

The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

— Will Rogers

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The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

Chicago Botanic Garden, Lincoln Park Conservatory, Garfield Park Conservatory ranked among Top 200 Public Gardens in nation

BY PETER VON BUOL

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr., The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. and the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., in suburban Glencoe, have been ranked among the nation's 200 best public gardens in a new survey published by Goodplantcare.com, a gardening information website for plant enthusiasts.

Based on the responses from a panel of 3,000 American adults in March, the survey included respondents from all age segments and from all parts of the country. The survey asked its participants to name the public gardens in America which they would most like to visit.

The Chicago Botanic Garden, part of the Cook County Forest Preserve system, earned 59th place in the survey.

"[It] is a beautiful oasis located in the northern suburbs of Chicago. The garden spans over 385 acres and boasts 27 unique display gardens, including a Japanese Garden, a Rose Garden, a Waterfall Garden, and an English Walled Garden, among others. The garden also features four natural areas and nine islands, each with its own distinctive character and purpose. In addition to its beautiful gardens, the Chicago Botanic Garden is also home to a plant conservation program, which aims to preserve and protect threatened plant species," according to Tina Ho, spokesperson from Goodplantcare.com.

Chicago's city motto is Urbs in Horto (Latin for "city in a

garden") and therefore it seems appropriate both of the Chicago Park District's conservatories made the list. The Garfield Park Conservatory was ranked #150 and the Lincoln Park Conservatory was ranked #175.

"The Garfield Park Conservatory is a stunning indoor botanical garden located in Chicago. The conservatory features six greenhouses, including the Palm House which is over 100 years old, and showcases a vast collection of plants from around the world. Visitors can explore the Desert House, Aroid House, and Fern Room among other attractions. The conservatory also hosts a variety of events and educational programs throughout the year. With its beautiful architecture, lush greenery, and diverse plant collections, the Garfield Park Conservatory is a must-visit destination for nature lovers and plant enthusiasts," said Ho.

Located in Lincoln Park and next door to the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lincoln Park Conservatory is open 365 days a year and has long been one of the city's most popular public attractions.

"[The] Lincoln Park Conservatory is a beautiful botanical garden located in Chicago. It is home to thousands of plant species from all around the world, including exotic tropical plants, ferns, palms, and orchids. The conservatory, which opened in 1890, is set in a beautiful Victorian-style greenhouse and includes several indoor gardens, such as the Palm House, Fern Room, and Orchid Room," Ho added.

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Lightfoot leaves successor with major crime hitting new highs, no clear plan to fix it

BY CWBCHICAGO

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of 2023 is already behind us. Perhaps slightly easier to believe is this: Reports of major crimes in Chicago were up 46% during the first three months of the year compared to the same period in 2022.

That's according to the Chicago Police Department's latest official crime statistics summary, known as CompStat.

Of the seven major crime categories tracked by CPD, only murders are lower this year, down 15% compared to 2022. They are still up 33% from 2019, though.

Every other crime is up: criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated battery, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft, the report shows.

Robberies, up 15% across the city this year, are also up 30% compared to 2019. That number is being driven up in part by holdup crews that commit up to a dozen robberies in a narrow window of time.

Much of the year-over-year and longer-term increases can be attributed to motor vehicle thefts, up 133% compared to last year—nearly 4,300 additional cases. Auto theft reports are up thanks to the "Kia boys" fad that has

swept Chicago since social media videos taught young people how to exploit a design flaw to steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles with little more than a USB plug.

The thefts skyrocketed last July, with CPD sometimes taking more than 100 auto theft reports daily, a virtually unheard-of number. Both car companies are now offering a software update for cars with turn-key ignitions that were made between 2015 and 2019.

CBS2 reported that 10% of Kias and 7% of Hyundais registered in Chicago had been stolen in 2022. And we reported that

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Redefine the Drive public meeting April 20 over Lakeview stretch

Two community meetings will be held at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at Temple Shalom, 3480 N. Lake Shore Dr., for the upcoming Redefine the Drive project. These two meetings will be focused primarily on the Lakeview portion of the project.

The two sessions will cover the same material. Each meeting will start with a review on existing issues on the corridor between Belmont and Addison.

That will be followed by a display of new graphical renderings that will give residents a visual

representation of proposed changes to bus staging, exit/entrances to the Drive, land reclamation, and new green space.

Event organizers will then review existing issues and proposed changes to the corridor, which will be primarily centered around CTA access, traffic, and access to lakefront park for pedestrians and bicyclists. They hope to focus on the Lakeview area only and prefer not to cover corridor-wide topics such as anything north of Addison St. or south of Belmont Ave.

Questions and comments are being solicited in advance via

the registration page or by emailing info@ndlsd.org. Feedback will be integrated into the April 20 presentations. Any material presented at the meetings will be available on the project website.

Those who wish to register for the 2 p.m. meeting can RSVP to tinyurl.com/NLSDLakeview1; and the 6 p.m. meeting at tinyurl.com/NLSDLakeview2. Those who are in need of special accommodation to attend the meeting may call 773-389-3084, or 711 for sign language requests.

Bad deal or not, Chicago parking meter lease isn't illegal monopoly over public street parking

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A federal appeals panel says the city of Chicago may not have made a good decision in selling the rights to its onstreet parking to a private organization, but that doesn't mean the city or the company, Chicago Parking Meters LLC, violated federal antitrust laws by creating an illegal monopoly over onstreet parking.

On April 7, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a federal district judge was correct in tossing a class action lawsuit brought by two men who claimed City Hall violated federal law when it granted CPM a 75-year lease

for exclusive rights to operate and collect money from city parking meters.

"The deal itself might have been foolish, short-sighted, or worse, and if one is to believe news reports, it may have saddled Chicago with the most expensive street parking in the country," the judges wrote. "But that is not enough to state a claim for a violation of the antitrust laws."

The decision was authored by Seventh Circuit Judge Diane P. Wood. Judges David Hamilton and Amy J. St. Eve concurred.

Plaintiffs Michael Uetricht and Johan Kaderbek filed suit against the city in 2021. In the suit, the plaintiffs took aim at the city's 2008 deal with CPM, under

which CPM paid the city \$1.1 billion in exchange for the rights to operate about 36,000 metered parking spaces in business zones in Chicago.

They asserted the deal granted CPM an illegal monopoly over portions of public city streets, because the deal blunts city control over the price of on-street parking, and blocks the city government's ability to regulate city streets.

For instance, they argued the parking lease deal hinders the development of public transit or bike lanes, because the city would need to pay financial penalties if it were to eliminate metered

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It's time for Chicago to rediscover a sense of humor



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Just embraced a true life-changer.

By which I mean my sister, Mary Regina, and bro-in-law, Steve, just gave me an early birthday present. A new bed. The works. All the trimmings.

I'm now on day three with it. Old bones are already mending. The mattress is beyond firm. So high I almost can't climb aboard. But it won't leave the station without me.

The delivery men took the old mattresses with them, after a hearty "farewell."

I conduct a lot of business on my mattress. It's the center of my executive office complex. That's where many writers really write. Not in a bubble bath. Or in a library. Or sitting behind a desk.

Jackie Kennedy was my all-time hero when it came to beds. Hers was regularly piled high with about 25 books, a couple of paintings, and piles of correspondence. All strewn across her mattress on Fifth Ave. Crowded chic.

For some of us, the environment of the mattress is rich and most cozy. That's where ideas happen. Where your noodle best works.

Where do you think I am writing this right now?

My new mattress must be 15 inches high. Luxurious. The Mercedes of bedding. I haven't yet measured the new box spring. And my red and black check flannel sheets and pillow cases from the Vermont Country Store are keeping me calm and cozy. Perfect place to write about what's unfolding.

While testing out my new office, I find myself re-entering the magical political world of President Jeb Bartlett's White House of "The West Wing."

You know it's a political comfort zone for me when I'm anxious. Distressed. And politically tense.

Like now.

Watching President Bartlett and his White House staff govern America always restores calm and confidence. More so than any Trump indictment.

Every time I return to "The West Wing" I find fresh storylines whose emphasis further restores my weary political balance. In fact I just need to hear the theme music.

Looks like I have hit all the right episodes of the show on my new mattress. I am glued to the unfolding of how everyone, later members of the White House staff, wound up on former New Hampshire Gov. Bartlett's election campaign team.

How they fit in with each other.

What they gave up. Like successful silk-stocking law firm careers.

And how they came to the White House ready to serve the new president. But even more importantly what they brought to the Oval Office's life.

Of course, they bring that most sacred of all gifts with them, the lost faculty of brilliant, glib thought. And the ability to express ideas with some easy wisdom, style and grace. All the while maintaining a sense of civility that is classic, old-fashioned American.

Nothing is handier for them when they have to deal with an opposition-heavy Congress. A feisty, snoopy press corps, and the turbulent international world in which America is building its new style of post-Cold War identity.

Remember, the show began back in 1999. A quarter century ago, in the Clinton era. Before we lost five wars and spent \$25 trillion we didn't have.

We know from the start that President Bartlett is up for the task because we know and trust the caliber of humanity that his staff is ripe with.

No matter what crisis drops on 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., we get to watch this team of fresh-faced political stars apply that glib thought and stylish civility to a sense of resolution. Uncovering not just a solution, but an "American" solution. We feel the spirit of Thomas Jefferson throughout the process. Experience the humble heroism of Abraham Lincoln at play, or the cogitation of Franklin Roosevelt.

Even the unbridled courage of FDR's cousin, Theodore Roosevelt, that knows no limit. And the enormous youth and hope that spills from the promise of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Leo, Toby, Josh, CJ, Charlie and Sam, all members of the senior White House staff, may not apply that stew of past presidential wisdom evenly at first, but they all have the ingredients within them. Especially when they see the president

display them so brilliantly. After all he has a PhD in Economics from Harvard and a Nobel Prize. And

he's an alumnus of Notre Dame.

But what we do see unfold in every episode is American civility. The ingredient only we can add.

We've never needed it more than now. Especially in Chicago as we await the arrival of a new mayor.

I hope Chicagoans, especially those whose candidate was not elected, will be able to reach deep within themselves to discover the source of pride and wisdom that is so much a part of our Chicago citizenship.

Whatever candidate received a majority of votes, that candidate has a lot of work to do. A long road to journey. We need no repeat of the past four years. We need everyone's gifts. Everyone's civility to lift our city out of the present brokenness.

We need clarity.

Less emotion. More sacrifice. Less lawlessness. More reasoned intelligence. Less selfish fear. More courageous hope.

Less demagoguery. More urban heroism. Less complaints. More efforts to succeed.

Maybe we just need a better mattress? A firmer bed.

Perhaps it's time for Chicago to rediscover a sense of humor, and the lost faculty of brilliant, glib thought. Old-fashioned American all the way. So try to watch a few oldies of "The West Wing" when the ballots are finally tallied and the election hoopla is over.



Thomas G. Byrne

CHICAGO POLICE STAR: Thomas G. Byrne,

Deputy Superintendent and longtime cop's cop, an indispensable ally and law enforcement whizz kid who headed multiple departments under Mayor Richard M. Daley, has died at 74. His pragmatic understanding of police work and his expansive wisdom in exercising policing in urban America were treasured components of Daley's police success and the CPD's outstanding reputation for honor and professionalism. He was a man of faith and family.

καλό Πάσχα. πολλές ευλογίες: April 16, is Orthodox Easter. Happy Easter. Many blessings.

FAREWELL: Jerome E. Larkin, the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois is retiring at the end of the year after 45 years on the job. Rotten and corrupt lawyers across the state are celebrating.

ENVELOPE PLEASE: And the winner is... The votes are in, and a complete list of the finalists for the 2022 Peter Lisagor journalism awards will be announced at a dinner ceremony May 12, at the Union League Club of Chicago. Our money is on **Charlie Meyer-**

son, Dick Simpson, Lynn Sweet, Elvia Malagón, Pat Nabong, Jesse Betend and Sheila Solomon.



Jerome E. Larkin

CHICAGO FIRE

MASS: Mark the date. May 29, 2023 at Church of the Holy Family, 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd. Fr. Tom Mulcrone invites all to return to the Church of the Holy Family for the Chicago Fire Department Memorial Day Parade and Mass with the roll call of all fallen members since they last gathered. Parade at 9:30

a.m. Mass at 10 a.m.

BEARD NOTICE: Chicago has five nominees up for the "Oscars of Food" this year, James Beard Award finalists.

Damarr Brown of Hyde Park's Virtue is up for Emerging Chef.



Damarr Brown

MEMBERS ONLY: Readers report that the Terzo Piano restaurant space at the Art Institute is now being occupied by a member bar. What genius. All the cafes have apparently

returned and McKinlock Court is being readied for outdoor lunching. Wokists welcome.

BIG BBQ: Big dreams becoming reality. Congratulations to Chicago Chef **D'Andre Carter** on the expansion of Soul and Smoke. Try Avondale, West Loop or Evanston locations.

GLITCH: The Old Town School of Folk Music's failed plan to reopen The Grafton Irish Pub and Grill on Lincoln Ave., under a new name, is not moving forward. Help.

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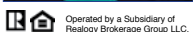
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Proposed 'mansion tax' will sink luxury-home values

BY DON DEBAT

Chicago's 2023 Mayoral election is over, but the negative impact on the luxury real estate market is just beginning.

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson's proposal to more than triple the transfer tax that buyers of residential or commercial properties priced at \$1 million or more is not being well received by the Chicago's Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town, Lincoln Park, Lakeview, North Center and Lincoln Square real estate brokerage communities that strongly backed election competitor Paul Vallas.

Dubbed the "Mansion Tax," the Johnson proposal would hike the city of Chicago's portion of the buyer's transfer tax on a \$1-million property to 2.65%—or a hefty \$26,500—from the current \$7,500, which is .075% of the sale price. The tax would translate into buyers of \$1-million properties having to pay \$13.25 for every \$500 in sales value, up from the current \$3.75 in value.

The \$3,000 transfer tax sellers now pay per \$1 million would not

change under the current proposal.

Under Johnson's "Bring Chicago Home" proposal 100% of the additional buyer taxes reportedly would be earmarked for the fight against homelessness.

The buyer's tax bite would grow incrementally the more expensive the home. For example, if the sale price were \$1.5 million, the transfer tax would jump to \$39,750 from the current \$11,250. The buyer of a \$2 million mansion would pay a whopping \$53,000, up from the current \$15,000.

The Mansion Tax would have to be approved both by the Chicago City Council and the Illinois General Assembly. If approved, the earliest it would go into effect is this fall, experts say.

In addition to the threat of a possible luxury tax looming over the market, "values of \$1-million-plus properties already have dropped 10% to 30%," said Jim Kinney, former president of the Illinois Realtors Assoc. and a veteran Gold Coast broker for Baird & Warner.

The Illinois Assoc. of Realtors,

a trade association that represents agents across the state, feels that the luxury tax would further lower prices and reduce volume in the high-end market. "Realtors are not for progressive candidates," Kinney said.

Prices already are falling because of soaring mortgage interest rates and looming tax increases. In the past 12 months, 2,391 Chicago homes sold for \$1 million or more, reports Midwest Real Estate Data. That's down 14.5% from the previous 12 months.

A seller of a 2-bedroom condominium at the plush Ambassador West in the Gold Coast recently cut the asking price \$750,000 to \$1.25 million from the original \$1.875 million purchase price, Kinney noted.

Experts estimate that in only 12 months the new tax could generate \$158.5 million in new taxes.

That's on top of the roughly \$62.6 million in annual transfer taxes \$1-million-plus sales actually pumped into city coffers under the existing tax structure in the past year.



Jim Kinney

"If luxury property values keep dropping, soon there will be no \$1-million properties being sold, so the Mansion-Tax threshold may have to be lowered," Kinney surmised.

Kinney believes buyers will ask: What does the Mansion Tax do to my choices? A buyer either pays the tax in the city or moves to

a suburb where there is no Mansion Tax and the schools are infinitely better.

"High taxes and crime already are causing people to vote with their feet. Some 60,000 people have left Illinois in recent years," Kinney said.

If the City Council passes the

Mansion Tax proposed by Mayor-elect Johnson, experts say Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi may have to institute a new model for assessing \$1-million-plus homes to compensate for falling market values and the hefty burden of the added layer of taxes.

As of January, a recent count of the homeless in Chicago showed the number actually declined to 3,875 people over the past two years. However, up to 1,278 homeless people still are living in streets, parks and under viaducts.

Is rent control coming?

Kinney also believes the next Chicago housing crisis will come in the ongoing battle over rent control between progressives and conservatives in the Illinois General Assembly.

"Rental inventory will decline under rent control," Kinney predicted. "There will be more live-in landlords, and fewer investors."

If landlords are not allowed to pass along increased costs be-

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Movement to unionize cultural institutions spreads

Science Museum voting to unionize

With government unions playing a critical part of Brandon Johnson taking the Mayor's office, Chicago is again proving it remains a strong union town. Now a wave of unionization is rolling over its cultural organizations.

Employees of the Chicago Academy of Sciences Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum [CAS] in Lincoln Park, and its off-site collections facility, filed union representation petitions with the National Labor Relations Board [NLRB] in Chicago on Tuesday, March 28.

Nineteen employees signed a letter expressing their intent to form a union hoping for better wages, benefits and safer working conditions.

Nearly 300 employees of the Field Museum were unionized with AFSCME Council 31, after an election administered in February by the National Labor Relations Board. Additionally, more than 600 non-tenure-track

faculty of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago [SAIC] voted to form their union with AFSCME. The SAIC adjunct professors and lecturers voted 377 Yes to 33 No to join Art Institute of Chicago Workers United, formed last year by staff of the school and museum.

The CAS joins the Field Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, staff and non-tenure-track faculty of the School of the Art Institute and staff of the Newberry Library as part of the wave of cultural workers who have recently formed unions with AFSCME.

The filing will trigger a union election in the coming weeks in which the employees

can vote to formally certify their union, Chicago Academy of Sciences Workers United [CASWU], as part of AFSCME Council 31.

The NLRB filing comes just one week after the CASWU/AFSCME organizing committee launched the public phase of its organizing campaign—an indication of the overwhelmingly strong support for the union among museum employees.

"We're forming our union because we want to work with our colleagues and leadership to ensure that our institution is always becoming an equitable, inclusive, and safe workplace. That can't happen unless we have an equal

say in the decisions that affect us," Anabel Hirano told afscme31.org. She is a member of the CASWU/AFSCME organizing committee and is volunteer and intern coordinator at the CAS, 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

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Dechter is taking time off

Some of our readers have asked us, "where has Felicia Dechter's column gone?"

Yes, her column has been missing from these newspapers now for a few weeks.

As many readers know from her earlier columns, she and her husband have both been fighting cancer for several years.

So family health matters have once again now left her little time to be a journalist. When she is ready to return, she'll be returning to these pages.

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Program on Chicago "L" presented April 20

The Edgewater Historical Society [EHS] is partnering with the Edgewater Beach Apartments for a presentation on the Chicago "L" system. The presentation will take place 7 p.m., Thursday, April 20, at 5555 N. Sheridan Rd.

The world-famous Chicago "L" in all its grit and glory will be presented by Greg Borzo, author of *The Chicago "L."* His presentation portrays the growth and development of one of Chicago's most enduring icons.

The "L" has been running 24/7 for 131 years, making it a working antique. Guests can see how it came to be and how it changed the region. Lavishly illustrated with more than 100 images and popular movie clips, Borzo's rich historical presentation will inform, entertain and spark memories.

Attendance for Greg Borzo's talk at the Edgewater Beach Apartments, 5555 N. Sheridan Road, is limited to 75 attendees on a first come first served basis. Reservations for this free program must be made at: docs@ebachicago.com. There is no parking available to the general public at the Edgewater Beach Apartments.

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Mail theft ringleader who 'spent his entire adult life stealing' gets nine years

BY CWBCHICAGO

A federal judge in Chicago sentenced the ringleader of a sprawling mail and identity theft operation to nine years in prison last week. In court filings, lawyers from the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago said Davey Hines, 29, "has spent his entire adult life stealing from others or committing fraud to support his—at times—lavish lifestyle."

Between June 2018 and December 2019, Hines spearheaded an identity theft operation fueled by postal service employees who stole credit cards and personal information from the mail, federal officials said.

Hines and ten co-conspirators "stole more than 657 credit cards and made more than \$462,719 in fraudulent purchases" during the life of the scam, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago. Officials said the personal information of over 1,000 mail customers across Chicagoland, including birthdates and Social Security numbers, was also compromised.

Prosecutors said that Hines and the mail carriers often communicated through Snapchat because they believed their messages would disappear after a while. Hines collected stolen credit cards and personal information from mail carriers and used the cards to buy electronics and other merchandise. He rewarded the postal workers with cash and other valuables, according to prosecutors.

In a pre-sentencing memorandum, federal prosecutors said Hines' first conviction was for re-

tail theft at the age of 18. A year later, he was convicted of altering credit cards to purchase money cards. While on probation for that, he was convicted of aggravated assault of a peace officer. And the following year, he was convicted of bank fraud and sentenced to 30 years in prison, the government's lawyers wrote.

While on supervised release after that sentence, Hines was convicted of two more identity theft charges for using stolen credit

Davey Hines spearheaded an identity theft operation fueled by postal service employees who stole credit cards and personal information from the mail.

cards. And the mail theft scheme was carried out while he was on supervised release for those charges, said the prosecutors.

According to Hines' federal probation officer, "nothing can deter the defendant. He appears to be driven by greed as, with no significant history of legitimate employment, he was driving luxury vehicles and living off of illegally obtained funds, without any desire to repay the victims from whom he previously stole."

Federal officials asked U.S. District Court Judge Edmond E. Chang to sentence Hines to 212 months in prison, arguing that the total of the stolen cards' credit limits was \$3,681,337. But Hines' attorney, Beau B. Brindley, argued that only proven losses should be

considered. He recommended a sentence of 41 months.

The scam participants "made a few fraudulent purchases on each card before moving on to the next," Brindley countered as he tried to temper the federal attorneys' damage estimates.

Hines pleaded guilty to conspiracy, receipt of stolen mail, unauthorized access device fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

Judge Chang ordered Hines to reimburse the card-issuing banks for their losses. But the firms may be in for a long wait.

"To date," the government's sentencing memorandum said, "Hines has repaid only \$275 towards the restitution he still owes in his first federal case."

North Side mail thief busted with checks, credit cards, and fake IDs

Prosecutors say a man with a history of forgery and identity theft crimes broke into a Lincoln Square condo building's mailroom four times last fall. And when Chicago cops arrested Alex Petik last week, they allegedly found a host of fake IDs, checks, and credit cards in other people's names.

Petik burglarized the mailboxes of a multi-unit building in the 4800 block of N. Bell on Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, and Nov. 5, prosecutors said during his bail hearing on April 4. Two days after the last break-in, one of the residents

learned that someone was trying to open multiple credit card accounts in their name.

Chicago police detectives collected video of the burglar and asked other agencies to help identify him, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said. A Lincolnwood Police Dept. sergeant and a U.S. Postal Inspector both recognized the thief as Petik, she said.



Alex Petik

A backpack that Petik was carrying when police arrested him on Monday contained a Russian passport, two fake IDs with his photo but other people's personal information, four credit cards with different names, five checks issued to various businesses and individuals, and 14.2 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine, according to Dale-Schmidt.

Petik's felony background includes convictions for forgery in 2019 and 2017, identity theft in 2019, possession of a controlled substance in 2015, and fraudulent title registration in 2015.

Judge Susana Ortiz released Petik on electronic monitoring with no monetary bail required. He is charged with three counts of burglary and manufacture-delivery of methamphetamine.

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New at this spring's event will be the addition of Naloxone training and distribution at all collection sites.

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Chicago 16-inch softball HOF beat NASCAR in Grant Park



The Home Front
by Don DeBat

Chicago, the “City of Big Shoulders” does have some clout when it comes to respect for the game of slow-pitch softball.

The Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame, a group of HOF-inductees, and media people, may have rescued the Grant Park softball season from the clutches of NASCAR, which earlier cancelled the 2023 season.

“We will have a softball season in Grant Park after all,” said umpire and player/manager Michael Stern, who alerted media to the cancellation. “The official word is that the Chicago Park District [CPD] and NASCAR have agreed to allow softball to be played while race preparation is going on.”

The NASCAR event is scheduled to take over the park from June 22 through July 5 on Columbus Dr. and the Outer Dr.—forming a loop around Grant Park for the race on July 1-2.

Earlier, Paul Rowan, president of the 16-inch Chicago Softball Hall of Fame, said: “I think what made it more disappointing is they pushed it aside for the NASCAR event, which is not part of Chicago, where this game is known as Chicago’s Game.”

“I know this change would not have happened without the 16-inch softball community speaking out,” Stern said. “Thanks to HOF inductees Bob Sirott, Don DeBat, Al Maag and Paul Rowan for helping get the word out.”

“Regardless of the CPD/NASCAR deal, we’ve lost the ‘free’ use of Grant Park for the majority of the summer,” said Ron Roenigk, publisher of this newspaper, and a player-manager who participated in the Chicago Advertising and Media Coed Softball League for decades.

“Grant Park is our front yard,” Roenigk said. “It is supposed to be ‘forever clear, open and free.’ Isn’t that our motto? This is not what Montgomery Ward had in mind when he saved Grant Park.”



(L) Mike Royko pitching in Grant Park 1975. (R) Grant Park softball fields.

“We are under a lot of scrutiny. The names of the leagues are confidential. Teams are under a legal contract with CPD. For more information you must file a Freedom of Information Act request,” said a woman at CPD headquarters.
What? Suddenly, a chat with the CPD, a body that is handsomely supported by our real estate tax dollars, seemed to have escalated into a conversation with the CIA. Had Rose Escareno, CPD’s general superintendent and CEO, put a staff “gag order” in place?

Eager for the details of how the 2023 Grant Park softball season will shape up, this writer called the CPD headquarters for the scoop. Unfortunately, I was put on hold, then switched to various extensions for 33 minutes while listening to cheerful Muzak.

Finally, I was connected to a pleasant woman named Jackie, who informed me that five leagues are scheduled to play on Grant Park’s 16 diamonds on Monday through Friday starting in late April through late July.

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Next, I was referred to Jackie’s supervisor, Merrill Malone, the Area Manager of the CPD’s Central Region. Her direct phone line rang. No answer. “This mailbox is full and can’t accept messages at this time.” It was 3 p.m. on election day. What do you expect?

Searching for more information, I called the Chicago Sport & Social Club [CSSC], “the largest organizer of adult sports leagues, social events and tournaments nationwide.” Apparently the CSSC now is the

unofficial softball diamond managers at Grant Park.

“We have a limited window for 16-inch softball games at Grant Park starting May 2,” said Brian Irving, who schedules leagues for CSSC. “Our season runs for five weeks, plus playoffs.” Each team will play a guaranteed six games on two to four diamonds starting at 6 p.m.

“CSSC offers both 16-inch Men’s Leagues and Coed Leagues on Monday through Thursday, and we charge a fee of \$1,175 per team,” Irving explained. The fee includes a new Clincher softball, a certified umpire, bases, team jerseys, schedule and standings, and champ shirts.

The CPD collects their cut of the fees, and provides public park diamonds. The CSSC organizes, administers and pockets the profit from Men’s and Coed recreational and competitive softball leagues.

The CSSC also administers play seven days a week in more than a dozen city parks, including Lincoln Park South, Hamlin, Waveland, Union, Brands, Oz/Jonquil, Clarendon, and Wrightwood. For the 2023 season of seven games, each team pays an entry fee of \$1,285.

However, Kevin Kwiatt, co-commissioner of the Chicago Advertising Coed Softball League [CACSL] says his group did not receive the red-carpet treatment when requesting 2023 diamonds for the 13-team Tuesday league, which has played at Grant Park, Lincoln Park and Waveland since 1980. (Pre-pandemic CACSL had 36 teams.)

“Grant Park officials told us we could play a six-game season starting Tuesday June 6 through July 18, but we were not allowed to play between June 27 and July 4 because NASCAR fencing will be installed,” said Kwiatt.

“Their schedule has us playing three double headers in three consecutive weeks and

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Jazz jam session taking root at Borelli's in Lincoln Square

There is a hot new weekly jazz scene growing in Lincoln Square, with shows every Monday night. That jam session started in Nov. 2022, and is now getting noticed by fans from around the region.

Every Monday at Borelli's, 2124 W. Lawrence Ave., at 7:30 p.m., the Tom Muellner jazz trio and different guest artists take the stage for a jazz performance.

After the initial set, the evening moves onto a jazz jam session with some of Chicago's best sitting in to perform.

The house band is Muellner on piano, Phil Gratteau (drums) and Rob Kassinger (bass). All three are stalwarts on the Chicago jazz scene. (Kassinger is also long-time bassist with the CSO.)

Jam sessions are part of the long, rich history of jazz music. Whether in Chicago, New York, New Orleans or Kansas City, jam sessions typically hap-



The main Monday night North Side jazz jam session that had formerly been hosted at the Serbian Village, 3144 W. Irving Park Rd., has moved over to Borelli's, 2124 W. Lawrence Ave.

pen on Monday nights when the professionals are not working.

The main North Side jam session had been hosted at the Serbian Village, 3144 W. Irving Park Rd., for about 15 years, when just before Halloween 2022 the owner said he was selling the building.

That left the Chicago jam session without a home.

That's when jazz fan Chris Carani spoke with Mark Borelli - owner of Borelli's Pizza - and on Nov. 21, 2022, the session officially moved to its new home Lincoln Square.



Left to right: Dwight Hasberry, Damandre Henley, Davario McDowell, and Tyler Oates

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while brandishing firearms.

They ordered him out, and one of the men went through his pockets and found the victim's handgun in a sweater pocket, police said. After losing his gun to the robbers, the man took his child from the back seat of his car before the hijackers drove away with it.

About 30 minutes later, the men arrived in the carjacked Volkswagen at 7-Eleven, 2900 W. Montrose, officials said.

Henley, who was paroled in late August for two armed robberies, allegedly grabbed the store's clerk by his shirt and took him to an office where he asked for money. But state prosecutors said the victim does not speak English well, and he tried to explain that there was no money in the office.

Henley tapped him on the forehead twice with a handgun, then led him to the register, state officials said. The clerk opened the registers as Henley and Hasberry held guns to him. Meanwhile, one of the other men loaded liquor and cigarettes into the bags and boxes.

Prosecutors said Henley then led the victim back to the office, where he pistol-whipped him, causing him to fall to the floor with a head wound.

About 20 minutes later, Chicago police located the hijacked Volkswagen on the West Side and took Henley and Hasberry into custody.

Federal records said the FBI suspects the four men were responsible for two more street robberies and six carjackings that day.

In 2018, Oates and another man were charged with robbing two 7-Eleven stores in Lincoln Park. At the time, Chicago police said the

duo's getaway car had been taken in an armed carjacking. A cop at the scene when Oates was arrested said the vehicle was "filled" with 7-Eleven merchandise. Oates pleaded guilty in 2019 and received two concurrent six-year sentences. He is still on parole for those convictions.

Man shot after fishing at North Side park

A 23-year-old man was shot as he returned to his car after fishing at a North Side park on April 5.

The victim and his younger brother were returning to their car in the 3100 block of W. Carmen when several men approached them around 10:30 p.m. Police said at least one man in the group began shooting, and one round struck the victim in the face.

Investigators found bullet holes in the victim's car and shell casings lying on Carmen Ave., just west of River Park.

The group of men ran from the scene after the shooting, police said. No arrests have been made.

Chicago police said the man is in critical condition at St. Francis Hosp.

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Letters to the Editor

Why on Irving Park Rd?

Letter writer Roger Weissenberg makes insightful comments (April 4) about the merits of speed cameras. He correctly noted that the cameras do not target specific groups; rather only speeders.

However, one camera nearby my home in Lakeview seems to defy any logic. I would be interested to hear a city official explain why cameras are posted on Irving Park Rd. between Clark St. and Sheridan Rd.? Specifically, what is the need for speed cameras on that stretch of Irving with Wunders Cemetery on the south

side and Graceland on the north?

Fair enough; I have been nailed with tickets for "speeding" there at least two or three times. So, since I'm fully familiar with consequences of going over 35 mph, a case can be made I should shut up and slow down. But I'm nonetheless curious to learn why the cameras were posted. Is there somehow a danger to deceased folks being struck by a speeder?

Frank Fisher
Lakeview

Defining moments

With the election now over how will future history, civics, and political science classes discuss and analyze both the 2019 and the 2023 mayoral contests?

The most significant moments of both have to do with words and body language. In 2019 a little known federal prosecutor in a debate, Lori Lightfoot, sternly looked at her opponent and asked: "Why are you in bed with Ed Burke?"

That question and the way it was delivered was a defining moment for the election.

Just a few days before the 2023 election over 4,000 people attended a Brandon Johnson rally held on the U of I campus. Among those speaking with Johnson included Bernie Sanders and Martin Luther King III. A beaming Johnson personified optimism and confidence for the two hour affair. He and Sanders twice walked hand in hand on the stage while alternately thrusting their arms in the air while smiling and laughing.

MLK III dramatically reminded the audience that the coming election would be held on the anniversary of his father's assassination. Johnson and Sanders delivered passionate, enthusiastic, and rousing speeches. The words delivered by these progressive speakers, and their positive and confident body language, was a defining moment for the election and an event that Paul Vallas had been "bracing" for.

Classes discussing these two elections in the future will make note of these significant and strong election highlights.

Fred Case
Lakeview

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Business forum May 11 at Peace School

The Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 2023 Aldermanic Business Forum 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Peace School, 3121 N. Lincoln Ave. This forum is an opportunity to

learn more about how the city is working with local business and ask elected officials questions. Expected to attend are aldermen Scott Waguespack [32nd], Bennet Lawson [44th] and Matt Martin [47th].

Registration is required for this event, to RSVP visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0lQLcnIupi6cwmUI1lINTSjrb4wdLqBUXFBy-7g5GDg_KBA/viewform.

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we are required to fit the games into a 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. time slot,” Kwiat said. “We are being squeezed on both field availability and game time. It is impossible to play two 7-inning softball games in an hour and a half, even starting with a one-and-one ball-strike count,” said Kwiat, a veteran player for the “Bad Apples,” the current league champion.

Grant Park officials told the league it could book July 11 for rainouts and makeups, and July 18 for playoffs, but they had to shut down by July 19 and get out because the fields had to be prepared for the Lollapalooza event on Aug. 3 to Aug. 5.

Each team in the advertising league, including Leo Burnett, BBDO, Foot Cone, Fleishman Hillard and the Publicist Group pays the park a \$120 reservation fee for diamonds and bases.

The league hires and pays its umpires \$45 a game, and buys its own Clincher softballs in bulk at about \$16 each. The \$1,200 per team registration fee includes a season-ending league party at a North Side saloon.

Impossible parking is another issue at Grant Park, especially with the NASCAR race and giant concert events. Imagine parking

for \$20 in a Wabash St. garage and lugging bats, balls, bases and coolers two blocks to the fields at Columbus Dr. and Balbo Ave.

Time for Mike Royko Field?

Pulitzer-prize winning newspaper columnist Mike Royko, who was inducted into the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame in 2000, played hundreds of games at Grant Park between 1974 and 1983. Royko won many championships while promoting softball, managing and pitching for the HOF Chicago Daily News and Sun-Times teams in the Industrial League.

After Royko passed into softball heaven in 1998, in his honor the Chicago Park District created the Mike Royko Softball Tournament, which was played at Grant Park for more than a decade.

Now, 25 years after Royko’s death, Robert Egan, a HOF Sun-Times player and manager, whose elite team was a five-time Royko Tournament champion at the park in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 and 2009, wonders—along with many of his teammates—why the historic diamonds are not renamed “Mike Royko Field”?

That suggested future honor for Mike Royko and his family—complete with a City Council proclamation and installation of

Community meeting tonight over NASCAR Chicago street race

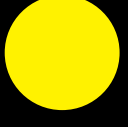
NASCAR and the city will be hosting a virtual community meeting 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 12, to share information about the upcoming race. Between set up and tear down, the NASCAR event is scheduled to be run from June 22 through July 5 on Columbus Dr. and the Outer Dr. around Grant Park.

Representatives from NASCAR, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and others will be present and respond to questions from the community.

To join in the meeting visit <https://forms.office.com/r/Xw7wTgM69L>.

appropriate park signage—should be fielded by Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], who has an aldermanic prerogative over Grant Park.

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WINCHESTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A 7306 NORTH WINCHESTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants 22 CH 8746 7306 NORTH WINCHESTER AVENUE UNIT 501 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 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7306 NORTH WINCHESTER AVENUE UNIT 501, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-30-408-076-1049 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$139,113.88. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: lnotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 22-097035 Attorney Code. 42168 Case Number: 22 CH 8746 TJSC#: 43-296 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 22 CH 8746 I3216623 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK, NA Plaintiff, -v- TYLER C. DOWNES, PARK CASTLE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 03447 2448 W GREENLEAF AVE UNIT 2448-2 AKA UNIT 2W CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 4, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2448 W GREENLEAF AVE UNIT 2448-2 AKA UNIT 2W, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-213-006-1052 The real estate is improved with a condo/town-house. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real	estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-02970 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 03447 TJSC#: 43-537 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 03447 I3216439 292929 -----

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How is it they fumbled this deal?

AWAKEN: Lagunitas, the North Lawndale brewery will once again serve food and pour from 32 taps after a three-year slumber. It is the best factory brew pub in town.

CUBS OPENER: Blase Foria, Eamonn Cummins and fans from across Chicago endured chilly conditions for the season's start on March 30 at Wrigley, joining writer **Dave Hoekstra**, **Joe Shanahan**, **James Joyce**, **Pennie Taylor**, **Sam Taylor**, **Ingrid Kromer**, **Brian Bernardoni**, actor-comedian **Joseph Nunez**, **Lyn McKeaney** and the Lodge Saloon group, plus Gibson's **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, **Cheri James**, **Maylina Algarin** and countless fans for a memorable day, Cubs shut out the Brewers. Pat Hughes threw out the first pitch.

Beloved Chicago WXRT DJ, **Lin Brehmer**, was remembered by the Cubs and fans alike following his recent death.

ENVISION AWARD: **Dorothy Capodice O'Malley** was awarded the Envision Unlimited Humanitarian Awards at the Envision Unlimited Bright Futures Ball at the Union League Club of Chicago on April 1. For her decades of commitment to improving lives of people with disabilities. President **Joe Biden's** special letter of congrats to Dorothy, his longtime friend, brought laughter and tears on a great occasion.

CLEAN UP: Earth Day is April 28, make yourself feel better and teach the kids a lesson, and go clean some public space.

CAFE MONADNOCK: The owners of Victor Bar and Love Street have launched a bistro inside the Monadnock Building, 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Looks fab.

HONORARY MAYOR OF RUSH ST: There was never anyone like baseball legend **Harry Caray**. He could have invented Chicago if he had to. His pals gathered at his namesake saloon on Navy Pier to recall his urban celebrity and his invincible character. **Grant DePorter**, **Ron Kittle**, **Ryan Dempster** and **Ryan Sandberg**. But I also know that **Chuck** and **Candace Jordan** were present for the 25th anniversary Toast to Harry.

WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT?: **John Rogers** and **Bob Eckert** leaving McDonald's board after 20 years of reliable leadership.

NO HONOR ACCEPTED: British actor **Jim Broadbent** declined an Order of the British Empire (OBE) saying: "I didn't think it would suit me. And also my father died when I was 22 and he was quite an anarchic spirit, and he would have been proud of me to have turned it down." Bravo.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Don't miss the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, back

at Wheaton College's Edman Memorial Chapel on April 21, led by conductor **Fabien Gabel** in a program of 20th century works rooted in folklore. After **Anatoly Liadov's** suspenseful Kikimora and **Igor Stravinsky's** magical Petrushka, celebrated pianist **Daniil Trifonov** joins the Orchestra for **Sergei Rachmaninov's** Third Piano Concerto (April 1st was his 150th birthday).

STARWALK: The dean of American sculpture, Chicago's **Richard Howard Hunt**, named the bronze monument "Starwalk" in honor of astronaut **Guion Bluford's** achievement in space. On Aug. 30, 1983, Bluford became the first African American to go to space, one of five people on the STS-8 mission. NASA's eighth mission and the Space Shuttle Challenger's third. Launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida the shuttle mission was an overall success, but Bluford really put it on the map.

The welded bronze sculpture was installed at the University Museum at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL in 1984.

WHO'S WHERE: **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** in Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, sipping refreshments at Pyra... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** visiting merry ole London with family... Out in the CA desert **Zurich Esposito** visited the Indian Wells Tennis center with **Marcus de la Poer Beresford** and **Brian McCormick**... **Sheila Swann** visiting family and looking good in her snow boots in the deep snows of Steamboat Springs... **Shelley Howard** at the center of the known universe, Gibson's, with a tight group, **Dennis Donn** and **Jim Costin** talking White Sox and indictments... **Richard Paddor** and twin, **Robert Paddor**, at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem all decked out... **Rhonda Sanderson** gobbling up sweet things at her Gibson's birthday lunch... **Maria Pappas** speaking at the Township Assessors' luncheon... Birthday blessing to dear **Toni Di Meola**... Lakeview's **John Ellis** and **Ron Tanaka** golfing in Eastern Tennessee with 25 of their best buddies... Ahoy fab dance pro **Rhonda J Liesenfelt** aboard the SS Seaborn in sunny climes... **Takara Beathea Gudell** has created some dynamic jewelry, check out her artistry... **Virginia Shorey** and cousin, **Sheila Yore**, at sea dancing with a couple of Mayans enjoying Cozumel, Mexico... **Mark Russell**, the brilliant and oft hilarious political satirist has died at 90, mourned by sparkling fans of PBS... **Lydia Taitts** at Denver International Airport... **Shaun Rajah** at the private showcase Louis Vuitton store on Michigan Ave.

SPRING HAT LUNCHEON: Tickets are sold out for the Service Club's 2023 Spring Luncheon.



Dorothy Capodice O'Malley and Patrick O'Malley.



John Rogers



Bob Eckert



Guion Bluford



Harry Caray



Maylina Algarin, Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Cheri James.



Nate Buescher

It is a day to come together and celebrate their philanthropic mission. Join co-chairs **Bethany Florek**, **Julia Jacobs** and **Whitney Reynolds** on May 8, at their new venue, The Langham Hotel, elevating this year's theme, "The Many Hats We Wear," to the next level. Wear your finest millinery and showcase your favorite style for their Annual Hat Contest.

TV STAR: Young **Nate Buescher** should look familiar since he played Tiny Tim in Goodman Theater's "A Christmas Carol" for three seasons some years ago. Today the Lincoln Park High School student has sprouted tall

and handsome as a TV regular on a new show, "Circuit Breakers," on AppleTV. While Nate excels at theater, he remains also a fabulous dancer. Check out his latest.

1984: Porchlight Music Theatre's offers New Faces Sing Broadway 1984, hosted by **Honey West**, directed by **Tommy Novak** with music direction and arrangements by **Micky York**. New Faces Sing Broadway 1984, Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave. in Evanston and Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at The Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave. Tickets are now on sale at Porch-

lightMusicTheatre.org.

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- Walt Disney

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC
Plaintiff,

-v-
KEVIN L. JONES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANN JONES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANN JONES (DECEASED)
Defendants

2021 CH 04677
3950 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 319D
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 January 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 17, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3950 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 319D, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-21-101-034-1396

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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Case Number: 2021 CH 04677
TJSC#: 43-1441

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Case # 2021 CH 04677

13217761

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC3
Plaintiff,

-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF AYI AKPORIDO, BESTMAN MAMOMO AKPORIDO, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF AYI AKPORIDO, WILLIE AKPORIDO SR, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants

2022 CH 02386
3550 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 508
CHICAGO, IL 60657

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 30, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 10, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3550 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 508, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-111-007-1090
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$194,462.86.
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 frac-

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 22 9278.

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Case Number: 2022 CH 02386
TJSC#: 43-1369

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Case # 2022 CH 02386

13217420

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-RPL3
Plaintiff,

-v-
THOMAS M. ZUPONECK, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, GRANVILLE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants

2022 CH 07464
6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APT 2J
CHICAGO, IL 60660

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Commonly known as 6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APT 2J, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-210-024-1009

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$120,254.21.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-008201.

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Case # 2022 CH 07464

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
PATRICIA J. SIMPSON, 3500 LAKE SHORE DR. COOPERATIVE APTS., INC. THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, BMO HARRIS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Defendants

19 CH 12926
3500 N. LAKE SHORE DR., PH17
CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 29, 2022, and Amended Nunc Pro Tunc on November 1, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 3, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3500 N. LAKE SHORE DR., PH17, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-21-112-010-0000 (all underlying land)

This sale is for a personal property interest via Cooperative Shares in 3500 Lake Shore Drive Cooperative Apts., Inc.

The judgment amount was \$1,401,355.13.

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 cooperative shares 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 cooperative shares 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 Stock Certificate for 950 Shares of Capital Stock of 3500 Lake Shore Dr. Cooperative Apts., Inc. after confirmation of the sale. The property that is the subject of the property lease 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.

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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 395734.

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Case # 2022 CH 07464

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
GIULIO PALMA , CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002363886
Defendants

2022 CH 08250
3851 NORTH HERMITAGE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60613

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Commonly known as 3851 NORTH HERMITAGE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613

Real Estate For Sale

Property Index No. 14-19-214-003-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$1,059,050.17.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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Case Number: 2022 CH 08250
TJSC#: 43-239

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Case # 2022 CH 08250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
STEVEN PETRITIS, 3440 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants

2022 CH 04815
3430 N LAKE SHORE DR. 7J
CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 31, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 2, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder.

Real Estate For Sale

der, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3430 N LAKE SHORE DR. 7J, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-21-307-047-1065
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Case Number: 2022 CH 04815
TJSC#: 43-566

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Case # 2022 CH 04815

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,

UNIONIZE *from p. 3*

Chicago's oldest museum to be able to afford to own a home in the city that we love and serve. We should feel safe and supported by our employer," said Jessie Rose Williams, an exhibit fabricator/technician who's also an organizing committee member. "In our union we can make things better for ourselves and for the public."

Upon winning their union election, Nature Museum employees will be certified, and CASWU will represent nearly 50 employees who work in the museum's guest experience and engagement, education, biology or collections departments.

AFSCME is the largest union for cultural workers nationwide, including more than 10,000 museum workers at more than 90 cultural institutions in the public and private sectors, and more than 25,000 library workers at 275 public and private libraries.

"Cultural work is work, and all work must have dignity," AFSCME Council 31 Executive Director Roberta Lynch said.

The CAS was founded in 1857 by a group of nature lovers and amateur scientists who wanted

a space to study and share the specimens they collected. The academy became Chicago's first

"Cultural work is work, and all work must have dignity," Roberta Lynch said.

public museum when it opened Downtown in 1869. After the first museum building was destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire, the academy established a museum at the Laflin Building in Lincoln Park. It relocated to their current building in 1999.

MANSION *from p. 3*

cause of rent control, there likely will be an economic dark side, experts say.

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Higher rents ultimately are the result of decisions made by property owners based on county tax assessors, taxing bodies, utility companies, legislators and increased maintenance costs.

Harold Washington College to unveil new mural of Chicago's first Black Mayor

New eight-foot by 40-foot mural revealed April 13

In 2022, Harold Washington College celebrated the 100th birthday of its namesake, and Chicago's first Black Mayor — Harold Washington — with plans for a new mural commissioned by artist Judith Mayer. The mural hopes to create a visual piece that would capture the spirit and essence of the former mayor.

The Loop college will present the official unveiling of a new eight-foot by 40-foot mural at 11a.m. Thursday, at 30 E. Lake St., showcased on the heels of his 101st birthday.

Some 16 different colors of paint were used, and about 43 volunteers helped to paint the mural including Harold Washington College students, faculty, staff and administrative leaders. The painting took several weeks and dozens of hours to complete.

"Mayor Washington's breathtaking 40-foot mural is complete

and on behalf of our entire family, we are thrilled," said Karen Stone, niece of Harold Washington. "The bigger than life tribute rivals our Uncle Harold's altruistic personality [as an] active crowning glory to his legacy through education and inclusivity. He was a unifier and the mural and its messages to Chicago are now more important today than ever before."

Mayor Washington was a historic and significant municipal leader. The political environment at that time was racially charged but despite that, Washington was

elected in Feb. 1983 and served until his death on Nov. 25, 1987.

"Harold Washington College core values closely align with the late Mayor's vision of a unified and better Chicago and we hope this mural captures his work in government, and his charismatic personality," said President Daniel Lopez, Harold Washington College. "He broke barriers and inspired generations to lead and that's why we are proud that his image and the entire work of art graces the walls of our college."

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— Ernest Hemingway

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some insurance companies refused to issue new policies for the affected models earlier this year.

Year-over-year comparisons will become more favorable to the police department's public relations office this summer, so we expect to hear a lot about "auto thefts are down" in a few months.

Among the local police districts that CWBChicago monitors closely, the Lincoln (20th) District is the worst-performing area this year. Major crime reports in the area, which includes much of Uptown, Lincoln Square, and Edgewater, are up 74% compared to last year and 93% compared to 2019. A persistent problem with business burglaries is combining with auto thefts to drive numbers up.

The best performer? That's the Central 1st District, which includes the Loop and South Loop. Major crime reports are up

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spaces to clear the way for dedicated bus or bike lanes.

It also limits the city's ability to "put in 'drop off' zones and eliminate safety hazards in high crash areas," among other concerns.

The lawsuit seeks to include every resident of Chicago, asserting everyone has been harmed by the city's high street parking rates, among the highest paid by residents and visitors to any U.S. city.

The lawsuit does not name the city of Chicago as a defendant, only CPM.

U.S. district Judge Matthew F. Kennelly sided with CPM in Jan. 2022, granting CPM's motion to dismiss. Kennelly ruled any fault for financial harm suffered by the plaintiffs or any other residents or visitors to the city of Chicago lies with the city for approving the lease.

And the judge said the city was within its power under the law to lease out the parking meters.

On appeal, the Seventh Circuit judges

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The top three public gardens are all found in the state of Hawai'i. In first place is the Koko Crater Botanical Garden on O'ahu, the Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden [HTBG] on Hawai'i Island and the Wahiawa Botanical Garden, which is also on O'ahu. Koko Crater and Wahiawa are both operated by Honolulu's Dept. of Parks and Recreation. HTBG is operated by a private foundation.

“The state’s unique climate and geography make it a perfect location for cultivating a wide variety of plant species. With an abundance of sunshine, regular rainfall, and nutrient-rich volcanic soil, Hawai‘i is a botanical paradise, and its public gardens offer visitors a glimpse into this natural wonderland. [It’s] public gardens are also

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just 1% this year, thanks to a tempering of auto theft reports and declines in burglary and robbery. Longer-term performance, though, is not as good. Crime this year is up 155% compared to 2021 and 35% compared to 2019.

Here are links to the latest CompStat reports for Chicago police districts in our primary coverage area: Central 1st District is up 1% — Roughly the area between the lake, the river, and 31st Street. Near North 18th District is up 11% — The area between the lake, the river, and Fullerton. It includes Streeterville, the Magnificent Mile, River North, the Gold Coast, Old Town, and the south end of Lincoln Park.

Town Hall 19th District is up 43% — The area between the lake, the river, Fullerton and Lawrence. Town Hall includes Lakeview, North Center, the north end of Lincoln Park, the south end of Uptown, and the south end of Lincoln Square.

Lincoln 20th District is up 74% — The area between the lake, the river, Lawrence, and Peterson. This includes Edgewater, the north ends of Uptown, and Lincoln Square.

Rogers Park 24th District is up 37% — The area between the lake, the North Shore Channel, Peterson, and the north city limits. It includes Rogers Park and West Ridge.

Albany Park 17th District is up 49% —

For instance, they argued the parking lease deal hinders the development of public transit or bike lanes, because the city would need to pay financial penalties if it were to eliminate metered spaces to clear the way for dedicated bus or bike lanes. It also limits the city's ability to "put in 'drop off' zones and eliminate safety hazards in high crash areas," among other concerns.

reached similar conclusions.

“The City does not share the authority to regulate the use of the streets with anyone,” Judge Wood wrote. “It thus may decide what to do with the streets: keep them open, carve out bike or bus lanes, establish zones exclusively for area residents, or provide metered parking.”

“Illinois law gives the City a monopoly, to use plaintiffs’ word, over those spaces. And plaintiffs seem to concede that if they had sued Chicago under the antitrust laws for its part in the Concession, they would have failed.”

Because the city was acting under the au-

thority granted to it by state law, City Hall was free to sign the lease, even if it may leave its residents and visitors with higher parking rates and limit the city's ability to regulate its streets, without paying a costly penalty.

The judges noted the plaintiffs contend that the restrictions on the city's power under the CPM lease should be read to improperly strip the city of control of its streets and to improperly hand CPM an illegal monopoly.

But the appellate judges found the ability of the city to pay money to compensate CPM for lost revenue from changes to me-

The area between the river, Cicero and Belmont avenues, and the north city limits. Includes Albany Park, Irving Park, North Park, and the north end of Avondale.

Shakespeare 14th District is up 48% — The area between the River, Central Park, Belmont, and Division. It includes Logan Square, West Town, Bucktown, Wicker Park, and parts of Avondale and Humboldt Park.

Near West 12th District is up 46% — These boundaries are easier to see than to describe. In general, it's the area south of Division St. between the river and Western Ave. It includes parts of West Town and the Near West Side, much of the West Loop, Fulton Market, and Pilsen.

Jefferson Park 16th District is up 35% — West of Cicero, north of Belmont, with the city limits to the north and west. It includes Jefferson Park, Dunning, Portage Park, Norwood Park, Forest Glen, and O'Hare.

tered parking spaces means City Hall still has sufficient control over the streets to undercut the antitrust claims.

“The fact that the City pays a price for certain actions cannot be enough to undermine the whole Concession,” Wood wrote. “No one would have wanted to sign an agreement that the City could gut the next day by (for example) cutting in half the number of covered parking spaces and trying at the same time to keep the full upfront payment.

“Regulation is possible even if the City must conduct a cost-benefit analysis before it takes a given step.”

The judges said antitrust claims in such a case as the CPM lease or any other long-term government supply contracts do not turn on whether the city or other local government made a deal that would ultimately benefit their constituents.

"All that matters is that it was one that was authorized by state law and that remains under the regulatory power of the City," the judges said.

trees,” said the spokesperson.

Ho added it is not surprising Americans continue to garden at home and to visit public gardens while on vacation.

“In an increasingly digital age, public gardens offer a way to unplug and unwind, and to experience the beauty and diversity of the natural world firsthand. Furthermore, public gardens are often an important part of the cultural and historical fabric of our communities, and serve as a reminder of our shared heritage and the importance of preserving our natural environment for future generations. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or simply looking for a way to enjoy the outdoors, public gardens have something to offer everyone,” said Ho.



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