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the future.
I try to prevent it.
— Ray Bradbury

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Grant Park is a prime location for Chicago's 16-inch softball history, a sport born here in 1887.

'Mike Royko Field' first step in battle for Grant Park

'Make no little plans'

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

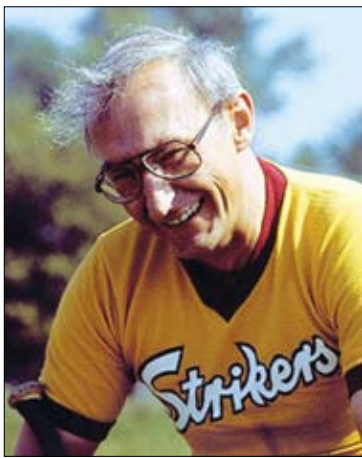
Following the NASCAR debacle it is time to repair the damaged legacy of Grant Park, as Chicago's 16-inch softball birthplace in 1887 and sports mecca since 1933.

If the revered Pulitzer-prize winning columnist Mike Royko were alive he would be like Gen. George S. Patton fighting the "Battle for Grant Park" on behalf of the Windy City's 100,000 softball players and their families.

So, why not begin work now on upgrading and transforming the park's historic softball diamonds under a new name: "Mike Royko Fields" in honor of Royko, a 16-inch softball advocate and promoter, and legendary Chicago Daily News and Chicago Sun-Times manager and pitcher.

After his passing in 1998, Royko was inducted into the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame [HOF] in 2000, and the Mike Royko Memorial Softball Tournament was launched and successfully run for a decade in Grant Park.

In 1975, Royko was instrumental in the planning and launch of



Mike Royko, 16-Inch Hall of Fame, 2000.
Photo by Tom Bonen

the Chicago 16-Inch World Series of Softball Tournament played at Soldier Field and televised on WTTW.

Royko, and TV Sports anchor Tim Weigel (another HOF player), announced the historic games along with broadcaster Marty Robinson from Channel 11. The 16-inch tournament attracted more than 25,000 fans to a championship diamond built at the north end of Soldier Field. Thousands more watched the games on TV.

In the mid-1970s, Royko also

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New open space adjacent to Red Line for Uptown, Edgewater

The CTA on April 13 announced it will remove an embankment wall between the Lawrence and Bryn Mawr Red Line CTA stations, creating a new, open space in one of the most densely populated areas on the North Side.

The CTA will create more than one mile of new, open space underneath "L" tracks in the Uptown and Edgewater neighborhoods. It is space created between Lawrence and Ardmore avenues by removing nearly all of the century-old embankment structure and walls starting later this year.

At the completion of the rehab project in 2025, the two neighborhoods will gain new areas that could be developed into parking and community spaces, by

removing a physical barrier that has separated the community for more than 100 years.

The embankment wall removal is a significant change that will begin the debate of how to develop the space following completion of the project. The CTA said they hold community meetings for a block-by-block look at new space that will be available with the elimination of the wall.

"This unique opportunity to create safe and accessible public spaces below the Red Line is an example of how [the] CTA helps create destinations and focal points in the communities," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr.

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Burglar shot during Lincoln Square smoke shop break-in responsible for four other burglaries

BY CWBCHICAGO

An 18-year-old man who was shot by a business owner while burglarizing a Lincoln Square smoke shop last week is responsible for four other break-ins in the neighborhood, prosecutors said.

Antonio Mendoza, charged with three counts of burglary and two counts of identity theft, was ordered held in lieu of a \$5,000 bail deposit by Judge David Kelly during a bond hearing April 11.

Chicago police officers found Mendoza with gunshot wounds to both of his legs after responding to calls of a person shot in the 4700 block of N. Talman around 11:45 p.m. April 9.

Cops quickly linked Mendoza to an incident that unfolded minutes

earlier at Big Lou's Tobacco Shop, 2617 W. Lawrence. Prosecutors said barking dogs alerted the business owner to activity behind the business. He pulled up Nest security camera footage that showed Mendoza trying to force his way through the shop's back door with a crowbar, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said.

Mendoza went on to rummage through the victim's vehicle before the business owner fetched a handgun and shot him in the legs, according to Dale-Schmidt. She said Mendoza fled to the Rockwell Brown Line CTA station, where a witness called 911.

Police found a black mask, a backpack, and a crossbody bag that contained a firearm, screwdrivers, a crowbar, and a black coat in an alley behind Big Lou's. Mendoza is not charged with possessing the gun.



Antonio Mendoza

Detectives linked Mendoza to a series of burglaries in the area since January, including one that occurred "16 feet" from Big Lou's, according to Dale-Schmidt.

On Jan. 2, a woman left her car unlocked while loading the vehicle in the 2600 block of W. Lawrence, only to discover that someone stole her purse and wal-

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DePaul has \$56 million budget gap

School says paying down debt is top priority

DePaul University in Lincoln Park is having money trouble. Thanks in part to the pandemic and government imposed school lockdown, the school is dealing with a \$56 million budget gap and declining enrollment, for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

So now the North Side Catholic college is doing just what families across the nation are doing too: cutting spending.

For starters they are offering a voluntary separation program to about 1,400 of their full-time staff and administrators, according

to an April 4 notice sent out by school President Robert Manuel.

Higher education institutions across Chicago, Illinois and the nation are broadly facing the same financial strain as the pandemic lockdown has changed priorities across the globe. Add in the fact that students and their families are fearful of expensive student loans at high interest rates that can hamstring graduates of average means.

During the government-imposed school lockdowns, the federal government's bailout cash papered over school's financial troubles, but that cash has now

dried up, bringing those financial problems right back to the forefront.

"DePaul is facing a lot of the same challenges that a lot of their peers are facing, especially in the Midwest," Emily Wadhwani, a senior director at Fitch Ratings told Bloomberg News. Those challenges include post-COVID-19 recruiting as students weigh alternatives, alongside inflation pushing the cost of expenses like wages and utilities higher.

University-wide enrollment at DePaul fell 3.5% year over year to 20,917 students in 2022. Since

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Rehab of Western Brown Line station starts this summer

On April 12, the Chicago Transit Board approved the awarding of a contract for the first stage of work outlined as part of a new, progressive design-build contract that will provide up to \$19 million in repairs and improvements for the Western Brown Line CTA station.

The action marks the first major upgrade of the facility in more than 40 years.

Improvements will include the replacement of concrete aprons, elevators, and other major building and operational components to help make the rail station and bus turnaround meet current ADA requirements.

Other enhancements will include upgraded security cameras and public address system for improved station security, as well as enhanced station access with new curb ramps, sidewalks, and improvements to the walkway to Lincoln Ave.

"I'm proud of the investments we continue to make in modernizing stations across our system," said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. "[The] CTA's investments can translate into an even larger investment in our communities and in the people we serve."

Work associated with the Western Brown Line project will be split into two stages: pre-construction services then final design and construction.

F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC was selected for the first stage of work. They will be paid approximately \$2 million to coordinate the pre-construction services (i.e., surveying, structural engineering and design, etc.). The remaining \$17 million will be used to cover costs associated with the second phase of the contract, which calls for final design and construction work, and will be put out to bid at a future date.

By splitting up the project work into two phases, CTA hopes to minimize cost over runs and delays by ensuring all project participants, such as engineers, architects, and contractors, collaborate early in the project planning phase before project plans are finalized.

The Western Brown Line station provided nearly 600,000 annual rides in 2022, and also offers connections to the following five bus routes.

Although project details are not yet finalized, CTA estimates design work beginning as early as summer 2023, and construction beginning in 2024.

Established as part of the original construction of the Ravenswood branch in the early-1900s, the current Western Brown Line station was rebuilt in 1920 and underwent a major renovation in 1979-1981 to be made fully com-

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Thought we'd grown beyond the limitations of the past



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

We tend to define ourselves by a wide array of identities. At least I do.

Some identities get formed by what we do. Some by what we believe or espouse. Some by physical attributes. Others by what limits us. Or shapes the contents of our thoughts and emotions.

Many folk have a variety of identities. You know you're a bi-lingual, ambidextrous, ballet-dancing poet. Or a left-handed French speaking vegan with a large schnozzola.

It doesn't take long to uncover such self-understandings, though some are easier to define than others. It doesn't take long living abroad to discover that to many folk you are "the American." Or "the scholar," "the reader," "the troublemaker," "the comedian" or "the politician."

Some identities we embrace with both arms. Some require more distance to tolerate. Some we run from. Others, we hide. And still

others we revile. "Look, there's the chubby freeloader."

Some identities are readily apparent to us. "Hey shorty."

Some more complex. "Hey klepto."

Some strictly in the eye of the beholder. "Hey gorgeous."

Such nomenclature may take a long time to blossom. Some have to grow on you, or need to be grown into.

People who readily introduce themselves as a writer are often not very good. Writing I believe is something you have to grow into. You might put a lot of words on paper. But the quality of a person's imagination, the grace of one's vocabulary and the stylishness of their readability all condition their function and success.

The same can be said with a person's identity as an artist. I put paint on canvas everyday. Does that make me an artist? I usually tell people that I am a painter. "An Irish Impressionist. With Fauvist proclivities." Referencing the movement of painters who love working in bold colors, unafraid to paint the ocean red, or the sky orange.

I often ask myself if I am a more defined painter than a writer or a cook? More often than not, it's the melding of such identities that bring encouragement, growth and fresh self-understanding.

I've learned a valuable lesson about identity from this past municipal election. In future such elections, I will only vote for Catholic candidates. I guess sticking with

your own is the way to go.

That's so funny because after all my years of sophisticated political education this was not how I thought I'd see either my loyalties or convictions end up.

When I was knocking on doors during the Wisconsin primary of 1968 for presidential candidate Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy I was filled with what I thought was the spirit of the age. The energy of the new epoch of fresh political liberalism, racial change and empowerment, and anti-war drama that every 18-year-old worth their salt should embrace.

As a college freshman, I knew it was a stirring time when larger-than-life heroes walked the streets of the nation. Changing politics. Changing culture. Altering the conscience of the nation. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sen. Robert Kennedy, the priestly Berrigan Brothers, Cesar Chavez, Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem and Rosemary Radford Ruether. People whose ideals and dreams challenged our souls and minds.

The Democratic National Convention was held at Chicago's International Amphitheater at the Stockyards in 1968. Sen. McCarthy was not given the nomination for president. The streets of Chicago erupted in chaotic turmoil during the convention. Hippies, yuppies and liberal Democrats were to blame. I only saw them as the disillusioned. Those tired of war. Those fed up with poverty. Those with a short fuse for responsible government. Those tired of racial inequity in America. Those who believed in America's promise of change.

Ironically the nomination went to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. Angry convention-goers blamed Mayor Richard J. Daley for what unfolded outside the Amphitheater, and in Grant Park and Lincoln Park where hippies and yuppies were camped out. And brutalized.

Across America people blamed the Democrats and elected Richard Nixon as president. And placed the word Watergate within the vocabulary of American English.

My parents were wonderfully supportive of the liberal traditions of American political thought. In fact, they were greatly encouraging.

But to many in the family I was the looney left-wing fanatic. A teenager filled with dangerous notions of what was just or needed changing in America.

My attitudes about war, peace, Vietnam, social justice, race, Chicago's machine politics, America's military were often in conflict with beloved aunts and uncles. Family gatherings rarely remained peaceful or social.

This wasn't book-club. Irish tempers were powder kegs of conflicting opinions and experiences. The stuff of real Donnellybooks.

I am only half-joking of my "Catholics only policy" for candidate support in the future elections. And while I don't take orders from the Pope, I feel uneasy with the recent election display that appeared to be so lock-step in its following predetermined racial and sexual orientation loyalties in voting. There's a sadness there for me. I had hoped we'd grown beyond the limitations of the past.

TWIN ANCHORS: Twin Anchors was honored to receive a resolution from the City of Chicago recognizing 90 years in business. **Ald. Brian Hopkins** [2nd] stopped by the restaurant to present the resolution to co-owners **Gina Manrique, Mary Kay Tuzi and Paul Tuzi**.

ART INSTITUTE CASH: The former payroll manager for the Art Institute of Chicago, **Micheal Maurello**, pleaded guilty in federal court to misappropriating more than \$2 million in museum funds over a period of 13 years, according to the plea agreement. The employee siphoned money from the museum's payroll account to his personal bank accounts by falsely designating the payments as legitimate compensation to other employees. The AIC still isn't talking. How WOKE. Now they'll really feel the **Ken Griffin** pinch of funds.

PARIS THEATRE: Chicago actress **Consuelo Lepaew** is in a play in Paris called "Rembrandt Under the Stairs," "Rembrandt

Sous L'Escalier." Opened Thursday night to great reviews.

SHE'S BACK: After time off, critically acclaimed singer, **Josie Falbo**, returns as a guest artist to the popular downtown haunt, Catch 35, on Wacker Dr., with the cool Eric Hochberg Trio, April 22 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP at 312-346-3500, www.Catch35.com

DANCE: Gior-dano Dance Chicago hosted a power-packed performance and gala to celebrate its 60th anniversary April 1. The event was a sellout and a huge success - from the dynamic VIP committee who lent

their support, to the 380+ gala attendees to the over 1200 audience members who came out for the performance - in every respect it was a blow-out.

NASCAR: Chicago Street Race will take place over two days of Fourth of July weekend, but it will cost us the summertime use of our beloved front yard, and affect traffic around Grant Park for over a month. Thank Calamity Jane for that.

BEER: Eris Brewery, 4240 W. Irving Park Rd., is the first women-owned brewery in Illinois. Owners **Katy Pizza** and **Michelle Foik's** brewery, cider house and restaurant breaks boundaries by creating a space for women in every aspect of their business.

WHO'S WHERE: Actor-funny man **Jim Belushi** knows where the best pasta is twirled, at **Joey Mondelli's** LaScarola... **Ikram Goldman** and family on the Nile River, in Egypt... Field Museum's **Nancy O'Shea** breakfasting in North Carolina home of old Field Museum colleague **Emily Waldren**... **Heather Farley** in Scottsdale, AZ.... WGN

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Is Chicago's bet on sin taxes finding its ceiling?

Andersonville dope deal falls through; casino revenue down \$200M since 2012

BY DYLAN SHARKEY

Chicago is in line for land-based casino gaming soon, but its chances for success may be dwindling as video gaming machines and online sports betting are on the rise.

Meanwhile, a deal to sell two Dispensary 33 stores (in Andersonville and West Loop) has fallen through due to changing market conditions in the recreational pot selling business.

The casino industry for decades has been a significant contributor to the Illinois economy, but from 2012 to 2022 it has seen a \$200 million decline, according to data from the Illinois Gaming Board.

The drop in revenue may create another hurdle for Bally's who plans to open a giant \$2.6 billion land-based casino along the Chicago River at Halsted St. and Chicago Ave. High interest rates on borrowing are currently challenging the highly-leverage project as well, and dropping gaming revenue forecasts may frighten some lenders.

One of the reasons for the decline is the emergence of other forms of gaming which weren't available to Illinoisans in 2012. Video gaming terminals, for example, have nearly doubled from \$395 million in revenue during 2019 to \$762 million in 2022.

They allow players to place bets on video poker and slot machines in local bars and restaurants, providing a more accessible and convenient experience than casinos.

Sports betting also has quickly gained popularity, slightly edging out casino revenue \$142 million to \$140 million in 2022.

The new Bally's casino hopes to bring in as much as \$200 million for the city and the money has been earmarked for first responders' pensions. Still, the big picture shows that the expected casino taxes are a pittance compared to the city's \$48 billion in unfunded government pension debt.

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson said video gaming revenue is part of his plan for the city, but Chicago would need to legalize video gambling machines to do that.

A statement from Johnson's spokesperson says he "is a supporter of legalized video gambling as an important revenue source for critical investments in public safety, transportation, housing and other public accommodations."

Overall, state gaming revenue was up to nearly \$1.9 billion in fiscal year 2022, the highest ever and almost 39% higher than in 2021.

On the recreational pot front, multi-state operator Ayr Wellness said it has canceled its acquisition of Chicago cannabis retail operator Dispensary 33, citing changing market conditions.

Following the Jan. 27 mutual termination, Ayr will no longer be required to pay the announced purchase of \$55 million upfront, including \$12 million of cash, \$3 million of sellers notes and \$40 million of Ayr stock.

"The cannabis market has changed significantly in the 15 months since we agreed to acquire Dispensary 33. Both parties have acknowledged this reality and engaged in good faith dialogue as we came to the mutual decision to terminate the proposed arrangement," said David Goubert, President at Ayr. "We are focused on optimizing our business and will prioritize our efforts in markets where we can build meaningful depth and drive strong revenue and cash flow in the near term. Additional

plans for optimization include implementation of operating efficiencies, lowering costs across our business, and reorienting our investments into the markets, segments and activities that are most impactful for our growth and profitability."

Illinois saw record recreational cannabis sales of \$1.55 billion in 2022, a jump of 12% from the previous year — despite delays in opening new stores and clear signs the market had reached a plateau and mar-

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ket saturation inflection point. Monthly sales have flattened out recently around \$130 million until the annual holiday increase saw a record of nearly \$144 million in December, state records showed.

Still, sales continued an upward trend, more than doubling over 2020, the first year of legalized recreational marijuana in the state. But with so many new dope dealer licenses being issued in the last year, supply may surpass demand in 2023. There are currently 113 adult-use cannabis dispensaries in Illinois, including just the first three "social equity" dispensaries that opened their doors last year. Nearly 200 more such stores have been licensed to open in Illinois.

Sales to out-of-state residents again accounted for nearly one-third of purchases, at \$479 million, but other nearby states now offer pot at lower prices than Illinois. Michigan for one now has way too much weed.

The number of cannabis growing operations serving the state's recreational market has almost doubled in the past year. The number of active marijuana plants now exceeds 1.2 million, roughly six times the volume seen in 2020.

By one estimate, Michigan has enough cultivation capacity to supply three times as much weed as the state's consumers are buying — and that doesn't include the huge illegal market that by all accounts commands a large share of sales. Over the last two years, the price of weed in the recreational market has plummeted about 75% from nearly \$400 an ounce to less than \$100. And frugal Chicago consumers are surely making the trip to Michigan to stock up. The forces of supply and demand have given way to a market glut and plummeting prices that have put scores of businesses at risk of collapse. The slump is messy enough in Michigan that some industry officials are calling for a moratorium on cultivation licenses three years after the state launched a recreational market.

In Colorado, prices have dropped by 51% over the last two years. The price of a pound of weed has plunged by 36% in Massachusetts and 46% in Missouri in just the last year, according to LeafLink, which tracks wholesale transactions.

There is one clear winner in all this, dope buyers who are price shoppers. It's a buyer's market these days. And industry

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defended the historic game of bare-handed softball when he filed a lawsuit against the Chicago Park District to prevent the blasphemy of allowing the use of fielder's gloves in 16-inch games at Grant Park.

Crafty Royko won the lawsuit with the help of testimony from Bernie Neistein, an old West Side ward boss and former 16-inch player, who told the judge: "Gloves? The only time anybody on our team ever wore any kind of gloves was when they didn't want to leave fingerprints."

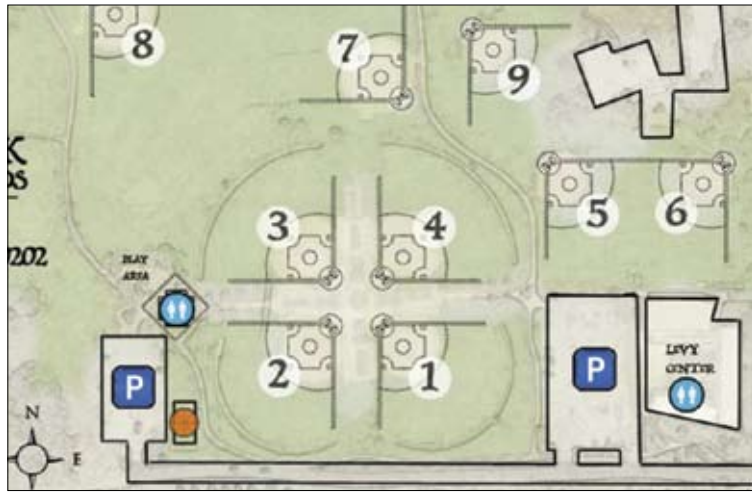
During a recent séance with his medium and alter-ego Slats Grobnik, Royko wholeheartedly approved this writer's suggested plan for Mike Royko Field.

Here are details of the plan—supported by the HOF, veteran players and the media—and presented last week in a letter to Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], who holds legislative prerogative over Grant Park:

- The proposed Grant Park diamond-naming designation, with appropriate park signage, should be accompanied by a City Council proclamation recognizing Mike Royko's softball and journalistic contributions.
- Columbus Dr., between Balbo Dr. and Roosevelt Rd., should be commemorated as "Mike Royko Way" with appropriate street signage.



(L) Mike Royko and the Chicago Daily News softball team in 1975. (R) Sixteen-inch softball fans are calling for Columbus Dr., between Balbo Dr. and Roosevelt Rd., to be named "Mike Royko Way" with appropriate street signage. They would also like to see the softball diamonds at Grant Park reconfigured into a "pinwheel" backstop (right).



- An existing statue, commemorating the birth of softball in Chicago in 1887 at the Farragut Boat Club, at Lake Park Ave. and 31st St., a couple of miles south of Grant Park, should be taken out of mothball storage at the Chicago Monuments Project warehouse and rededicated at the North end of Grant Park overlooking the 12-diamond "Valley."

- The metered parking that was removed after 9/11 should be reinstated along both sides of Columbus Drive (a.k.a. Mike Royko Way) between Roosevelt Rd. and Balbo Dr. Because of the great width of Columbus Dr., parking spaces should be created "nose-in" to double the number of possible spaces and increase revenue.

- All money collected from Columbus Dr. parking should NOT go into the city's controversial and

notorious general parking meter fund or Chicago Parking, LLC. Instead, a special "Grant Park Taxing District" should be created so that the parking money that is generated will be earmarked and targeted to a special fund to support improvements and maintenance of Grant Park's softball fields and the surrounding landscape.

- For the future, the city should install electric auto-charging stations on Columbus Dr. Any revenue derived from the charging stations also should be earmarked for the Grant Park Taxing District.

Redesign and upgrades at Grant Park

To enhance "Chicago's Game" and create a world-class tourist and festival attraction, a later Grant Park diamond redesign plan should be launched, funded in part by accrued parking meter money, and reallocated funds from NASCAR and the proposed Lake Shore Outer Drive rebuild.

"Make no little plans. They

have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will not themselves be realized," Daniel Burnham advised Chicago long, long ago. "Make big plans, aim high in hope and work, remembering

in the overlapping outfield, which often happens with Grant Park's current outmoded 90-year-old layout. The centerpoint, where the four home plates meet, also allows for more fraternization with

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that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever growing insistency."

The plan would involve reconfiguring the softball diamonds at Grant Park into the nationally conforming "pinwheel" backstop layouts similar to James Park in Evanston.

This safety design avoids the problem of players colliding into each other while chasing the ball

players from other teams.

The 12 Valley diamonds could be reconfigured with low-maintenance, water-proof Astro Turf infields into three pinwheel setups with a refreshment center and temporary toilet facilities at each hub.

Astro Turf infields, like the softball field at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, may require special drainage, but there would be fewer rainouts and softball leagues could start April 1 instead of May 1 in Grant Park, thus avoiding conflicts with festival events planned in late July and August.

The four diamonds at the Upper Hutchinson section of Mike Royko Field should receive the same pinwheel design hub with a refreshment center and temporary toilet facilities.

The beauty of the pinwheel design is that it can also be utilized for events, such as the Taste of Chicago food venues and small concert stages when the softball season ends. Following the events, workers could vacuum the Astro Turf infields. There would be no need for repeated installation of new sod.

Royko Field a future landmark?

When the work is done, Grant Park, designed by famed landscape architect Daniel Burnham, should be nominated for both for Chicago landmark status and listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

This landmarking would replace the once-historic Soldier Field, which was removed from the National Register of Historic Places after the stadium was rehabbed and remuddled into its present flying-saucer design.

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Loyola U., Sheil Park getting fed funds

The federal government's Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development has announced taxpayer funding for two North Side community projects for the upcoming fiscal year. The projects were selected from nearly 50 applications of organizations requesting taxpayer funds.

Those two are the Chicago Park District [CPD], who is getting \$1 million for a Sheil Park restoration, 3505 N. Southport Ave. The funds will help the CPD repair the fieldhouse, including a new roof, masonry and lintels. This facility offers over 300 programs and serves close to 5,500

patrons.

While the Corboy Law Center, 25 E. Pearson St., will get an \$800,000 air system upgrade. This project will allow Loyola Univ. to replace outdated air handlers and components with new, high energy efficient equipment. The existing system is in need of an update as the current equipment is old, failing, and difficult to maintain.

Replacement of this system with an energy-efficient alternative and updated air filters will reduce electricity consumption and improve the indoor air quality for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Booming gains in government pension funds likely short-lived

Airports boost economy without burdening property taxpayers, report finds

A once-in-a-generation investment market for local government worker pension funds likely will be fleeting, according to a Cook County Treasurer's Office report of local government debt.

The office's latest analysis shows overall local government debt in Cook County rose 1.6% to \$160.5 million from fiscal 2020 to 2021 — a modest increase held in check by the exceptional investment performance of the pension funds. But those gains are expected to be diminished by investment losses in fiscal 2022 that have yet to be fully recorded.

The report, based on data submitted to Treasurer Maria Pappas under the Debt Disclosure Ordinance enacted at Pappas' urging in 2009, also explains how the region's primary economic engines — its two airports — rack up significant debt that is no burden on Chicago property taxpayers. Although billions of dollars of debt stem from work at O'Hare and Midway airports, all of it is paid off with federal revenue and from fees and taxes paid by airline travelers.

That's just one way some types of local debt don't push up property taxes. That's also the case for water and sewer line upgrade debt, which is paid off with water and sewer fees, and bonds backed by sales taxes instead of property taxes.

Those alternate debt-funding sources help explain why Chicago has one of the lowest tax rates in Cook County despite having one of the highest debt levels.

The report also explains why some predominantly minority south suburbs have

high property tax rates despite relatively low amounts of overall debt. That occurs when troubled finances constrain the ability to borrow, forcing local leaders to instead raise property taxes to fund government.

In addition, this report includes dozens of governments previously excluded for lack of adequate assessment data, including 13 additional municipalities, 17 more school districts and 50 other local governments.

"This is the ultimate in government accountability," Pappas said. "It opens government books that were previously closed. People can now see where their tax money goes and how much debt their governments have incurred."

The latest debt report can be found at cookcountytreasurer.com.

History of Chicagoland Maps April 29 at Sulzer Library

A presentation titled "The History of Chicagoland Maps," will be given 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Conrad Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

Donald and Tonya Smith will present a history of map making and land surveying in Chicago and beyond. They will focus on some of the more interesting projects from the archive of their family business, Greeley - Howard - Norlin - Smith, which has been in the surveying and map making business since 1854 and worked on numerous significant projects in the Chicagoland area.

Early cartographers showed the growth of the city from its origins at the Chicago River and its fork. Later cartographers and artists took liberties in showing the cityscape in different ways, highlighting certain elements like new transit lines, parks and boulevards, and modern aerial views.



The annual raising of 27 bridges from S. Ashland Ave. to N. Lake Shore Dr. to allow boats to leave their winter storage grounds is now underway.

Here come the boaters, plus get your spot at the River Museum

The city has announced the dates of its spring bridge lifts, that began last Saturday, with the raising of 27 bridges from South Ashland Ave. to N. Lake Shore Dr.

The annual bridge lifts allow recreational sailboats to safely move from boat storage to harbors in Lake Michigan. Boat runs will start at 8 a.m. with bridges raised sequentially. Each bridge lift takes an average of eight to 12 minutes.

Each year, in the spring and fall, CDOT raises the movable bridges along the Main and South Branches of the Chicago River on a twice-weekly schedule on Saturdays and Wednesdays to accommodate recreational boats traveling to and from their storage yards. Bridge lifts typically begin at 8 a.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

The Spring 2023 schedule is Saturdays, April 15, 22, 19 May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10

and 17.

Wednesdays, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14.

A lightly known activity is witnessing the Michigan Ave. Bridge opening from inside the McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum. It is quite a treat.

Watching the massive bridge rise to the sky from inside the bridge powered by just a tiny 108 horsepower motor as the gears turn, the bridge rises - and one can't help but be awed by the ingenuity of it all. Advance registration is required for Saturday bridge lifts. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the museum at 312-977-0227.

Tickets details for a Bridge Lift vary per season. Those who are interested in a private rental for a bridge lift may contact Josh Coles at jcoles@chicagoriver.org.

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Police Beat...

Group attacks three people in an hour in Rogers Park, one victim was robbed

Police are investigating three apparently random attacks on pedestrians in Rogers Park on April 10. The group of three offenders robbed one victim and tried to rob another, according to Chicago police.

The first incident occurred in the 7400 block of N. Clark between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., according to a CPD spokesperson. A 25-year-old man told police he was walking down the street when three male attackers hit him in the back of the head and tried to take his property.

Police said the man got away before the offenders took anything.

Around 8:46 p.m., a 29-year-old man sought help at a fast food restaurant after three males attacked him in the 1900 block of W. Howard.

The police spokesperson said he was walking when the group struck him from behind, hitting him in the face and back. He got away and ran into the restaurant. The group did not try to take his property, according to CPD.

Then, around 9 o'clock, a 26-year-old man was attacked by three men in the 7300 block of N. Ridge. The police said the group pushed him to the ground and kicked and punched him while demanding money. They took his property and fled the scene.

EMS transported the victim to St. Francis Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, according to CPD.

At least two of the victims described the suspects as Black males between 16 and 20 years old. One attacker, described as heavysset, wore a yellow hoodie. They all stood 5'-6" to 5'-10" tall.

Bank robber busted after his lover turns him into the FBI



John Boettjer after his arrest (left) and two surveillance images of the bank robber.

The FBI has filed charges against a man suspected of robbing four Chicago banks since late February after his romantic partner identified him from surveillance images, according to federal court filings.

"All those pictures are John. Every single one," the person identified in federal complaints only as "Individual A," told federal agents.

John Boettjer, 38, is now charged with one count of bank robbery for allegedly holding up the Chase Bank at 3204 W. Irving Park on April 5. But the FBI has linked him to three other bank robberies in Bucktown and Logan Square.

During each robbery, Boettjer handed tellers notes demanding

\$50 and \$100 bills that federal officials said had similar handwriting and "similar underlining."

In addition to the Irving Park holdup, Boettjer allegedly robbed Chase Bank, 2235 N. Milwaukee, on Feb. 28; PNC Bank, 2300 N. Milwaukee, on March 8; and PNC Bank, 1955 N. Damen, on April 5.

The day after the April 5 robberies, the FBI received a tip from Individual A, who has "known BOETTJER romantically for many years," the federal complaint said. They told the FBI that they remembered riding past the bank on Irving Park recently with Boettjer, who said something about wanting to rob the bank.

On April 5, Boettjer allegedly borrowed his lover's car to commit the bank robberies. Shortly after the Irving Park holdup, the FBI said, Boettjer texted Individual A: "Baby I had to do this to make sure we were okay I love you very much I'm trying to prove to you. I took \$2,000 I'm giving you a thousand right away."

In fact, Boettjer did give them \$1,000 as soon as he returned their car, said the FBI agent's complaint.

Chicago police and other law enforcement officers arrested Boettjer at the O'Hare Inn and Suites in Schiller Park April 7. Individual A told the FBI they had rented a room there for Boettjer, according to court records.

\$1 million bail for sex offender accused of violently attacking two women on DePaul campus



Frank Redd

A Wisconsin man who was convicted of sexual assault in 2016 attacked two women on the DePaul Univ. campus April 13, trying to drag one into a restroom and choking another until she felt she was going to die, prosecutors said.

Frank Redd, 26, of Madison, WI, was ordered held on \$1 million bail by Judge David Kelly during a bond hearing April 14. Redd must post 10% of the bail amount to get out of jail.

The crime spree began on the school's Lincoln Park campus around 3:45 p.m., when a 28-year-old woman asked Redd for help finding a classroom in the Schmitt Academic Center, 2320 N. Kenmore.

Redd agreed to take her to the room, but the woman realized that he didn't know where he was going, so she thanked him and turned to walk away, prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said. As she turned, Redd grabbed her from behind, covering her nose and mouth with one hand and wrapping his other arm around her chest so she could not escape, according to the allegations.

Claiming to have a knife and threatening to hurt the woman if she screamed, Redd dragged her toward a nearby restroom, Dale-Schmidt said. The victim managed to grab a wall so Redd could not get her into the restroom, then dropped to the floor, breaking Redd's grip on her.

Redd ran away when the woman started screaming for help.

About 15 minutes later, a 22-year-old DePaul student struck another car as she tried to park in a school parking garage in the 2300 block of N. Sheffield. She stepped out to inspect the

damage and encountered Redd, who offered to help her dislodge her car from the other vehicle, Dale-Schmidt said.

Redd allegedly climbed into the woman's car, put both hands around her neck, and squeezed until the woman became lightheaded and felt like she was losing consciousness.

With the woman "believing she was dying," Redd threatened to choke her harder if she screamed, Dale-Schmidt continued.

He eventually loosened his grip and ran away when she yelled for help, but he left a book bag in the woman's car that contained his driver's license and other IDs, said Dale-Schmidt.

Then, about 15 minutes later, a student reported that a man stole her book bag, which contained about \$2,000 worth of electronics, from a Depaul building in the 2200 block of N. Sheffield.

Witnesses informed officers that the thief was still in the area and pointed them toward Redd. Cops arrested him.

He is charged with two counts of unlawful restraint, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and theft.

Judge Kelly ordered Redd to go on electronic monitoring if he posts the six-figure bail amount. A defense request to allow Redd to return to Wisconsin to await trial was "absolutely denied," Kelly said.

Redd is a registered sex offender in Wisconsin and Illinois, according to the states' online records.

Fake ID operation found in home of man on electronic monitoring for major narcotics case

Sheriff's office investigators found a fake ID operation while inspecting the home of an Albany Park man on electronic monitoring for two major narcotics cases, prosecutors said.

Keith Funches, 29, has been on electronic monitoring since 2020 when prosecutors accused him of possessing 4.78 pounds of ecstasy with a street value of over \$200,000. Officials subsequently charged him with possessing another 1,811 ecstasy pills worth about \$64,000.



Keith Funches

The purported fake ID operation was discovered last week when investigators from the sheriff's electronic monitoring office went to Funches' home in the 4900 block of N. Albany for a "compliance check."

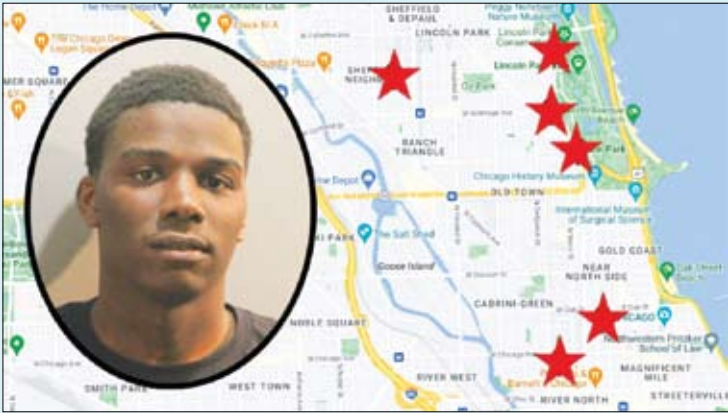
While searching the home, the investigators found an ID-making machine, printers, a scanner, and blank identification cards in an office, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said during a bond court hearing Tuesday.

Also in the office, she said, were 15 California driver's licenses with an invalid ID number and another man's face and name. Three more California licenses featured a valid ID number that did not match the name, face, and date of birth shown on the cards. According to Dale-Schmidt, investigators also recovered two invalid Florida licenses and an invalid Wisconsin ID.

Officials said Funches was the only person in the home, and there were no indications that anyone else lived there. But his defense attorney claimed that Funches lives in the house with his family, and, the lawyer argued, other people may have access to the office where the items were allegedly found.

He said Funches is self-employed as a party decorator, a business he built from scratch, and they were expecting all of the narcotics cases to be "disposed of" this week.

Judge David Kelly held Funches without bail for violating bond conditions in the narcotics matters. Separately, he said Funches would have to pay a \$2,000 bail deposit to be released on the new charges of pos-



Vincent Griffin (inset) has a penchant for stealing scooters.

Man caught with stolen scooter an hour after cops warned about a scooter theft pattern

Chicago police issued a community alert on Saturday evening to warn downtown and Lincoln Park residents about a series of motor scooter thefts in their neighborhoods. Coincidentally, just over an hour later, cops assigned to a "large group" incident in the Loop arrested a man for allegedly driving a stolen motor scooter the wrong way on Michigan Ave.

According to the alert, someone stole six motor scooters between April 10 and April 14 that had been parked on the street. The thefts were reported in the 2200 block of N. Lincoln Park West, Monday, April 10, in the morning; first block of W. Chestnut, Monday, April 10, in the morning; 1100 block of W. Dickens, Wednesday, April 12, in the evening; 600 block of N. Franklin, Wednesday, April 12, in the evening; 100 block of W. Eugenie,

Thursday, April 13, in the evening, and one on the 1900 block of N. Lincoln, Friday, April 14, in the evening.

Police did not release suspect information or explain how the scooters were stolen.

Then, at 8:19 p.m. Saturday, a Chicago police officer who was deployed to the Loop due to a "large crowd incident" saw a man driving a black scooter the wrong way near 98 N. Michigan Ave., prosecutors said. That's pretty much across the street from The Bean sculpture.

The cop, working on foot patrol, managed to stop the scooter and asked the driver, 19-year-old Vincent Griffin, to step off. Prosecutors said the scooter's steering column had been stripped, and Griffin operated

SCOOTER *see p. 11*

Former Art Institute payroll manager admits to \$2M theft

The former payroll manager for the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC] pleaded guilty on April 12 in federal court to misappropriating more than \$2 million in museum funds.

According to the written plea agreement, from 2007 to 2020, Michael Maurello, 56, of Beach Park, siphoned money from the AIC's payroll account to his personal bank accounts by falsely designating the payments as legitimate compensation to other employees.

In his plea agreement, Maurello admitted that he kept spreadsheets and notes to track the misappropriated money so that he could later make reversals within the payroll system to hide his fraudulent scheme. When the AIC's assistant controller asked Mau-

rello in Jan. 2020 about one of the payments, Maurello falsely stated that the transaction had been a test of the payroll system.

Maurello then edited and altered a report from the payroll system to conceal information about the misappropriated funds.

Sentencing has been set for Sept. 14. Maurello faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by up to 3 years on supervised release. He may also be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss from his offense, whichever is greater, and he must be sentenced to pay restitution to the museum of \$2,308,772.

sessing an altered ID and issuing a fictitious identification.

Gunmen robs three people

Police are investigating two robberies that unfolded April 12, one along Wacker Dr. in the Loop and the other in West Town. The cases have some similarities, but Chicago police have not linked the two cases.

In the first incident, a 20-year-old man and two 18-year-old men were sitting in a parked car on Wacker Dr. just east of State St. when a black sedan pulled up next to them around 1:40 a.m.

Three men exited the sedan with handguns and demanded the victims' property, a CPD spokesperson said. One of the offenders punched the 20-year-old in the face as the robbery unfolded.

Police said the victims tried to run away, but the crew was able to take their property before escaping in the sedan, which may have been a BMW, according to CPD.

An officer who responded to the scene said the robbers were three Black males, one of whom wore a tan sweater and another wearing a black sweater.

Then, around 2:28 a.m., three robbers jumped out of a gray sedan and robbed a 27-year-old woman and 31-year-old man who were walking in the 2500 block of W. Division, police said. The group struck the male victim

in the back of the head and took property from both victims, but no weapons were displayed, according to the police spokesperson.

Man stole car from Chicago hotel valet stand while on bail for driving a different stolen car

Prosecutors say a Chicago man



Jhamar Howard

was caught driving a car stolen from a Loop hotel valet stand while on bail for allegedly driving another stolen car that he claimed to have purchased from "a crackhead."

Jhamar Howard, 41, appeared in bond court on April 11 on charges of possessing a stolen motor vehicle and burglary.

The situation began April 8 when a driver handed their keys to the valet attendant at the Kimpton Gray Hotel, 122 W. Monroe, according to prosecutor Victor Aberdeen. Hotel surveillance video would later show Howard taking the car's keys from the valet desk, Aberdeen said.

A police helicopter spotted the stolen car in traffic the next day.

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Another mob overwhelms Loop, Chicago police

Two boys shot, several people arrested

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two teenagers were shot Saturday night as hundreds of people descended on the Loop, jumping on vehicles, getting into fights, and overwhelming Chicago police resources for the third consecutive night.

The victims, boys ages 16 and 17, were standing in the crowd on Washington St. near Michigan Ave. when someone fired shots at 9:05 p.m., according to a CPD statement. The younger boy was shot in the arm, and the other boy was shot in the left leg. Chicago Fire Dept. ambulances transported them to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition, CPD said.

Saturday's crowd, which formed after invitations to attend circulated on social media, began to go out of control around 7:30 p.m. as police said about 200 young people were fighting and jumping on cars near the intersection of Washington and Wabash.

A video shared on Twitter in-

cludes a compilation of incidents from the area. People are seen climbing a CTA bus, fighting, and running through the streets after a loud "bang" is heard.

Around 8:50 p.m., officers radioed that they came upon two robbery victims who were attacked during the incident. The pair was transported to Insight Hospital for treatment. A CPD spokesperson said further details were not available on Sunday morning because the case report had not been finalized.

Chicago police made several arrests throughout the incident, but the exact number of people taken into custody is not known. According to CPD radio transmissions, officers were taking detained persons to the Wentworth 2nd District because the local district's station could not handle them.

Fox32 News announced that it pulled its news crews out of the area after they heard shots fired near the intersection of Michigan and Madison.

The station also reported that "a woman whose car was smashed by people jumping on the windshield



Video stills show people climbing onto a CTA bus (left) while others run for safety after a loud "bang" sounded during a fight as a "large group" overtook the Loop on April 15, 2023.

Image courtesy @ChicagoCritic and @JuanSmith1776

said her husband was beaten as he sat in the driver's seat. He's been taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital." Chicago police officers escorted tourists and others to their cars in Millennium Park garage, the station said.

CTA limited stops in the Loop for Brown, Green, Pink, and Orange Line trains for about two hours late Saturday due to the incident. Regular service resumed shortly before midnight.

On April 14, a 14-year-old boy

was shot as a social media-fueled crowd formed at 31st Street Beach. Hundreds of people traveled to the lakefront area, but the situation devolved as night fell.

Video recorded by a source named ChicagoCritic and posted online showed Friday's crowd jumping on a car in the traffic lanes of a nearby street before the vehicle caught on fire.

"Save the excuses and rationalization," Ald. Raymond Lopez [15th] said on Saturday morning.

"Unless you want this to be the norm in Chicago, hold them and their parents accountable."

But State Sen. Robert Peters [13th] fired back at Lopez: "The main thing about a certain politician tweeting obsessively about Black children on a Friday night is how lonely and sad that must be. Go see a movie. Have a nice dinner. Meet up with friends. But for the love of God stop being a weirdo every time it gets warm out here."

"Just doom scrolling about Black children and snitch tagging media late at night seems unbearably depressing. Like it was a nice spring week and they're expecting snow on Monday. Chill," Peters advised.

On April 13, more than 100 young people spontaneously gathered in Millennium Park until a fight broke out, prompting police to break it up. No arrests were made, but a 16-year-old girl was treated for a head injury.

Lawmakers consider banning police vehicle searches based on dope odor

BY NIKA SCHOONOVER
Capitol News Illinois

There may be good news out of Springfield on the horizon for marijuana users.

Just before lawmakers went on their two-week spring break, the Illinois Senate passed two bills that would work to further decriminalize pot use in Illinois.

The bills – Senate Bills 125 and 1886 – would prevent an individual's vehicle from being searched by police solely based on the smell of pot, and would allow some individuals on probation to consume weed or alcohol.

When Illinois legalized dope in 2020, it also made individuals previously charged with minor cannabis offenses eligible to have their records expunged. At

the end of 2020, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced 492,129 cannabis-related convictions had been expunged and 9,219 people with low-level cannabis convictions had been pardoned.

"It was incredibly important as we were looking to legalize this product that has clearly demonized so many communities," said Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, April 11 of the pot smell legalization law. Both bills will still need approval in the House and a signature from the governor to become law.

SB 125 would ensure that the smell of "burnt or raw cannabis in a motor vehicle" cannot alone be probable cause for an individual's vehicle to be searched.

"People – especially people of color – are unnecessarily pulled

over far too often," said Sen. Rachel Ventura, lead sponsor on the bill. "The odor of cannabis alone shouldn't be one of those reasons (for their car to be searched). Cannabis is legal in Illinois and it's a pungent scent that can stick to clothes for extended periods of time."

An amendment to the bill created an age exemption, specifying that individuals under the age of 21 are still eligible to have their vehicle searched solely based on odor.

After that provision was added, the ACLU of Illinois shifted from supporting the bill to having a neutral stance on it.

"We do have concerns that the amendment to the bill creates a workaround, or a loophole, that

could have the effect of incentivizing police to target youth for unnecessary traffic stops or vehicle searches," Atticus Ballesteros, an attorney with ACLU of Illinois, said in an interview.

The measure passed 33-20 in the Senate and awaits action in the House.

SB 1886 would bar courts from preventing individuals from using pot or alcohol if they're on probation, conditional discharge or supervision.

The bill has several exemptions, though, including if the person is sentenced to a crime that involved "the presence of an intoxicating compound in the person's body."

Courts would also still be al-

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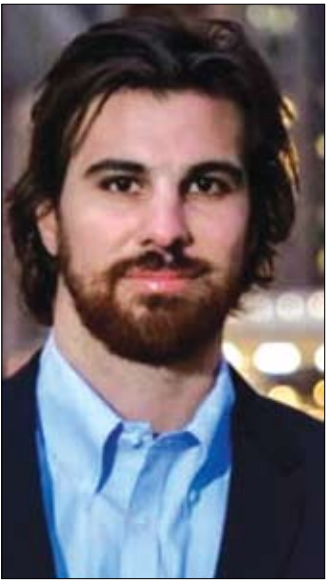
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Radio lawyer **Karen Conti** dining with **John Borowski** whose docu-series on JW Gacy is coming out soon... **Julia Jacob** with **Mike** and the boys celebrated Passover with friends... The Hagerty Irish Hour radio program celebrates the 70th anniversary of its initial broadcast, hosted by **Jack Hagerty, Sr.** Judge **Jack Hagerty, Jr.** led the family in honoring a Chicago Irish institution... **Jake Chelios**, decorated nine-year career defensive player in the Kontinental Hockey League, is now a part of the Conlon Group... **Sherry Léa Fox** and **Patricia Maxwell** were dynamic in red while at San Jose Cabo, Las Vetanas Paraiso, Mexico... St. Ignatius College Prep hockey star **Matt Junkins** at old St. Patrick's Church as a Confirmation sponsor for his sister, **Mary Grace**... **Brian White** and **Jim Kinney** were joined by **Janet** and "Birthday Boy" **Rodger Owen**,

and **Peggy Snorf** at the Women's Athletic Club... nearby were **Lynn Graham**, Col. **Paul Malarik, III**, and many friends... Congressman **Jonathan Jackson** joined his longtime pal, **Dorothy O'Malley**, and her son, **Mark O'Malley** and grandson, **Patrick O'Malley** at the Union League Club for the Envision Award... **Maura Farrell** with the family at Lago Mar Beach Resort and Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** sipping away in Mendoza, Argentina... **John Buchbinder** doing the polo matches in Provincia de Buenos Aires... **Jane Justic** with daughter, **Jill Cress**, and son, **Todd Justic** at the Crust in Naples. FL with grandsons **Michael Barton**, **Ryan Rosenberg** and Justice (ret) **Maureen Connors** ... **Todd S. Davis** at 900 N. Michigan Ave. shops creating some memorable snaps... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, **Heather Spyra** and **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** at the White Sox home



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Cheri James, Nikki Friar and Kathy O'Malley Piccone.



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opener... **Joey Majumdar** was a proud voter at The Fordham... **Christopher Clinton Conway** in London's South Kensington visiting the Joffrey Ballet's **Jennifer Anton**... **Marty Mularkey** keeping both his eyes on McCormick Place... **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** and mom, **Carol**, fresh as Spring... **Jolanta Ruege** bright in fabulous green... the **Dan Lawlor** Family squeezing out all the birthday happiness they can... **Shelley Howard** and son, **Shaun Howard**, at the United Center cheering the Bulls... **Tina Gravel**, bride-to-be

Bethany Florek, **Sherrill Bodine** and **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** in Cabo, Mexico for wedding prep mischief... **Bobbi Panter**, **Whitney Reynolds**, **Paula Borg** added elegance to an RL lunch... **J. William Curran** sunning in the Maldiv Islands.

THE GUGGENHEIM: When **Frank Lloyd Wright** designed the Guggenheim Art Museum on New York's Fifth Ave. in 1948, he intended the great spiral center to be painted red. The Museum's first director, **Hilla Rebay**, refused to allow it to be turned red. Now, 70-

plus years later that project is finally underway. It's great art itself.

RUNWAY: **Victoria Rogers** with her mother, **Desiree Glapion Rogers**, former Obama White House administrator, at MOMA in New York walking the runway looking statuesque and tall.

MANGE, MANGE: **Victoria Dal Santo**, baker extraordinaire, with her sister, **Lois Dal Santo**, baking classic Grustoli pastries. Well south of the border, **Jon** and **Tera McGreal** in Santiago, Chile, sampling delicious food at Barrio Lastarria.

GOODMAN THEATRE: Performances of **Anton Chekov's** "The Cherry Orchard" started April 1. Don't miss your chance to experience this "classic but modern play" adapted and directed by Tony Award-Winning Director **Robert Falls**. Get tickets at Goodman.

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Letters to the Editor

Impact of mansion tax may be significantly less

The mansion tax [story of April 12] even if it is approved are not as much of a threat to wealth creation that property ownership leads to as much as job losses. Businesses are hemorrhaging clients.

The old guard is being pushed aside in favor of the new rich, [who are] young, impressive and talented.

If home values have already dropped 30%, should the tax legislation pass, the impact will be significantly less. The current tax could be more effectively distributed and of course appraisers, inspectors and surveyors have a contribution to the equation.

Eliminate property taxes and give small independently owned companies a chance.

Lisa Petro

Election letter has falsehood

In a [April 5] letter to the editor titled "The Election Day Quiz," Mike Sullivan shared some election facts and one big falsehood about Vote By Mail ballots being sent out with false postmarks on return envelopes. Mr. Sullivan is incorrect, offers no evidence to this claim, and should have contacted law enforcement to investigate any supposed election fraud. I believe freely sharing election misinformation does us all a disservice and further erodes our trust in our democracy for no good reason.

If citizens have questions about the election process, it may benefit them to serve as a future election judge or poll watcher so they can witness the many layers of rules and regulations involved.

Max Bever
Lincoln Square

Dig deeper

Regarding the uptick in crime in the Lincoln 20th District which you indicated as the "worst-performing" area in the city so far this year, I think the information can be misleading based solely on percentages.

In beat meetings from past years, Lincoln Square was always noted as an area with the lowest crime rate in the city. If Lincoln Square had five car thefts in 2022 and 10 car thefts in 2023, that

would indicate a 100% increase. An alarming percentage without the actual numbers for background information.

I realize you presented your information based on police districts but the crime in Lincoln Square can be totally different than Uptown or Edgewater. Essentially, the percentages and the article provide little useful information other than to allow citizens to shake their heads about rising crime in our neighborhoods and to stoke more fear about living in the city. Dig more deeply. Combining through the police reports and determining how many cars were left unsecured on the street or had the keys left in the ignition or were unlocked while driving would be more worthwhile reading and provide some useful information to your readers.

Lorraine Klabunde
Lincoln Square

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lowed to impose substance use restrictions if the person is under the age of 21 or if they are participating in "problem-solving court," a system of courts designed to help people with mental health and substance abuse problems.

The measure passed with a 34-21 vote and will head to the House.

Chris Cleveland, GOP Party chairman of Chicago, is criticizing Illinois senators for passing this measure.

"This law is foolish," he recently told the Chicago City Wire. "What if a car reeked of gin? Would an officer have probable cause to check to see if the driver was drunk?"

The bill would not alter the state's laws concerning impaired driving, meaning the act of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of marijuana would remain a criminal offense.

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sources say the biggest problem now is illicit cannabis seeping into the market from other states. Oregon, Oklahoma and especially California are frequently cited as sources for illegal products that end up in other state's weed shops. Yes, throughout history, the dope dealing business has always featured a shady side.

Ayr's planned acquisition of Dispensary 33 and its two Chicago retail locations was originally announced in Nov. 2021. Ayr did not specify any termination fees to be paid in relation to the deal's cancellation.

Two nights of glamour, high camp coming in May to Uptown

Fundraiser for The Dancer's Fund

Chicago Dancers United, a tax-exempt charitable organization that provides financial relief for preventative health care and critical medical needs for Chicago dance industry professionals, will be holding the drag shows of the year this May.

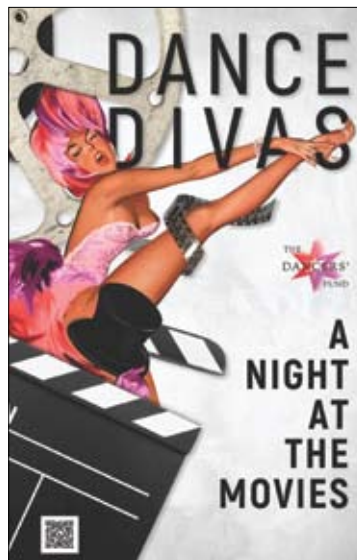
Now in its 15th year, artists from Chicago's professional dance community are once again unifying to put on an evening of high strutting and high camp for Dance Divas 2023. To purchase tickets visit www.dancedivaschicago.com.

Dance Divas will offer a night of music, dance, and laughter at the Baton Show Lounge, 4713 N. Broadway.

The effort is intended to raise funds for The Dances Fund, which provides an important safety net for those working in the professional dance industry, including choreographers, directors, pro dancers, and others, who need short-term financial assistance with critical medical or routine wellness expenses.

Since 1996, Dance Divas has raised over \$250,000 for The Dancer's Fund.

This is no high school musical, the Dance Divas event will showcase some of Chicago's top professional performers live on



stage, giving it their all for a good cause.

This year's theme is "A Night at the Movies" and festivities will start at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 20, and finish late on Sunday night, May 21. The cavalcade will feature leading male dancers in full drag honoring the legendary dancing divas from the silver screen.

For more information call 312-678-7919 or visit info@chicago-dancersunited.org.

Dance for life

Having lost many close friends and dance colleagues due to HIV and AIDS, Keith Elliott, a member of Joseph Holmes Chi-

cago Dance Theatre, decided it was time for Chicago dancers to take an active role in preventing the spread of the disease. Elliott's idea was to bring Chicago's dance community together for one night... to Dance for Life.

In 1991, Elliott and Todd Kiech began working to make Dance for Life a reality, enlisting colleague Harriet Ross to give the event force and impact. Elliott also asked community activist and fundraiser Danny Kopelson, along with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Executive Director Gail Kalver, to join him as co-founders.

The inaugural Dance for Life took place in June 1992 at the Organic Theater. Every seat was sold.

During the next few years, annual Dance for Life performances filled the Athenaeum Theatre, the Skyline Stage at Navy Pier, and the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, each selling out weeks in advance.

This year Dance for Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Auditorium Theatre.

Today, nearly 40 Chicago-based, professional dance companies and numerous choreographers have participated in Dance for Life.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-4;
Plaintiff,
vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAREN KARRAS AKA MAREN ANDONIA KARRAS AKA MARINA KARRAS AKA MARINA ANDONIA KARRAS; HOLLYWOOD TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JOANNE RIMKUS; DEMETRA KARRAS JAKEMAN; ROBERT KARRAS; KIMBERLY KARRAS; THOMAS KARRAS; WILLIAM P BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAREN KARRAS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 13848

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, May 22, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-05-407-017-1414.

Commonly known as 5701 North Sheridan 10 Q, Chicago, IL 60660.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1396-188242 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GREAT LAKES CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,
-v.-

JOLYNN MCCRAY INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE JOLYNN MCCRAY TRUST DATED THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2005, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, ALSJ, INC., CITY OF CHICAGO, WHEELER-DEALER LTD. D/B/A WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC.
Defendants
2018 CH 04935

1057 W. WINONA
CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 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 1057 W. WINONA, CHI-

Real Estate For Sale

CAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-405-029-0000
The real estate is improved with a two story single family townhouse.

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.
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Attorney File No. 20-061951L
Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 2018 CH 04935
TJSC#: 43-845
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WINTRUST BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-

MARJORIE TESS WALDMANN, BALMORAL GARDENS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NFP
Defendants
2022 CH 10130

1733 W. BALMORAL AVENUE APARTMENT 1B
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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 26, 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 1733 W. BALMORAL AVENUE APARTMENT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-07-213-036-1005
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.

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Case # 2022 CH 10130
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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 RITTENHOUSE, 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.

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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

Real Estate For Sale

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
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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Attorney File No. 22 9278
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 2022 CH 02386
TJSC#: 43-1369
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 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
NOTICE OF SALE

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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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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.

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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 Code. 21762
Case Number: 2021 CH 04677
TJSC#: 43-1441
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 # 2021 CH 04677
13217761

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.-

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

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Attorney File No. 395734
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 12926
TJSC#: 42-2431
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13217147

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TIAA, FSB
Plaintiff,

-v-
DAVID KARIOTIS, RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants

22 CH 07905
512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 4609
CHICAGO, IL 60611

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Commonly known as 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 4609, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1483

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$224,412.79.

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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, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1652638.

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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.

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it without a key. The scooter was reported stolen on April 12, but it's unclear if its theft is included in the crime pattern CPD warned about.

During Griffin's bail hearing Sunday afternoon, prosecutors said he has a pending stolen motor vehicle case in which he was released on a recognizance bond in February. He is now

charged with possessing a stolen motor vehicle again.

Many scooter thieves are opportunists who see an unattended scooter and decide to take it.

However, others keep an eye out and plan their theft ahead of time. When a scooter user habitually parks a scooter in the same spot at the same time of day, that makes it easier for thieves to know when to strike.

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Chicago police patrol units found it at a gas station with Howard in the driver's seat wearing the same clothes he was seen wearing in the hotel video, prosecutors alleged.

Howard was on parole and on bail for another stolen car case at the time.

The previous auto theft case was filed in June after Chicago police allegedly found Howard driving a car stolen a few days earlier in Forest Park. During a bail hearing last June, prosecutors said Howard told police he bought the car "from a crackhead."

At the time of that incident, he was on bail for a burglary case. He settled that case by pleading guilty to a felony charge of causing injury while resisting police and was released from prison on November 15. Two days after he got out, a Cook County judge reduced his bail in the stolen motor vehicle matter from \$30,000 to a recognizance bond, according to Aberdeen.

On Tuesday, his public defender said he has four children, lives with his wife, and has worked in baggage claim at O'Hare for six years. Last June, a different public defender said he had been working for a plastics company for three years.

Judge David Kelly ordered Howard to pay a

\$2,500 bail deposit to go home on electronic monitoring in the new stolen vehicle case. Separately, he held Howard without bail for violating bond in the June filing.

Man shot in Loyola Park as shootings spike in Rogers Park

A man was shot while standing in Loyola Park on April 13, Chicago police said. He was the second person shot within hours in Rogers Park, which is experiencing a significant increase in shootings this year.

Police said the 28-year-old was on a sidewalk inside the park when a dark sedan pulled into the parking lot at Sheridan and Touhy. Someone fired on the victim from inside the car, which sped from the scene.

The man was shot several times throughout his body and was taken to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition.

Earlier, a 33-year-old man was shot in the foot when a drive-by gunman opened fire in the 1400 block of W. Arthur at 1:25 p.m., according to CPD.

The men are the 11th and 12th persons shot in Rogers Park this year, compared to six at this point last year and three as of this date in 2021.

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Hospitality summit May 2

People in the hospitality and tourism industry may reserve a spot to get access to educational sessions, panel discussions, during the Hospitality and Tourism Summit trade show at Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.htsc.co/tickets>.

Art supply charity drive

Custom Ink, 2049 N. Clybourn Ave., is hosting an art supply drive through the end of May to benefit CCRx, a local non-profit committed to creative reuse and redistribution of surplus materials for arts and education in the Chicago area.

They are seeking donations of new or gently used materials to their store, including art and craft supplies, office supplies, fabric, sewing, knitting, or crocheting supplies, photography materials, jewelry supplies, beads and embellishments

Donations are being accepted on site through Wednesday, May 31.

Northwestern Medical Orchestra performs May 5

The Northwestern Medical Orchestra has invited the community to its Spring 2023 Concert featuring members of the Northwestern medical community. The concert is free, and will be held 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Thorne Auditorium, 375 E. Chicago Ave.

Guests may attend in person or over Zoom.

The orchestra will be performing music from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

To register contact nmorchestra@u.northwestern.edu.

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"The Red Purple Modernization Project will be transformative for our community," said Ald. Harry Osterman, [48th]. "Activating the space underneath the tracks is an exciting opportunity for our community to add needed parking and community spaces."

The CTA will soon announce public meetings to seek ideas for use of the future open spaces under the tracks. Some options could potentially include parking and open-air community spaces.

Any future activation of space must take into consideration the ability of CTA to access its infrastructure for regular inspection and maintenance and other work as needed. Future development could be in the form of partnerships with local stakeholders, and the CTA says it will provide funding to support this renovation and future programming.

Contractor Walsh-Fluor Design Build Team has already removed some of the existing wall to make room for new, fully accessible Red Line stations and other project elements. They are expected to begin additional wall removal this year and continue through 2024, working simultaneously with new Red and Purple Line track structure reconstruction now under way.

The CTA made the decision to remove nearly all of the wall, rather than a partial demolition, after determining during RPM work that the 100-year-old embankment wall is more deteriorated than anticipated. Its condition prevents the aesthetic improvements to the walls planned in RPM Phase One from having either the appearance or lifespan that were intended.

By removing the wall now, while construction is already occurring in the community, residents will not undergo wall demolition in the future.

Community meetings

CTA will hold community meetings in late spring 2023 to discuss how the embankment wall will be removed and how the contractor will approach the work to reduce community impacts. CTA will also invite ideas and questions about future activation of new open areas underneath the new CTA elevated tracks. The meeting dates and details will be announced soon.

Future phases of RPM



"Activating the space underneath the tracks is an exciting opportunity for our community to add needed parking and community spaces," said Ald. Harry Osterman.

CTA is moving forward with "RPM Next Phases," which will inform the next reconstruction phases of the Red and Purple lines and rail stations between Belmont

and Linden in Wilmette. For more information about that work, visit transitchicago.com/rpm/next-phases. For more information, visit transitchicago.com/RPM.

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2018, total enrollment fell 6.8%, with steep declines more recently among graduate students, according to data from the school. Nationally, undergraduate enrollment fell 9% to 15.9 million students between 2009 and 2020, according to data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

Manuel and the university's nine-member Strategic Resource Allocation Committee will need to submit a budget proposal to the board for approval in May.

"Currently, the university is engaged in its annual budgeting process, and is working to close a budget gap in order to meet

its budgeted operating income for fiscal year 2024," school spokesperson Kristin Claes Mathews told Bloomberg. "These activities will not impact the university's outstanding debt, and we do not expect to issue any additional new debt. Our first concern is can they pay debt service — the answer here is definitively yes," she said.

DePaul has about \$240 million of bonds and notes payable, about \$186 million of which is public debt.

In the spring of 2020, DePaul was facing an \$11 million budget gap but leadership delayed cost-saving measures, choosing to tap funds from the schools endowment to plug the hole.

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pliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CTA names artists for new artwork at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, Bryn Mawr Red Line stations

The Chicago Transit Board has awarded contracts to five artists to create art for the new CTA Red Line stations being reconstructed as part of the Red and Purple Modernization [RPM] project.

The Board approved five contracts to create unique pieces of artwork for stations and structures that are being rebuilt as a

part of the project.

The artists will create original artwork for the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations, as well as for the Bryn Mawr station's second entrance and exit on W. Hollywood Ave. The artwork may enhance the new stations.

From south to north the artists are: Lawrence main station house, Tom Torluemke, of Dyer, IN; Argyle main station house is Mayumi Lake, of Chicago; Berwyn main station house is David Lozano, of Chicago; Bryn Mawr main station house, William Conger, of Chicago, and the Bryn Mawr Hollywood entrance is Alice Hargrave, of Chicago.

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let while the vehicle was unattended. Dale-Schmidt said surveillance video from a nearby Popeye's showed Mendoza using the woman's credit card to make a purchase.

On Jan. 14, a burglar stole cash from a laundromat's management office in the 5100 block of N. Lincoln. Mendoza was identified as the burglar from the surveillance video.

On March 13, someone broke into a

man's home in the 2700 block of W. Gunnison and stole the victim's wallet. Surveillance footage showed Mendoza using the man's credit cards to make same-day purchases at Walgreens, CVS, and Exxon.

Early on March 16, Mendoza allegedly took cash during a burglary of Nhu Lan Bakery, 2612 W. Lawrence.

Mendoza was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile for burglary twice in 2022. He must go on electronic monitoring if he posts bail.



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