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— Albert Einstein

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Lunar New Year at the Golden Diners Club

(Top) State Senator Mike Simmons (left) joins South-East Asia Center volunteers and staff to distribute special Lunar New Year lunches. The center hosted a Lunar New Year luncheon Feb. 3. The Golden Diners Club in Uptown provides free or pay-as-you-please meals to seniors to encourage social and community interaction. (Center and bottom) South-East Asia Center, volunteers and staff help prepare and distribute special Lunar New Year lunches at the organization's Golden Diners Club.

Photos courtesy Reno Lovison

DANKHaus German Cultural Center, Clarendon Park getting TIF funds

Lincoln Square's DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., would receive \$1.56 million in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] support for accessibility upgrades and related renovations under a proposal introduced to City Council on Feb. 1.

The improvements are part of \$2.3 million in planned visitor enhancements to the six-story complex which has served as DANK's headquarters since 1967.

Originally a Three Links Club lodge when it opened in 1927, the building was designed by Paul Gerhardt, architect of Lane Tech and Von Steuben high schools. The 77,000-square-foot building is home to six part-time cultural

center jobs and two retail tenants. DANK Haus helps maintain the German culture, heritage, and language of the community through maintaining a center consisting of a museum, art gallery, library, and language school, and organizing educational and social programming focusing on and emphasizing the history, traditions, and contributions of Germans and German Americans.

Meanwhile, in Uptown, Clarendon Park, 4501 N. Clarendon Ave., would receive \$1.4 million from the Montrose/Clarendon TIF district to renovate the Clarendon Community Center. Planned improvements include a new roof, accessibility upgrades and interior remodeling.

Rogers Park senior building may be gifted \$15M in tax-exempt bonds

A measure introduced to City Council on Feb. 1 would support the issuance of up to \$15 million in tax-exempt housing revenue bonds for the benefit of Boston-based Preservation of Affordable Housing LLC [POAH], and its renovation plans for Levy House, 1221 W. Sherwin.

Levy House is a seven-story senior housing building in East Rogers Park, featuring 57 one-bedroom apartments.

POAH is a nonprofit developer, owner and operator of nearly 13,000 affordable homes in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

The acquisition by POAH in Sept. 2020 was assisted by taxpayer funds coming from the Chicago Housing Authority, which is provided project-based vouchers



The front entrance of the Levy House, 1221 W. Sherwin.

for 56 of the units and \$3 million in capital funds, and \$3.75 million in taxpayer funds from the City of Chicago.

The acquisition assured that 100% of the units at the Levy

House would remain affordable and that no current tenants would be displaced.

Located a half mile from Lake

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City proposes removing parking from Clark St.

A City Hall 'Hail Mary' pass to spend expiring tax dollars

BY JAMES MCAVOY

One of Chicago's original commercial streets is under attack by the city again, and this time they're firing a broadside.

Under the recently released draft report of the Clark St. Crossroads plan, it appears City Hall is thinking about removing street parking in favor of protected bike lanes.

In 1979 Mayor Jane Byrne also declared the automobile the enemy. That didn't work out too well. [See sidebar] Everything old is new again.

In 1999 the Clark/Montrose TIF was formed with its goal being to ensure that new private investment occurred to "ensure that the land use, vehicular access, parking, service and urban design systems will meet modern-day principles and standards."

German inventor Karl von Drais is credited with developing the first bicycle in 1817, and it became commercially viable in 1885 when Englishman John Kemp Starley perfected a "safety bicycle." So the bike is not exactly 'modern day.'

The Clark/Montrose TIF was set to utilize a minimum of \$7.3 million in taxpayer money. That TIF is set to expire this year. So time is running out to spend those funds. If the Clark St. Crossroads plan is not put into action, that \$7.3 million would go back to

the various taxing bodies [think schools, libraries, parks and water districts].

So this may be a last second 'Hail Mary' pass by City Hall to keep the cash in their hands.

One of the main purposes of the TIF, in 1999, was to encourage private investment, through incentives, and commercial revitalization. To facilitate the rehabilitation of properties for commercial uses and "work with existing businesses to address their training needs."

City officials in 1999 recognized that there was limited availability of commercial and residential parking, and knew how that impacted retail sales, and residents, in the area.

City officials in 1999 recognized that there was limited availability of commercial and residential parking, and knew how that impacted retail sales, and residents, in the area. So the TIF set out to improve the lack of off-street parking and preserving existing street patterns, improving parking areas and addressing the lack of loading and service zones for businesses.

In 2023 the Clark St. Crossroads committee is concerned

State St. that great street... in 1979

In 1979 Mayor Jane Byrne closed the Loop's main retail corridor on State St. to all forms of traffic except buses, taxis and delivery vehicles in an effort to "revitalize" the street and bring back customers who had been drawn away to suburban shopping centers.

Without auto traffic, people seemingly forgot State St. was even there. At least seven retail giants closed their stores on that street during that time.

Many people felt that removing traffic and widening sidewalks made the streets feel deserted and unsafe, which only hastened the economic decline.

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with the exact opposite, and more concerned about superficial cosmetic "identity" attributes and bicyclists than solid long-term business-friendly, and resident-friendly, plans.

While concerned citizens are just now starting to review plans for the future fate of Clark St. in Uptown and Andersonville, it's

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From 1st Ward to 50th Ward, let the repairs begin



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've been gerrymandered back into the 1st Ward without even moving my bed.

So it's farewell to the 2nd Ward and Ald. Brian Hopkins. And hello maverick misfits.

Only problem is who's on the ballot Feb. 28?

Currently the 1st Ward aldermanic seat is held by Ald. Daniel La Spata. Last year he and his Marxist Millennial minions secretly tried to turn Wood St. into a no automobile zone to be used only by bicycles.

Public outcry through a couple of adjacent wards put the kibosh on this idiocy. I don't think he gets a second chance due to secrecy. And bicycles.

Recent calls to his office have been left strangely unanswered.

Now Proco Joe Moreno, an almost 10-year alderman in the 1st Ward, defeated by LaSpata, wants his old job back following his crash-and-burn antics and string of felony convictions.

Plus a series of bizarre incidents with a girlfriend. Try not to blush.

Proco Joe got off scot-free following his felony convictions by playing the alcohol addiction card.

He served no time and did some community service. Chicagoans are strong believers in second chances. Our history is rich with examples of large scale forgiveness. Or at least understanding.

Second chances, though, should be out of line for aldermen. Just look at the 30 aldermen who have been convicted of high crimes since 1970. You get convicted, you're gone. He's not popular.

In government service there should be special qualifications for candidates who are felons and want to run again for office. And let's face it, Proco Joe is not a Kennedy. He doesn't have a hereditary right to the office.

I would raise some questions concerning his continued journey towards better health. Perhaps the forces at work on the human psyche and soul are just too much for some Chicago characters. Proco Joe should be kind to himself and keep going to meetings and reinventing himself. He says no one raised more funds and gave more service to the ward than he did.

Well he also raised the hair on the back of our necks.

I'm no therapist, but shouldn't he continue healing and getting strong before jumping back into the Chicago City Council combat?

To add a really bizarre twist to this election, one of the sons of former Chicago political columnist Mike Royko, attorney Sam Royko, has his name on the ballot. What celestial forces have conjured up this scenario? The son of Chicago's most significant professional aldermanic critic during the 1970s and 1980s leaves the ticking time bomb of his heir to attempt to sit in the Council Chambers?

Logan Square Preservation President Andy Schneider is also running for the 1st Ward seat. I have to do the DNA on "preservationist." Not sure what it's supposed to mean. He's accused of physically removing Sam Royko's campaign posters all over Logan Square.

What's he trying to preserve in Chicago? The old wink? The returning favor? The oath to never



Chicago's 11-story City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., occupies the western half of the monumental Neo-Classical City and County Building.

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tear down a building? Change a law that makes no sense?

Or does he mean to keep aldermen from giving themselves a raise and better benefits?

He also actually uses the term "alderperson." Officially by law, the Council chose to use the term "alderman." It's not gender exclusive. Doesn't he know that?

Well his track record presents him as a 20-year veteran in trying to beautify and safeguard Logan Square. His 'hood. That geography is new to the 1st Ward. He's done some serious redesign of traffic, rescued the bell at St. John Berchmans, established fresh senior housing and worked to get a food truck plaza on Sacramento Blvd. Hey, maybe he's for real?

This scenario is just what the doctor ordered to clarify what the Mayor of Chicago ought to be planning. Whoever that will be. And let's face it, it's beyond the vision and the intellectual scope of Calamity Jane Lightfoot.

Whoever Chicago's mayor shall be, they must pursue bringing change to the structure of our urban government.

Especially now that Mike Madigan has been hobbled and can no longer easily prevent intelligent Chicago government from being born. And especially now that Ald. Ed Burke is out of the picture.

The mayor must seize the moment and get the Illinois State Legislature to cut the size of the Chicago City Council.

There are currently 50 city wards. Too many wards. Too many aldermen. It should be cut in half, at least. Cut down to 25 wards. But only the legislature can do this. It's not able to be done under "home rule" laws.

Once that takes place, if anyone is still alive, there's two more legislative elements that must get changed.

Presently the Chicago Mayor is the "President" of the Chicago City Council when they are in session. The Mayor presides over City Council meetings as "The President." Not as "The Mayor."

This is how government works in other big American cities. Look at New York. But Chicago always had its own peculiar rules. The mayor could always lean on the council members. A vestige of the machine. We must ensure that this change is made.

The other change we must secure is term limits. We do not need people holding an aldermanic seat for 10, 20 or 50 years. All that does is increase their temptations for power. And hubris.

This is why so many have been sent to jail.

Term limits will insure fairness. And tame the questionable ethics of aldermen.

All of this could be the legacy of Mayor Calamity Jane Lightfoot as she exits City Hall's fifth floor. Our repair for Chicago could get off to a firm plan. Right off the bat. And the terrible damage to our present reputation and criminal takeover could be reversed.

Most importantly this Mayoral Election can be the start of a new era for Chicago's healing and wholeness. Let the repairs begin from the 1st Ward to the 50th Ward. Round up the bright bulbs and the honest souls. Where's Dorothy Tillman when you need her? You won't even have to move your bed.

HOCKEY LEGEND: Bobby Hull was ours. We were his. Magic decades that went beyond the net. He shaped sport and culture. Chicagoans everywhere mourn.

GREAT ADVICE: Don't waste your vote for someone who may be great in the future... but not now. It's going to come down to two for the runoff in March. We all know who the frontrunners are and we know who is definitely not. Vote for one of the two frontrunners, otherwise you are wasting your vote.

CAMPAIGN 2023: Calamity Jane Lightfoot's Board of Ethics have their magnifying glasses out checking on her campaign's attempts to use CPS students for her run for a second term. Were students and administrators forced to come to her aid? They're looking for clues.

TAIL WAGS DOG: Finally, after all the secrecy, some details coming out about The Bellevue, the new Contemporary American Restaurant that once was Tavern on Rush. So much secrecy. So much fiddling around. Supposedly there will be 200 seats outside on the patio, all redesigned. Owners are rushing away from anything resembling a steakhouse on the red meat-heavy street. **Jim Banks**, the building owner, and big investor and partner **Fred Barbara**, have something new planned, "American Contemporary," for the famed restaurant row. But why all the silliness, especially the pushing out of the venerable **Phil Stefani**? This all promises a huge tarting up of the corner space. BTW, no high-rise going up, just more of the non-sense rumors and fibs.

CHICAGO CUTS: Word is that **Matt Moore** and **David Flom** are taking their Chicago

Cuts Steakhouse up... to the second floor of their river side location. Remaking the upstairs space for yet more celebrities and steaks.

DA' SUPER BEARS: Bears' Super Bowl victory was 37 years ago, Jan. 26, 1986. How does that time zip by us? What a time Chicago had. The stories are rich and real and will always stay in our hearts and memories.

VALENTINE'S CABARET: Drew's on Halsted special Valentine's Cabaret next Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., make your reservations now, call **Russ** at 773-244-9191.

MUSEUMS: Smithsonian's Asian Art Museum mysteriously axes partnership with Hong Kong Trade Office after 27 years. There is little consensus on the real reason behind its quiet ending.

WHO'S WHERE: **Peggy Snorf** in Merry Ole London having fun with LA cousin **Ella Jacobs** studying at King's College London, but heading to Paris for inside look at Dior and the Musée Yves Saint Laurent... **Steve** and **Mary Bell** doing Disney on Ice at Allstate Arena... **Eamonn Cummins** at the Plumbers' Hall for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and meeting the parade Queen's court girls **Meghan** and **Rachel**... also there were some fine Irish Cook County Judges, **James Michael McGing** and **Daniel Lynch**... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** out in full fashion for **Annie Hambleton's** birthday, cheers... **Roger** and **Janet Owen** celebrating Chinese New Year with neighbors, **Sa** and **Remi** and their daughter, **Chloe**... **Jimmy Place**, head of marketing for Second City Prime Steak and Seafood, overjoyed to welcome **Luke Scott Seldess'** brand new grandbaby #7... Happy Birthday, to

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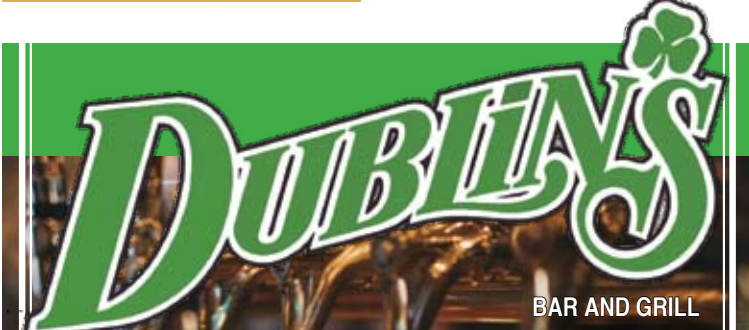
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CPS teacher, 50th Ward aldermanic candidate needs education in bigotry



Heart
of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

I don't live in the 50th Ward, but I do cover the city's Far North Side. And as a Jew, a "Cracker" and a "Honky," I can't help but weigh in on the cringe-worthy racist and anti-Semitic tweets made by 50th Ward aldermanic candidate Mueze Bawany that were recently brought to light.

The tweets were from 2019, which is not so long ago. Bawany, 35, was certainly old enough to know better.

We're not trying to be mean-spirited here, just trying to be honest.

In case you didn't hear, on Feb. 2, the Chicago Tribune revealed Bawany made tweets that were insulting -- and degrading -- to both the Jewish and Caucasian communities. In one tweet, from May of 2019, Bawany, a Chicago Public Schools teacher wrote: "F--- Israel and f--- all you Zionist scum." In Dec. 2019, during an exchange on Twitter, he called a white woman a "Cracker," and told her F--- off honky."

Yikes. Someone needs to give Bawany a lesson in racism and bigotry. Is he teaching that to our kids?

The night of the Tribune's tweet reveal, there was supposed to be an aldermanic forum in the 50th Ward where both candidates were scheduled to participate. Yet 50th Ward incumbent Ald. Debra Silverstein did not show up. She let her opponent face the music on his own. Smart cookie that Debra.

Silverstein, a three-term incumbent, released a statement saying she was "shocked, saddened and deeply disturbed," by the "hateful and obscene" tweets. I'm sure many people agree with her. But I'm also sure that others are basking in the anti-Semitic glory of Bawany's hate-filled hurtful words.

"Referring to any human being as 'scum' 'honky' or 'cracker' is highly inappropriate for any person, let alone a candidate for public office," Ald. Silverstein said in a statement. "Obscenity and hate do not facilitate unity among diverse communities."

The Chicago Teachers Union has made two hefty contributions totaling just under \$50,000 to Bawany through a pair of political action committees. He is also backed by the Chicago Democratic Socialists of America, a group that endorses the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement, which according to its website, "works to end international support for Israel's oppression of Palestinians and pressure Israel to comply with international law." It's a divisive movement, aiming to de-legitimize, isolate and eradicate the State of Israel.

Silverstein said that as a member of Chicago's largest Jewish community, she was "horrificed" by Bawany's attempt to do just that with his tweets.

"This kind of hateful rhetoric is a part of a broader pattern that normalizes violence and creates space for animosity to become violent action," she said. "It puts my Jewish friends and neighbors at risk."

We have now seen a significant rise in hate speech, hate crimes, and especially anti-Semitic hate crimes over the past several years, said Ald. Silverstein.

She speaks the truth.

Last November, I wrote about the alarming spike in anti-Semitism and how in its Audit of Antisemitic Incidents for 2021, the Anti-Defamation League [ADL] noted: "In 2021, ADL tabulated 2,717 anti-Semitic incidents across the United States.



Ald. Debra Silverstein

This represents a 34% increase from the 2,026 incidents recorded in 2020 and is the highest number on record since ADL began tracking anti-Semitic incidents in 1979."

The Jewish community is on high alert, said Ald. Silverstein. Yet doesn't it seem as if we always are? And we're not alone and not the only targets, as Ald. Silverstein also pointed out. Any minority groups, whether it's the Blacks, Gays, Latinos, or the likes, could be next. Today it's the Jews. Tomorrow it's, (fill in the blank). The next day it's the (???)...

"We as the 50th Ward—all of us of every faith and background -- must stand together in opposition to divisive, hurtful, and hateful speech. We must stand together against any form of violence," said Silverstein, who is the sole Jewish alderperson in the City Council.

I hope that Mr. Bawany will not only learn from his mistake but also teach it as a lesson to his students in what never to do. Let them know how the things that one says or does can come back to haunt them. Give the kids an education in bigotry and use his own words as an example.

Although the Twitter account was deleted, the damage is done. Bawany, who is Muslim, did release a statement apologizing "unequivocally" and I'm sure he does regret what he said. Or at least he regrets getting caught saying it.

"The tone and content of these tweets do not represent who I am, the campaign I'm running, and if elected, how I plan to lead," Bawany said.

"Like many over the last few years, I have had some painful lows and moments where hope seemed scarce," he said. "In some of those moments, I expressed my deep frustration with the injustices in the world in ways that were mean and counterproductive to the vision of the beloved community that we have been building during this campaign."

Bawany said two of the tweets show him engaging with events surrounding the "ultimately failed" presidential primary run by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders. The third tweet is an expression "of my deep sadness and exasperation during the May 2019 war in Gaza."

"As someone whose parents came here seeking refuge, few things disturb me more than war and the suffering it entails," said Bawany, who at the age of three moved to Chicago from Karachi, Pakistan, with his family.

"But I know that the denigrating words I used will alienate, harm, and offend members of my community and make it more challenging to connect -- particularly across perspectives on such important issues."

Recognition is a good start. Self-awareness is then followed by contrition, regret, and finally repentance. That's how one earns back society's respect.



Mueze Bawany

The tweets are not in any way reflective of the person he is today, Bawany said. I sure hope so. I have a special place in my heart for CPS teachers, as my mom was one for 30 years. I would like to believe -- and I sincerely hope -- that he is a different person now.

On one hand, as a Jewish honky, I want to tell Bawany to kiss my Cracker toes. On the other hand, everybody makes mistakes and I'm a firm believer in second chances, if the person has learned from their irrevocable blunders, and there are a lot of them these days thanks to social media. His penitence may be broad rebukes he's getting now, and repentance his losing votes in the 50th Ward.

This has likely been a huge lesson for Bawany. It's certainly one that can't be

taught in any classroom.

It's called Don't Be A Bigot 101.

Forum in 49!... it's the event residents of the 49th Ward have been waiting for. A 49th Ward aldermanic candidate forum will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 21, at Loyola Univ. Chicago Crown Center for the Humanities, 1001 W. Loyola Ave. It can also be live streamed at facebook.com/lwvchicago. Hear from the three candidates for alderperson as well as those running to serve on the new 24th District police council.

Unfortunately, the forum will be held after our deadline so we will not be able to report on it prior to the aldermanic election.

Funny valentines... great pizza and music will be on the menu starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at Borelli's Pizza, 2124 W. Lawrence Ave. Four local professional opera/cabaret singers, Kevin Wood, Katherine Werbiansky, Cindy Firing and Alex Mano, will join forces to offer a diverse program of opera arias, musical theater solos and duets as well as selections from the Great American Songbook.

At the piano will be Howard Pfeifer. And as if that isn't enough, there will be an audience sing-a-long featuring Valentine-themed songs and you can take the stage at the open mic! Bring sheet music so you can serenade your special someone in song. No advance tix/reservations required but donations will be accepted to help with the singers' expenses.

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Here comes The Blob

Curse of the TOD 'blob' now plagues North Center

There is an old Mack David / Burt Bacharach song from 1958 called “The Blob” that refers to an unknown menace that comes to your neighborhood, and just expands to fill up all the gaps.

“Beware of the blob, it creeps and leaps and glides and slides, across the floor, right through the door, and all around the wall, a splotch, a blotch... be careful of the blob.”

Residents of the Lincoln Square, North Center and Roscoe Village neighborhoods are up in arms, and in opposition to the current plan for a ‘blob’ development at 3950 N. Damen Ave. That is the proposed new high density Transit Oriented Development [TOD] in the heart of North Center.

An online petition has gone out that says the proposed building is “too large, adds a concerning amount of density at an already dangerous and highly congested six-corners intersection, and doesn’t go far enough in meeting the needs of the existing residents.”

The mixed-use development comes from a partnership between CRG and Ravine Park Partners, who are seeking to amend the existing Planned Development. The project site includes the existing bank building at 3959 N. Lincoln Ave. and the surface parking lot and drive-through at 3950 N. Damen Ave.

In total, the project will add 301 new residential units, but only 95 off-street parking spaces to serve both commercial and residential uses. There would be approximately 10,000 square feet of new retail space added to the intersection of Irving Park Rd., Damen and N. Lincoln avenues.

These high density TOD ‘blob’ projects are being approved at a frantic pace all across the North Side. And many North Side neighbors who see them coming to their blocks are not happy about it.

But the new TOD blobs are coming so fast and furious, that communities across the city are having a hard time coalescing around opposition to those that are ill-suited for a particular location.

And particularly irksome for many now is the pandemic-era trend away from hosting in-person community meetings on big plans. The lack of in-person meetings is a complaint that this newspaper has heard consistently over the last three years. To a large degree, virtual meetings are no longer acceptable to the general public.

“We appreciate the public meeting, but the gravity of this development warrants a true in-person public meeting,” the

petition states. “An in-person public forum has been held in the past and should be scheduled for this development before a decision is made.”

Indeed, an online-only virtual meeting, where one person literally has the power to mute hundreds, and where even chat boxes are frequently disabled, are as far from being democratic as any form of debate or decision-making.

“Our neighborhood lacks public green space/parks and quality retail/restaurants. The current plan mainly focuses on adding expensive rental housing and does not have any committed retail tenants,” reads the preamble to the petition.

The proposal calls for a seven-story, 81’-tall building to be built on Damen. More concerning perhaps than the density would be the added traffic that the proposal would generate for the alley west of Damen into and out of the development.

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Specifically, neighbors are concerned about the density of the development and how it may impact the character, traffic and safety of the neighborhood, especially with the prospect of the blob spreading out onto Seeley Ave.

TODs are marketed to single, childless tenants who do not own cars. But people who lack access to a car still drive a great deal of vehicle traffic into TOD buildings with their high demand for car sharing services, food delivery vehicles, and Amazon, UPS, postal and FedEx delivery trucks.

And many of those who live in a TOD do still own cars, but are unable - or too frugal - to secure off-street parking at their building, and so they seek street parking on nearby residential streets. Neighbors know there will be a significant increase in traffic going down area streets and cutting through alleys.



This mixed-use development at Irving Park Rd., Lincoln and Damen avenues, is proposed by a partnership between CRG and Ravine Park Partners, who are seeking to amend the existing Planned Development to add 301 new residential units, but only 95 off-street parking spaces.

People in most every North Side community are telling this newspaper now that TOD plans that do not provide a 1:1 ratio of parking spots to units are degrading the quality of life in their communities.

Before the arrival of the ‘blobs,’ the city’s former zoning code required each new residential unit provide one off-street parking spot. With TOD zoning, that ratio has dropped dramatically, in most cases to below a half spot per unit, and in some severe cases to .33%, .25% or even zero off-street parking spots per unit.

And the new TOD zoning seldom considers the parking needs of a building’s commercial tenants or their customers. Add in the city’s ongoing campaign to sell off - or give away - metered public parking lots, plus the city’s growing war on metered commercial street parking in favor of protected bike lanes, and the environment suddenly becomes quite hostile toward small storefront businesses

for whom convenient street parking that turns over quickly is a critical need.

The North Center petition speaks to some specific issues with the current proposal, they include:

- The proposal requires alley access for loading, deliveries, trash pick-up, bank drive-thru and residents. The alleys off of one-way streets are dangerous and experience a lot of cut-thru traffic. This development will exacerbate those issues. This project does not address these issues, or take into account current residents’ usage of the alley.

- The vehicle turning movement at the Damen entry will contribute to greater delays and queuing of vehicles along Damen. Morning and afternoon traffic backing up north and south on both Damen and Lincoln has been increasing. This development, along with multiple other developments approved nearby, will make this problem significantly worse.

- Each subsequent development proposal in the area neighbors have seen requests to increase the density and building heights. They feel the height is excessive and out of character for this community. The petition states this project sets a bad precedent and is contrary to what other developments have had to abide by. The current design is incongruent with the surrounding context, imposes on the immediate neighbors, and is wrong for the Damen frontage.

- They feel the new building proposed at 3950 N. Damen is too long, tall, and massive and imposes on the existing adjacent residents.

- They think the proposal was never socialized or agreed upon by the broader community. That one neighborhood association and a consultant for the Special Service Area developed the plan without consulting the greater community.

- The public space will not be useful for programming or to supplement the lack of green/park space in this area. That the plaza space proposed only serves the immediate retail tenants and is mundane.



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Top CPS official has a new job title: Dope Dealer

**Partner is former
47th Ward Ald. Pawar**

BY PETER VON BUOL

One of the highest-ranking officials of the Chicago Public Schools [CPS] will soon be selling marijuana at his marijuana shop in the northern suburb of Wheeling.

Charles Mayfield, currently interim chief operating officer of CPS and who has had a long government career, was among those awarded a “social equity” cannabis license in Aug. 2022 by the state’s Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation.

According to information posted on the CPS website, Mayfield works closely with [chief executive officer Pedro Martinez] and other district leaders “to ensure that the district’s priorities and core values are reflected through the resources and services CPS provides to students, staff, and families.”

This newspaper contacted the CPS spokesperson about the ethics, morality and legality of Mayfield working for the CPS and owning a store which sells a controlled-substance that is still illegal on the federal level.

The ethics and morality come into play for CPS officials as studies show that regular users of cannabis saw IQ declines be-

tween childhood and adulthood, whereas nonusers did not. A persistent cannabis dependence was associated with a loss of up to six IQ points on average, with deficits especially pronounced in those who became dependent before age 18. Marijuana users had lower test scores relative to nonusers and showed a significant decline in crystallized intelligence between preadolescence and late adolescence. Just how does a school system like CPS teach drug abstinence to students when one of the top CPS officials is a legal dope dealer?

While the spokesperson did speak with this newspaper, she said she could not provide any sort of statement over the phone and requested a question sent by email. As of deadline, the CPS has not responded.

Among Mayfield's partners is former 47th Ward Ald. Ameya Pawar, who as alderman had voted to approve the city's first cannabis dispensary. Pawar did not run for re-election in 2019 and late that year he had legally formed a partnership with Mayfield, and had incorporated as CESAM, LLC.

Mayfield is an air force veteran, and the company name may have been inspired by the acronym for the [Army] Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Mobile division.

Prior to serving as COO, May-

field was the CPS's chief procurement officer and was responsible for vendor management services to schools and central office locations. He was also responsible for working with the school district and vendors. Among his stated goals was increased equity participation, elimination of waste, and value-added philanthropic support.

In May 2022, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Mayfield was among two officers who had signed a no-bid contract with vendor Battelle for Kids, an Ohio-based teacher-evaluation company. The newspaper reported Battelle had been targeted in a ransomware attack in Dec. 2021 and which had exposed four years of data from about 500,000 CPS students 60,000 CPS employees.

In addition to the politically-connected Pawar, Mayfield's business partners at the Wheeling location include restauranteurs Scott Weiner and Greg Mohr, whose Fifty/50 Restaurant Group operates 14 restaurants and bar concepts across Chicago. Among these is Roots Homemade Pizza, 2200 W. Lawrence Ave. which is located in the 47th Ward.

In a Jan. 30 article in Crain's Chicago Business, Weiner said the Wheeling location will be ideal because each day, 40,000 cars pass its 12,000-square-foot location. There are also multiple

corporate headquarters and hotels nearby.

The Wheeling location will also include Weiner and Mohr's bakery concept, West Town Bakery. Weiner has said the baked goods will not include cannabis but will be specifically tailored to the location to serve its hungry customers. Mayfield and Pawar will also be the first cannabis establishment to have on-site alcohol sales.

As our moms, dads and Officer Friendly all told us, dope and booze is a dangerous combination.

Pawar told Crain's he hopes customers become hooked on his company's products so they make daily purchases. "We want to make this a lifestyle brand, where it's very much part of your day, part of your regular routine," he said.

As alderman, Pawar had positioned himself as being concerned about public education. Among his first initiatives was Grow 47/ Grow Chicago, a non-profit organization which he described as being a vehicle to strengthen neighborhood CPS schools. He encouraged parents to stay in the city and to send their children to neighborhood CPS Schools. Upon leaving office, Pawar moved to Evanston.

Sheriff Dart warns public of phone scam

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is warning of a telephone scam where a caller identifying as a Sheriff's Office employee tells victims they must pay a large fine for missing court or they will go to jail.

The caller tells the victim to pay the fine using a money transfer app such as Zelle or Venmo and warns the victim not to talk to anyone about the matter because there is a gag order.

The name used by the caller matches the name of an actual Sheriff's Office employee, so an Internet search of the name may make the call appear to be legitimate.

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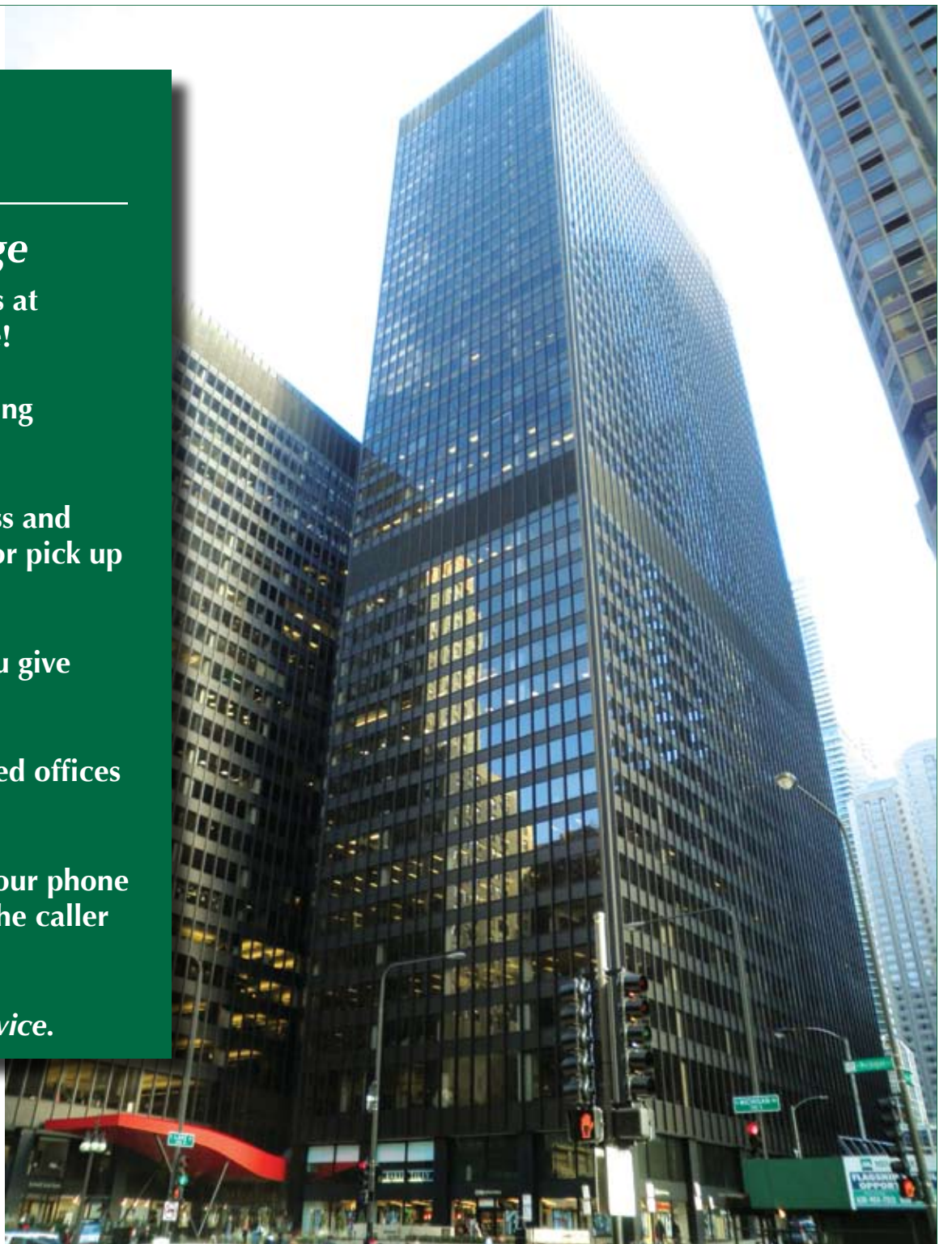
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Buyers should get combat pay for flying into 2022 market



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Buying a home during the 2022 pandemic was like flying through flack without a parachute in the middle of a war.

After mortgage rates soared, Chicago's North Side housing market cooled sharply in the second half of last year, following 24 months of exceptional sales activity, according to the 2022 Baird & Warner North Side Market Report.

Pity the typical buyer who faced the headwinds of a giant leap in home-loan interest rates in the early months of 2022. Benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates soared from about 3.5% to more than 5.7% between February and June. Rates peaked in November at 7.08%, and have modified into the low 6%

range today.

Nonetheless, home prices softened only modestly even as sales activity saw substantial declines.

North Side home sales in 2022 as whole totaled 10,872 units, which was -15.6% less than in 2021, and fourth-quarter sales total of 1,638 units was off -34.2% from the comparable period in 2021, Baird & Warner reported.

Home prices remained fairly resilient, with the median price of all attached and detached sales coming in at \$390,000 for the full year, a minimal increase of 0.6% over the 2021 result. However, in the final quarter of 2022, the median price was -9% lower than the same period of 2021.

Prepared quarterly by Mary Jo Nathan of Baird & Warner's office at 4037 N. Damen in North Center, the Chicago North Side Market Report tracks sales of single-family and attached homes in the neighborhoods of Edgewater, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

"The pandemic sales boom on the North Side produced 24,611 sales between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2022," reported Nathan. "In comparison, the two years prior to the pandemic, 2019 and 2018, saw 19,395 home sales in the same area."

That translates to a pandemic-fueled increase of 26.9%, which is logically fading now as the market returns to more normal conditions and digests significantly higher interest rates, Nathan said.

A continued shortage of inventory helped home prices remain relatively steady. North Side listing inventory totaled 1,635 units

at the end of 2022. That is -21.3% below the 2021 year-end number.

That shortage helps explain why even as fewer homes were sold, they were selling at a brisk pace. Average market time for North Side homes was 69 days for the full year and 70 days in the fourth quarter, both about two weeks less than the comparable figures for 2021.

The attached home market—primarily townhomes and condominiums and co-operative apartments—posted a sales decline of -15% for the year to 9,846 units. That still was the second largest annual total in this category over the past 15 years.

The median price of an attached North Side home rose 1.1% for the full year to \$359,000, while the median price in the fourth quarter slipped -8.5% to \$325,000. Average market time was 70 days for the full year and 71 days in the final quarter.

The performance of this segment was impacted by a continued shrinkage in the inventory of attached homes for sale, which was -23.2% lower at the end of 2022 than it had been a year earlier.

While 2022 attached sales were down in all nine community areas covered by this report, the smallest decline occurred in the largest market. Near North Side sales fell -7.1% from 2021, and that area accounted for 28.6% of total North Side attached sales. All the other areas reported sales declines between -13.8% and -23.3%.

Median attached home prices were relatively stable for the year, rising a bit in Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Uptown and Near North, and topped by a 5.1% in-

North Side Median Prices—2022

	Median Price	% Change
Edgewater		
Detached	\$908,750	+0.4%
Attached	\$235,750	-1.4%
Lake View		
Detached	\$1,550,000	+12.7%
Attached	\$389,900	-1.3%
Lincoln Park		
Detached	\$1,727,500	+1.0%
Attached	\$540,000	+4.0%
Lincoln Square		
Detached	\$825,000	-1.4%
Attached	\$315,200	+3.9%
Near North		
Detached	\$2,100,000	+13.5%
Attached	\$420,000	+2.4%
North Center		
Detached	\$1,250,000	+7.1%
Attached	\$483,750	+5.1%
Rogers Park		
Detached	\$617,500	+8.3%
Attached	\$190,500	-4.75%
Uptown		
Detached	\$1,175,000	+10.9%
Attached	\$305,000	+1.7%
West Ridge		
Detached	\$464,500	+8.1%
Attached	\$154,500	-2.1%
Total North Side		
Detached	\$1,250,000	+6.8%
Attached	\$359,000	+1.1%

the full year rose 6.8% to \$1.25 million, while the fourth quarter median of \$1,076,000 represented a -7.6% decline.

Sales of single-family homes fell in all nine neighborhoods. The best results were recorded in Lincoln Square, with a decline of -5.8%. Sales volume in Edgewater slipped -16%, while Lake View transactions fell -16.9%. Sales declines in Lincoln Park, Near North, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge ranged from -20.4% to -30.6%.

The top communities for total sales were Lincoln Park with 230 units and North Center with 209 units. Median prices rose in eight of the nine neighborhoods:

- **Near North:** Single-family home prices increased a solid 13.5% to \$2.1 million.

- **Lake View:** Home prices posted a strong gain of 12.7% to \$1.55 million.

- **Uptown:** Home prices rose 10.9% to \$1.175 million.

- **Edgewater:** Home prices rose slightly 0.4% to \$908,750.

- **Lincoln Park:** Home prices posted a slight 1% gain to \$1,727,500.

- **Lincoln Square:** Home prices slipped -1.4% to \$825,000.

- **North Center:** Home prices increased 7.1% to \$1,250,000.

- **Rogers Park:** Home prices rose 8.3% to \$617,500.

- **West Ridge:** Home prices increased 8.1% to \$464,500.

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CTA addressing service shortages

City officials recently had a meeting with CTA administrators about their poor service on bus and rail lines that service Chicago's North Side. The meeting also revolved around issues of overall cleanliness and safety of their system.

From a service standpoint, the CTA Red and Blue Lines are of particular concern as they have recently been delivering less than 70% of scheduled service, leading to long wait times and overcrowd-

ed trains and platforms.

The CTA claims that the root of the service and maintenance issues is staffing. The CTA has been aggressively recruiting new personnel to address the shortfalls, like many city, county and state posts, new workers are hard to recruit. Right now, it's estimated that the CTA has 100 to 200 openings for train operators, and 600 to 700 openings for bus drivers.

Bonuses and a raise for new

employees are all part of the CTA's plan, but they're still suffering from low staffing levels.

CTA staff in particular face real concerns over safety as quality of life crime and bad behavior is a growing problem throughout the system. The agency's abuse of overtime has spiked post-pandemic and is a contributing factor in what they're calling the "great resignation" of the CTA's workforce.

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Ald. Tunney endorses Paul Vallas for Mayor

BY TOM TUNNEY

After careful consideration, I am endorsing and voting for Paul Vallas for Mayor of Chicago. I urge all Chicagoans who care about public safety, public education and public finances to join me.

As a person who is socially progressive and fiscally responsible, the platform that Paul Vallas has for Chicago most closely aligns with what I believe, both as a member of the City Council for two decades and as a small business owner for forty years.

When it comes to public safety, the number one issue for most Chicagoans, I have every confidence that Paul will work to keep our city safe 24/7. Unfortunately, right now my constituents in the 44th Ward do not feel safe. They saw index crime up 67% in the 19th District the last two years while having 30% fewer police officers assigned to the District since the peak number in 2019. That will change for our residents and businesses and others across the city under Paul's watch.

Paul has the most common-sense plan to recruit, retain and

train the types of individuals the Chicago Police Dept. needs as it operates under a federal consent decree. I agree with Paul's desire to bring former members of CPD out of retirement and hire them on a contractual basis to fill in gaps in top-level institutional knowledge, assist detectives with investigations and fill inside positions that do not require a sworn police officer.

Paul also understands that it is important to restore confidence among all Chicagoans in our dedicated and hard-working police officers while also boosting their morale, which is at an all-time low.

As the former head of the Chicago Public Schools, Paul knows what needs to be done to improve our schools at the most fundamental levels to make sure every child, regardless of income or zip code, has the opportunity for a quality education. He recognizes that all neighborhood public schools from K through 12 need to become more academically rigorous and competitive. This is key to keeping young

families here in Chicago.

When it comes to budget and taxes, there is no candidate more qualified than Paul, who once served as Chicago's budget

director. He understands not only the big picture, but the small details that impact the financial stability of the city and the families and businesses who pay taxes to support it. He will make sound investment decisions and budget in a sustainable manner instead of relying on one-time fixes like federal recovery grants.

Making significant investments on the south and west sides of Chicago during the past four years was necessary and commendable. However, the current mayor has been ambivalent at best and neglectful at worst of the economic engines of Chicago including the State St. and Michigan Ave. business corridors as well as the many and varied business and entertainment districts on the North Side that all are seeing historic levels of storefront vacancies.

I will do all I can to help Paul as he works to reinvigorate business districts citywide. I know

Commentary

Voting by mail and in-person voting at two Loop locations is underway. Early voting locations in every ward will open on Monday, Feb. 13 and of course, Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Feb. 28.

first-hand that Chicago needs to create an environment conducive to assisting responsible employers who value their employees as their greatest asset. Chicago's government leaders need to not just regulate but must foster innovation.

Paul is the candidate who understands he can't do all that needs to be done alone. I am confident that he will surround himself with the best people to advise and guide him through the next four years. He will work hand-in-hand with the next City Council and our partners in Springfield and Washington, D.C. to reestablish Chicago as a world class city.

New on the ballot, Police District Council reps

In July 2021, the City Council passed an ordinance creating a new experiment in police oversight and public safety. The ordinance creates two bodies: a citywide Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability [CCPSA], with power to enact changes, and District Councils, which will be elected in each police district hoping to improve policing and public safety in the district.

The Commission and District Councils will try to bring police and residents together to plan, prioritize, and build trust; strengthen the police accountability system; and experiment with oversight; and explore and advance alter-

native effective approaches to public safety.

District Councils will be made of up three paid officials elected in regular municipal elections every four years, starting this month. But anyone can participate in District Council work.

Among the tasks of the councils will be to create connections between the police and the community at the district level, where the community will partner in making the neighborhood safer from crime.

Councils will hold monthly public meetings, where residents can work with the police on local community concerns and priorities. They will also give

19th District Police Council candidate forum Feb. 14

During the election on Feb. 28, the voters of each Police District will be electing 3 members to the newly created Police District Councils.

The Councils will serve as a bridge between the Community and the Police, developing and implementing community policing and restorative justice initiatives, hold monthly public meetings and meet regularly with other Police District Councils.

The South Lakeview Neighbors will be hosting a 19th District candidates forum 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport. No reservations are required.

input on police policies and practices, and may expand restorative justice programs in the police district.

District Council may also nominate members of the

CCPSA. Anyone who serves on the CCPSA must first have the support of elected District Council members.

Biometric privacy law strengthened by latest high court ruling

BY CWBCHICAGO

People who've been subject to fingerprinting, face or retinal scans as either employees or customers of Illinois companies have five years to file lawsuits if they believe the business violated a stringent state privacy law, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled last week.

It's the latest in a handful of cases that have reached Illinois'

high court in recent years, all refining the state's 2008 Biometric Information Privacy Act, known as BIPA, the first-of-its-kind law has made Illinois the only state that grants a private right of action to sue over the improper collection and mishandling of biometric data.

On Feb. 2, the justices ruled BIPA has an unequivocal five-year statute of limitations on all claims under the law – not a one-

year window as employers and business groups had hoped for.

In this case, logistics company Black Horse Carriers Inc., which is part of trucking giant Penske, faced a class action lawsuit. A former employee initiated the suit, alleging the company violated BIPA by requiring time clock fingerprint authentication without maintaining a publicly available policy on how the company would treat employees' data.

The suit also claimed Black Horse failed to provide notice to employees that the timeclock was collecting their fingerprints, and didn't explicitly get employees' consent. The company argued the court should've applied the one-year statute of limitations under Illinois' Right of Publicity Act. But the court unanimously disagreed.

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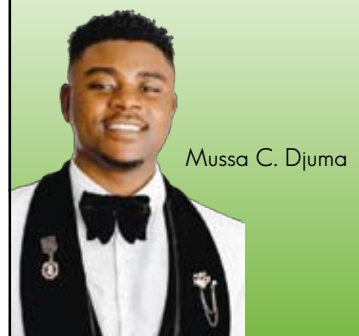
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World's first pay-TV service was launched on North Side

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BY DR. NEIL GALE
*Library of Illinois
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Phonevision was a project by Zenith Radio Company to create the world's first pay television system. It was developed and first launched in the Lakeview and Lincoln Park areas of Chicago.

E.F. McDonald's vision wasn't that far from what some early pioneers intended for radio. Though he continued to call himself "the father of the radio," Dr. Lee de Forest (inventor of the "audion" vacuum tube and the "discoverer" of regeneration if the courts are to be believed) turned his back on the broadcast frenzy. He was appalled by the crass commercialism already in place by the 1930s. De Forest thought that the public should be allowed to sit down and enjoy a concert, a history lesson, or just simply the news of the day without being huckstered by a fast-talking shaving cream salesman.

But it was not to be.

It all boiled down to economics and time. Radio needed commercial sponsorship if it was to survive and grow.

As the industry was abandoning the mechanical era and embracing the new electronic era of television research, design and manufacture, it became clear that if television was to survive and surpass radio as the popular medium, it needed the cash flow that only commercial television

sponsorship could provide. McDonald, chairman and owner of independent radio manufacturer Zenith Radio Corp. in Chicago, firmly believed De Forest's thinking. Zenith had experimented with "subscription television" as early as 1931.

By 1947 they had a working system and, in 1951, coined and trademarked the name “Phonevision” to identify their efforts.

After receiving FCC approval, a 90-day test run was conducted utilizing 300 families from the Lakeview-Lincoln Park Chicago area. This area was chosen due to the limited broadcast range of the station.

KS2XBS was located at the Field Building downtown, and its Phonevision central distribution center was at 3477 N. Clark St. The lucky 300, equipped with a set-top converter (the first in a long line of boxes to sit atop the TV) and a dedicated telephone line, enjoyed first-run movies that were supplied under a special deal with Zenith and some of the major film studios.

A typical broadcast day for Phonovision subscribers might include *The Enchanted Cottage*, a Robert Young film from 1945. The film would be shown three days in a row, scheduled at different times each day. The station would receive the movie two days in advance and store them in a special film vault. (Jerry Daly,

A vintage advertisement for Zenith Phonevision. The central image is a composite of a rotary telephone handset and a record player. The handset is positioned as if it's about to dial a number. The record player's tonearm and stylus are integrated into the handset. The record itself is white with the word "Phonevision" in a large, bold, serif font. Above the record, the word "PRESENTS" is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The Zenith logo, featuring a stylized lightning bolt and the word "ZENITH", is at the top. Below the record, the text "The Finest in Video Entertainment" and "— WITHOUT ADVERTISING —" are printed. The entire advertisement is framed by a thin black border.

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Phonevision's central distribution center was at 3477 N. Clark St. The lucky nearby residents enjoyed first-run movies that were supplied under a deal with Zenith TV.

along with his projectionist staff of Jim Starbuck and Roland Long, was responsible for the safety of the film.)

In the beginning, TV was considered Hollywood's mortal enemy. But McDonald and Zenith were determined to prove that the two could work side by side. For the not-so-low price of \$1 (\$3.25 in 1951), folks could see a major motion picture in their living rooms without commercial interruption.

The experiment was attracting citywide attention. People tried to build or buy pirate boxes to

circumvent the system and avoid payment.

In the first month of the test, only the video was scrambled. The audio was as clear as a whistle; many sat through the scrambled picture and just listened.

The second month, however, changed all that when Zenith began to scramble the sound, making all those pirate boxes obsolete.

To watch their movies, the people who paid for their Phonevision were required to call the Phonevision operator and ask to be "plugged in." The subscriber would turn to channel 3 on the television and turn on his Phonevision converter, which would be patched into the antenna terminals on the set and a phone line. According to *The Zenith Story*, an in-house 1954 publication, those families averaged about 1.73 movies weekly. Not quite enough to qualify as a commercial mess. The results were disappointing as McDonald had hoped to transform KS2XBS into commercial licensed WTZR.

The experiment was plagued by technical problems right from the beginning. Passing planes and trucks was known to wreak havoc on the signal making the experience less than enjoyable. This was, of course, provided you even received the scrambled signal.

But Zenith refused to give up and, in 1953, was ready to try again.

But by this time, commercial television was firmly in place.

and the advertisers (who had great power over the networks) generally frowned upon the “alternative” to commercially sponsored television.

Educational television, though noncommercial, was not considered a threat. By 1953, all of the experimental licenses in Chicago had been replaced by commercial ones. Zenith, so involved with its Phonevision system, apparently didn't see or chose to ignore the situation, and KS2XBS found itself in a difficult situation, when The American Broadcasting Company and United Paramount Theaters [UPT] joined forces.

Because licensees could only own one television station in the same market- a problem quickly arose. UPT, through its Balaban & Katz subsidiary, owned WBKB Channel 4. ABC-TV owned and operated WENR-TV on channel 7. CBS, itself lagging behind for a completely different reason- its Peter Goldmark-designed field sequential color television system, did not own a station in the Chicago market. Its shows were carried mainly by WBKB.

CBS quickly coughed up \$6 million for the station in a sweetheart deal arranged by CBS head Bill Paley and ABC head Edward Noble.

Subscription TV

Subscription broadcast television used a method referred to as "narrowcasting." Employing this method, a station would transmit a scrambled picture and a code encoded in a single sideband of the audio signal. A set-top de-

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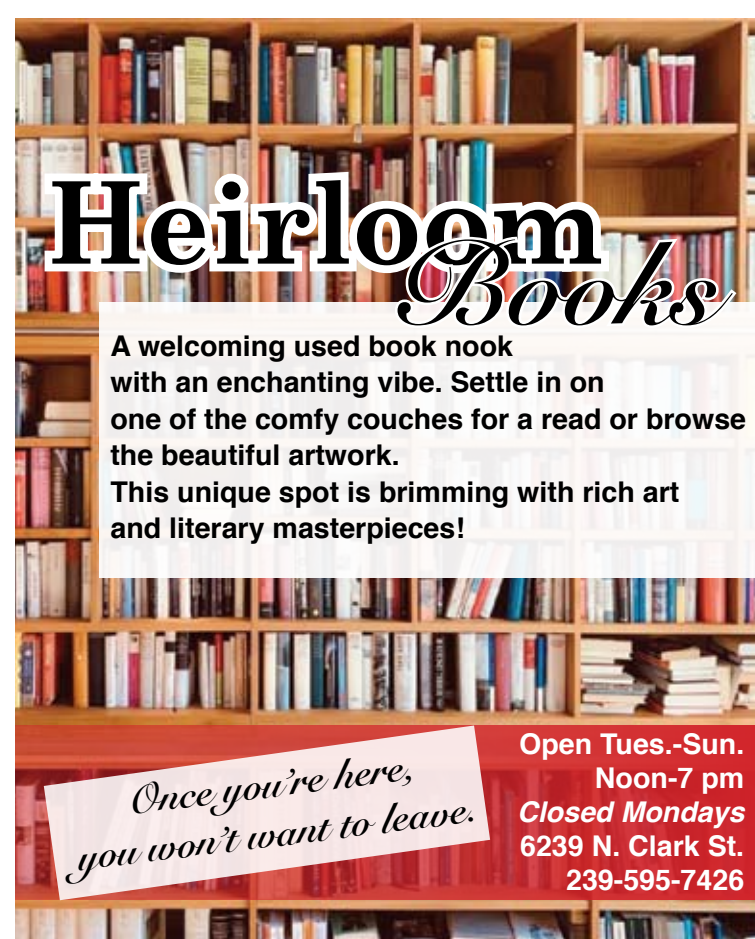
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family several years after being released from the federal prison camp, as they struggle to rebuild their lives and make ends meet through their family dry cleaning business. The film's companion immersive learning website builds upon both the characters and historical events of incarceration and resettlement introduced in the film to create the "world" through which viewers can engage with facts, figures, and important social themes that extend from this history.

After the film and website premiere, Reina Higashitani, film director and professor at the New American Film School, Arizona State Univ., and Dr. Helen Cho, professor of Asian American Studies, Northwestern Univ., will discuss their engagement with Resettlement and how they approach this unique history as filmmaker, media scholar, and educators.

Audio Description, Open Captions, CART (Live) Captioning, and ASL Interpretation will be included. The venue and bathrooms are wheelchair accessible with ramps, elevators and electronic doors throughout the building.

At noon, Full Spectrum Features will host a workshop for teachers on the history of Japanese American incarceration and resettlement. An honorarium is available for teachers. Email ashley@fullspectrumfeatures.com to register.

Letters to the Editor

Choose to value ourselves

Valentine's Day gives everyone a chance to celebrate. Whether you have, or even wish to have, someone to love and to love you may not matter that much. Remember that you always have yourself to love. If you learn to love yourself, it is likelier that you will find someone to love you.

Possibly more significant than love is valuing and feeling valued by another. To feel valued is the most important wish of all people. Whether loving and being loved

by another trumps valuing and being valued by another, you decide. It isn't simply a matter of rhetoric.

We may all take comfort in knowing that we can choose to value ourselves, and others, every day of the year.

Happy Valentine's Day to us all.

Leon J. Hoffman, PhD
Lakeview East

How many people does it take to turn off a lightbulb?

There is a stretch of Clark St. in Uptown where the streetlights have been burning 24/7 for over two months. Before that, they were out 24/7 for a week.

This lighting situation was reported to 311 two months ago. They're still on.

In Massachusetts there is a school where the lights are not able to be turned off due to a software failure in a "smart" lighting system. That problem cannot be fixed because of a parts shortage.

City officials there have conceded that the constantly burning 'smart' lights were actually dumb, "costing taxpayers a sig-

nificant amount of money."

It's easy to assume that the same applies here, these dumb lights burning 24/7 are costing taxpayers their smart money. How hard is it to turn off these lights? How much "smart" technology does this city rely on that can't perform basic tasks?

A problem like this does not instill confidence. If our 'smart' people can't do the small things right, how can they do the big things right?

Sydney Moore
Andersonville

Snow White and her dwarfs harming Chicago school kids

Chicago has its own version of Snow White and the Seven Little Dwarfs. They put juicy political contributions ahead of the safety and educational needs of our schoolchildren.

"Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to squeeze we go."

Snow White is played by Mayor Lori Lightfoot. No, no, no, it's not a horror movie; it's a fairy tale.

The seven dwarfs are played by seven, woke, progressive aldermen: Grumpy Rodriguez-Sanchez, Happy Vasquez, Bashful Hadden, Sleepy Cappelman, Sneezy Knudsen, Doc Villegas and Dopey Matt Martin.

"Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to make some dough."

Chicago has an opportunity to set up generations of its children for success. But not if Lightfoot and the dwarfs can stop it.

The DePaul College Prep (old Gordon Tech) High School on California is closed, and ready for a new use.

Will Lightfoot and her dwarfs use their power to get that riverfront property for the common good?

Hell no! It's not like the property is owned by some poor old widow. It is listed

after by developers to make millions in profits. And that is more important to Snow Lightfoot and her dwarfs.

They would rather take care of developers than your children. That's because developers feed Chicago pols "a poison apple" of campaign contributions.

Chicago can do one of three things with that property. It can open a STEM academy to prepare our children for high tech jobs.

It can add the property to Lane Tech High School to prepare our children for America's greatest universities.

Or they can let our greedy developers have their way, for a fee, of course.

What do you think they'll do? What will you do?

Me, I'm going to vote. And I will encourage all my friends and neighbors to vote too. Against Lightfoot, and her seven dwarfs and all their hand-picked successors.

"Hi ho, hi ho, we've got to strike a blow."

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

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In issuing a blanket five-year statute of limitations for all BIPA claims, the 5-0 majority of the court emphasized that "the full ramifications of the harms associated with biometric technology is unknown." Without the law, the court wrote, individuals whose biometric data was improperly

collected or disseminated might never even know it – at least until they felt the consequences.

Nearly 1.5 million Illinoisans were eligible for their share of a \$650 million class action settlement with Facebook under BIPA in 2020, a five-year case that was one of the first among thousands of suits filed under the law.

For Wolfgang's a jolly old fellow...

Lighthouse ArtSpace Chicago celebrated the 267th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Friday, Jan. 27, with a sneak peek kickoff of Mozart Immersive: The Soul of a Genius, Opening March 10, at their Old Town / Lincoln Park theater at Clark St. and Germania Place.

Past ArtSpace presentations have featured the works of visual artists such as Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo utilizing cutting



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

edge projection techniques to create a 360 degree immersive visual experience.

This is the first presentation to feature a musician, requiring the producers to partner with a creative team led by artistic director Massimiliano Siccaldi to craft dream-like 18th century inspired imagery.

Terri Hemmert of WXRT Radio acted as host and emcee for the birthday bash with live music by The Ryan Center Ensemble featuring Wm Clay Thompson (Bass) singing an aria from Don Giovanni with Chris Reynolds (Piano), followed by the Music of the Baroque chamber ensemble performing three Mozart selections.

Constantine Orbelian, Music Director and Principal Conductor of the New York City Opera joined Hemmert onstage to discuss the production. The music that will accompany the Mozart Immersive production was recorded by the Lithuanian, Kaunas City Symphony Orchestra where Orbelian is chief conductor.



Visitors get a sneak peek of Mozart Immersive: The Soul of a Genius, Opening March 10, 2023 at Lighthouse Immersive.

Photo courtesy Reno Lovison



Julie Lovison, Director of The Lake Shore Music Studio with Constantine Orbelian, Director and Principal Conductor of the New York City Opera celebrating Mozart's birthday at Lighthouse ArtSpace in Gold Coast / Lincoln Park. Photo courtesy Reno Lovison



WXRT's Terri Hemmert was host and emcee of the birthday bash.



Reno Lovison (R) recorded a podcast interview with Maestro Orbelian (L) which can be heard at ChicagoBroadcastingNetwork.com.

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Police Beat...

Loyola student who robbed Metra conductor for lunch money gets probation

A Loyola University student who robbed Metra train conductor because he was hungry and needed money for lunch before class has been sentenced to two years of probation.

Zion Brown, 19, pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery Feb. 1 before Judge James Linn. The judge also sentenced Brown to 56 days in jail, which he had already served.

The Metra Electric Line train had just arrived at the Van Buren St. Station in Grant Park on the afternoon of Feb. 15, 2022, when Brown allegedly pulled out a gun and pointed it at the train conductor's stomach. He took \$110 from the conductor's pockets on the platform and left the station.

Investigators quickly released surveillance images of the suspect to the media. Brown was arrested within hours because his mother saw the pictures on the news and recognized him. She loaded him into a car and drove him directly to the Calumet City Police Dept., prosecutors said.

Brown later told police that he saw the conductor handling cash on the train and decided to rob him of the money, prosecutors said. During an initial bail hearing, Brown's defense attorney said Brown was hungry and was looking for something to eat.

Brown, who has no other criminal background, allegedly told police the weapon he displayed was a BB gun that he tossed into a dumpster as he headed to school at Loyola's downtown campus.

Downtown robber is 'disabling' victims with strikes to the head

Chicago police are warning about a robber who has "disabled" two people by hitting them in the head from behind before taking their valuables downtown. He struck twice in three days, police said, once in the Gold Coast and another time in River North.

In a community alert issued Feb. 1, Area Three detectives said the robber "strikes the victim in the head, disabling the victim." He then takes their valuables and flees the scene.

The first attack occurred at a bank in the first block of E. Oak around 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21, according to CPD records.

Then, around 12:30 a.m. Jan. 24, another man was targeted in the 600 block of N. State.

Police did not release a description of the attacker other than to say it was a man.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact detectives about pattern P23-3-009 at 312-744-8263.

Alleged Lincoln Park church burglar is accused of breaking into two more churches

The man accused of burglarizing a Lincoln Park church at Christmas-time was back in Chicago bond court on Wednesday to face allegations of burglarizing two more churches.

Prosecutors said Hannibal Kerry, 28, has been in Cook County jail since Jan. 19 because he cannot afford the \$1,000 bail deposit required to get out. Chicago police arrested him at the jail on Jan. 31 after linking him to the newly-charged crimes.

In one case, Kerry was allegedly caught on video as he broke through a kindergarten classroom window to enter St. James Lutheran School, 2101 N. Fremont, in Lincoln

Park, around 3:20 p.m. on Jan. 8.

Surveillance footage showed him walking around the school and stealing a check and \$80 in cash from the principal's office, prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said. He then entered the church and eventually exited the front door.



Hannibal Kerry

showed him walking around the church and tampering with the alarm panels, Dale-Schmidt said.

Judge Charles Beach agreed to impose a recognizance bond with electronic monitoring on the new allegations, noting that Kerry will remain jailed since he cannot afford the bail amount set in the earlier cases.

In the previously charged matters, Kerry is accused of breaking into Chicago International Charter School, 2235 N. Hamilton, at 2:30 a.m. Dec. 26. He allegedly spent over an hour inside the school, where employees later found pry marks on a safe. But the safe was not compromised, Dale-Schmidt said.

That evening, Kerry was again caught on video as he broke into St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1010 W. Webster. Church workers later found pry marks on a door and a donation box. The church safe, which an employee said may have been left unlocked, was emptied of about \$10,000 cash and checks that the church received during Christmas services, Dale-Schmidt said.

Police arrested Kerry after a St. Vincent de Paul employee saw him in the neighborhood on Jan. 18.

Cops said he was carrying a backpack that contained four credit cards in the names of different people and four deposit receipts for 25 checks dated Christmas and Christmas Eve that had been made out to St. Vincent de Paul. A church worker provided police with two checks endorsed by Kerry that the parish had received.

All totaled, Kerry faces four felony counts of burglary of a school or place of worship.

Busted by Facebook group, man gets 10 years for carjacking victim during a test drive

A 22-year-old Chicago man has pleaded guilty to carjacking a victim while test-driving their vehicle in Uptown two years ago. Judge Charles Burns sentenced Dumareah Tayler to 10 years during a court hearing Jan. 24.



Dumareah Tayler

Coincidentally, the crime began with a Facebook post as well.

The victim listed his 2004 Lexus RX300 for sale on Facebook Marketplace and was quickly contacted by Tayler. They exchanged contact information and met for a test drive outside Weiss Hospital in Uptown the next day.

Things started to sour a few minutes later as Tayler drove along Wilson Ave. with the car's owner in the passenger seat.

Tayler accused the victim of being a cop, which the victim denied, and then grabbed a gun out of his cross-body bag, prosecutors said. He pointed the gun at the victim's head and ordered him out of the car.

The next day, the victim posted details about his experience and screen-

shots of the Facebook account that arranged for the test drive to a message board for carjacking victims. Another group member recognized Tayler and told the victim there was a Lexus that looked exactly like his sitting outside Taylor's house in the Austin neighborhood, prosecutors said.

Police staked out the Lexus and arrested Tayler. Facebook records, phone records, Weiss Hospital surveillance video, and items recovered while searching Tayler's home all served as evidence against him.

Tayler pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon, which was originally charged as aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm. The adjustment allowed Tayler to avoid an additional 15-year sentencing enhancement that applies to carjacking with a firearm. His parole date has not been set.

Commie woman gets probation for defacing memorial to slain Chicago police officer Ella French

The woman who vandalized a memorial to slain Chicago Police Officer Ella French at the Thompson Center has been sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to a reduced charge, according to court records.



Anna Kochakian

guilty to misdemeanor criminal damage in exchange for two years of probation and 100 hours of community service.

French was shot and killed during a traffic stop on Aug. 7, 2021. Her partner, Carlos Yanez, nearly died and continues to recover.

Less than two weeks after the shooting, on Aug. 19, Kochakia went to the Thompson Center to renew her driver's license, prosecutors said. Afterward, Kochakian spotted a memorial to French in the building's atrium.

According to prosecutors, Kochakian approached the memorial, removed a photograph of French, and crumbled it in her hand while recording her actions on video, which she later posted to social media.

Kochakian was found because of her social media posts and because she used her Ventra card at the L station, officials said. The CTA surveillance footage showed a clear image of a tattoo on her arm.

Chicago used Yanez's handcuffs when they arrested Kochakian in Feb. 2022, according to an Illinois State Police press release that was issued at the time.

Kochakian's online presence indicates that she is a DePaul Univ. graduate who actively promoted communism in the city.

Judge Diana Kenworthy ordered Kochakian's 100 hours of community service to involve animals at the request of French's family, according to court records.

After Uptown shooting left bystander injured, two charged with possessing one gun; nobody's charged with shooting him

On a sunny Saturday afternoon last August, a shootout between a pedestrian and a drive-by gunman left a 59-year-old bystander shot near the Argyle Red Line CTA station.

So far, no one has been charged with shooting the man. But two people have now been charged with possessing one of the guns that were allegedly used in the gunfire.

Officials said two men were standing on the sidewalk at Kenmore and Argyle around 3 p.m. when a silver Nissan rolled by, and gunmen opened fire on them from inside the vehicle. The two men ducked behind a car, and one started shooting at the Nissan, which sped west on Argyle.

Bullets flew through the windows of businesses, leaving a 59-year-old man



Antwon Van

with a gunshot wound in his right shoulder. Last September, prosecutors accused Kevin Cousins, 21, of being the man who pulled out a gun and fired on the Nissan from behind a parked car. They said he was on electronic monitoring for aggravated battery of a peace officer at the time of the shootout.

Prosecutors charged Cousins with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. He was not criminally charged with firing the gun or shooting anyone.

Chicago police surveillance video showed Cousins passing the gun to a second man, 13-time convicted felon Antwon Van, after the shooting, prosecutors said Feb. 1. Van allegedly took the weapon and ran into his nearby apartment building.

CPD officers who work in the local police district recognized Van from the video, but he remained on the loose until Jan. 31, when the manager of a "troubled building" in the 4900 block of N. Kenmore asked officers to evict a "squatter" who took up residence on the sixth floor, officials said. Van was the so-called squatter, and the cops took him into custody.

Van, 43, is charged with Class X armed habitual criminal for allegedly running from the shooting scene with a gun in his hand.

Noting Van's 13 felony convictions, prosecutor Lorraine Scaduto said he would have 14 convictions, but his latest felony drug charge was pleaded down to a misdemeanor.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Van to pay a \$15,000 bail deposit to go home on electronic monitoring.

Teen charged with carjacking woman in Lakeview parking garage

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with carjacking a woman inside a Lakeview parking garage Jan. 31, according to Chicago police. He is charged with vehicular hijacking.

The carjacking occurred on the top floor of a garage attached to Walmart Neighborhood Market, 2844 N. Broadway, around 6:15 p.m.

While the Chicago Police Dept. issued a press release claiming the woman was unharmed, a report reviewed by CWB Chicago claims she was choked, knocked to the ground, kicked, and hit in the mouth. Officers also summoned an ambulance, but the report said she was not taken to a hospital.

The carjackers drove away with the woman's blue Audi Q7, which police tracked to the area of 19th and Wood streets around 7:15 p.m. Chicago police said both carjackers were arrested at the scene, but charges have only been announced against the juvenile as of Wednesday morning.

Driver who killed physician while fleeing River North traffic stop gets 9 years

Nearly six years after he fled from Chicago police in River North and crashed into a taxi, killing a Wisconsin doctor, Ammar Hussain has been sentenced to prison.

In a deal with prosecutors that allowed the 32-year-old to avoid a first-degree murder conviction, Hussain pleaded guilty to reckless homicide before Judge James Obbish on Jan. 26, according to court records. Obbish handed him a nine-year sentence.

Prosecutors said Chicago cops tried to pull Hussain over just before 11 p.m. on June 18, 2018, because the SUV he was driving had been reported stolen. Instead of stopping, he sped away, ran a red light at Dearborn and Grand, and slammed into a taxi.

Dr. Diana Lamps, 66, was in the

cab's back seat, riding back to her long-time boyfriend's home after seeing a play at the Goodman Theater. She died from her injuries. After the collision, Hussain's Jeep barreled onto a sidewalk, striking two tourists from England, each of whom suffered a broken leg.

A police spokesperson said in 2018 that Hussain sped away from officers as soon as they turned on their blue lights to pull him over near State and Grand, about a block east of the crash site.

Lamps, a psychiatrist with a private practice, had been in town to help her boyfriend recover from surgery.

Hussain arrived at Stateville Correctional Center Feb. 2. His parole date has not been announced, but he can expect his sentence to be reduced by 50% for good behavior. He also received 50 days credit for time accrued before sentencing.

Armed carjackings reported in North Center, Albany Park

A woman was carjacked of her Maserati in North Center on Feb. 4, Chicago police said, almost exactly 24 hours after another woman was carjacked just across the river in Albany Park. Chicago cops found the Maserati shortly after it was carjacked, but no arrests have been made.

The woman was sitting in the driver's seat of her Maserati in the 2100 block of W. Cullom when four or five offenders approached her around 11:55 p.m. Two of the hijackers pulled out guns—one a pistol, the other a rifle, according to an officer—and forced her out of the car.

According to police, two hijackers fled in the Maserati, while the rest fled in a black SUV, possibly a Hyundai Santa Fe, waiting nearby.

Officers found the Maserati abandoned in Auburn-Gresham around 1:40 a.m. Feb. 5.

Earlier on Feb. 4, a 25-year-old woman was carjacked as she sat in her 2017 Ford Escape in the 4200 block of N. Richmond. She told police that two men walked up to her car around 12:40 a.m. and forced her from the vehicle at gunpoint. They took her phone, then drove away.

Second man charged with murdering Loop restaurant manager

On Feb. 3 prosecutors charged a second man with murdering a restaurant manager in the Loop as the victim returned home from work in September.

Prosecutors said Darnell Rawls, 25, fled to Kentucky after he and his cousin, Anthony, beat, stabbed, and robbed Michael Byrnes on September 6. Anthony Rawls was charged in the case last year.

Byrnes, 41, walked from the West Loop restaurant he managed to the Loop, where he planned to catch a train home shortly before 11 p.m. Before heading up to the platform, Byrnes paused for a few moments, leaning against a wall under the "L" tracks at LaSalle and Van Buren.

As he did so, the Rawlses allegedly attacked him, punching Byrnes in the face and chest and throwing him to the ground. They continued to attack Byrnes after he was down for about 10 seconds before turning and starting to leave.

After walking a few steps, the men turned around and returned to Byrnes, who was still on the ground. They started attacking him again, dragging him, kicking him, and pulling him.

Prosecutors said Darnell held Byrnes' arms while Anthony kicked him. Surveillance video allegedly shows Darnell punching and stabbing at Byrnes while the victim was

Man robbed Rogers Park convenience store three times

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Rogers Park man who robbed a local convenience store three times since late November was identified after Chicago police used surveillance footage to track him from the store to his apartment building after two of the hold-ups, prosecutors said last week.

Romero Wilson, 24, was charged with three counts of robbery during a court hearing Feb. 2. Judge Charles Beach ruled he could go home on electronic monitoring upon posting a \$3,000 bail deposit.

All the robberies occurred at Modern Food Mart, 7001 N. Sheridan Rd.

The crimes began when a man rode to the store on a bike around 12:30 p.m. Nov. 29. Surveillance video showed him immediately walking behind the store's counter, where he threatened to shoot the cashier, saying, "it will get bad," according to prosecutor Rhianna Biernat.

The store employee backed up and put his hands in the air as the robber took \$2,809 worth of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

On Dec. 19, the same scenario played out at 5:20 p.m.



Romero Wilson (inset) is charged with robbing Modern Food Mart, 7001 N. Sheridan Rd.

After getting about \$1,300 worth of tobacco products, the robber jumped on a bike and rode away. Chicago police followed the robber's escape on a series of surveillance cameras until he reached the rear entrance of a nearby apartment building, Biernat said.

The robber lowered his face mask as he entered the complex, which helped police link Wilson to the crimes.

Most recently, the food mart was robbed at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14. Biernat said that the same store clerk working during the earlier robberies was stocking shelves when an offender walked up behind him, took his phone from his

pocket, and forced him behind the counter.

After collecting cash from the register and about \$1,500 worth of cigarettes and tobacco, the robber escaped on the same bike. Police tracked the robber to the same apartment building via video footage.

Detectives showed the apartment manager an image of the robber's exposed face, and they identified the man as Wilson, Biernat said.

Wilson's attorney said he is beginning to work on his GED while working as a package handler to support his 6-year-old child.

Robber mugging women inside Loop parking garages

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are warning about a man who is robbing women inside Loop parking garages.

Police linked two cases to the robber in a community alert issued Saturday evening. However, we have learned of a third robbery that occurred last week, but the victim left the scene without waiting for police after filing a report with a security guard.

CPD's alert said the offender implies that he has a gun and demands property from his victims. But he has also been violent.

Around 3:15 p.m. Feb. 4, the man punched and pepper-sprayed a woman during a robbery inside

a garage in the 200 block of W. Washington, according to a Chicago police report. The woman was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Following the robbery, someone attempted to use one of her stolen credit cards near State and Madison, but the transaction was declined.

Another woman was mugged inside a parking garage directly across the street from Saturday's crime on Feb. 1.

She was on the 11th floor when the robber implied he had a gun, threatened to hurt her, and took her property, according to CPD radio traffic. Officers who responded to the scene on Wednesday

said the woman completed an incident report with a security guard and left before police arrived.

The first robbery that police linked to the man occurred at 10:08 a.m. Jan. 26 inside a parking garage on Randolph St., just east of State St., according to CPD records.

Police said the robber was a Black male between 15 and 18 years old who stood 5'-6" to 5'-8" tall and weighed 150 to 200 lbs. He wears a black and brown puffy coat.

Anyone with information on the suspect is asked to call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263.

Motor vehicle thefts

Police are warning North Side residents of recently reported motor vehicle thefts. 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 include one on the 0-100 block of E. Grand Ave., Friday Jan. 6, in the evening hours; the 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; 900 block of N. Halsted St, Monday Jan. 16, in the morning hours; 300 block of E. Ohio St, Saturday Jan. 21, in the evening hours, and one on the 300 block of W. Oak St, Friday Jan. 27, in the afternoon hours.

Expansion of 911 system

The Chicago Dept. of Public Health has announced the expansion of an alternative 911 response program known as the Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement [CARE] program. The program includes mental health and substance abuse responders in 911 emergency calls in situations that have components of mental health or substance abuse.

By this summer, CARE mental health teams will be

expanded to the North Side. The CARES program has been expand across the City hoping to better serve those with mental illness and utilize Chicago police officers in a more appropriate way to improve safety. This co-responder model is an effort to centering healthcare in response to mental health emergencies that were formerly treated as potential criminal situations.

Commercial burglaries

Police are warning North Side businesses of recently reported commercial burglaries. In each incident, the offender unlawfully enters into 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 hour; another on the 2200 block of N. Lincoln Ave., Thursday Dec. 29, 2022 during the morning hours; the 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; 0-100 block of W. Elm St., Thursday Jan. 19, in the evening hours, and one on the 100 block of W. Hubbard St, Tuesday Jan. 24, in the morning hours.

The offenders are one or two male African Americans, 5-9 to 6' tall, 170-180 lbs, 20-30 years of age, wearing dark clothing and driving a grey SUV.

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POLICE BEAT from p. 10

pinned against a pillar supporting the "L" tracks.

Chicago police tracked Byrne's phone and found it lying in an alley behind Rawls' house. The getaway car was there, too. The entire attack, as well as the men's movements before the crime, was captured on video.

CPD released some of that video to the public. Relatives who saw the footage told police that one of the men was Darnell Rawls and that he fled to Kentucky.

Authorities arrested Rawls in Kentucky and extradited him to Chicago this week. When he returned to Chicago, police realized he was wearing the same pants one of the attackers wore. Police confronted him about the jeans and the red stains that were visible on them. Rawls then tried to wipe the red marks off, prosecutors alleged.

Rawls is charged with two counts of murder and armed robbery. Judge Maryam Ahmad held him without bail.

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Dance at Lake Shore Park Feb. 10

The whole family is invited to a free Valentine's Day dance 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Lake Shore Park, 806 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Guest will and enjoy dancing, treats and crafts. Also, bring a camera and take some photos at the photo booth.

For more information, call the park at 312-742-7891.

Swing orchestra playing at Near North Library Feb. 8

The Near North Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 310 W. Division St., is hosting a free evening of swing music when the Revolutionary Swing Orchestra will perform love songs from the Big Band era.

The show takes place 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

This quartet, led by Don Sadofsky, will remind guests that love is, indeed, a many splendored thing. For more information call the North Branch at 312-744-0991.

REPAIRS from p. 2

Russ Goeltenbodd and bravo on your wonderful performance at Lisa's Club Cabaret in Norridge saluting the crooners and songs of great tradition... **Chuck Jordan** and smash scribbler, author **Michael Kutza**, sipping bubbly at the LeSelect opening... True intellectual **Lucia Adams** sent the sad news that **Paul Johnson**, author, journalist and historian, has died at 94 after a life of more than 40 books, editing the New Statesman from 1965 to 1970, and writing a column for The Spectator from 1981 to 2009... **Jim Kinney** at the Mayoral Debate... **Cynthia Olson** has returned to her beloved San Miguel de Allende in the Mountains of Mexico above Cuernavaca... **Paul Hansen** loving the great visit here with his sister, **Peggy Pettit Remis**, in from Florida, and brother **Mike Hansen**, his wife **Karen Hansen**, and their grands **Ben** and **Aubrey**, and joining **Barb Bailey** for great

nostalgia at Evil Woman, the Electric Light Orchestra Experience... Author **Sherrill Bodine** entertaining with her new champagne coupes with **Myra Reilly**, **Melissa Babcock**, **Bobbi Panter**, **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Wynnis Mackie**... Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell** rehabbing post-surgery, and her kitchen post-flood.

PAX: Deepest condolences to Chicago's favorite photographer **John Reilly** on the death of his great friend, **Joachim Meinke**. The Reillys are off to Freiburg im Breisgau in Germany for the funeral. Prayers and sympathy so broken hearts will heal.

A MERCHANT IVORY MOMENT: The actor **Julian Sands**, Brit-born living in LA with a most fancy and illustrious film career ("A Room with a View") now gone missing while attempting to climb Mt. Baldy outside of Los Angeles. He is married to **Evgenia Citkowitz**. Sands and I met up at the Art Institute a few years ago at a lecture. I was a great friend of his mother-in-law, **Lady Caroline Blackwood**, the Irish writer, a cousin of my pal, **Desmond Guinness**. Whenever I was in New York for work she and I would lunch at the Carlyle. Our lunches were always nostalgic. Caroline was made famous very young when she was married to the painter **Lucien Freud**. After seven years, and many revealing portraits, they divorced. She then married the great musician **Israel Citkowitz**, the father of her two daughters. One of whom is Sands' wife.

After seven years they too divorced and she wed the American poet **Robert Lowell** with whom she had one son. Lady Caroline and Lowell later divorced, after seven years. But they reconciled in Ireland in the 1960s and were planning on getting back together. Leaving Ireland Lowell asked if he could carry back the Freud portrait of her. Though she feared he'd lose the painting, (she told me it had a million dollar price tag on it) she let him take it. After arriving back in NYC, Lowell's taxi pulled up at his building. The cabbie thought he'd fallen asleep. But he was actually dead. Of natural causes. They had to pry the million dollar portrait out of his hands.

Lady Caroline wrote some fine biographical works. Always filled with mischief and drama. Her book on the **Duchess of Windsor**, in her final days, is hauntingly dynamic and so revealing about the French staff who cared for the secluded duchess in Paris.

Bumping into Sands leaving an Irish furniture lecture at the AIC gave me the chance to say I had been a friend of his wife's mother. We had a great chat. He had loaned some Irish furniture to the AIC'S great exhibit of the arts in Ireland. We lamented Lady Caroline's passing. Now, I am afraid, we must mourn him.

Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.... The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun.

-- Patrick Henry

tog515@gmail.com



Jimmy Place and Luke Scott Seldess.



Bobbi Panter and the late Bobby Hull.



Peggy Snorf and Ella Jacobs.



Julian Sands



Barb Bailey and Paul Hansen.



Chuck Jordan and Michael Kutza.



Lucia Adams



Myra Reilly, Melissa Babcock, Bobbi Panter, Sherry Lea Fox, Wynnis Mackie and Sherrill Bodine.



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Do you need some Paczkis to brighten up your day?

How to celebrate Fat Tuesday

Every year, Chicago celebrates Fat Tuesday with one of its most coveted, time-honored traditions, Paczki Day. Paczki are Polish doughnut-like pastries (pronounced “punch-key”).

You can find them at many places across town, but this is one time when it pays to pay extra... find a real pastry shop and get a paczki that has real ingredients and some heft to it. Don't you dare call it a donut.

The difference between paczkis and donuts is that paczkis are made of a very rich, sweet yeasty dough which consists of eggs, butter and milk. Regular donuts are not usually as rich. While most donuts have a hole in the middle, Paczki don't and instead are filled with jam or other goodies.



Nobody knows who invented the paczki, but it is believed they date all the way back to the Middle Ages. There are a few traditional flavors, such as custard topped with chocolate fudge, apricot jelly, raspberry jelly, rose petal jelly and plum butter.

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The acclaimed Delightful Pastries, 5927 W. Lawrence Ave., is Chicago's holy grail for paczkis, and they're celebrating their

22nd anniversary this year. They keep their bakery stocked with the tasty paczkis year-round.

Other locations adjacent to the North Side where one can find a paczki include Wiklanski's Bakery, 6006 W. Belmont Ave.; Ben-nison's Bakery, 1000 Davis St. in Evanston; Firecake, 68 W. Hubbard St.; Alliance Bakery, 1736 W. Division St.; Roeser's Bakery, 3216 W. North Ave.; Ann's Bakery, 2158 W. Chicago Ave. and Schlegel's Bakery & Cafe, 3915 W. Touhy Ave. in Lincolnwood.

This year, Paczki Day falls on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21. Paczkis were created in Poland as a way to cut down on wasted food before the start of Lent, as well as indulge a bit before six weeks of fasting. The paczki dough uses everything that was originally forbidden during Lent: alcohol, butter, milk, lard, and eggs.

In Poland, the sweet-filled doughnuts are traditionally eaten on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, not on Fat Tuesday as is the case in Chicago.

It's a busy day for Chicago's small bakers, so order yours in advance.

Most times the minimum order is a dozen, and don't worry, they won't last long, you'll find friends and neighbors circling when you pull the box out of your car.

There are a few traditional flavors, such as custard topped with chocolate fudge, apricot jelly, raspberry jelly. Those more adventurous may try the gourmet flavors like passion fruit jelly, rose petal jelly, plum butter or German chocolate with pecans and coconut custard topping.

Chicago author's novel focuses on cultural theft

How often does an author get to do a reading in a setting that mirrors her novel without having to travel somewhere else or, in some cases, back in time?

Luckily for Chicago author Dorothy Mackevich Marks, she has the perfect setting at Architectural Artifacts, 1065 N. Orleans, to read from her bestselling novel, *Les Beaux Châteaux*. She'll be there 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. The program is free; seating is limited. Register at dorothymackevichmarks.com.

Life and art often mirror each other. Laced with romance, intrigue, and betrayal, at the heart of the story is the chilly relationship between a father who lives in France, his son who lives in New York, and the business they own, *Les Beaux Châteaux*.

While the story is fictional, it is based on what has and continues to happen in France and other countries – architectural and cultural artifacts are stripped or stolen and sold to the highest bidder. This act of stealing culture has a tremendous impact on the cultural heritage of a nation and its citizens.

Architectural looting is not new. Chicago has seen plenty of architectural elements stolen from the vacant historic buildings of our past throughout the years. The home renovation boom has led to more scavenging of vintage decoration, from fireplace mantels to stained-glass windows to light fixtures. Pilfered pieces are said to be funneled into an architectural salvage black market where they are sold by unscrupulous or unaware local antiques dealers, shipped to out-of-state dealers or unloaded onto innocent flea market and Internet shoppers.

How many actually look deeply into that relic from the past when a treasure is discovered at a flea market? Was that 100-year-old fireplace mantel stolen?

Through the ages, artifacts have gone missing from Greek temples, Mayan pyramids and European castles and cathedrals only to turn up years later far afield in the hands of antiquities dealers or private collectors or museums. It's also a problem that's hard to track.

"I had been brewing for some

years on a story about a salvage seller – not any old salvage or antiques dealer, but someone drawn to unusual architectural elements and unique functional objects with history and beauty," Mackevich Marks said.

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Then she read an article in the New York Times titled, "French Baguettes from A Vending Machine? What A Tragedy."

She explained the gist of the article. "It was about bakeries in France closing, and with their demise, so too went the small villages they anchored. The larger cities of Paris, Marseilles, Lyon,

and Bordeaux have multiple bakeries. But the tiny, one-street villages throughout France with aging populations -- their very existence relied on the bakeries to be their communities' social and commercial keystones," she said. "Once these bakeries failed, so failed the village. I saw a link between the shift of ancient French culture and glamorous salvage sales in the U.K. and the U.S."

Effects of artifact extraction

The article, combined with her insights and the 2020 coronavirus lockdown, provided a perfect opportunity for Mackevich Marks to put pen to paper and create a fictional story that set the stage for a relevant contemporary discussion about the politics, economics, and ethics of stealing culture.

The topic recently was in the news when the pope agreed to return the Vatican's Greek art and artifacts to Greece. Questions continue to swirl around the British Museum's position on whether to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece's Parthenon. Mackevich Marks will lead a discussion about these topics following her readings.

These days preservationists are



North Siders can meet Chicago author and screenwriter Dorothy Mackevich Marks 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Architectural Artifacts, 1065 N. Orleans. The program is free; register at dorothymackevichmarks.com.

Photo courtesy Dorothy Mackevich Marks

working to minimize theft. In the United Kingdom, where ornament theft has long been an issue, a theft-alert network sends e-mails listing dates, locations, descriptions and photos of stolen items to police and hundreds of local and overseas antiques dealers.

"Our heroes, villains, and ritu-

als shape our stories. No matter where we live, our narrative reflects our cultural identity and ultimately shows up in our cultural artifacts," the author said. "Artistic and creative expression in the form of writing, painting, sculpture, costumes, and many other expressive forms -- from cave paintings to the Declarations of Independence to the Elgin Marbles and beyond -- provide the foundation for our personal and collective identities."

In *Les Beaux Châteaux*, Mackevich Marks offers a fictional glimpse into an all too real world slowly losing its identity as its cultural heritage slips away. The author currently is working on a sequel.

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coder would read the code and descramble the picture. Different “levels” of service (in reality, differing codes) would allow the subscriber access to the service’s regular programming, special events, and late-night adult programming.

But the sale was not without its conditions. For several years, Milwaukee’s WTMJ-TV and KCZO, a Kalamazoo station, had been broadcasting on channel 3, and this caused interference problems for both stations. The FCC ordered WTMJ-TV to move to channel 4 and WBBM-TV to channel 2.

McDonald cried foul and peti-

tioned the FCC to allow Zenith to continue its experiments on channel 2 since “they had occupied the channel since 1939” when W9XZV, Zenith’s original station on channel 1, first went on air on March 30, 1939.

A shuffling of VHF allocations found the station at the number two position. But there are no squatters’ rights in broadcasting. Whether it was because of the deep pockets at CBS or just the FCC’s disappointment with Zenith’s less-than-desirable results of its Phonevision experiments, the commission stood firm. It was the second time Zenith’s channel position was challenged.

Before WWII, NBC had threat-

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ened to petition the FCC for the W9XZV channel 1 license. On July 5, 1953, WBBM-TV moved to its current home on channel 2, and Zenith signed off for good.

This wasn’t the end of Phonevision, however. Zenith conducted another experiment with an improved system that would have been tried on KS2XBS. In 1954, Zenith used New York station WOR-TV, and this experiment was considered a success over the Chicago version.

In the same year, Zenith also tried its Phonevision system in New Zealand and Australia. By the early 1970s, Zenith was still trying to make its Phonevision a successful commercial venture,

this time in Hartford, CT, and again as late as 1986 using the Centel Cable system in Traverse City, MI. None were successful enough.

The idea of a pay television system in Chicago lingered in obscurity until the early 1980s when the changing face of broadcast television inspired one major network to re-examine an old idea.

It was not until 1983 that Chicago saw another pay television experiment. This time ABC would use its WLS-TV to try a strategy to increase competition between cable television and home video.

In Chicago, viewers were offered three choices in subscription television: a service called

Sportsvision, which had been formed by a partnership between White Sox owners Jerry Reinsdorf and Eddie Einhorn and media mogul Fred Eychaner, who, through a series of intricate deals, brought WPWR channel 60 to the Chicago airwaves and split the license with Marcello Miyares who ran WBBS; ON-TV, a service of Oak Communications Inc., which purchased 49% of struggling UHF outlet WSNS channel 44 to air its content on that station as well as others in large metropolitan areas across the country; and Spectrum, a division of United Cable, that purchased airtime from WFBN channel 66, which was actually licensed to Joliet.

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOHN R. GARBER, ANDREA L. GARBER, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO GEORGE WASHINGTON SAVINGS BANK
Defendants
17 CH 9011
1205 W. SCHUBERT AVE A/K/A 2658 N RACINE AVE
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 August 3, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 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 1205 W. SCHUBERT AVE A/K/A 2658 N RACINE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-29-310-024
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$2,345,131.49.
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

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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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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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Case Number: 17 CH 9011
TJSC#: 43-463
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Case # 17 CH 9011
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
INGA VEISS; PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; PARK PLACE TOWER MASTER ASSOCIATION; MIDAMERICA BANK FSB NKA PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; CITY OF CHICAGO; RAVIS VEISS AKA RAVIS VEISS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 4650
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 entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 13, 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. 14-21-051-054-2491.
Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Road Unit 4506, Chicago, IL 60613.
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
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
RORRI A. GREEN AKA RORRI GREEN; 3440 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 5341

Real Estate For Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
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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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARUISE SEAN THOMAS; 824 OAKDALE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
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.
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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.-
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 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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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 21762
Case Number: 2022 CH 07580
TJSC#: 42-4270
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Case # 2022 CH 07580
I3212361
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

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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.
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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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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.
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Case # 17 CH 10926
I3212065
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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
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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, 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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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.
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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 JALILVAND; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ANDREW ESTIGOV; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FARNAZ JALILVAND; 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:

Real Estate For Sale

P.I.N. 17-04-422-039-1205.
Commonly known as 111 West Maple Street Unit 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
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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. 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 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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Notice of Public Sale

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRENDA H. ENGEL; WINSTON TOWERS NO. 5 ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 1302
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 10-36-100-015-1118.
Commonly known as 7141 North Kedzie Avenue, Unit 812, Chicago, IL 60645.
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
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,
-v-
MOHAMMED CHYAD, TOUHY TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 04130

Real Estate For Sale

1714 W. TOUHY AVENUE, UNIT C2W
CHICAGO, IL 60626
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UNIT NO. C-2-W IN TOUHY TERRACE CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:
Commonly known as 1714 W. TOUHY AVENUE, UNIT C2W, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-30-423-035-1012
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$137,153.20.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 22 9449.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JEFFREY M. HOWE A/K/A

Real Estate For Sale

JEFFREY MICHAEL HOWE, THE 1308-18 WEST NORTHSIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CHRISTINE HOWE, LARRY HOWE, MICHAEL HOWE, KATHERYN BALOGI, JOHN LYDON AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
THAO VO, ELIZABETH PHAM, GREYSTONE COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 03360
1432 W LUNT AVE, 3N
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Real Estate For Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
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Property Index No. 11-32-109-016-1021
The real estate is improved with a residence.
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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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CLARK ST. from p. 1

clear that City Hall has been scheming for a long time over the Clark St. Crossroads plans. And one part of those recently exposed plans are angering those who live, work and pass through the area.

The draft report proposes the elimination of street parking from one side of Clark St. from Montrose north to Foster. In its place, the city proposes to add a protected bike lane.

This proposal has not been popular with people who see Clark St. as more than just a pass-through transportation corridor for bikers, but who rather want the corridor's rich centuries-old history as a commercial center to flourish.

The Clark St. corridor is already booming without much help from the city. Re-development is already broadly underway. That stretch of Clark St. connects some of the most popular areas on the North Side. It anchors and connects iconic neighborhoods, including Andersonville, Ravenswood, the Southport Corridor, Uptown, and Wrigleyville.

The area is already filled with a nice mix of popular and productive uses, mobility options, parks, historic cemeteries, and a diverse population of residents and business owners, including auto repair shops that the new plan would eliminate.

And as bureaucrats are want to do, they just can't let it evolve on its own. It's not in the nature of local aldermen and City Hall planners to leave well-enough alone, and indeed they claim in their own study preamble that the area is "in need of a strategic vision for its future and its own unique identity."

So the new plan offers a heavy emphasis on seating areas, placemaking (which will become dated and wear out over time), and eliminating parking.

A Jan. 31 Zoom meeting, with the "chat" function disabled and all non-City Hall meeting attendees muted, new trendy terms were used, such as "load shift," which means moving away from reliance on vehicles. And notions such as "improving density," when not too long ago nationwide concerns were about creating more open green spaces in urban areas.

The Clark St. Crossroads committee is pushing for more high density. And colorful signage that gives a "cohesive identity," that tells you where you are.

Surely there is a better way to spend \$7.3 million. Especially when issues like drinking water safety, personal safety when walking the streets, carjackings and catalytic converter thefts and robberies are more pressing concerns based on recent mayoral and aldermanic election polling.

Out of touch with the day-to-day goings-on in this neighborhood, the topic of raising density at and around St. Boniface Cemetery, 4901 N. Clark St., was raised.

Apparently no one on this committee lives on this stretch of Clark St., or they would already know that the street and sidewalks are already well-utilized -- peacefully -- by pedestrians, cars and bicyclists alike on that block, day and night.

Pandering to biking activists is the new 'hot' for elected officials, despite the long-term damage that may be done by removing customer parking from one the the oldest commercial streets in Chicagoland. It's rare to find a North Side alderman - or aldermanic candidate - today that isn't virtue signaling their desire for more concrete biking safety, requiring real concrete. And the concrete is the problem. How exactly does one "share" a street when concrete barriers are erected for one protected, privileged class to use?

But protected bike lanes are just the starting point for the committee.

For well over a century cars and bikers on city streets have figured out how to more or less share the roads. Now, false prophets of safetyism want to section off bike paths with concrete barriers, as if then accidents won't still happen.

Chicago's Dept. of Planning and Development appears to no longer recognize that customer parking infrastructure is a vital component for the success of any commercial district.

Does anybody remember the 1979 State St. debacle?

And just north of Foster the city is also preparing to remove a block-long stretch of about 35 metered parking spaces at Calta and Clark.

All this on a street that is one of Chicago's earliest commercial thoroughfares. Clark St. is one of the original streets laid out by James Thompson in his 1830 plat of Chicago. And long before Western man arrived in the region, it was a Native American Indian trail. The stretch north of North Ave. roughly follows part of the path of an Indian trail called Green Bay Trail (later

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Green Bay Rd.) that ran all the way to Green Bay, WI. Despite the lack of Western bureaucrats, surely the Native American residents of that time were able to use the trail to conduct commercial bartering.

Newly added to the colorful Clark St. Crossroads online presentation is a page titled "Land Acknowledgement." A brief mention of the Native American Indian history in Chicago, and ends with the "commitment to promoting Native cultural heritage." Prior to this latest presentation, there was no mention of Native Americans, but a Zoom meeting attendant did write about it in the Chat section of the muted meeting over a year ago.

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Despite the new lip service to Native Americans, it is not apparent anywhere in the plans of a commitment to promoting the rich Native American Indian history on Clark St.

One of the best read North Side community blogs is Uptown Update. Below is a sampling of what was said on the blog about the potential loss of Clark St. parking:

Reader TM says: "87% of [Clark survey] respondents wanted restaurants and 70+% wanted entertainment and retail. I have lived here since 2005 and want nothing more than more business on that stretch. [Crossroads' plan] is a joke if they want businesses to open."

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Instead of shopping on State St., shoppers took their wallets over to Wabash Ave. which then became the bustling retail corridor in the area.

After 17 years the State St. 'pedestrian' conversion was declared a failure, blamed for reducing the amount of shoppers and sales revenue. In 1996, Mayor Richard M. Daley started a \$24.5 million street renovation which also made way for the return of private vehicles again.

That State St. Renovation Project is credited with turning the street back into a bustling retail strip.

Oak Park had learned a similar lesson. In 1990 Oak Park "restreeted" Lake St., re-opening it to cars, after 16 years of pedestrian and bike use only. When cars were allowed back on the street, retail vacancies dropped and retail sales in the area rose. Some vacant retail spaces were converted for office use, which increased the street's population of daytime shoppers.

There is a whole new crop of people who do not remember the State St. pedestrian mall flop. We've been down this road before. Maybe they weren't living in Chicago then, or maybe they weren't even alive. But there is a good majority that do remember these mistakes of the past.

Reader JR says: "Are they insane? No way that commercial stretch from Argyle to Foster survives without parking."

Reader CS says: "[I]f I were a restaurant or bar owner I would never open in those new spaces on [the 4500 Block of] Clark with no parking."

Reader LN says: "What a joke. A huge waste of City money and nothing they propose will get built. If things get built and we thank God get businesses to open, the people won't park on Clark but park on side streets. Ridiculous for residents."

Reader EJ writes: "The loudest mouths are going to drive this process. No one cares to participate. I'm a biker but getting rid of an entire lane of parking on a narrow street makes no sense. Broadway, absolutely. Clark no."

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Michigan, Levy House may have been vulnerable to market-rate forces or a condo conversion without POAH's intervention and the taxpayer support and financing. In 2018, Levy House's owner, the Council for Jewish Elderly, told residents it intended to sell the building to a private developer. At the time, a property listing showed the Council was seeking \$8.3 million for the building.

With the addition of all the taxpayer

funding, the property is now worth over \$20 million. POAH bought the building for \$8.1 million.

Total development costs for this 57-unit rehab are currently expected to total roughly \$22 million. In addition to the use of tax-exempt bonds and the 4% tax credit equity generated from the bonds, other funding will consist of City of Chicago Multi-Family Loan funds, a CHA loan, a first mortgage, as well as several additional grant sources.



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