tips on how to deal with rats who may be planning a home invasion: Seal all entry points to your home and trim all trees at least three feet away from the roof line, as they can leap from a tree to your roof.

- Brian Haag**
Website: Brianhaagforward48.org
"We can't survive in Edgewater without our small businesses."
"I want to see the final stretch of Lake Shore Dr. [north of Hollywood] and more lakefront parkland be built."
- Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth**
Website: Lenifor48th.com
"We need to find a way to bring more small business to the neighborhood. We also need to make it easier for people to stay in the neighborhood and survive."
"We need to learn how to address public safety in your neighborhood."

- Andre Peloquin**
Website: Andrefor48.com
"I'm running to be accountable to the community."
"I would like to see a water plan that deals with lake erosion for our ward."

- Andy Peters**
Website: Electandypeters.com
"My experience in city government (mayor's office) can be useful."
"We need solutions from state and federal governments regarding Lake Michigan water levels and flooding issues."

- Larry Svabek**
Website: Larryfor48.org
"We need data-driven solutions."
"We need to determine what kind of businesses the community needs."

- Roxanne Volkmann**
Website: Roxannefor48.com
"We need better budget handling and need to tap into funding sources."
"The most important thing is to work with the police officers and not take officers away from the neighborhoods for Michigan Avenue duty."

- Nick Ward**
Website: Nickward48.com
"We need to work with condo owners regarding lake levels."
"We need to invest in safety infrastructure and increased street lighting."

Check your vents and clean up debris piles around the house. Obvious don't leave rats' favorite food around, such as fruits. You may try to introduce natural predators by getting a cat or Rat Terrier for your home. And follow the city's lead and use poisons, repellents and hazing. In 1347, the bubonic plague hit Europe and killed 25 million people, which at the time was one-third of the world's population. The plague was spread by rats, and when it goes untreated can kill about two-thirds of humans within four days. Even though rats are no longer as deadly as they once were, they still should be a concern for North Sid residents. The average rat has a life span of six to 12 months, so while the current generation of rats may be freezing to death, there are more coming in the next litter.



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