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Dogs are better than human beings because they know but do not tell.

— *Emily Dickinson*

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One of Lincoln Park's first openly gay bars, Manhandler Saloon, 1948 N. Halsted St., closed down in 2021. The building it formerly occupied (L) will soon be demolished and replaced by the building on the right.

Manhandler to be demolished, end of an earlier era for gay men

One of Lincoln Park first, and most well-known gay bars is about to be demolished.

Manhandler Saloon, 1948 N. Halsted St., first opened its doors in 1980. As its name suggests, it was a place gay men could go to in hopes of being manhandled in the back room area.

The bar opened when that stretch of Halsted St. in Lincoln Park was still pretty sketchy, had gang problems and was considered a dangerous neighborhood. The saloon and their customers stood watch as they were soon surrounded by millionaires battling billionaires over space to build their new McMansions.

And soon, the building itself is going to be man-handled by heavy demolition equipment as demolition permits have been issued for the former squat, one-story saloon building.

Manhandler Saloon was a cruiser bar for sure, where men would meet for some real adventure with the usual muscle boys, bears and leather men.

It was a popular late night destination, open until 4 a.m., where gay men went for a fun place nobody would ever admit to attending.

Rising soon at this location will be a new 3-story mixed-use development.

The real end of the popular bar was the COVID-19 pandemic, when months of government-forced closure took its toll.

After several months of closure, the Manhandler reopened during the summer of 2020, however, the owners finally announced 'last call' on Nov. 9, 2020, when the bar posted on social media that it was closing, inviting regulars to come down for one last goodbye.

A deluge of LGBTQ bars closed across the USA in the COVID era due to the government-imposed pandemic lockdowns. The owners were forced to quit after losing most of their income while seeing rents rise once they could re-open, or their leases expired.

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New building going up at the point of Halsted and Lincoln

This recently installed sculpture had to be relocated due to the coming construction, it was moved north, and now rests near Altgeld and Halsted streets. *Photo by Sheila Swann*

Sterling Bay sold this site at Lincoln Ave. and Halsted St. to a developer who will erect this giant building, "as of right," which means it fits within the existing zoning.

A new four-story residential project with a ground-floor commercial space is being constructed at the corner of Fullerton/Halsted/Lincoln, where once a small park with a big sculpture once stood.

The building will feature 36 rental apartments and will be a Transit-Oriented Development with 24 on-site parking spaces.

The building is designed to accommodate a first-floor restaurant with outdoor seating facing Halsted St.

This parcel, which includes the former pocket park on the corner, was originally owned by Children's Memorial Hospital but was sold to developer Sterling Bay in 2018. Sterling Bay also owns the former CMH Research Center just north of the site, and much of the Lincoln Yards development centered at Cortland and the Chicago River.

Sterling Bay sold the site to the developer of this project, and the developer is building the building "as of right" which requires no aldermanic permissions as it fits within the existing zoning. The trees that once stood in the park were cut down last week when the lot was also cleared of its signature sculpture. The sculpture is now located at Altgeld and Halsted streets.

Building construction is expected to proceed with minimal disruption to vehicle traffic.

Covent to get their cash from city and state

Project provides luxury costs without the luxury

City Hall passed an ordinance Feb. 23 that authorizes the issuance of up to $5,000,000 in multi-family loan funds for Covent Apartments LLC. That means plans to rehab the long-time Single Room Occupancy [SRO] property in Lincoln Park should move forward.

This project is also the recipient of cash awards presented by the Illinois Housing Development Authority [IHDA], who in January announced the conditional award of more than $55.7 million in state and federal funds that will finance the creation or preservation of permanent supportive housing across the state.

The Covent, 2653 N. Clark, was one of the first projects preserved under the City's 2014 SRO Preservation Ordinance, enacted to preserve SRO affordable housing, in this instance, at a total cost of $21 million. All units will receive rental subsidies from the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA].

A rendering showing a renovated Covent Hotel SRO (R) and adjacent to it, a new apartment building slated for the vacant parking lot to the east.

The Covent is a 116-year-old hotel that once included a significant theater, that has been recognized by the Theater Historical Society of America. The theater no longer exists at that location.

Also to be constructed is a seven-story, 84-unit market rate apartment building next door.

The site is being developed by Realty & Mortgage and Operation Pathways, which is a subsidiary of the New York-based NHP foundation.

The project plans to modernize and preserve 30 affordable units and over 4,900 square feet of renovated ground floor retail space, in a community where affordable housing is scarce. All 30 units will target very low-income individuals earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income [AMI],

COVENT *see p. 16*

Clark and Roscoe intersection closed

The Clark and Roscoe streets intersection will be closed Friday, March 4, through Wednesday March 9. Clark St. from W. Newport Ave. to W. Buckingham Place will be closed to vehicular traffic, and Roscoe St. from N. Sheffield Ave. to east of the CTA tracks will be closed to vehicular traffic. One sidewalk will remain open with flagger assistance when necessary.

Further north, Catalpa Ave. between the CTA Red Line tracks and N. Winthrop Ave. will be closed to automobile traffic starting Saturday, March 5 through Friday, March 18, as the CTA contractors work to drill piling shafts.

Sidewalk closures will alternate between the north and south sides of W. Catalpa Ave. but one sidewalk will remain open at all times.

Don't keep your duck eggs all in one basket

By Thomas J. O'Gorman

My Grandmother, Rebecca Crowe O'Gorman, was an egg lover, having grown up on a very productive farm in County Tipperary.

Her marriage to an IRA rebel commandant, James O'Gorman, was later reason for flight with their young boys and exile from Erin in Chicago.

But her recollection of sights and sounds and loving folk was elephantine.

There was no telling what she'd remember next as we were growing up.

She loved eggs. She spoke of eggs often, with a familiar nonchalance of real authority.

She'd talk of hens' eggs of course. But she was beloved of duck eggs, a rare commodity, unfamiliar to her grandchildren, even in Chicago.

She could also amaze us, like the time she told us that she ate a big turkey egg. Out-sizing the chicken. She'd eaten it in her youth, sometime in the 1890s, but it didn't make much of an impression on her. It had a strong taste, she recalled. A tad bitter. That, I thought, was the place to draw the line. What could top that? An ostrich egg?

But she cherished her memory of duck eggs, which, on special occasions, she could produce for our grandfather's breakfast. That always allowed her to recount her duck egg stories of girlhood. A warm kitchen by the turf cooker. Boiling the water and lightly cooking the eggs. Eggs, she'd add, she and her sisters, Winifred and Mary, had discovered in the duck nests around their farmland called Regalawn.

She knew how long a duck sits on her eggs, and how long ducklings stay in their nests. She'd always add the warning to keep hands off a duck's nest.

Her eyes always lit up when duck eggs were involved. The thousands of miles of distance between her farmgirl life and the bustle of Chicago was somehow truncated by the memory of duck eggs. Even then I figured there must be something more to the story.

"Oh," she'd say, "I can still taste the first time I ate a duck egg. The sweet and most delicious egg I've ever eaten."

She helped turn duck eggs into a vibrant symbol of family cohesion. A badge of honor and memory in exile.

I was reminded of that when my good friend, artist Cindy Prokov, stopped by with a gift from the Amish Grocery store on Western Ave. and Thomas St. A wondrous tray of Amish hen eggs and duck eggs.

Grandma O'Gorman cherished her memory of duck eggs, which, on special occasions, she could produce for Grandpa O'Gorman's breakfast.

What a gift. Historic. Nostalgic. Capable of catapulting me into my childhood world of my grandmother's kitchen and her lyrical retelling of her duck egg stories.

I've been contemplating just how I would serve the duck eggs. Can't rush into their cooking.

So this morning I soft boiled some of the Amish hen eggs. For just two minutes. I played Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring" as I put them on the stove.

Some broiled bacon on the side, and a big, strong mug of Irish tea. Cherry preserves on my toast.

But what to do with the duck eggs, I reasoned. Perhaps very soft boiled accompanying some poached lobster with a sprinkle of chives. Or maybe medium boiled with a dollop of Russian Caviar. Or served beside genuine oak smoked Irish Salmon and homemade brown bread.

Now there would be a feast.

Of course, as I'm writing my cookery book, I was exhilarated with realizing that three new recipes had just fallen on my plate. I'd have to make up my mind, but there's no fear whatsoever that I will delay.

As I ponder my kitchen dilemma, I thought how similar this is to Chicago's larger life. I have all the ingredients that I need. I just need the perfect recipe to create a memory that will last.

And a good bottle of bubbly to wash it down.

I just need to organize my kitchen skills. Rearrange my expectations and let the experience itself serve as the motivation to do the best I can.

We could say the same thing about all the chaffing presently occurring over when and how all our masks can come off. Or how we live with ourselves watching the charade of "gazpacho" like tactics by the US Attorneys singling out a disorganized alderman with a historic name for quick trial and verdict, while politicians make fortunes juggling insider information, taxes and sweetheart mortgage deals from one end of the country to another.

Or how a Chicago financier, the "docents' delight," in whose Daddy Warbuck's-like art purchases and donations, apparently feels he can seize purchasing the governor's office for a political ally. Doing it like he was exercising the same privilege buying Rahm Emanuel the lakefront's fresh running paths?

We already have a governor who bought himself!

Or how Mayor Lightfingers can choose an alderman with a straight face in the 11th Ward so she can impose a fresh political quarantine on the folks in Bridgeport? They now, it appears, will get payback for half a century of sending a Daley to the 5th floor of City Hall.

Of course these are more than kitchen dilemmas. They are the glass-shattering mayhem of Putin-esque revenge. Aimed at our own version of the Grand Gate of Kiev.

Like my grandmother's duck egg tales, though, there are symbols here that need unpacking. As we sit and wait for more "gazpacho" tactics to set other federal trials in motion for wayward politicians.

And maybe all I can do with those eggs is make sure I don't keep them all in one basket.

AVE ATQUE VALDE: Josephine Minow has died at 95. I always loved running into Jo around town, usually at RL with Newt. She instantly perked you up. She liked your coat. She loved your hat. She said how happy she was to see you. Or thanked you for a note.

Josephine Minow

Jo was so gracious. Understanding of what little light touches really did for those who get them. She was a historic mover and shaker. With an American history of privilege she never took for granted. After all, her family had been Chicagoans for five generations. They knew the heat of the Great Fire.

She set her legacy of grace and generous living in motion long ago by a million courtesies and thoughtful touches littering her way. The Minows, of course, are legendary. They uncovered "the vast wasteland" for **JFK**. But for me she will always be kindness itself. In City Hall I kept a sweet note she sent next to my computer for many years. It always made me happy when I saw it. Chicago is bereft in her passing. Baruch Dayan Emet.

BLACKHAWKS: Rumors are flying over the Blackhawks parting company with **Bobby Hull** like he was a docent at a local Art Museum.

BOEUFHAUS: Chef owner **Brian Ahern** and business partner **Jamie Finnegan** say Boeufhaus, 1012 N. Western Ave., in Ukrainian Village, is reopening on March 2 Wednesday-Saturday, after two years closed. Reservations being taken. Such a fabulous place. Great for appetizers and wine, or a festive feast.

DOG GONE: Fast Track, the West Loop Hot Dog 'institution' at 629 W. Lake, has closed permanently. **Ed Tefka** operated Fast Track for more than 30 years. He's done.

HISTORIC SALOON: Word is Cunneen's Bar on Devon, founded by Irishman **Steve Cunneen**, who died Feb. 2, will now be staying open and taken over by widow **Belinda Colin-Cunneen**, as the saloon is turning 50. Always a neighborhood institution, now it's a shrine. Go in and take a look at the historic clock over the bar, it's practically a world heritage relic.

CHEESECAKE, TEA OR ME: Eli's might as well have invented cheesecake in Chicago. Now you'll be able to grab a "last taste" of Eli's when leaving Chicago. Eli's has opened on the United Airlines B Concourse at O'Hare. Founder **Eli Schulman** would be pleased. Son **Marc Schulman** is

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Abracadabra!
Mayne Stage in Rogers Park will become Rhapsody Theater

Plus, have you seen Sheena?

Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

Renowned physician magician Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz has something up his sleeve.

Presto! It's very hush-hush, but soon Dr. Rosenkranz, along with investor Tim Friedman, will turn the vacant, darkened Mayne Stage Theater, 1328 W. Morse Ave., into the enchanting Rhapsody Theater. They'll offer a variety of live entertainment including magic shows, cabaret, and chamber music, according to Leslie Perkins, the 49th Ward chief of staff.

My invite must have gotten lost in the mail but last week, Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] and her wife, Natalia Vera, were lucky enough to attend what sounded like a charming little sneak preview party at the Mayne. Dr. Rosenkranz celebrated his birthday, VIP guests were treated to a magic show, and even mariachis were on hand. (For Hadden and Natalia the Mayne is a special place, as it's where they first met 10 years ago).

I know I'm ecstatic at this marvelous news and my neighbors will be too.

The Mayne Stage, which opened as the historic Morse Theater in 1912 as a vaudeville and movie house, has been a rentable, private, 230-seat venue since being bought several years ago by Jennifer Pritzker. The theater has been closed for a while now after being meticulously –restored.

Dr. Rosenkranz told me he was not yet ready to discuss plans publicly, so I'm hoping there won't be any evil spells put on me for spilling the beans. I did manage to pry a wee bit of info out of Perkins. There is no opening date yet, as they're working on permits, she said.

"We're excited for this investment in our community," said Perkins. "At this time, the new owner is still in the permitting process for the theatre. We should have more information on this in the coming month."

In 2018, I experienced a bewitching, beguiling and bewildering evening of fun and wonderment when Dr. Rosenkranz's enchanting magic show, "The Rosenkranz Mysteries: Physician Magician," ran at the Royal George Theatre. At the time I interviewed him, and learned he was a Gold Coaster and an award-winning faculty member who uses spellbinding illusions to teach his students at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz

I also learned that his love for everything magical began as a child living in Mexico City, after he entered a magic shop filled with mysterious tricks that piqued his curiosity. Although magic was something he enjoyed as a child, as an adult "I didn't know what to do," Dr. Rosenkranz told me back then

Then more than two decades ago, a friend suggested Dr. Rozenkranz meet another Gold Coaster, the great, late magician/mentalist/illusionist Eugene Burger, a mind-blowing performer who also happens to be one of my very first interviews. Burger ended up becoming his mentor and magically transforming the good doctor's life.

"As Eugene was teaching me, I realized, I do that in medicine," said Dr. Rosenkranz in 2018. "There were some things my colleagues didn't do."

He started working on a show in 2009, little by little, building up a collection of props and pieces not seen elsewhere. In 2012/13, Dr. Rosenkranz was ready to take his show on the road. When I saw it in 2018, it was spellbinding. (Even my skeptic friend, Debbie, who went with me that night, couldn't help but be mesmerized.)

Among many other places, Dr. Rosenkranz has performed for Penn & Teller's "Fool Us," show in Las Vegas, at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, and at the prestigious Magic Circle in London.

I can't wait to see Dr. Rosenkranz work his magic -- both literally and figuratively -- at the new Rhapsody Theater. It sounds magically delicious to me!

Have you seen Sheena? … More than three months ago, 40-year-old Sheena Gibbs disappeared from the intersection of Greenleaf and Sheridan in East Rogers Park. Her family is desperately seeking information. Sheena is a dark-complexioned Black woman, 5'-9" tall, 180 lbs with black, shoulder-length hair and brown eyes.

Ald. Maria Hadden and her wife, Natalia Vera, got a sneak peek of the very first magic show at the soon to be open Rhapsody Theater.

Loved ones describe Sheena as kind, joyful, strong-willed, positive, creative, and someone who could easily connect with people from all walks of life. Her family is alarmed that authorities have yet to find Sheena despite her high-risk classification after multiple tips reported to police that she was facing threats and abuse.

"There are no leads whatsoever," said Sheen's aunt, Lela Tarver, who I spoke to on the phone. If anyone that was in that area at the time or if they've seen Sheena in that area, please let the Chicago Police Dept. or the family know.

(Sheena's missing person case number is JE460184. If anyone knows or saw anything, please contact CPD Area 3 SVU at 312-744-8266 or Black & Missing Foundation at 877-972-2634; or email Sheena's family at HelpFindSheena@gmail.com.)

Sheena was last seen Nov. 5. For the next three days no one heard from her until she made contact with a friend on Nov. 8 via text message. The friend had texted a photo of the two of them and Sheena had replied back.

"There was no indication something was wrong," Tarver said.

And then there was nothing.

One thing Tarver asked me to clarify: She said media reports have stated that Sheena was driving to Davenport, Iowa -- where she was originally from and where her mother, aunt, family, still live -- when she disappeared.

Sheena Gibbs

But, Sheena did not own a car nor was she on her way. Her mother has health issues and was in the hospital and she and Tarver texted back and forth with Sheena saying she'd be there, in Davenport, the next day. But, "It wasn't a life or death situation," said Tarver. "The media ran with it and said she said she'd be down tomorrow and didn't show up and that she's missing.

"She's a 40-year-old woman who lives in Chicago," said Tarver. "It wasn't an issue when she didn't come. It was nothing urgent," she added of Sheena's mother's health. "The media is saying she had to get home to her sick mother. That's not it."

"She cared about her mom. She was close to her mom," continued Tarver. "But when she said she was coming, but didn't come that day, it's not that big of a deal."

But the concern was, because she is that close to her mom, her family tried reaching out "She wasn't responding, and that's when we got concerned," Tarver said.

Then, on Sheena's Nov. 16 birthday, friends were wishing her a happy day on Facebook. Usually she "likes" stuff, but that didn't happen, said Tarver. "This is getting suspicious," she thought.

Family members then began comparing notes to see who had spoken to Sheena last. "We figured out it was a long time," said Tarver. "Her mom is worried sick and she's already sick."

Following three nerve-wracking months

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Rent relief is a life saver for apartment renters

The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The federal government's Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides assistance to households unable to pay rent or utilities.

Imagine if you are a single, full-time college student who is working a part-time job to pay apartment rent and make ends meet.

Suddenly, you get laid off from your restaurant job as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and can't pay the $1,195 rent on your one-bedroom apartment in a clean, but basic walk-up building on the North Side.

The landlord is sympathetic to the renter's financial plight because March will be the first month the tenant could not pay her rent on a one-year lease that started last September.

However, the building's owner has his own financial commitments—mortgage payments, utility and maintenance costs and hefty real estate taxes.

Luckily Tammy Johnson (not her real name), the savvy, young female renter, who currently is in training for a new job, heard about "Rent Relief," an emergency federal rental assistance program administered by Chicago's Family & Support Services and the city Dept. of Housing.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program [ERAP] provides funds to assist households unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to the on-going pandemic.

The federal American Rescue Plan Act, passed in Dec. 2020, allocated $25 billion to emergency rental assistance. Then, the $1.9 trillion stimulus package approved in March 2021 set aside $21.55 billion, resulting in a total of more than $46 billion available to apartment tenants that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Funds are provided directly to states, local governments, territories and Native American tribes to administer to eligible households through rental assistance programs. An eligible household may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional three months if needed, depending on the availability of funds.

Applications for emergency rental assistance may be submitted by either the tenant or landlord on behalf of that tenant through programs established by grantees.

In general, the money will be paid directly to landlords and utility providers. If an owner doesn't want to participate, funds may be paid to the renter.

Currently, more than 19 states, counties and cities—including Chicago—use Rent Relief, a software service, to manage more than $1.5 billion in funding.

As of late 2021, the city of Chicago has assisted more than 8,600 households with rent and utility payments through ERAP funds. The average rental assistance payment is $8,900, and the average utility assistance is $800 per applicant.

First, the renter applies for the program, is pre-qualified and is given a case number. Chicago's small "Ma-and-Pa" apartment building owners likely will need a bit of computer savvy to fill out the landlord side of the Rent Relief application, and scan and upload the following necessary documents:

• The apartment lease. Today, most computer literate landlords use the standard Chicago Residential Lease, drafted by the Chicago Association of Realtors.

• Recent property tax bill. This document shows that the landlord owns the property and is current with real estate taxes.

• IRS Form W-9. This document will provide the landlord's Social Security or Employer Identification Number, so Uncle Sam will be able to track and tax the rent.

• A brief letter outlining how many rent payments are due the landlord.

As of late 2021, the city of Chicago has assisted more than 8,600 households with rent and utility payments through ERAP funds. The average rental assistance payment is $8,900, and the average utility assistance is $800 per applicant.

"My brief phone chat with Sabrina, the Rent Relief administrator, was helpful, just to make sure all information was inputted correctly in the application," said Ms. Johnson's landlord. "Hopefully, Tammy's March rent will arrive soon."

For an application and answers to questions, call Rent Relief at 833-543-0931, or visit: www.RentRelief.com\allchicago.

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Amid enrollment slump, Chicago colleges work to re-enroll students

Program forgives debt, offers free classes

BY JONAH CHESTER
Illinois News Connection

Since the pandemic and government-imposed lockdown began, enrollment in Illinois community colleges has declined to its lowest point in decades, and now, Chicago's City Colleges are working to try and keep students on track to graduate.

City Colleges already has launched two initiatives to get folks who may have left college during the pandemic lockdown to return, or to keep folks in school who are considering leaving.

Veronica Herrero, chief of staff and strategy for the schools, explained the Fresh Start program forgives debts for returning students, and the Future Ready initiative offers free education for high-demand fields.

"We want to make sure that these students, especially if they're doing well and want to complete, that we're making completion accessible and possible for them," Herrero noted.

According to the Illinois Community College Board, enrollment in community colleges across the state dropped from more than 271,000 in 2019 to about 230,000 in 2021, a decline likely attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and government-imposed lockdown.

In addition to the new programs, which are largely designed for current or returning students, City Colleges is working to attract students who graduated from Chicago Public Schools in 2020 and 2021 but did not enroll in higher ed.

Herrero pointed out efforts include financial support, free laptops, Wi-Fi connectivity for virtual education and additional academic aid.

"You know, we do everything we can to get the students enrolled in college as they're graduating high school," Herrero observed. "But we saw with the pandemic that many of our students were not able to because of family obligations or the issues brought upon them by the pandemic."

Harry S. Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., is also partnering with the Center on Education and Labor at New America to develop new strategies to re-enroll students who put their education on pause during the government-imposed pandemic lock down.

Registration now open for camps at NBGC

Registration is now open for Spring Break Camp at the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club, 2501 W. Irving Park Rd., which will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 11 to 15. The cost per child is $275. To enroll, or for more information contact Bess McGeorge at bess@nbgc.org.

And the club's Summer Camp will soon be opening registration too, that will be open to the public on March 12. Registration will be online, and camp will start on June 20 and go through Aug. 19. One of the club's most popular youth programs will open for registration this week, the indoor Baseball and Softball Clinics. During this session, players will get a head start on improving the skills they'll be using during the summer seasons. The session will begin at the end of March. Visit www.nbgc.org for more information.

Ald. Hopkins: CPD losing cops at "unsustainable" rate

With major crime up 34%, 95 more cops walk out the door

BY CWBCHICAGO

One month ago, we reported that CPD statistics showed reports of major crimes were up 24% in the first three weeks of the new year compared to the same time last year.

How have things improved since then? They haven't. Major crime reports are now up 34%, with all seven categories showing increases: murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated battery, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft. That's according to CPD's internal CompStat report dated Feb. 20.

Crime reports this year are also ahead of the same point in 2020 and 2019, when COVID was not a factor.

But not everything is going up. The number of cops on the city's police force is going down. Chicago lost 95 more officers in January, according to the city's inspector general [OIG].

CPD had 11,805 officers as of Feb. 1. It started last year with 12,679 and had 13,353 in Jan. 2019.

"Where are we gonna be in three years?" Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] asked on a recent networking Zoom call attended by former journalist Rafer Weigel. "It's unsustainable." CPD "can't recruit fast enough."

Last month, John O'Malley, the deputy mayor for public safety, delivered sobering news to a group of Lakeview residents.

"I can tell you there is a significant, almost alarming reduction in the number of police officers in the city of Chicago," O'Malley said, pointing to retirements and "a very hard struggle right now to recruit and retain officers."

"We have officers with 15 years on the job, 20 years on the job, walking into human resources in the Chicago Police Dept., turning in their badges, and walking off the job. I've never seen that before. It's happening."

Lakeview Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] echoed O'Malley's concerns and suggested the quality of incoming officers may be lacking.

"There's more retirements than recruits, and we're diluting, in my opinion, the quality of people taking the [CPD hiring] exam and ultimately getting into the police department," Tunney said.

CPD brass did move cops into some of the city's most violent districts last month, but the increases were modest, according to the OIG's data. For example, the city's #1 district for murders and shootings last year added 28 cops in January, but it still has fewer cops than last spring.

Going up!

Among the seven major crime categories, the most significant increase this year citywide has been in theft reports, up more than 700 cases or 64% so far. Motor vehicle theft reports, up by more than 500 cases or 45%, are at their highest level since at least 2018, according to the CPD report.

Other citywide increases: burglaries up 34%; aggravated battery up 15%; robbery up 7%; criminal sexual assault up 12%; and murder up 4% through Feb. 20.

In the Central 1st District, which includes the Loop, South Loop, Bronzeville, and Millennium and Grant Parks, overall major crime is up 158% compared to last year. It's also up sharply in pre-COVID comparisons: up 44% versus 2020; 31% versus 2019; and up 15% compared to 2018.

All seven major crime categories are up: murders have tripled from one to three. Criminal sexual assaults are up from six to eleven. Robberies, up 67%, are at the highest level since 2018. Aggravated battery up 80%. Burglary up 144%.

Thefts are up 170% this year, bringing it in line with 2020, but still down from 2019 and 2018.

There have been a whopping 168 motor vehicle thefts in the district this year — up more than 250% compared to all four previous years on the CompStat report.

The other downtown police district, Near North 18th, is showing an 88% increase, with every category rising significantly compared to last year. The exception is murder, which is flat at zero. Total crime reports are flat compared to 2020 and down compared to this point in 2019 and 2018.

Motor vehicle thefts are up 60%, with 77 cases, the most of any year on the report. Criminal sexual assault cases are also at a high point, up 108% with 25 reports. Many of the district's sexual assault reports are taken at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, but the crimes occurred elsewhere.

Howard Brown Clinic ready to expand in Boystown

Initial caissons permits were issued last week for a new $4 million Howard Brown Health Clinic which will be located in Boystown at 3501 N. Halsted St.

As previously reported, the five-story mixed-used building will comprise 7,600 square feet of ground-level retail, two floors of clinic space, and three floors of Howard Brown administrative office space on the remaining levels. The development will provide 27 off-street parking spaces and 20 bike parking spaces.

The new 67'-tall structure was announced last summer. The facade will be a contemporary mix of glass and brick of varying hues. A series of vertical bays will punctuate the west-facing side, while the top floor will be set back to allow for tenant terrace space. Inside, visitors and tenants will be welcomed to a multi-story open atrium lobby, with ample light provided by the glass curtain wall.

Howard Brown Health, 3501 N. Halsted St. *Rendering courtesy Architrave*

The permits issued last week include basement work and a proposed earth retention system and the underpinnings of adjacent foundations. Walter Leroy Eckenhoff of the Eckenhoff Saunders firm is listed as the architect of record for this project. A full timeline and an anticipated completion date have not yet been revealed.

CTA seeks artists to create new works for Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr CTA stations

CTA to hold public meetings tonight for input on art concepts

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] announced it is seeking artists to commission six unique pieces of artwork for stations and structures that are being rebuilt as a part of the Red and Purple Modernization [RPM] Phase One project.

On Feb. 23 the CTA issued a Request for Proposal for artists to create original artwork for the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations. They hope the artwork will add unique elements that enhance new stations and represent the communities they serve, and promotes a friendly and inviting atmosphere to each station's identity.

The CTA will hold a virtual informational pre-proposal meeting on 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, for artists to learn more about the projects. To register, visit https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMucu2orj0qE90bchHU1tVZw9sSfKbvT8Uu.

The CTA has been expanding its public artwork in its stations and other facilities as it rebuilds the system. Over the last decade, the CTA's public art collection has nearly doubled to include more than 70 permanent works of art across all eight rail lines and multiple bus facilities. This collection includes mosaics, art glass, sculptures and interactive installations created by acclaimed artists, many of whom are local.

"We are looking forward to hiring artists who will collaborate with local residents and enhance the new, beautiful and fully accessible stations we are building," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr.

The CTA is seeking artists to create works for the Lawrence main stationhouse, 1120 W. Lawrence; Argyle main stationhouse, 1120 W. Lawrence; Berwyn main stationhouse, 1119 W. Berwyn;

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Letters to the Editor

Cars can't be replaced

The problem with trying to have a high density housing development which doesn't have at least one off-street parking space per dwelling unit [Feb. 23], thus causing competition for street parking, is that there doesn't seem to be any legal way for the management to make sure there are no more cars possessed by residents than there are off-street parking spaces to park them.

Let's say the development has some kind of government-aid tie in, and all the off-street parking spaces are being used by current residents. A new person applies for residency. He meets all the qualifications - but has a car. I doubt the management would be allowed to reject him because he has a car, and would have to park it on the street. He could object, pointing out the current residents who do have cars, all parked both on and off-street.

Why do those car owners get to live there, and not he? Because they moved in first? It doesn't seem fair or legal.

In a housing development with no government aid tie-in, it would definitely not be legal.

The reasons people have for owning a car are not limited to commuting to a job, for shopping, or going downtown to the theater. Mass transit can't replace private cars for all their uses. Even rideshares and regular taxis can't do it.

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

Of the people, by the people, for the people

The white population of the United States has been on decline for the last several years and the reapportionment of city government nationwide is trending towards populations of growth notably in the Hispanic and Asian communities. And, this is no less true in Chicago where these communities are looking towards greater representation in local government.

Mike Sullivan's recent letter [Feb. 23] decrying what he calls "ongoing systemic racism" with Ward Remapping is disingenuous; and, reflects the dissatisfaction, by some, that the city is no longer as white as it used to be, as Blacks, Hispanic and Asians increasingly demand greater representation.

The Associated Press reported last year that, in the U.S., "The Asian and Hispanic populations burgeoned from 2010 to 2020, respectively increasing by around a third and almost a quarter over the decade. The Asian population reached 24 million people in 2020, and the Hispanic population hit 62.1 million people."

Even with the decline of Black families leaving Chicago, the city is still home to many that both want, and deserve equal apportionment.

As Abraham Lincoln noted in The Gettysburg address, "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Darryl Grant
Edgewater

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New federal aid could boost lead pipeline removal efforts, but problem remains a huge undertaking

JONAH CHESTER
Illinois News Connection

It is estimated that as of last June, Illinois had between 700,000 and 1.4 million lead lines. Last summer, the Illinois General Assembly passed a measure to begin replacing the state's lead lines.

Illinois and Chicago have more lead pipelines than any other state in the nation, but a new federal plan could boost the state's lead-line removal efforts.

Most of Chicago is still struggling over what to do with the lead pipes that deliver drinking water into your homes, schools, parks and businesses. Now the federal Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan calls for $15 billion over the next decade to replace all the country's lead pipelines.

Chicago city officials required that lead pipes be used to funnel water to single-family homes and small apartment buildings for nearly a century. That means Chicago now has more lead service lines than any other American city, and officials estimate that it will cost $15,000 to $26,000 to remove lead service lines from each home or two-flat in Chicago, or $8.5 billion in all.

Even with an influx of federal funds to Chicago, officials are still likely to struggle to protect the health of local residents. There is just too much work to be done to expect any quick changes. Chicago officials are already using $15 million in federal grants to remove lead service lines from homes and two-flats in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Approximately 800 households have applied for that program, but just 300 households have submitted the required documentation to qualify for the program.

Angela Guyadeen, director of the Safe Water Initiative for the Natural Resources Defense Council [NRDC], said financing lead-line removal projects is a major barrier for most communities. "What's really important to know is that money coming down from the state and also the feds is going to make this process a lot easier," says Guyadeen. "Many states and communities across the country have said, 'Yeah, well, you know, we really want to replace lead service lines, but it's a really expensive project and there's a lot of other priorities we have to be thinking about.' "

The EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believe there is no safe level of lead exposure. Lead is harmful to health, especially for children. While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, drinking water can contribute 40 to 60% of an infant's lead exposure.

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The NRDC estimated as of last June, Illinois had between 700,000 and 1.4 million lead lines. Last summer, the Illinois General Assembly passed a separate measure to begin replacing the state's lead lines. The Chicago Sun-Times reports Illinois will receive $288 million to support the efforts via the federal plan.

The Metropolitan Planning Council noted lead lines are a serious issue, and that 65% of the state's Black and Latino residents live in communities containing 94% of the state's known lead pipelines.

Illinois law will require that Chicago replace homes' service lines as they replace water mains starting in 2023. By then, Chicago will have finished a 10-year effort to replace 880 miles of century-old, cast-iron water mains.

Guyadeen argued the state should ensure the funding to replace the pipelines is equitably distributed. She pointed out the state's current method for distributing such funds, the State Revolving Fund, can be difficult for smaller communities to navigate.

"If you are a mayor, and you don't have a lot of resources or consultants, that can be a barrier to accessing these funds," Guyadeen said.

A separate Metropolitan Planning Council report found replacing all the state's lead pipelines could generate up to 250,000 jobs and $23 billion in new economic activity.

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Bryn Mawr main stationhouse, 1116 W. Bryn Mawr; Bryn Mawr Hollywood entrance, 1119 W. Hollywood, and the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr viaduct walls.

Construction of the new stations and structures is expected to be completed and opened to CTA customers by the end of 2024. The art is anticipated to be installed in the new stations before they are opened to the public.

The CTA is seeking artists with experience with two- and three-dimensional art. Previous public art experience isn't required. The projects include design, fabrication and delivery of the artwork.

In reviewing and evaluating proposals, the CTA will consider several factors that include artistic merit as evidenced in submitted digital images; written statement of interest; and professional recognition including awards, honors and exhibition records.

After artists are selected, CTA will host community meetings for each art location to allow local residents and businesses owners the opportunity to meet the artists and provide input into art concepts and designs.

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Illinois lawmakers must create legal balance between owners, renters of storage units

BY RETIRED ARMY COL. PAUL KANTWILL

During and since my time as an active-duty officer in the Army, I have devoted much time and energy to protecting military service members from financial predators. Last year I focused on the passage of the Predatory Lending Prevention Act (PLPA), and the nationwide repeal of a Comptroller of the Currency rule that protected payday lenders using evasive schemes to get around state-imposed usury rate caps.

While those efforts were successful, there is more to do.

Recently, I took notice of a bill in the Illinois Legislature, HB 4627, which would allow the owners of self-storage locker facilities to avoid altogether the required public notice of the auction of renters' items when his or her belongings have been confiscated. Those auctions often take place without the knowledge of the renter, who might be overseas defending our country or assisting fellow citizens falling victim to natural disasters. Illinois law requires owners to notify renters of an auction only by sending notice to the renter's "last known address."

A deeper look into Illinois' Self Storage Facility Act reveals a law that is astonishingly lopsided in favor of locker owners to the detriment of renters. It is a law in need of reform.

Whether the renter is active-duty military, our neighbors in the military Reserve or National Guard called to duty, a victim of eviction, or a victim of a house fire, every effort must be made to locate the renter before selling what could be their worldly belongings. Public notice in newspapers and their attendant websites helps.

Commentary

California law requires owners to allow renters to submit the name and address of a second individual to whom all notices must be sent. In addition, California law also allows renters to formally object to an auction after which the owner must get a court's blessing before proceeding. Illinois law should do the same.

Locker rent increases and late fees should be examined. How many rent increases should a renter endure after their belongings are in storage? Active-duty military or reservists and Guardsmen called to duty might find it impossible to competitively shop or even receive notice once deployed. The current law should be viewed from the perspective of the transient and the vulnerable, not from only the point of view of owners.

I am all too familiar with real-life cases in which deployed service members have lost literally everything when storage facility owners sell off their possessions. I am sure that, given these difficult times, many other Illinoisans have suffered or will suffer the same.

There are several other changes in Illinois law that could help protect the renters of storage lockers. Many of those changes have been proposed by my colleagues, including the Woodstock Institute, Chicago Urban League, Housing Action Illinois, and Legal Action Chicago. Those changes include several provisions that would benefit renters and help provide a balance between the rights of renters and owners. I urge legislators to not only reject HB 4627 but to reform Illinois' Self Storage Facility Act as soon as possible.

Retired Army Col. Paul Kantwill lives in Chicago's Gold Coast and serves as founding executive director of the Rule of Law Institute at Loyola Univ. Chicago School of Law. He previously led the office of Servicemember Affairs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He had a 25-year career as an active-duty officer in the U.S. Army and served in Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

Free tax help

The City of Chicago is offering free income tax help. Volunteer tax preparers who are trained to assist, can help complete and electronically file Federal and Illinois tax returns for 2021 and years prior in some circumstances. They also can help determine if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and other tax credits. The tax filing deadline is Monday, April 18. For more information, visit www.taxprepchicago.org or call 312-588-6900.

Sharing Success, women in business at March 15 event

Some of Lincoln Park's top entrepreneurs and executives will be speak 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, during a networking and panel discussion hosted by the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce titled Sharing Success: Women in Business.

From owning your own business to climbing the corporate ladder, people will find inspiration and practical professional advice during this networking event at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

The event will provide an interactive panel moderated by Edda Coscioni, President of Salon Edda, and featuring Laura-Caroline de Lara, Director, DePaul Art Museum; Cheryl Hamilton-Hill, CEO of Lincoln Park Community Services; Sonia Soto, Owner, Cilantro Taco Grill Lincoln Park, and Jennifer Turney, owner and designer for All She Wrote.

Complimentary breakfast bites and refreshments are included in the ticket. Space is limited and tickets are expected to sell out. For more information call 773-990-5200 or write to info@lincolnparkchamber.com.

EXPO CHICAGO returns to Navy Pier April 7-10

The International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art [EXPO CHICAGO] is back on. After closing for the last two years, the giant art show and sale returns to Navy Pier's Festival Hall April 7-10.

The exposition will feature more than 140 leading international exhibitors and will draw upon Chicago's history as an international cultural destination, while engaging the region's art community and collector base.

Moving forward, the exposition will be presented annually in April, announcing April 13-16, 2023 and April 11-14, 2024 as dates for the 10th and 11th editions at Navy Pier. Over the next several months, EXPO CHICAGO will be actively working with global partners and Chicago's hospitality community to prepare for next year.

EXPO CHICAGO arrives in Chicago for their big art show and sale at Navy Pier's Festival Hall on April 7-10.

Chicago has hosted a global contemporary and modern art exposition for nearly 40 years and serves as the site of the first international art fair in the Americas. Since its inception, EXPO CHICAGO has remained dedicated to supporting local, regional, and international arts communities, with strong regional support throughout the Greater Midwest, both US coasts, and maintained a growing international commitment as well.

EXPO CHICAGO is also hosting a series of initiatives including year-round digital events and partner programming with their newly launched website program.expochicago.com, their Dialogues series, featuring artistic conversations with leading artists, curators, designers, and arts professionals on the current issues that engage them. For more information visit www.expochicago.com.

Art installations

1. The Ship of Tolerance (2019), located in Polk Bros. Park at Navy Pier.

This piece has been installed in 12 cites internationally to date, connecting communities through art and music to address issues surrounding intolerance. The Chicago Ship is an extension of an international program initiated in 2005 to overcome societal divisions through a three-part approach, which include educational initiatives held throughout Chicago schools, the building of a scale model ship, and the presentation of children's musical performances.

2. Collages for the Esplanade Apartments (2019), located at 900 N. Lake Shore Dr.

This site-specific installation at the 900 N. Lake Shore Dr. apartments, designed by Mies van der Rohe, is a continuation of Assaf Evron's Collage Series. After Mies immigrated to the US in 1938, he began making collaged works on paper of domestic interiors with American landscapes seen through their iconic glass windows. Evron similarly treats the apartment building's windows with a mountain range located in Israel. This insertion of rock formations from Evron's homeland—a location where pre-human cave-dwellings have been discovered—creates a dialogue about the origins of architecture, natural resources, and global citizenship. Presented in collaboration between the artist, the tenants of 900 N. Lake Shore Dr.

3. Floating Museum, Founders Inflatable (2019), located at Navy Pier.

Founders is a mobile monument and collaboration between Floating Museum, Chris Pappan and Monica Rickert-Bolter. The inflatable sculpture features four busts facing the four cardinal directions, whose form is a mix of interpretations of items from the collections of the DuSable Museum of African American History, the Field Museum of Natural History, as well as interpretations of various historical figures. The busts feature Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, Kitihawa (du Sable's Potawatomi wife), Mayor Harold Washington, and a bust of a young boy by artist William Artis.

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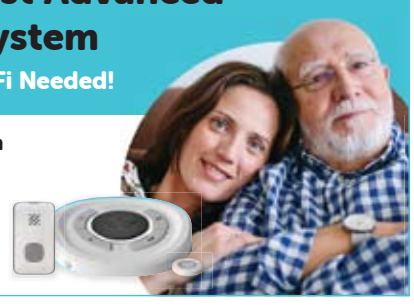

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of urging authorities to act and awaiting updates, Sheena's loved ones have taken matters into their own hands. They hired Lauth Investigations, to lead an independent investigation. A former employer generously contributed the initial fee and Sheena's family is seeking to raise $20,000 for the critical next phase of the investigation via GoFundMe. As of Monday morning, $2,595 had been raised.

Additionally, Bishop Tavis Grant of the Rainbow PUSH coalition is championing the search and raising awareness about her case. And Sheena's loved ones took to the streets recently with huge projections at locations where Sheena worked, lived and was last seen. My neighborhood is peppered with flyers looking for Sheena, who last month was classified as a High Risk Missing Person, which means she may be at risk of injury or death.

Most recently, Sheena worked at UIC performing COVID test scheduling. She has worked as a home health aide, a youth worker, peace activist, fundraiser, HIV/AIDS educator, professional dance instructor and entrepreneur. Sheena attended Truman College, Northeastern Illinois Univ. and Spoon River College, where she was VP of Student Senate and graduated with honors.

Sheena survived cervical cancer at age 25 and has been an outspoken advocate for young survivors. In 2019, her poetry was featured by the Lurie Cancer Center as part of its Cancer Survivorship Institute to support youth survivors.

I hope to meet Sheena one day and talk to her about her advocacy for young cancer survivors. And to read her poetry.

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Seven reasons why The Clare is a top luxury retirement community

The Clare at 55 E. Pearson St.

Luxury retirement communities are undoubtedly having their moment across the nation and in Chicago alike. Seniors want more from their later years, particularly in terms of enriching activities, upscale amenities and unparalleled location. They refuse to settle for less than the absolute best.

That is why The Clare is an ideal destination for seniors. The 53-story high-rise in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood continuously proves itself a top luxury retirement community, always pushing the envelope for the residents it serves.

Here are seven reasons why The Clare ranks as a top luxury retirement community time and again.

Lifestyle

Retirement at The Clare can be as active or relaxing as you wish. The Clare promises a lifestyle that is entirely adaptable to your desires. Fine dining, luxury apartments, stunning views and world-class service characterize the community. It's up to the residents to make of it what they wish.

Dining

With four unique dining venues within The Clare and access to Chicago's countless restaurants, residents enjoy a range of culinary opportunities when they choose to retire here. Savor the innovative cuisine developed by Executive Chef Hagop Hagopian on a daily basis, or make a reservation at a neighborhood hotspot, like Bistronomic or NoMI. Whatever the selection, one thing is clear: there are no limits to the memorable dining experiences available for everyone who calls The Clare home.

Activities

The Clare focuses on all aspects of wellness in the activities planned for residents. Classes and lectures from experts and professionals emphasize residents' desire to stimulate their minds. Various fitness classes promote overall physical health. Social groups foster genuine connections, and outings encourage exploration. Residents have complete control over the activities in which they do or do not participate, allowing them to create a schedule that accommodates their specific wellness needs.

Amenities

Resident satisfaction is a priority at The Clare, as evidenced by the many amenities on offer within the community. Residents can take advantage of a full-service fitness center, an abundantly stocked library and a convenient computer area. And the likes of concierge services, transportation, housekeeping and maintenance eliminate unnecessary stress from residents' lives. The best part is, their needs are handled with care at every turn, further solidifying The Clare as a luxury retirement community of choice.

LifeCare

A significant benefit of retirement at The Clare is LifeCare, which ensures access to long-term care if the need arises at a predictable cost. LifeCare guarantees care at The Terraces at The Clare, which provides assisted living, memory support, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.

Location

Perhaps most noteworthy about The Clare is its incredible location. The community is a gateway to all the best that Chicago has to offer. Lake Michigan, Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, museums, theaters, galleries – all are within reach upon retiring in Chicago at The Clare.

Peace of Mind

The Clare stands as a top luxury retirement community, but above all else, it provides residents with peace of mind. In addition to guaranteed health care as needed at The Terraces via LifeCare, The Clare ensures the health and security of residents in several ways. The Wellness Center, for one, is open daily and serves as a go-to for minor health needs and medical-related questions. What's more, all security officers at The Clare are EMT certified, and they are available 24/7 to respond immediately to emergency situations. Simply put, every concern or worry has been thought of and addressed, which translates to a calm, stress-free retirement experience.

Plan now to plant with a pollinator's purpose

Nothing says spring planting more than blowing snow and cold, so use your time stuck inside to plan for your spring plantings, and think about going with a pollinator garden this year. It not only looks good, but it will make you feel good when you see the bees and butterflies making whoopee in your garden.

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Chicago is built along a major flyway for migrating birds and bugs, so by planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers on your landscape, you will add beauty that goes beyond aesthetics to support biodiversity and increase climate resilience.

Monarch butterflies are increasingly at risk due to habitat loss and pesticide use

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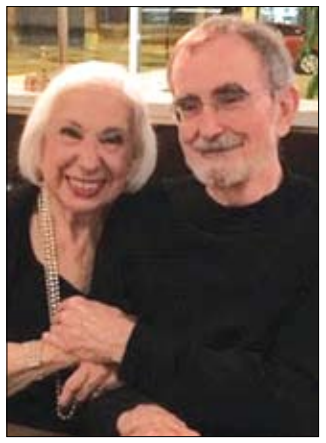

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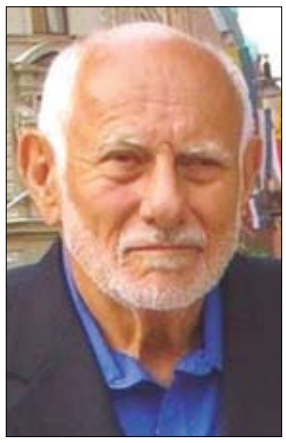

Alan Joel Greiman

Bobbi Panter, Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, Sherrill Bodine, Sheree Schimmer Valukas, Myra Reilly and Denise Tomasello.

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a genius.

THE IRISH NETWORK: The Irish Network Chicago was finally able to combat the pandemic and host their annual gala black tie cork-popping event at the Drake Hotel bringing a fresh brightness to Michigan Ave. in their pursuit of building economic bridges to businesses in Ireland. Bravo Network President **Garrett Diamond**.

BIG DESIGNS: Architectural scholar **Zurich Esposito** was with Chicago's favorite architect, **Jeanne Bang**, after her outstanding keynote for Modernism Week in the California desert. Along with **Alicia** and **Brian Berg**, **Pat Clancy** and **Mary Jane Clancy** at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

TRUE CHICAGOAN: The 'Mayor of Maxwell Street,' **Charlie Joe Henderson**, kept order at the iconic market and never missed a day. Henderson, died at 81 last month, worked the old Maxwell St. market, which he fought to save, and the new version, which is a shadow of its former authentic, gritty self, but still with us.

OVENS OFF: Lou Malnati's closed all their pizza restaurants last Tuesday to give employees a day off on Feb. 15. Nice going. They make one of this newspaper's favorite pies.

ALL THE NEWS: Yes, that's **Ray Capitanini** delivering Skyline door-to-door to his Lincoln Park neighbors. The man just can't sit still. Up in Lincoln Square you'll see **Maria Bappert** making her appointed rounds, Inside-Booster in hand, each Wednesday too. And Edgewaterians in the know, know to get their News-Star from **Carol Gagnon**. Don't forget to tip the carrier!

PAX TIBI: Hon. Alan Joel Greiman was a brilliant jurist, legislator and lifelong Chicagoan, who recently died peacefully at home at age 90. A champion of human and civil freedoms and rights, the late Justice Greiman was a legal powerhouse and tough jurist with a heart of gold. We should thank the Almighty such human beings come our way still. I knew him well when he served on the Illinois Appellate Court where he was a dynamic leader. Baruch Dayan Emet.

(L) Edmund Lester saluting the U.S. Military. (R) Zurich Esposito with Brian Berg, Alicia Berg, Pat Clancy, Mary Jane Clancy and Jeanne Bang.

BRAVO: Ken Norgan with soprano **Ann Toomey** on her opening night as Floria Tosca at the Sarasota Opera's premier of Tosca with **Mara Mills Barker**.

PLAY BALL: Park Ridge's **Katie Krall**, daughter of **Darryl** and **Joan Krall**, is one of a new generation of women in uniform in baseball. She just signed on as a developmental coach in the Red Sox's farm system.

REQUIEM: Jane and **Tom Justic** were lovebirds for half a century. Knew them for 40 plus years. Dined whenever they were in from Naples, FL, their new home. Tom shockingly died this week. Memorial Mass, was at Holy Family. I'm so sad.

COURT THEATER: Henrik Ibsen's "The Lady From The Sea," premiered simultaneously in Norway and Germany in February 1889. Now 133 years later, Court Theater is delighted to premiere a new translation of "The Lady From The Sea" by **Richard Nelson**. See Ibsen's work brought to life with a visceral physicality in this production directed by **Shana Cooper**.

HELMSMAN REST IN PEACE: Donald Glasell, the Chicago Yacht Club's distinguished member since 1951, has died at 94. Long-established as a Chicago sailor of legend. Especially in the race to Mackinac Island each year. That race from Chicago is fabled. A 333-mile trip that, for some, is the greatest sailing race in America.

But no one ever raced into those winds like Glasell did. Fifty-six times, beginning in 1954. Though the child of distinguished American artists, he learned the ways of the seas through his uncle, **Ole Karas**, himself the victor of the "Mac" race 13 times. The sailing competition was the heart of boyhood summers for Glasell. His skill at racing was born before the development of modern navigation, developing in him a natural sense of seamanship. Glasell sailed well into his 90s and served as chairman of the 100th anniversary of the race in 1998.

WHO'S WHERE: Lanie Petersen at the Cliff Dwellers Club presenting a paper to the Chicago Literary Club… **Susan Mongerson Wunderlich** at the Pacific Club with **Lucette Kallis**, **Barbara Keller**, **Jennifer Yelland** and **Madeline Peterson**… designer **Sylwia Wilczynska** with **Liz Teasley** at The Geraghty… Maestro **Stanley Paul** in Palm Springs with Chicago guests **Trudy** and **Shelly Zucker**… Judicial candidate **Dan Balanoff** going all Blue Demon basketball collecting signatures... **Cliff Carlson**, publisher of the Irish American News, received the "In Spirit" award from the Ireland Network Chicago at their 18th Annual Ball at the Drake Hotel… **Sherry Lea Fox** at the Polo Bar in NYC… **Eamonn Cummins** with **Pennie Taylor** and **Rene Romero Schuler** at The Metropolitan Saturday Disco Brunch… **Shelley Howard** with **Robin Kim** for Fanthom Friday at Topo Gigio with the regulars **Alon**, **Don Sullivan** and **Lori Sullivan**… **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** at Marchesa Chicago, doing a birthday bash for **Lisa Traverse Huber**, with **Tim Borden** and **Steve Price**… **Chris** and **Lindy Fleming McGuire**, my right hand gal at City Hall, at a sunny wedding in San Diego, CA… Birthday greeting to Chicago's tireless cerebral newsy **Rich Samuels**… Christie's **Steven Zick** visiting the Modernist Frey II House in Palm Springs, CA… **J William Curran** with **Ronnie** and **Jorge** at Annabelle's in Mayfair, London… **Carla Walker** and **Shell Reyes** lunching with **Stephanie Derderian** and **Windy Corbin** demonstrating some girl-power… **Ken** and **Mary Clair Scorsone Moll** visited son, **Charlie Moll**, at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles… **Bobbi Panter**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Sheree Schimmer Valukas** and **Myra Reilly** celebrated Cabaret Queen **Denise Tomasello's** birthday behind the nets at the United Center screaming for the Hawks… **Brian White** and **Jim Kinney** at the Warriors' Dinner at the Casino… Dining in true Tuscan style in **Florence Nora Gainer Doherty** and baby sis, **Dr. Mary Gainer**… Lovely **Mamie Walton** and **Sean Eshaghy** lunching in style at the Arts Club… Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill's VIP manager **Flavia Magdalin** warming by the fire… architect **Lucien Lagrange** and **Melinda Jankovich-Lagrange** celebrating the fourth anniversary of their "oui"… young Chicago actor **Nate Beuscher**, a freshman at Lincoln Park High School, turns out to be a born runner, look at him go… **Edmund Lester** at the University Club honoring those who stand ready to defend our nation… **Shaun Rajah** lookin' sun-kist and lunching at Fig & Olive… **Jack Goggin** on the slopes of Steamboat… Old Town royalty, artist **Norman** and **Shirley Baugher** pleased with the latest success of the exhibition at Old Town Triangle Association… Congratulations to newlyweds **Leah Chavie** and **Lance Houia**, your joy is contagious… it's like sharing an umbrella on Boul Mich like **Mr. Mike** and **Karen Zupko** did… love the neon sign at **Nikki Friar's** Chalet Bar in the Champagne Cave at Marchesa on Wells… Happy Birthday to the great **Michael Jordan**, 59, immortalized in Chicago skyline lights... **Whitney Reynolds** with **David Heiner** at Chestnut Mountain Resort... **Greg Nagle** at WGN-TV giving morning host, **Amy Rutledge**, advice on renovating.... **Rodney Alex** in Loyola hoodie in NYC at John's Pizzeria of Bleeker Street, Frank Pepe's and Sally's Apizza in New Haven, CT with teenage step-bro, **Ricky Alex**.

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-- Charles Horten Cooley

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Ask for an "Angel Shot" when you're in fear

CPD undertaking new training for restaurant and bar staff

The 18th District police are inviting hospitality partners to join them in an effort titled Operation Angel Shot.

This is a national program now in Chicago that hopes to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in our community.

Say you're on a bad first date, or at a bar talking up a stranger you've grown increasingly wary of. What's your exit strategy?

Whether it's an "accidental" wine spill, a faux-emergency text, or a sick dog or kid at home, most people have an out up their sleeve.

But sometimes, these excuses aren't enough, and you need the help of bar or restaurant staff to get you out of an uncomfortable, unhealthy, or unsafe situation. Sometimes, you may be the staff member in this scenario, with a guest looking for your support. This is where the Angel Shot can help.

The Angel Shot isn't actually a drink order, but a code for "I need help" or "I need to get out of this situation."

It is a sexual assault prevention campaign - first undertaken in the UK - urging bar patrons who feel unsafe on a date or uncomfortable around a fellow guest to "Ask for Angela" at the bar. Once asked, the bar staff know to call the guest a cab and help them exit the establishment discreetly and without fuss.

Over the past few years, this initiative has found its way to the USA, going by the name "Angel Shot."

The same rules apply for the Angel Shot: When a patron orders an Angel Shot, they're covertly letting their bartender or server know that they're either on a date that's not working out, or they don't feel safe because of another guest's behavior.

By doing so, they let staff know they're either in need of some help getting out of there, or would like staff to remove the offending guest from the establishment.

Based on the severity of the situation, the Angel Shot is ordered one of three ways:

• "Neat" or "Straight Up:" This indicates to the bartender or server that the guest needs an escort to their car.

• "On Ice" or "With Ice:" This indicates to the bartender or server that the guest needs them to call them a taxi or a Lyft/Uber.

• "With Lime" or "With a Twist:" This indicates to the bartender or server that the guest needs them to call the police.

Because the Angel Shot is still a new concept here in Chicago, the CPD are now conducting training for area bar and restaurant staff.

The ways in which guests will order one, and the expected outcome, will differ from restaurant to restaurant. For example, some restaurants and bars have additional ordering options under the Angel Shot umbrella that signal the guest needs to speak to the restaurant or bar's management; the guest would like the bartender or staff member to call a friend or family member on their behalf, or the guest thinks their previous drink was spiked by someone at the restaurant or bar.

The meanings may vary, but the Ask for Angela and Angel Shot initiatives both seek to provide a safe, subtle solution to an age-old problem that's found new life in the age of online dating and dating apps, and provides an easy way out that won't make them feel uncomfortable.

For more information or to schedule training on the program, contact Sgt. John Sandoval at John.Sandoval@chicagopolice.org.

August Wilson youth monologues competition

The classic, timeless work of seminal American playwright August Wilson endures as a new partnership—the "August Wilson Legacy Project." And it's now August Wilson season again.

As the partnership gets underway, the 2022 August Wilson Monologue and Design Competitions are now inviting area students to apply to participate.

The Goodman will host the 20 high school students appearing in the final round at 6 p.m. May 2.

The free competition gives local youth an opportunity to explore and share the richness of Wilson's American Century Cycle through master classes and offering college scholarships. The newest aspect of the competition—"Designing August," focusing on scenic and design elements—returns for its second year.

Program participants from around Chicago encounter Wilson's 10-play cycle and receive coaching from teaching artists to prepare their monologues for competition.

The partnership between the August Wilson Estate, Goodman Theatre and Derrick Sanders, will undertake a new competition this year in the name of Wilson, to reimagine and expand opportunities for students through the national competition, by partnering with theaters and organizations around the country to ensure that generations of young people will know the poetry of his language.

In honor of her late husband and as Executive Director of August Wilson Legacy LLC, Constanza Romero-Wilson has tapped longtime Wilson collaborators Derrick Sanders and Willa J. Taylor, Director of Education and Engagement at Goodman Theatre, to reestablish and build on the success of the national August Wilson Monologue Competition and a second effort, "Designing August" - the scenic and costume design arm of the competition - for a new generation.

The new partnership roots the famed Monologue and Design Competitions in Chicago—the first city to have experienced all 10 of the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright's American Century Cycle plays produced by Goodman Theatre.

This new national collaboration hopes to reinvigorate relationships with theaters across the country, creating educational and performance opportunities that allow students to connect to Wilson and his work through the study of history, social studies and literature.

For more information on the competitions, visit ChicagoPlays.com.

Important dates

March 4: Deadline for teachers and administrators to apply for their students

March 15: Individual student application deadline for acting and design

March 21: Deadline for final "Designing August" submissions

March 21-23: Preliminary Monologue Auditions

April 18: Semi-Final Monologue Auditions (at Victory Gardens Theater)

April 23: Masterclass, coaching for finalists

May 2: Final Monologue and Design Competition

Steve Dolinsky knows Chicago pizza.

New pizza festival coming this summer

Steve Dolinsky, the Chicago food reviewer known as the "Hungry Hound" may know more about pizza than anyone else in Chicago. And now he's hosting a pizza festival.

The man who wrote the book about pizza is hosting his event - the Chicago Pizza Festival - on July 23-24 inside Plumbers Union Hall, 1350 W. Washington Blvd. It will feature 40 pizzerias in a range of styles.

Dolinsky's book is called "Pizza City, USA: 101 Reasons Why Chicago Is America's Greatest Pizza Town." It is the ultimate Chicago pizza guide, and may be the most important book about pizza ever written. It is a good way for the rookie or veteran pizza enthusiast alike to understand the depth and breadth of what Chicago's pizza culture has to offer.

When Dolinsky embarked on a self-described "Pizza Quest" to write his book, he methodically taste-tested 180 different pizzas all over Chicagoland before coming up with his 101 best. Most surprising of all was the realization that the Windy City offers a stunning 10 distinctive categories of pizza.

Participating restaurants for the Pizza Festival include many of Chicago's best pizza spots, including North Center's Spacca

Chicago Pizza Festival
July 23-24
Plumbers Union Hall
1350 W. Washington Blvd.

Napoli, Detroit-style hotspot Paulie Gee's Logan Square, and tavern-style favorite Vito & Nick's.

Dolinsky, whose autographed portraits hang in hundreds of restaurants across the city, has long touted himself as a Chicago pizza expert, publishing Pizza City USA in 2018 and positioning himself as a go-to source for Chicago pizza scene. He had also parlayed the book into a culinary touring company where he showed attendees around his favorite pizza spots in the city, but business was hurt by the pandemic.

A multiple James Beard media award winner, tickets for his pizza festival range from $50 to $200 and are available at chicagopizzafestival.com. Special guests will share their knowledge and expertise in a series of seminars throughout the weekend.

Police Beat...

Robbers took over $10K from South Loop woman, but couldn't figure out how to start her luxury SUV

Three men threw a woman to the ground in the South Loop Feb. 23 and robbed her of her purse, which contained over $10,000 cash, according to a CPD report. The mugging happened on the 1200 block of S. Michigan just after 11 a.m. Police have issued two community alerts about robberies in the immediate area.

The victim, age 46, was in an alley around 11:04 a.m. when three men approached her and one of them grabbed her purse and threw her to the ground, a CPD spokesperson said. A second offender tried to steal the woman's luxury SUV, but he couldn't figure out how to start it, the spokesperson added.

All three robbers fled in another car that headed south toward Roosevelt Rd. Police later identified the vehicle as a maroon 2020 Kia sedan that was recently reported stolen. Police have also linked the Kia to a robbery at the Gucci outlet store in Rosemont, according to a law enforcement source.

Investigators have not publicly linked the robbery to a growing pattern of mostly midday muggings in the area.

Those robberies initially began with one offender pushing victims to the ground and stealing their phones on the 1200 to 1500 blocks of S. Michigan on Jan. 20 and 21. Each time, he fled in a car that was waiting for him. One witness said the vehicle was blue or black.

Police updated their public warning after the man returned to rob three more people this month. Most recently, police said, the man brought an accomplice and they implied they had a gun while blocking the victim's path.

Suspect arrested after Uber driver hijacked in Lakeview

Charges are pending against a man suspected of carjacking an Uber driver in Lakeview Feb. 23. The same man likely tried to carjack another victim in nearby Lincoln Park just a few minutes earlier, according to a CPD report.

Separately, a pizza delivery driver was hijacked in Lakeview on Feb. 21. And, in another dash of good news, CPD announced charges in a year-old hijacking of a senior citizen near Wrigleyville. Here are the details:

Wednesday hijacking and arrest

A 69-year-old Uber driver was driving his black Volkswagen sedan on the 1800 block of W. Diversey when a hijacker ordered him out of the car at gunpoint around 11:21 a.m. The victim complied, and the carjacker drove away with the vehicle.

Police found a blue-gray Volvo abandoned at the scene. The Volvo was used just minutes earlier by a man who tried to carjack another driver outside a convenience store on the 2100 block of N. Clybourn, according to a CPD report. That hijacking failed.

Illinois State Police troopers located the Uber driver's car in traffic near Joliet and took the suspected carjacker into custody after a vehicle pursuit and foot chase on Wednesday afternoon.

On Jan. 21 a pizza delivery took a nasty turn on the 1600 block of W. Cornelia. Four men confronted the food runner, and one of the offenders put a gun to his head while demanding his phone and car keys, according to a CPD spokesperson. The group drove away with his blue Chevy Equinox. A nearby resident's security camera recorded the hijacking.

The spokesperson said that all four suspects were slim Black males between 15- and 20-years-old who wore black clothing with black ski masks. The gunman was 6'-1" to 6'-3" tall and wore white Air Force 1 shoes, while the others stood 5'-9" to 5'-10" tall. Police were investigating a lead that the men arrived in the area via the CTA's Brown Line.

Police arrested a 17-year-old boy in the 1500 block of S. Drake on Feb. 22 to face charges for hijacking a 77-year-old woman in Lakeview one year ago. He is charged with felony aggravated vehicular hijacking of a person over the age of 60. No further information is available about him or the circumstances of his arrest because he is a juvenile.

Police investigate Edgewater shooting

A shooting left a man injured in Edgewater on Feb. 21, according to Chicago police. No arrests have been made.

In Edgewater, police said a man of unknown age was walking in the 5200 block of N. Sheridan when he was shot around 4:23 p.m. EMS took him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition with a gunshot wound to his left arm.

A witness who was in the nearby Mariano's said the man frequents the area and is known to disturb local businesses.

Police were unable to locate shell casings and did not receive calls of shots fired in the area, according to dispatch records.

Area Three detectives are investigating the shooting.

'K9 apprehension' ends pursuit of man who was driving vehicle hijacked in Lakeview

Illinois State Police dogs bit Jordan Henry several times after he ran from a car hijacked in Lakeview last week, authorities said. Prosecutors charged him with possessing a stolen motor vehicle, aggravated fleeing and eluding, and a host of traffic charges stemming from a police chase that ended when he allegedly wiped out on the side of an interstate near Joliet.

Jordan Henry

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Troopers found the car in traffic near the Dan Ryan Expressway and 75th Street about an hour later, according to an ISP statement. Henry, 28, led troopers on a miles-long pursuit that ended when he crashed into a ditch at I-55 and I-80, according to ISP. He got out of the car and ran, but the state police dogs ran faster.

"Henry was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries from the K9 apprehension," the ISP statement said.

A Will County judge set bail at $1 million. Henry must post 10% of that amount to get out of jail.

The hijacker who took the Uber driver's car abandoned a blue-gray Volvo at the scene. A carjacker used the Volvo minutes earlier during an attempted hijacking on the 2100 block of N. Clybourn, according to a CPD report. That hijacking failed.

The suspect in the Lincoln Park case was described as a Black male with dreadlocks who stands about 5'-7" tall and weighs about 150 lbs. He was wearing a white jacket but was seen wearing a black jacket earlier, according to police at the scene.

So far, no one is charged with hijacking the Uber driver or trying to hijack the other driver in Lincoln Park.

Two stabbed during fight outside Marina City

Two men suffered stab wounds during a fight on the Marina City complex Feb. 27. Police arrested one of the men to face charges.

Officers responded to the famed residential and entertainment development at 333 N. Dearborn shortly after 11 a.m. upon receiving calls of two men fighting near a valet area. In addition to its iconic "corn cob" residential towers, Marina City is also home to the House of Blues and Hotel Chicago.

Police said a 36-year-old man stabbed a 27-year-old man during the argument. The younger man then stabbed the first man, according to police.

Ambulances transported both men to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where their conditions stabilized. Police said the offender received stab wounds to his head and thigh while the victim was stabbed in his head and back.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.

Armed guard foils smash-and-grab team at Magnificent Mile jewelry store

An armed security guard foiled a smash-and-grab robbery attempt at a Magnificent Mile jewelry store on Feb. 22, according to a CPD report. Later, another organized theft team hit a retailer on nearby Oak St. and, this reporter has learned, one Mag Mile store has been hit by shoplifting crews twice this week.

Around 12:20 p.m., three men stepped out of a white sedan and entered a retail store on the 900 block of N. Michigan, said Kellie Bartoli, a CPD spokesperson. The store is Marshall Pierce & Company, a high-end jewelry store, according to a police report.

Bartoli said the ski mask-wearing crew made its way to a watch case and one of the offenders pulled a hammer out of his jacket. But an armed guard inside the store intervened and ordered the group to get on the ground, she continued. They didn't listen to him.

Instead, they bolted for the store's revolving door and escaped in the car that was waiting outside with a fourth person driving, according to Bartoli.

They dropped a hammer on the sidewalk outside the store, and police recovered it as evidence.

Bartoli said the group consisted of slim Black males between 18- and 28-years-old who stand 5'-10" to 6' tall. She said one wore a black hoodie, and another wore a white jacket with fur on its hood.

Investigators are trying to determine if the same group is responsible for a shoplifting raid at Canada Goose, 800 N. Michigan, around 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17. The thieves escaped with a collection of coats in a white Infiniti that resembled the car used in the jewelry store incident.

At 3:20 p.m. Feb. 20, a white Ford Edge that investigators have linked to several smash-and-grab incidents at suburban retailers rolled up to the 100 block of E. Oak, just off the Mag Mile.

A group of men exited the SUV and entered a nearby store where they headed for the handbag section. They then returned to the Ford with at least one handbag, but total losses were not yet confirmed as of this writing.

About 20 minutes later, an off-duty police officer reported that the same car pulled up to Bottega Veneta, a high-end leather goods store at 800 N. Michigan that has been targeted repeatedly by retail theft teams. The group did not enter the store Feb. 18.

Last month we reported that a shoplifting mob injured an off-duty officer who was working at Bottega Veneta on Jan. 22.

A group of men took about $2,000 worth of merchandise during a flash-mob theft at Ralph Lauren, 750 N. Michigan, according to a CPD report. It was the second time that theft teams hit the store in two days, an officer said.

CPD's newly-formed organized retail theft task force has solved several high-profile cases from the Mag Mile, Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, and Wicker Park. But, theft crews continued to ply their trade. Among recent arrests attributed to the task force:

Carlos Valliant, 38, is charged with acting as a lookout while another man used a hammer to smash a display case and steal $862,500 worth of designer watches from Gold Coast Exotic Motor Cars, 834 N. Rush. The accomplice remains at large.

Jerome Williams and Semaj Bryant are charged with stealing over $20,000 worth of merchandise during raids on North Face and Sephora stores. Prosecutors said the men sold the stolen merchandise on a table inside a Subway restaurant on the South Side.

Tacarre Harper, 27, is accused of leading a group of late-night burglars who broke into Burberry's flagship store twice on the Magnificent Mile last month. Harper and his team are also responsible for "dozens" of burglaries at liquor stores and retailers across the city and suburbs.

Loop robbery spree

The police are warning people about a rash of robbery incidents occurring in January and February. In each incident, the offenders approach unsuspecting victims on the public way and take the victims' property by force or threatening use of force.

The offenders then flee into a waiting vehicle to make good their escape in a majority of the incidents. Incidents include one on the 1300 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Jan. 20 at 1:50 p.m.; the 1500 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Jan. 21 at 12:40 p.m.; 1200 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Jan. 21 at 12:55 p.m.; 600 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Feb. 8 at 12:50 p.m.; 1800 block of S. Indiana Ave. on Feb. 12 at 11:40 a.m.; 1800 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Feb. 14 at 1:50 p.m.; 1300 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Feb. 14 at 9:00 p.m.; 1100 block of S. State on Feb. 20 at 10:20 a.m.; 1100 block of S. Wabash Ave. on Feb. 22 at 4:20 a.m., and the 1200 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Feb. 23 at 11:04 a.m.

The offenders are described as African American males, 13-35 years old.

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Luther Fluker and the note (inset) he handed to the bank teller.

Downtown bank robber gets chatty with FBI, but doesn't like talking to Chicago cops

A man who allegedly robbed a downtown bank last week refused to speak to CPD officers who arrested him moments after the heist, but later had a free-flowing discussion with FBI agents after explaining that he just didn't want to talk to Chicago cops, according to federal court records.

Luther Fluker, 42, is charged with robbing Citibank, 1 East Oak, of about $2,400 on Feb. 22.

The robber walked into the bank just after 1 p.m. and handed the teller a note that said, "put the money in the bag."

Instead, the teller put cash into an envelope and handed it to the robber after being told that the robber didn't want the money placed in his bag after all, an FBI agent said in the complaint against Fluker.

Chicago police spotted Fluker wearing clothes that matched the bank robber's on the 800 block of N. State about seven minutes after the hold-up, the agent wrote.

Fluker tossed something into a garbage can as police approached him. Cops looked into the bin and found a CitiBank envelope containing $2,100 cash. They searched Fluker and allegedly found three $100 bills, three counterfeit $100 bills, two counterfeit $100 bills ripped in half, a counterfeit $20 bill, and a counterfeit $10 bill. Oh, and they found a note, written on Illinois Lottery paper that said, "put the money in the bag," according to the complaint.

He refused to answer any questions asked by Chicago police and demanded an attorney, the FBI agent wrote.

Later, at FBI headquarters, an agent assured Fluker that they would not ask him any questions since he wanted to speak with an attorney.

"At that point, Fluker told the agents he wanted to speak with them and explained that he just didn't want to speak with the CPD earlier," an agent wrote.

The FBI advised Fluker of his rights again and had him sign a written waiver of those rights. And he talked.

During the FBI interview, Fluker claimed he did nothing wrong except carry counterfeit bills that he uses to buy cigarettes at convenience stores, according to the agent. He identified himself in one surveillance image of the bank robber, but said another picture of the same person walking away from the bank teller was not him, the agent wrote.

Fluker then asked how much time someone might get for a robbery like that. After getting the FBI's answer, he said he would stop answering questions and demanded a lawyer.

Man robbed downtown Prada store less than a week after getting out of prison

BY CWBCHICAGO

Less than a week after Kahdaffie Green got out of prison in January, he and three other men robbed the Prada Store on Oak St. of $46,000 worth of merchandise, prosecutors said. Cops arrested Green to face charges in the case last week.

Green, 23, was in prison for stolen motor vehicle cases and, oddly enough, prosecutors charged him with criminal trespass to another stolen motor vehicle the day after the Prada heist. But they dropped those charges earlier this month, court records show.

Prosecutors said that around 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12, a security guard opened the door to let Green enter Prada, 30 E. Oak. Green then blocked the guard's path and allowed three accomplices to enter behind him, according to Assistant State's Attorney Leonore Carlson.

She said that Green attacked the guard with one of the accomplices while the other two gathered purses and other merchandise from the displays. At one point, the robbers rammed the guard with a clothing rack, which caused him to fall to the ground and injure his wrist.

Kahdaffie Green

The thieves escaped in two stolen cars that were waiting outside.

Chicago police detectives who tracked the vehicles' movements before and after the robbery found footage of Green at a convenience store in North Center about 30 minutes before the Prada raid, Carlson said. He was wearing the same distinctive clothing as the Prada offender, but he didn't have a mask on at the 7-Eleven. Green allegedly identified himself in surveillance images from the convenience store.

Investigators also found surveillance footage that allegedly showed Green and his accomplices arriving at an apartment building in the Riverdale neighborhood 50 minutes after the robbery. They are seen removing the Prada merchandise from the two stolen cars and entering a nearby building, Carlson alleged.

Prosecutors charged him with felony robbery and aggravated battery.

Assistant Public Defender Max Suchan said Green has a four-year-old daughter.

Judge Maryam Ahmad set Green's bail at $460,000, meaning he must post $46,000 to get out of jail. Ahmad said that's equal to the value of the merchandise that the crew allegedly stole from Prada.

On Jan. 13, the day after the Prada incident, prosecutors charged Green with criminal trespass to a vehicle. Cops arrested Green after he and three others bailed out of a car stolen two days earlier on the 700 block of W. Maxwell, prosecutors said during a bail hearing on Jan. 14.

But Illinois Dept. of Corrections did not revoke Green's parole due to the arrest, and prosecutors dropped the case on Feb. 4.

Green's arrest is the latest success story for CPD's newly-formed organized retail theft task force. Among recent arrests attributed to the task force:

Carlos Valliant, 38, is charged with acting as a lookout while another man used a hammer to smash a display case and steal $862,500 worth of designer watches from Gold Coast Exotic Motor Cars, 834 N. Rush. The accomplice remains at large.

Jerome Williams and Semaj Bryant are charged with stealing over $20,000 worth of merchandise during raids on North Face and Sephora stores. Prosecutors said the men sold the stolen merchandise on a table inside a Subway restaurant on the South Side.

Tacarre Harper, 27, is accused of leading a group of late-night burglars who broke into Burberry's flagship store twice on the Magnificent Mile last month. Harper and his team are also responsible for " dozens" of burglaries at liquor stores and retailers across the city and suburbs, CPD Supt. David Brown said.

Man burglarized three Uptown restaurants — one month after dropped charges for burglarizing another restaurant

BY CWBCHICAGO

The last time we reported on 11-time convicted felon Larry Banks was in Jan. 2019. He was on parole for burglary at the time and had just been charged with burglarizing an Edgewater restaurant. Prosecutors dropped the case last month.

Banks was back in court Feb. 27. Prosecutors said he burglarized three Uptown restaurants in February.

Area Three detectives issued a community alert last week to warn about a series of overnight break-ins to Uptown businesses that began on Feb. 13. The burglar broke windows with bricks or his feet and stole money from the cash registers, often at Asian restaurants.

Banks, 46, is now charged with three of the five burglaries that police listed in the alert. He is suspected of participating in more.

During Bank's bail hearing Sunday, Assistant State's Attorney James O'Connor said surveillance videos show Banks burglarizing the three locations.

Late on Feb. 17, Banks and another burglar broke two glass doors to enter DaNang Kitchen, 1019½ W. Argyle, O'Connor said. They got away with $50 in coins.

A few hours later, Banks and another person used an object, possibly a rock, to break the glass door at China Cafe, 4818 N. Sheridan, according to O'Connor. They got away with about $100.

And on Feb. 21, Banks broke the front door of Immm Rice & Beyond, 4949 N. Broadway, with a rock and forced the register open, O'Connor continued. He allegedly walked out with the restaurant's cash.

O'Connor said the videos showed Banks carrying a drawstring bag with a 2020 census logo during all three break-ins.

On Friday evening, a man called police to an apartment building on the 5000 block of N. Kenmore because an intoxicated man was sleeping in front of his apartment door. He had told the man to leave several nights in a row before finally bringing in the police. Cops noticed that the sleeping man, Banks, had a drawstring bag from the 2020 census. They took him in.

Prosecutors charged Banks with three counts of burglary and criminal trespass. His public defender, Rosalee Inendino, said Banks lives with his father.

Larry Banks

Judge Susana Ortiz set his bail at $40,000 and said he must go on electronic monitoring if he posts a 10% deposit bond.

In April 2011, prosecutors charged Banks with burglarizing a business on the 4800 block of N. Broadway in Uptown. Banks took the case to a bench trial. Judge James Linn found him guilty and sentenced him to 14 years in prison based on his extensive criminal background, according to court records.

Banks got out of prison in May 2018 after serving half of that time. Just seven months later, Banks was charged with burglarizing Little India restaurant, 1109 W. Bryn Mawr. Police said fingerprints left inside the restaurant came back to Banks.

Court records show Banks fought the case for nearly three years, serving as his own attorney for at least some of the time.

Banks got out of prison in May 2018 after serving half of that time. Just seven months later, Banks was charged with burglarizing Little India restaurant, 1109 W. Bryn Mawr.

Last month, on Jan. 6, prosecutors dropped the case. Banks allegedly began burglarizing restaurants again within weeks.

Before catching the 14-year sentence in 2011, Banks had been sentenced to two terms of 30-months for theft in 2009; 18 months for damage to school property in 2009; three years for narcotics in 2007; two years for narcotics in 2005; 4-1/2 years for theft from a person in 2002; four years for burglary in 1999; seven years for narcotics in 1996; 28 months for narcotics in 1995; and five years for narcotics in 1992.

POLICE BEAT *from p. 12*

Man-woman robbery team strikes again in River North, Gold Coast

A man-woman robbery team that struck five times on Feb. 23-24 across the city pulled off two more muggings on Feb. 25 — once in River North and then in the Gold Coast, according to CPD reports. Chicago police issued a community alert about the duo just two hours before Friday's robberies unfolded.

Around 12:15 p.m., a woman jumped another woman from behind and tried to rob her near the corner of Wabash and Superior in River North, according to the first report. After the attack, the offender escaped in a dark-colored Mazda driven by an accomplice.

Within minutes, a woman who works for the Cook County Sheriff's Office was robbed of a bag containing a phone and computers on the 1200 block of N. State in the Gold Coast, the second report said. She told police that a female attacked and bit her during the robbery before escaping in a dark-colored Mazda sedan.

Investigators have linked the car used in Friday's robberies to the robberies that reported on Feb. 23 and 24. All of the muggings took place during the daytime.

The first victim linked to the pattern was a Loyola Univ. student who was getting into her car on the 6200 block of N. Kenmore, according to info from CPD and the school's police department. Loyola police said an offender ran up to the woman's car, opened the door, hit the victim, and stole her property around 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday. A CPD report said they took the woman's purse. The offender escaped in a dark blue Mazda that was waiting nearby.

About 20 minutes later, a woman was attacked and robbed by a man who stepped out of a dark-colored vehicle on the 3000 block of N. Pine Grove in Lakeview.

Then, between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m., a man and woman pulled up behind a woman who was in a car on the 700 block of N. Kingsbury in River North. Both offenders got out of their vehicle and robbed the woman.

About 45 minutes later, a woman jumped out of a dark sedan driven by a man to steal a woman's purse on the 500 block of N. Dearborn.

On Feb. 24, the duo returned to Edgewater, attacked a woman from behind, and robbed her on the 1300 block of W. Thorndale, according to police. They pepper-sprayed this victim, too.

Detectives said the suspects are:

- Black female between 20- and 25-years-old who stands 4'-10" to 5'-2" tall and weighs 150 to 180 lbs
- Black male with dreadlocks between 20- and 30-years-old who stands 5'-10" to 6'-2" tall and weighs 160 to 180 lbs

Anyone with information may contact Area Three detectives about pattern P22-3-15 at 312-744-8263.

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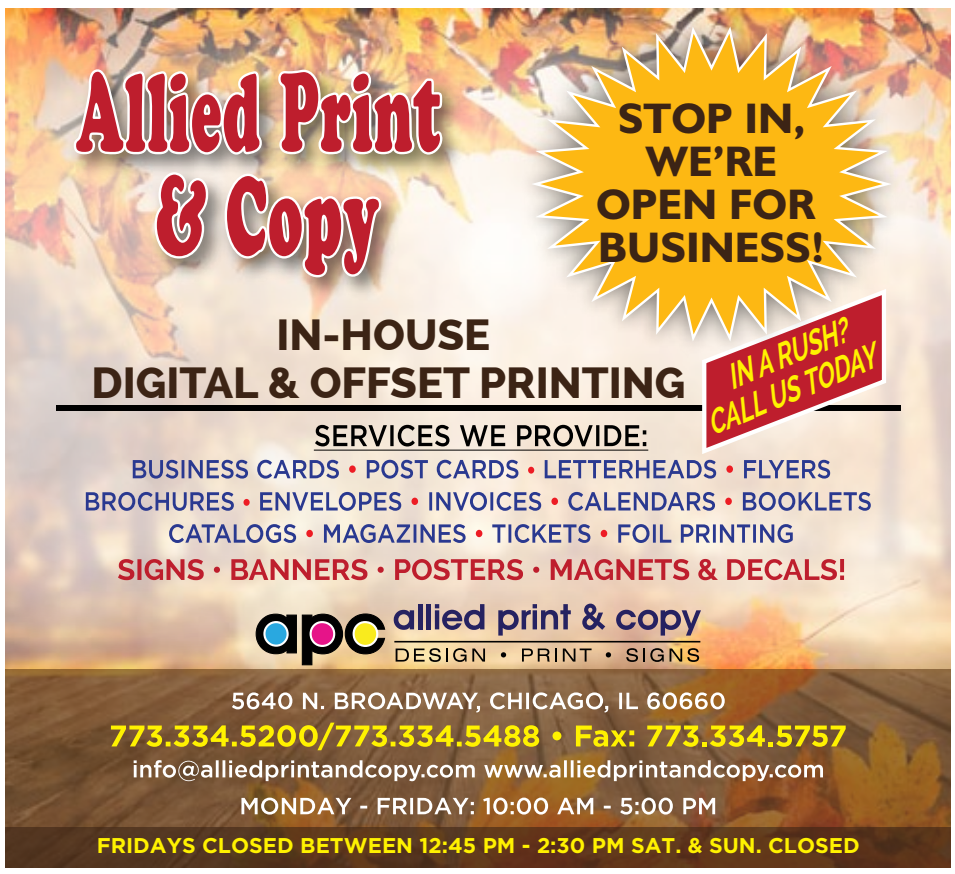

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MEB LOAN TRUST IV;
Plaintiff,
vs.
SONIA ALVAREZ DEARBORN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
21 CH 3251
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 28, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 17-04-449-042-1001.
Commonly known as 818 N. Dearborn St., #BF, 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 Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SPS000390-21FC2

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
JT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS LLC as Successor in Interest by Assignment of BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE 2130 LINCOLN PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Plaintiff,
v.
MICHELE J. COLE AS TRUSTEE OF THE ETTA J. COLE TRUST AND ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.
Defendants.

Real Estate For Sale

18CH14940
Property Address:
2130 N. Lincoln Park West Unit 7N
Chicago, Illinois 60614
Cal. 63
Sheriff's No # 220006
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on March 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in Room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:
PIN 14-33-206-046-1022
Address: 2130 N. Lincoln Park West Unit 7N
Chicago, Illinois 60614
Improvements:
The subject property is a residential condominium unit.

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Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premises will NOT be open for inspection.
For information: Attorneys Info
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ASHEN LAW GROUP
217 N. Jefferson, Ste 601
Chicago, Illinois 60661
312/506-4517
jrs@ashenlaw.com
Atty No. 39733
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SHERWIN ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, BOARD OF MANAGERS
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KENNETH L. FOX III, VIRGINIA M. FOX
Defendants
2021CH01752
1205 W. SHERWIN AVE UNIT 603 (A/K/A UNIT 604) CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 3, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1205 W. SHERWIN AVE UNIT 603 (A/K/A UNIT 604), CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-318-014-1128
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
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Attorney File No. 14-21-00574
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2021CH01752
TJSC#: 42-684
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plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney File No. 14-20-01871
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2020CH02572
TJSC#: 41-3308
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Case # 2020CH02572
I3187906

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FIFTH THIRD BANK;
Plaintiff,
vs.
FIFTH THIRD BANK FKA FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN); UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; 3600 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALFREDA A. MENDELSOHN AKA ALFREDA MENDELSOHN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REBECCA A. THOMAN, DECEASED; JACQUELINE H. PASSARELLI; ARLENE J. BONAHOOM; WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALFREDA A. MENDELSOHN AKA ALFREDA MENDELSOHN DECEASED;
Defendants,
19 CH 9964
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, March 29, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WM-RP LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;
Plaintiff,
vs.
ZAJIM PEROCEVIC; GLORIA PEROCEVIC; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002346136; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
21 CH 4062
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, March 22, 2022 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:
Commonly known as 6657-6661 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60626.
P.I.N. 11-31-411-001-0000.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a commercial building.
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. Edyta Kania at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robbins DiMonte, Ltd., 216 West Higgins Road, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-5736. (847) 698-9600. Perocevic
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WM-RP LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;
Plaintiff,

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vs.
ZAJIM PEROCEVIC; GLORIA PEROCEVIC; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005, AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002345368; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
21 CH 4061
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, March 22, 2022 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:
Commonly known as 2053-61 W. Touhy Ave. and 7131-33 N. Ridge Blvd, Chicago, IL 60645.
P.I.N. 11-31-103-001-0000.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a commercial building.
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. Edyta Kania at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robbins DiMonte, Ltd., 216 West Higgins Road, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-5736. (847) 698-9600. Perocevic
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TIAA, FSB D/B/A TIAA BANK F/K/A EVERBANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
IVAN A. HADZHIMINOV, RAYNA R. HADZHIMINOVA, SCHMIDT SALZMAN AND MORAN, LTD, FAIRFIELD/ARTHUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIA-
Defendants
19 CH 12403
6456 N FAIRFIELD AVE., APT #1
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

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pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6456 N FAIRFIELD AVE., APT #1, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-424-035-1002
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was $175,194.40.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium

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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.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ESTELLE TERESE CHANDLER, 4240 NORTH CLARENDON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ESTELLE TERESE CHANDLER (DECEASED)
Defendants
2020CH02572
4240 NORTH CLARENDON AVENUE, UNIT 408-S
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 28, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 4240 NORTH CLARENDON AVENUE, UNIT 408-S, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-17-410-028-1029
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FIFTH THIRD BANK;
Plaintiff,
vs.
FIFTH THIRD BANK FKA FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN); UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; 3600 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALFREDA A. MENDELSOHN AKA ALFREDA MENDELSOHN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REBECCA A. THOMAN, DECEASED; JACQUELINE H. PASSARELLI; ARLENE J. BONAHOOM; WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALFREDA A. MENDELSOHN AKA ALFREDA MENDELSOHN DECEASED;
Defendants,
19 CH 9964
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TOORACK CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
5954 NORTH PAULINA LLC; COURTNEY RUSH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 12379
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

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v.
JASMINKA LJUBIJANAC; GERALD NORDGREN, not individually but as special representative in the place and stead of Ismet Ramic, deceased; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ISMET RAMIC; BERWYN-DAMEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation;
IR DESIGN, INC., an involuntarily dissolved Illinois corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No. 21 CH 3036
Property Address:
5300 N. Damen Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625
Cal. 62
Judge Marian E. Perkins
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 a.m. on March 16, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One S. Wacker Drive, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, Illinois, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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P/N: 14-07-111-045-0000
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIBANK N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARY ANN PLEWA A/K/A MARY A. PLEWA, CIBC BANK USA
Defendants
2018CH05490
5432 N WINTHROP AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will

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entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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TJSC#: 42-419
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PLANT *from p. 9*

It helps to have a mix of plants that flower in both spring and summer.

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At the end of the blooming season, flower buds dry up, leaving seeds that attract various kinds of birds, bats and mice in search of a nutritious meal.

Your garden should be more of a lush habitat for wildlife than a curated display for passersby, so don't focus entirely on flowers, either. A common misconception, for example, is that people should not plant milkweeds because, well, they are weeds.

One of the most immediately impactful actions you can take to support biodiversity is planting native species on your property.

But monarch butterflies prefer to lay their eggs on milkweed leaves, so planting more of these perennials is the one way you can truly help this species.

Other weeds, such as dandelions and clover, will also attract pollinators.

Unsure of where to start? Landscape Ecologist Mary Fortmann to suggest a few plants to consider for your pollinator garden. Consider eastern columbine, squirrel corn, and foxglove beardtongue. In the summer, plant common milkweed, bee balm, and Joe Pye weed, followed by white wood aster, gray goldenrod, and New England aster in the fall.

Others to consider sound like a trip down a hipster restaurant row: milkweed, coneflower (purple, yellow, pale), black-eyed Susan, wild geranium, prairie blazing star, swamp rose, great blue lobelia, foxglove beardtongue, wild columbine, sunflowers, indigo bush and black chokeberry.

As responsible citizens, we owe it to ourselves and the planet to use our land to its fullest potential. No matter its size, your garden and the pollinators it attracts will play an important role in maintaining a thriving local ecosystem.

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Judge gives $50,000 bail to man spray-painting The Bean; more than she gave to convicted felons accused of pointing guns at people

BY CWBCHICAGO

You can get away with a lot of nonsense in Chicago, but don't deface the "Bean."

That hard lesson is being learned by Diego Corona, 18. Prosecutors say he's the guy who sprayed graffiti on the famed Cloud Gate sculpture in Millennium Park on Feb. 25.

Judge Susana Ortiz ordered him held in lieu of $50,000 bail Feb. 27 — 10 times the amount she handed down for people accused of illegally carrying guns. In fact, Corona's bail amount is among the highest she handed out all day. It's even higher than what she gave to convicted felons accused of pointing guns at people.

Corona's eye-popping bail amount is even five times higher than the amount Judge David Navarro gave to two men who were charged with similarly defacing the same sculpture in 2019.

Police and prosecutors said Corona used spray paint to tag the Bean around 6:10 p.m. A 20-year-old man saw him do it and chased Corona until catching him near Macy's on State St. Police arrested Corona there.

He is charged with felony criminal damage to government property and misdemeanor battery.

Prosecutors say Diego Corona [inset] is the guy who sprayed graffiti on the famed Cloud Gate sculpture in Millennium Park on Feb. 25.

Prosecutors said Corona has no criminal background. According to a public defender who represented him during Sunday's hearing, he graduated high school last year and works as a busboy.

Ortiz said she decided to set a high bail amount due to "the type of landmark that was allegedly graffitied" and allegations that Corona kicked the man who detained him.

"You are to be nowhere near the Bean at Millennium Park," Ortiz warned Corona. She also said he must stay in the house on electronic monitoring from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. if he posts the 10% deposit necessary to get out of jail.

Corona's $50,000 bail with nighttime electronic monitoring was among the most expensive and most restrictive bails Ortiz handed down Sunday. People who appeared before her for first-time illegal gun charges were typically given bail amounts between zero and $5,000.

Even convicted felons accused of pointing guns at others received more affordable bail conditions.

In one case, a convicted felon was accused of walking out of a currency exchange, pulling a handgun, and pointing it into the business. According to prosecutors, an off-duty cop saw it happen, took the man into custody, and recovered the gun — which had been reported stolen from Mississippi. Ortiz set that man's bail at $40,000 with electronic monitoring. That's $10,000 less than Corona, who will also be on electronic monitoring at night under her order.

Another convicted felon was accused of pushing a Black woman into a display stand during an argument in a gas station and calling her the n-word. He allegedly flashed a gun in his waist and then pulled the weapon out and brandished it during the incident. Prosecutors said the altercation was captured on video. An assistant state's attorney said they might file hate crime charges later. Ortiz set bail at $30,000 — a little more than half of what she gave Corona for painting the Bean.

In the 2019 Bean defacement, prosecutors pursued felony charges against Rey Ortega and Tino Guzman for more than two years — even though Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx insisted that her office's resources were focused on violent criminals.

Ortega finally pleaded guilty at the end of September 2021 to one count of criminal damage in a plea deal that ended with him getting a one-year prison term. The sentence was offset by 477 days of credit that he received for sitting at home on electronic monitoring while the case dragged on. Guzman appeared in court with Ortega in September, but the status of his case had not been updated when we last checked.

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with 25 of the 30 units targeted to households earning no more than 30% of AMI.

Total development costs are roughly $21 million. In addition to the City of Chicago multi- family loan funds, other funding will consist of up to $12 million in tax-exempt bonds issued by the City of Chicago, the 4% tax credit equity generated from the bonds, a first mortgage, a loan from the IHDA Trust Fund, a grant from ComEd, and equity generated from historic tax credits.

In the end, using 'back of envelope' calculations, building costs - minus the retail component - may be over $300,000 per unit. The SRO's rooms will be small but the costs will be very high, somewhere between $500 to $800 per square foot… enough to buy single family homes in many Chicago neighborhoods outside of the North Lakefront.

According to Home Builder Digest, the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Assoc. of Home Builders, the 2021 average cost to build a new home is between $397,800 and $485,128. HomeAdvisor.com further reduces the value to $291,953. HomeAdvisor added that the price range for new value-conscious homes varies between $100 and $200 per square foot.

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In Sept. 2021, industry sources pegged a median price of $249 per square foot, which is roughly $350,000 for a 1,400 square foot single family home.

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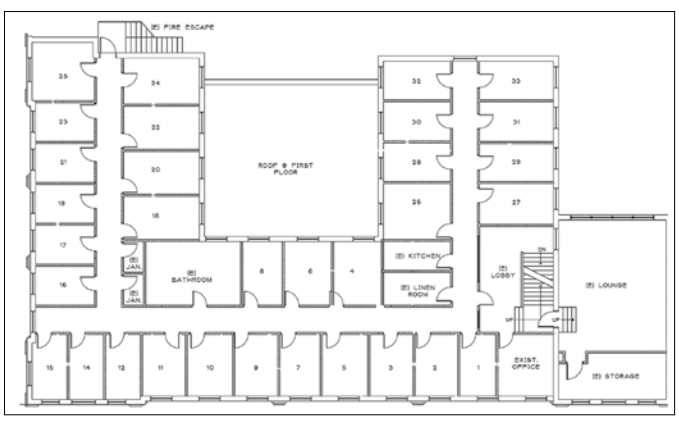

The Covent Hotel will not be a luxury development, but will be constructed at a luxury cost. But the high cost of construction may have more to do with its location in Lincoln Park, and the city and states' generous money policies when it comes to funding construction of affordable housing with taxpayer dollars.

In addition to stable housing, developments financed under the program help residents access a range of elective supportive services appropriate to individual needs and preferences, including case management, health services and referrals, and employment resources.

The Covent project is part of a public-private partnerships that illustrate what CHA hopes to do. "These projects support our vision of creating and preserving affordable housing in neighborhoods across the City and expanding supportive housing options for residents with additional needs. We are grateful to our partners at IHDA, Over the Rainbow Association, Lakeview Lutheran, New Covent, and the NHP Foundation for making Lakeview Landing and The Covent possible," said CHA CEO Tracey Scott, when the funding was announced.

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In the case of Halsted St. in 2022, the dirt was suddenly more valuable than the business that operated there.

The new mixed-use building will stand three stories. Rising 38', it will hold 4,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, with three residences on the two floors above. The unit mix will consist of two two-beds and one three-bedroom apartment. Three parking spaces will be provided at the rear of the site accessed from the alley.

With demo permits issued, the site can now be cleared for new construction. Permits for constructing the new building have not yet been filed.

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