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— Napoleon Hill

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'Mansion tax' could win Chicago the title of Top-Tax Town

Vallas: 'Mayor has guaranteed \$1 billion property tax increase over the next four years'

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Chicago—which likely has the second highest real estate taxes in the nation—could be on a path for the title of America's top-tax town.

A push now is underway to slap a huge surcharge on buyers of upper-bracket homes, boosting the so-called "mansion tax" to a whopping \$26,500 from \$7,500 on the purchase of a home priced at \$1-million.

"This 353% transfer-tax increase would drive more wealthy

home buyers out of the city," said Chicago Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. "There also may be unforeseen legal consequences because the proposed transfer-tax change would, in effect, create two separate classes of ownership. This likely would violate one of the basic tenets of taxation—namely the principle of uniformity."

The "Bring Chicago Home" proposal would more than triple the buyer's property transfer tax, generating an estimated \$163 million in funding for programs that combat homelessness, according

to the campaign's website. Home sellers would continue to pay a transfer tax of \$3,000.

The proposal calls for passage of a City Council ordinance that would allow a transfer-tax referendum to be put on the ballot. City voters would approve or deny the ordinance, which would be advisory only. The proposal is sponsored by nine Chicago aldermen.

According to the Chicago Coalition for the homeless, there are 58,000 homeless people in the

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With no answers in City Hall, Cook County brings in 120 officers

New River North Sheriff's command post; private cops for Lincoln Park

As they know at Alcoholics Anonymous, the first step to fixing a problem is admitting that you have a problem.

Chicago and Cook County are admitting that they have a problem.

Several actually.

And just like the friends and family of a drug or alcohol abuser, when Chicago and Cook County has a problem, it's those nearby - the ones who love the addict - who suffer most.

The first admission is that Chicago is having trouble recruiting young people to join the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD]. CPD manpower ranks are down and few legitimate candidates are showing up these days for recruiting events.

The second is that Chicago, and particularly the downtown area, has a real crime and violence problem. (And problem number '2.b' is that the leadership of the Cook County Courts and Prosecutors' Office refuse to hold criminals accountable for their crimes, or put violent offenders in jail.)

The third may be that Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the City Council have broadly failed to come up with answers to the troubling quality of life crimes plaguing the city. So now, Cook County officials are coming to their rescue.

Entering the fight now are Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, and Lincoln Park's monied set, who last week both showed how outside interests are stepping to take security measures into their own hands.

Sheriff Dart announced the opening of a Sheriff's Office

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Residential TOD project to replace shuttered Lincoln Park theater

Royal George to become royal traffic mess?

The future of the former Royal George Theatre appears to be as a high density residential development, that may turn into a royal mess.

Developers Draper and Kramer released their plans for the property at 1649 N. Halsted St., and it looks like another Transit Oriented Development [TOD] that provides high density housing with little parking. In this case, about .30 parking spaces per unit.

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The Royal George Theatre, which closed permanently in 2020, will be replaced by this modern seven-story tall high density building.

Image courtesy Draper and Kramer



This building will be the second location for Forbidden Root Brew Pub.

Tax incentives for site of former controversial Ravenswood Brew Pub

Forbidden Root Brew Pub would receive a five-year Cook County Class 7(c) property tax incentive for a planned restaurant at 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave. in Ravenswood, under a measure introduced to City Council on April 27.

Planned for a 9,800-square-foot space that has been vacant for approximately two years, the \$522,000 project would be Forbidden Root's second location in Chicago.

The site is formerly the location of the world's first Michelin Star Brewpub, Band of Bohemia. It is also located across the street from the recently constructed Metra

Ravenswood Station.

Band of Bohemia closed its doors and issued a public apology after online accusations of fostering a hostile workplace and mismanagement during the COVID-19 pandemic that led to the departure of its executive chef Ian Davis, who went to court to fend off accusations of improper behavior toward women.

Tax savings over the period are estimated at \$121,440.

The Class 7(c) incentive is intended to encourage the redevelopment of property which would not be economically feasible without assistance.

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Elderly man robbed, carjacked in Lakeview; neighborhood's hijacking rate doubles

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are looking for two men who robbed and carjacked a 77-year-old man in Lakeview on April 23.

The victim was sitting in the back seat of his white Toyota Camry on the 3400 block of N. Ashland around 2:52 p.m. He told police that a man opened the back door, stuck a hard object in his back, and demanded his property, a CPD spokesperson said.

After the victim stepped out of the car, both carjackers climbed in and drove away westbound on Roscoe Street, according to the spokesperson.

Both hijackers climbed into

the vehicle and drove away westbound on Roscoe Street.

It was Lakeview's 13th hijacking of the year. The neighborhood had five hijackings at this point last year and one at this point in 2020 and 2019, according to city records.

Citywide, 497 hijackings were reported through April 15 this year, up about 5% from last year's record. The city had 231 hijackings as of mid-April 2020 and 136 during the period in 2019.

Carjackings are also up 19% this month compared to last April, with 62 cases through April 15. That compares to 33 in 2020 and 26 in 2019.



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Life is safer in an America full of chocolate eaters



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I'm always curious to observe what might be considered the glue of my living. How about you?

Are you interested in what we might determine is the substance that holds everything together for you?

Who knows what that might be?

Could be food, fashion, literature, good wine, liquor or cigars. Or maybe some heroic virtue. Some cohesive brand of loyalty. Or religious orthodoxy. Yoga. Or some political stand to the left. Or the right. Or the comfort of the middle.

My glue was something that is a memory for me in the earliest of childhood moments. Unforgotten. A feel good encounter that has never wained. Something that always brings instant comfort, calmness, and an anchor of stability for me. Under duress or in perfect control. Enhancing well-being.

Mentioning this to my sister, Mary Regina, right away she wanted to venture a guess at what it might be.

Her first choice was French

scrambled eggs. Foamy. Buttery. Quick cooked. Very moist. Tres humide, the French say.

But, no way. But very close though.

Her second guess was Champagne. She really knows me. Equally very warm guess. Champagne should be the answer. But, alas, no. Even the best Champagne is at least a second choice here. Uncomplicated food provisions are good choices.

I was looking for that very sustainable commodity integral to life and good health, but at the same time filled with lessons for living. And learning. An item whose influence is taken for granted by many.

After a while I had to confess what it was. Small and simple, it is - good chocolate.

You know it when you taste it. Simple. Uncomplicated. Not too sweet. But creamy. Very cocoa.

Chocolate is transformative for me. I'm serious.

Chocolate is one of my most sustaining elements. The taste and flavor bring back those early days of innocence and uncomplicated discovery. When no amount of good parenting or parental warning could keep me from indulging, not even from our dentist.

But chocolate holds the unbreakable bond of my heart for as long as memory serves me. From small bits and pieces in my early days, to my more elaborate experiences as I grew.

Chocolate has always been there. It has never let me down.

I've always insured over the years that chocolate was both nearby and worth the effort.

The type and style of chocolate ebbed and flowed with the times. Chocolate was an item on hand in my world of childhood. Before gummy bears. Pure milk chocolate. Abundant at times. Shrinking availability at others.

Chocolate, I divined, was usually somewhere nearby my person. In a drawer. A blazer pocket. A pencil case. Under a mattress. From small bits, like the morsels



Chocolate has always been there for this writer, never letting him down.

used in chocolate chip cookies, to large bars of serious German cooking chocolate used in cakes and pastries. Like German chocolate cake, the Drost Dutch cocoa powder we used to make hot chocolate or Hershey bars that always seemed to be in the freezer or the pantry.

My family were conscious devotees of good chocolates. Chicago chocolate all the way. Fannie May. Cupid Candies. Dutch Mill. Frango Mints. Blommer's Chocolates. And Margie's Candies (Al Capone's favorite) at Western and Milwaukee avenues.

When you live in a house with your Irish grandmother, gift chocolates are ever present.

By the pound. Usually a two pound assortment of Fannie May. Regularly appearing for Sunday visits by grandchildren.

Grandma O'Connor had the curious habit of sticking such gifts in odd places for safe keeping.

Under a bed. Under her mattress. In her sewing box. In a hat box. Behind some books. In a drawer in the pantry. Under the lid of her Victrola.

No one had to tell me she was hiding her loot from me. My reputation for doing serious damage was well known. And early in childhood I deciphered the squiggled candy code that denoted the flavor of a piece of Fannie May. As if I worked for MI5, I always knew what I was pilfering. Lesser brands often didn't interest me.

These days I don't eat as much chocolate as I did when I was 8-years-old. But I've never really left the chocolate world into which I was born. I am more apt to devour a red bag of Lindt D'or truffles these days. The chocolate is perfection. I remember back in the early 1970s a show that David Suskind did from New York public television in which his guests agreed that Swiss Lindt chocolates just might be the best all around brand. I think of that when

Instacart delivers from Mariano's and the little red package is part of the deal.

Never went in much for the glamorous chocolates put out by Godiva and some other Belgian chocolatiers. Too prissy. Too sweet for my tastes these days. I much prefer the tried and true Chicago favorites. Rich. Dependable. Reliable confections.

But there is a wonderful chocolate maker, Cape Cod Chocolatier of Centerville, MA, I order from around the holidays. Quick-shipped creams that can hold their own.

That's the great thing about America. Chocolate has the power to lift us up. And then stick us to the ground like mucilage.

Chocolate is the best adhesive in life to ground us and keep us whole. Sharpening our judgment. Honing our wits.

Life is safer in an America full of chocolate eaters. People who understand the world and its needs. A population intoxicated with the flowery charm of chocolate, as enlivening as a gift from the gods. Or an errant son sweetening his visit to a woman who was nobody's fool. Gram knew where every box of chocolate was buried in the house.

HE'S BACK: John Damas, the longtime graceful boss at LuxBar, Cubby Bear and other high-end saloons and vittles venues, is back and Truluck's. That's great news for Gold Coasters who are hungry and thirsty. He's been in Naples, FL, of late overseeing Truluck's sunny venue there. But he's back here in Chicago, now, with lots of great energy for the team.

Truluck's at 41 E. Chestnut.

Quite the place. The bar architecturally is off the charts, like the food. Seafood. I had crab claws when I caught up to Johnny. Stunning architectural room overlooking old Quigley Prep.

There's a dish of parmesan bread rolls I had to order when I saw them go by. Delish. Great to see **Scott Lindvall** is boss-man, with his pedigree from vintage Tavern on Rush days. Between the two of them they know all the neighborhood's good eaters.

Thrilled my buddy is back in the golden 'hood. And the Rosé wine is as good as it gets.

CHICAGO THEATER: Bravo to Chicagoan **Jay Tunney**, son of legendary boxing champ, **Gene Tunney**, on the upcoming production of "Shaw vs. Tunney,"



Jay Tunney

by Douglas Post, a stage adaptation of Jay's book, "The Prizefighter and Playwright," at the Theater Wit on Belmont May 25 to July 9. The boxer had an enduring friendship with **George Bernard Shaw** that changed their lives.

MISERICORDIA: The new Bakery and Cafe at Misericordia, "Hearts and Flowers," opened last

week. The state of the art facility even has a drive-thru. Just blocks from the main campus, it employs many adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities who produce fabulous creations. Drive by, 6130 N. Ravenswood. Heavenly.

JAM: Chicago's JAM Productions has been sold to **Mark Gei-**

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Elect Torrick Ward? You be the judge



Heart of the 'Hood by Felicia Dechter

So often, the judges that we vote for in our elections are pretty much unknown to us. In the past, we've all voted for those we knew absolutely nothing about.

I admit that once upon a time, if they were a woman or their name sounded Jewish, OK, they got my vote.

The me of today no longer does that. Now I want to be educated as to whom I'm voting for. I want to know why someone deserves that prestigious job.

Torrack Alan Ward wants to be elected judge of Cook County's 9th Subcircuit, which includes Chicago, Evanston, Niles, Lincolnwood and Wilmette. "I have fought for fairness and justice all my life," says Ward. "I will do the same as judge."

Ward grew up on the South Side, in Chatham, and attended Leo High School. After his father died, he transferred to Jones Commercial High School, followed by Northern Illinois Univ. and DePaul College of Law, where he graduated from in 1998. He is a first generation college graduate, who wants a fair court system that's "equitable to everyone, regardless of where you come from or who you are."

For the past 19 years, Ward has lived in Rogers Park with his wife, Stephanie, and their two boys, Franklin and Alan, who are high school students in the Chicago Public Schools. Oh yea, and we can't forget Ger-

aldine, the family pug!

Early voting starts May 19 and the primary election is June 28. Here's wishing Ward the very best of luck! And here's a little more info too.

Q: What are the duties of a Cook County Subcircuit Court judge? What exactly is a Subcircuit court?

A: Circuit Court Judges are elected officials who have an important role in our society. [They] can preside over many different cases including criminal cases and civil cases like landlord tenant, injury case, and family law.

In Cook County, Circuit Court judges can run in an election county-wide or in a smaller district called a subcircuit. Judges run for a specific vacancy created when a former judge retires or otherwise leaves the bench.

The subcircuit system was created in 1992 to increase minority representation on the bench. Once elected, judges elected from subcircuits have the same powers as judges elected county-wide and can be assigned to any division of the Circuit Court. I am running in the 9th Subcircuit, for the Jacobius vacancy.

Q: Why do you want this position and what are your qualifications?

A: Faith in our government and institutions has eroded. Too many people seem to feel the government doesn't work. I've seen that trust in the court system is greatly determined by how people are treated by judges. More than other elected officials, judges have daily interactions with people



(L-R) Alan, Stephanie, Franklin and Torrick Ward.

affected by their decisions, and in my experience, even when a judge or jury makes a decision against a person, if the person feels they were treated fairly they can often respect the decision. [Being] a judge is the best way for me to serve in government and help rebuild trust.

I have practiced law for 23 years, and first-chaired numerous bench and jury trials. I am an adjunct professor at DePaul College of Law, where I teach litigation. The Chicago Bar Assoc. and the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening, which are non-partisan groups that do judicial evaluations, found that I am qualified and recommended to serve as a judge.

Q: What sort of work are you currently doing? You're a practicing attorney? What sort of law?

A: I [am] the deputy director of Labor Relations, where I practice labor and employment law, and supervise the legal

staff.

Q: Do you have opponents? If so, why are you the better person for this position? What makes you good for this job?

A: There are four candidates for the Jacobius vacancy, including myself. All of us have been lawyers for more than 20 years. I am the best candidate for judge because I have experience improving the agencies I've worked with in the past, and I plan to bring those skills to the bench. Also, my life experiences tend to be more diverse than many Cook County judges.

As a government lawyer, I've represented government agencies and managers. In private practice my clients included wealthy business owners, single parents of limited means and employees who had their religious freedom rights violated.

If elected a judge, I pledge to look for ways to improve trust in the justice system and make it easier for litigants to understand the process. I intend to publish plain language FAQs to explain how the process works in my courtroom and to publish any written opinions I create on the Court's website. I intend to ensure to the extent that I can that I am transparent about the rulings I make.

Q: What do you do for fun?

A: I enjoy movies, reading about history and historical figures, political podcasts, playing with our dog, Geraldine, and video games.

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Lawsuit claims ‘cartel’ of politically connected, wealthy Chicago families dominate local marijuana market

Dope that sells for \$300 in California fetches more than \$4,000 in Illinois

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A new federal lawsuit accuses a “cartel” of influential large companies, including a company associated with the family of Gov. JB Pritzker, of exploiting political connections to improperly dominate Illinois’ marijuana marketplace.

On April 18, an organization called True Social Equity in Cannabis filed suit in Chicago federal court against five corporate entities in the business of selling recreational marijuana under Illinois’ cannabis dispensary licensing regime.

The complaint identifies defendants as Green Thumb Industries, Akerna Corp., Surterra Holdings Inc., Verano Holdings Corp. and ILDISP LLC, a group of companies the complaint labels collectively as the “Chicago Cartel.”

The complaint asserts the “Chicago Cartel” have conspired to allegedly pretend to be competitors, when they have actually collectively monopolized the sale of recreational marijuana in Illinois, driving the price of marijuana to levels not seen in other states that have legalized and regulated the sale and use of recreational marijuana.

“The ‘Chicago Cartel’ charges supra-competitive prices for marijuana and charge the highest prices for marijuana in the United States in Illinois,” the complaint states.

The complaint asserts a pound of mari-

juana that sells for \$300 in California can fetch more than \$4,000 in Illinois.

The complaint claims the companies are all connected to the Pritzker, Wrigley and Kovler families. The Pritzker family, including Gov. Pritzker, gained their fortunes largely from the Hyatt brand of hotels, among other interests; the Wrigley family from their chewing gum and candy companies; and the Kovler family from various business interests, including the “Jim Beam bourbon fortune.”

All three families are also known for a range of philanthropic ventures in Chicago and elsewhere.

According to the complaint, Akerna is controlled by the Pritzker family; Surterra by the Wrigleys; and Green Thumb by the Kovlers.

The complaint accuses the various companies sell common products, share technology and information, use shell companies to operate Illinois marijuana dispensaries together, and “have interlocking directorates and managers.”

The complaint asserts the “Cartel” has existed in various forms since it was allegedly conceived in the mid-2010s, allegedly through the machinations of one of former House Speaker Michael Madigan’s friends and top associates, Mike McClain. Both McClain and Madigan stand indicted on different political corruption-related charges.

The complaint asserts the “Cartel’s” actions amount to violations of federal anti-trust law.

True Social Equity in Cannabis identi-

fies itself in the complaint as “an unincorporated association,” created by marijuana consumers and activists to oppose “cannabis monopolization by members of the ‘Chicago Cartel’ in Illinois and the United States.”

The complaint asserts the “Chicago Cartel” have conspired to allegedly pretend to be competitors, when they have actually collectively monopolized the sale of recreational marijuana in Illinois, driving the price of marijuana to levels not seen in other states that have legalized and regulated the sale and use of recreational marijuana.

They claim they have suffered legal injuries “in the form of prices paid by members, lost job opportunities for members, the inability of members to obtain licenses in state-protected marijuana markets and investment losses.”

Outside of court, the group has lobbied and protested to increase the number of recreational marijuana dispensing licenses available specifically to Black people, and other people of color.

The complaint seeks court orders blocking the five companies from selling marijuana in Illinois and the U.S., and “divesting Defendants of all assets.”

Lincoln Park Wine Stroll May 12

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce has announced the locations for the fifth annual Lincoln Park Uncorked Wine Stroll 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

Guests may sample a wide variety of red and white wine samples, paired with in-store specials and light fare, from J9 Wine Bar and Vin Chicago while strolling through one of the city’s most famous and picturesque shopping districts.

Guest check-in and first wine samples available at J9 Wine Bar, 1961 N. Halsted St.

Additional stops include All She Wrote, 825 W. Armitage, Barry’s Bootcamp, 1937

N. Halsted, Bedside Manor, 2048 N. Halsted, Bliss & Belle, 1011 W. Armitage, Byline Bank, 2000 N. Halsted, Centre Physical Therapy, 2116 N. Halsted, Experience Chiropractic, 1971 N. Fremont, Images Med Spa, 1006 W. Armitage, Kincade’s, 950 W. Armitage, Pyar & Co., 2132 N. Halsted, Terry’s Toffe, 1009 W. Armitage, and The Now Massage 2038 N. Halsted.

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Does return of warm weather also mean a return of illegal bike racing?

As the warm weather returns, city officials and the Chicago Police are discussing the need for added enforcement regarding illegal motorcycle gatherings, stunt biking and drag racing in Chicago.

Those who drive Chicago streets know all about the crafty bikers who scoot in and out of traffic, do tricks on public plazas or race up and down Lake Shore Dr. at speeds up to 100 MPH.

Many who live along the North Lakefront long ago tired of the noisy bikes, that seem so impervious to police threats. Caravans of motorcycle riders across the city perform stunts in traffic and make a lot of noise.

The groups usually organize via social media and attract riders from the city, suburbs and over the border in Indiana and Wisconsin. N. Lake Shore Dr., Lower Wacker Dr., Wrigleyville and various neighborhood parks and plazas have long been a favored destination.

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], says these caravans are lawless — but law enforcement's hands are tied. It's hard for police to go after offending riders because chases can turn deadly.

“Over this past year, I worked closely with city and state officials advocating for the enhancements needed to implement enforcement missions with more of an impact. I also reviewed what worked during last year's efforts; which included additionally trained officers, tow mission, additional vehicles and resources, and the use of police helicopters for tracking unsafe vehicles,” said Hopkins.

On June 14, 2021, a new ordinance was enacted in Chicago to curb dangerous motorcycle drivers and drag racers in the city. The ordinance requires that the person operating a motorcycle keep at least one hand on a handlebar grip while in motion. Furthermore, the operator shall ride the motorcycle “only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.”

He and other North Lakefront aldermen say their ward offices continue to receive complaints from residents asking what the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] can do about motorcycle and drag racing enforcement. “I completely understand the concern behind these requests,” said Hopkins. “Often, the noise, recklessness, and endangerment from this activity can be terrifying. At the very least, it damages our quality of life. At the most, this activity creates dangerous moments that are life-threatening - involving racing speeds well over 100 mph



A video screen grab shows spectator surrounded by a ring of fire as a drag racer prepares to drive donuts around the flames at Lower Wacker Drive and Columbus Drive on May 1, 2022.

BY CWBCHICAGO

The drag racers who flock to Lower Wacker Dr. on weekends raised their game to a new level May 1 when they surrounded a group of spectators with burning gasoline before a driver began doing donuts around the flames.

It happened around 2:30 a.m. on Lower Wacker Dr. at Columbus Dr., just south of the Chicago River.

Officers who monitor the local Chicago police district's surveillance cameras first reported

ed people with about 60 cars congregating in the area around 2:15 a.m. They quickly upped their estimate to 100 cars.

Then, at 2:30, the camera operator reported the crowd was blocking traffic in all directions while drivers did donuts in the intersection.

Police stepped up their response upon hearing that the street was being lit on fire with people standing in the middle. Dispatchers sent EMS as a precaution, but no injuries were reported. Drag racing and donut-spinning have been an ongoing problem on Lower Wacker Dr. for several years.

on city streets, illegal driving on sidewalks, and off-road riding in parks and on parkways.”

Bike racers have been seen on the North Lakefront Trail, on the plaza fronting Wrigley Field, Downtown and in Lincoln Park. Residents say larger motorcycle groups assemble late at night, usually on weekends, and ride through neighborhoods with modified exhaust systems making them extra loud. Some residents have also reported reckless riding on sidewalks, and collisions or near-misses with pedestrians and other vehicles.

The aldermen say that citizen reports made to 911 have helped identify the locations and frequency where these incidents are most likely to occur throughout the past few years. Residents who call 911 to report incidents have helped provide data on where extra police patrols are needed. These calls provide details for how police will craft a strategy to protect roadways from large-scale motorcycle events and illegal drag racing events.

The recently installed noise monitoring program and analytic software will also

help the 911 operations center alert the CPD. Their video surveillance, Strategic

Decision Support Centers, then document when large-scale motorcycle activity or vehicle drag racing starts up. This documentation and technology use can help build a case for prosecution when the incident results in an arrest.

“Often, the noise, recklessness, and endangerment from this activity can be terrifying. At the very least, it damages our quality of life. At the most, this activity creates dangerous moments that are life-threatening,” said Ald. Brian Hopkins.

Past sting operations have led to ticketing for such offenses as illegally modified vehicles, illegal use of vehicles, illegal possession of weapons, and lack of identification or insurance. Some targeted operations have also discovered that the vehicle owner or passenger(s) were found to have outstanding warrants for their arrest or were on probation or parole.

“The CPD and City Hall are trying to send a message to illegal vehicle operators that Chicago is off limits. District Commanders, and area Deputy Chiefs, continue to review the most effective ways to conduct these types of operations,” said Hopkins.



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Two attorneys of failed Superior St. development withdraw from representing client as case continues

BY PETER VON BUOL

On April 27, two of the three attorneys representing Symmetry Property Development and its co-defendants Jeffrey Laytin and Forefront EB-5, filed a motion in federal court to withdraw as counsel of record for a group of defendants who failed in their bid to construct a 42-story mixed use tower at the northeast corner of Wabash Ave. and Superior St.

The defendants are being sued by a group of Chinese investors who are demanding their \$50 million investment be returned.

According to the motion, while Arthur Don and Aaron S. Klein, of the Chicago-based law firm Greenberg Traurig LLP, have been listed as the counsel of record, the pair “have had no substantive involvement with this case since 2019,” and the primary counsel for the defendants has been attorney Daniel Hildebrand, formerly also of Greenberg Traurig.

Hildebrand left the firm in January to join the Chicago-based firm of Lewitas Hyman.

According to the motion, Hildebrand did not oppose the pair leaving the case and would continue representing the defendants.

The Chinese investors were participating in the questionable EB-5 federal Visa program, which provides foreign investors with a fast-track to permanent U.S. residency status. Individually, these investors had invested up to \$550,000 for a total of nearly \$50 million to fund construction of the failed Carillon Towers project.

The defendants have long claimed they would be able to pay back the investors with a \$50 million loan they had secured from a group of investors in Bahrain. An investigation by a court-appointed investigator, however, recently determined that group had never existed.

Attorneys for Laytin, who is the principal of Symmetry, have claimed the Bahraini money would be used to pay back the group of Chinese investors. This newspaper has made numerous attempts to contact Laytin. So far, he has not responded to any questions.

More than a year ago, this newspaper first learned about the alleged Bahraini-investors. At the time, a quick visit to the website of the investment company showed it had a dummy website,

which cast suspicion on the company itself.

U.S. District Chief Judge Charles Kocoras had appointed a court official, designated as a special master, to sort through all the paperwork submitted by Sym-

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metry’s Laytin and his attorneys. According to one of the attorneys representing a group of Chinese investors, what the special master uncovered was not simply messy paperwork but rather an elaborate fraud.

“The special master said that the supposed loan from the Middle East to pay off the Chinese investors was made up, fake, and that the lawyers were giving forged documents to the court,” said Douglas Eliot Litowitz, who along with attorney Glenn J. Dunn, is representing the Chinese investors.

Had Carillon Tower been built,

it would have replaced three Orange-rated 19th Century Superior St. rowhouses. Citing neighborhood opposition, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] blocked the project from moving forward.

After spending years battling Laytin to have his clients’ money returned, Litowitz says he is especially disappointed by the conduct of his Laytin’s attorneys.

“The Greenberg Traurig law firm submitted forged and fake documents to a federal court, and they did it knowingly and recklessly to create the false impression that their clients would return some of the \$50 million they stole from my clients, who are the investors in the never-built project. We are talking about criminal behavior, lying to a federal judge, interacting with persons on scam watches and using offshore accounts with fake identities, and asserting the truth of documents that any idiot could see were phony,” Litowitz said in March.

Attempts have been made to contact the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, but they have not responded.

On March 21, 2019, the remaining plaintiffs had filed an amend-

ed complaint alleging that Laytin and other defendants had committed fraud and violated federal and state securities laws in connection with the project. According to the amended complaint, the plaintiffs had invested a combined \$49.5 million the project. Plaintiffs also alleged that despite their investment, defendants had never completed the project or even started it—that “no shovel was ever put into the ground.”

Three years later, the plaintiffs are still seeking the return of their investment along with accumulated interest, penalties, and fees.

Based in New York City, co-defendant Forefront EB-5 is also a mysterious entity. In a 2014 press release, the company described itself as one “which will serve to aid its non-U.S. clients in helping to stimulate the U.S. economy through U.S. job creation by capital investment.”

But that is the last public trace of their corporate activities that can be found.

No corporate website is associated with Forefront. Aside from the eight-year-old press release which announced its existence and stories about the failed Carillon Towers project, there are no other mentions of Forefront on the internet.

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city. Hundreds of those unfortunate souls are sleeping in doorways and residing in tents under viaducts and in parks all over town.

The coalition estimates that the mansion tax could generate enough money to support 12,000 homeless families in its first decade.

In 2021, of the total 46,720 homes sold in Chicago, some 2,535 went for \$1-million or more, reported Midwest Real Estate Data. Last year, sales of million-dollar properties hit a new record high, up 19% from 2020.

“Buyers generally do not like the idea of a massive hike in the transfer tax,” said a luxury-home broker whose clients are targeting home and condominium purchases in Lincoln Park and the Gold Coast. “Because there is an under-supply of homes on the market, the bottom 10% might be deterred from purchasing.”

Another veteran North Side broker said in a normal market negotiation tactics may change.

“During a normal market, with



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plenty of listings, buyers may ask the seller to split the cost of the transfer tax equally. Or, there will be an effect on price to compensate for the higher transfer tax. Buyers will look for discounts.”

This writer believes another wiser approach might be for Chicago and Cook County to earmark a percentage of the existing real estate tax bill to support the homeless.

A study by the Illinois Policy Institute, a nonpartisan research

organization, found that Chicago property taxes rose 92.3% between 2010 and 2020.

Two years ago, Mayor Lori Lightfoot oversaw passage of a new city ordinance that promised beleaguered property owners a ticking time bomb—guaranteed annual real estate tax increases of up to 5%.

“The mayor has all but guaranteed an increase in property taxes by some \$1 billion over the next four years,” said Paul Vallas, former budget director for the city,

and former CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

“Chicago taxpayers already pay the highest property taxes among all but two Midwestern cities, and the highest among large cities,” Vallas noted.

Despite the pandemic, Assessor Kaegi said that the Near North Side—bounded by Fullerton Ave. on the north, Lake Shore Dr. on the east, and the Chicago River on the south and west—posted “surprisingly robust” real estate values in 2021.

In 2021, most Near North Side single-family homes ranged in market value from \$920,000 to \$1.59 million. Condo values ranged from \$270,000 to \$420,000.

The entire city of Chicago was reassessed in 2021. The assessment level is 10% of market value for residential property.

The tax bite goes on.

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Alderman, city try to address homeless camps, propane tank explosions on North Lakefront

Cappleman: 'not opposed to viaduct camping'

In the April 28 edition of Ald. James Cappleman's weekly newsletter he addressed the problem of homeless camping in Lincoln Park and under the viaducts along N. Lake Shore Dr. in Uptown.

The newsletter was released after he had hosted a virtual meeting on April 26 to address homeless camping and the two recent explosions of propane tanks under N. Lake Shore Dr.

On April 13 there was an explosion within a homelessness encampment on Chicago Park District property between Wilson and Lawrence avenues. No injuries were reported. The fire occurred at a tent that belonged to someone who had died in early April.

It was the second explosion in two months in the tent camps occupying the Uptown viaducts. The first was on March 22. A similar explosion, fire and fatality occurred in 2021.

The alderman says that the best way the public can help is by supporting the City's role of being the lead support for the homeless campers. "Instead of providing food and other items directly, it's much better to donate items or money to the person's assigned social service agency."

The alderman said he has asked the City to have the viaducts cleared and has been denied. "I fear it's only a matter of time when an injury will lead to a needless death. Along with the safety risk, it's my opinion this will lead to a lawsuit and your tax dollars will pay for it."

Indeed, the Mayor's office, Chicago Park District and Chicago Police Dept. have flatly refused to enforce existing federal, state and city laws against public vagrancy,



(L) A view of the Lawrence Ave. viaduct, heading east to Lake Shore Dr. on Tuesday morning, March 22. (R) The aftermath of the propane tank fire on the south side of the viaduct.

and the rights of all citizens to have access to public streets, sidewalks and parks. That refusal to follow the law is not exclusive to Uptown, it's city-wide.

The problem in Uptown came to a head due to the irresponsible use and handling of propane tanks by the homeless campers in a confined area. Propane gas is heavier than air, and will settle into low areas rather than dispersing, making it quite dangerous in a confined space such as a viaduct.

Storing tanks of highly explosive fuels in the midst of people

living in flammable tents, directly underneath a heavily traveled U.S. highway and on the public sidewalk, has created a very dangerous situation.

Cappleman says that he recently met with the Mayor's Office, and the departments of Law, Family and Support Services, Public Health, CFD, Transportation, and Streets and Sanitation to discuss the explosions.

Cappleman reported that the City will be passing out fliers to people camping under the viaducts to warn them about the dangers of propane tanks.

He said that the viaduct explosions were caused by people under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. "People under the influence, or those experiencing mental distress, are not capable of making [good] decisions about [safety], so it doesn't make sense that fliers would discourage them from using propane tanks, especially when they fear they could freeze to death without using one. Explosions always come with the risk of injury and death, and we

have been very lucky so far that this has not yet been the case."

Many nearby residents are fed up with the City's general disregard for laws, policies and common decency like trash disposal, the proper use and handling of flammable materials, and disposal of human waste.

But those people's concerns have apparently not moved Cappleman's public support of the

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North Metro Chicago*

Lincoln Park resident Christina Scharer came from a family of achievers, having grown up as the daughter and granddaughter in a family business.

With a marketing background and having studied engineering as well, it became clear to Christina that home improvement was the sector to be in with people nesting more and more. And, a recent study showed that the number one home improvement that adds value to a home is new flooring.

"As a mother of two small children, I love the new durable engineered wood floors that look fantastic and also take a beating from kids and pets and still clean up so easily. I am my own typical customer," Christina said. Christina's territory covers the Near North neighborhoods of Lincoln Park, Lakeview, North Center, Roscoe Village, Logan Square, Bucktown, Buena Park, Irving Park, Avondale, Boystown and Wrigleyville.

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Christina Scharer of Floor Coverings International

Glenwood Ave. closed for dining

Southbound traffic on Glenwood Ave. between Lunt and Morse has been closed to vehicles to prepare the community for the upcoming changes with a new outdoor dining strip in the area.

When the COVID-19 crisis hit, businesses had to get creative to serve customers safely. The street closing is part of the City's Alfresco dining program.

The Glenwood Alfresco will provide diners an opportunity to dine with nearby businesses along this stretch of Glenwood Ave. The configuration and location of this street made it an ideal candidate for the program. It is also the site of the Glenwood Sunday Market.

The Alfresco program on Glenwood will tentatively run for one year and has the opportunity to be renewed for up to three years if successful.

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A new pool is coming!... Details are still forthcoming but it looks like there will be a new indoor pool built in an addition next to the Broadway Armory at Broadway and Thorndale. This is such welcome news as it will, I'm hoping, include swim lessons and proper water safety training. Kudos to those who are making this happen. More to come.

One saucy performer... is Edgewater resident Paul Marinaro, a smooth crooner who will surely wow the crowd with his show, "A Tribute to Sinatra/Basie Live At The Sands." The Chicago Jazz Orchestra and Marinaro will perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the newly-restored Studebaker Theatre in the Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Ave. Expect to hear the classic album in its entirety with all the original arrangements.

Blacklight flashback... check out the opening of Blacklight Basement, a "trippy" art show displaying the "eye-searing" fluorescent screenprints of Mitch O'Connell (who drew them) and Steve Walters (who made 'em). Opening night is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Burgoo Gallery, 1736 W. Greenleaf Ave. Sounds extremely cool and if you're like me and have been wanting to check out Burgoo, now is a fine time to do so.

A sweet treat... was recently bestowed upon Eli's Cheesecake's Maureen and Marc Schulman when the couple was presented with the Mayor's Medal of Honor from Mayor Lori Lightfoot and First Lady Amy Eshleman.

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Paul Marinaro



Left to right: Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Maureen Schulman, Marc Schulman, and Amy Eshleman.



A new community pool will be built at Broadway and Thorndale.

This is only the second time the honor has been given, to honorees "who have demonstrated a passionate commitment to public service, to uplifting residents of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods, and to bettering the lives of all who reside in the city."

Eli's was recognized for its partnering with Refugee One and Heartland Alliance to hire refu-

gees, along with its commitment to hiring those with disabilities and its providing desserts to numerous organizations throughout the pandemic.

Congratulations to the Schulmans on this very special and well-deserved honor.

For the birds... the Leone Beach Park Advisory Council is holding its Spring Migration Bird

Walk from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. May 14, at Touhy and the lake. Anyone wanting to learn about birds passing through or living in Rogers Park should check out this walk. Last year's group spotted more than 30 species. The event will be led by the neighborhood's Scott Judd.

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homeless camping on sidewalks and other public spaces, stating "I am not opposed to people living in encampments."

"Many have very valid reasons to not trust others, and forcing them to move to another part of town damages what little trust and community they might have, thus slowing down efforts to get them housed. I support requiring the viaduct encampments to move to the nearby open space where some other tents are already located to reduce the safety risks for those currently living under the viaducts. I believe that this community has the right to stay together and to stay in Uptown but it is also our responsibility to ensure that those individuals and other neighbors remain safe."

"While it may sometimes appear that very little is being done

to tackle this problem, there continues to be a lot of work done by different City departments and social service agencies that's not often seen by the general public," said Cappleman.

"People mean well when they give propane tanks to [the campers], but the Chicago Fire Dept. [CFD] is strongly opposed to anyone issuing these tanks to people living in the streets given the safety risk to both those living under and passing through the viaducts."

He says the City will create legislation that would issue fines to those who are giving out propane tanks to homeless campers under the viaducts, and create a task force to discourage the use of propane tanks and anything else that could lead to explosions and fires.

He claims the City uses a Homelessness Management In-

formation System to track every single homeless person citywide. And that "each person is assigned a case manager from a social service agency."

The alderman said single homeless persons camping outdoors have been offered one of the following options: "a shelter bed, a hotel room, an apartment, or a nursing home to keep them safe and out of the elements. Those with a substance use disorder who are not yet ready to stop using are also offered either a low barrier shelter or an apartment with wrap-around services to motivate them to address their addictions."

"People who refuse shelter and continue to live outdoors are experiencing a severe lack of trust. The assigned case manager's first task is to build trust so that they will later accept a roof over their heads."

"People stuck in the state of chronic homelessness move more quickly into permanent housing when they primarily interact with their assigned case manager and others who are coordinating their efforts with them. When well-meaning residents step in to help, it can slow down efforts of the case manager who is building trust with their client, and that ultimately slows down efforts to get them into permanent housing."

The alderman said he will continue to work toward coming up with a solution that he hopes will protect pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, "and most especially, those who live under the viaducts."

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For 55 years, barber brings service, style to downtown Chicago

BY ALEX HUTTON
Medill News Service

Over the course of his five decades in Chicago, Frank La Fronza has become a staple of the city thanks to his skill as a barber and history of catering to celebrity clients. Today, he runs a spa and salon in Illinois Center, offering a wide range of services. La Fronza sat down with our reporter to discuss his formative years in Bari, Italy, his career and the current state of his work.

“The reason I’m successful is because a lot of my clients follow me for a long time. I’ve got a clientele, follow me for 50 years. I don’t want to give up my age, but for 50 years,” said La Fronza, who said he was just a kid when he started working in hair salons.

“You can’t say no to the clientele you build up over the years. You know, when they call and say, ‘I want a haircut, Frank,’ you know, you become a friend with the customers. They’re not just customers after a while.”

Born in Italy, La Fronza followed family tradition by becoming a barber, taking up the same profession as his late uncle whom he was named after. He has worked in the United States for more than 55 years.

Frank’s famous clients and friends smile out from under framed photos on his walls. The likes of Sophia Loren, Frank Sinatra and celebrity clients like Steve Guttenberg, John Ratzenberger, Jack Brickhouse and



Frank La Fronza cuts a customer's hair. La Fronza has worked in Chicago for nearly 55 years and developed a strong reputation thanks to his skill and celebrity clientele.

Harry Caray have all sat in his chair over the years.

His secret he says is that “you’ve got to keep steady every day. You know, it’s memorable all the time. I get up in the morning and I come to work. That’s a good memory, you know? Every day is — if you really like what you’re doing, you like your customers, then you build that business up.”

“I want to please the customers, but sometimes, when they’re vain, you’ve got

to read between the lines of what they want, and so you’ve got to be very careful and then you can see the smile on the customers. Then I say, ‘Oh, he probably likes what I’m doing.’ ”

“He cuts my hair better than anybody ever has,” says longtime client John Mann. “And we’ve become friends and we are on the same page when it comes to my hair.

And now I bring my son here — who’s 17 — and he’s been coming here for the last three years and gets exactly what he wants.”

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Even those who have left town still stop in when they return for a visit. Dr. Henry Roenigk moved to Arizona in 1999, yet whenever he returns to Chicago for business or pleasure, “I always make sure to call and get an appointment with Frank. He’s one of a kind.”

“I like people. I like conversation, communication,” said La Fronza. “I want them to look good, I want to look good and I can’t stay home. I’ve got to work, and it makes me feel like stay younger. Yeah, that’s why I’m doing this and I hope I can do this as much as I can.”

Chamber seeks participants in Lakeview mosaic art project

The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and Special Service Area 27 have announce the creation of a community mosaic project in West Lakeview. The mosaic will be installed on the south wall of the UPS Store located at 3501 N. Southport Ave. and will represent the connectivity of Lakeview throughout the four seasons.

They are now seeking local participants to help with the project.

They need help with conception to execution, and are seeking local residents and businesses for input, ideas, and feedback. They are holding open workshops for the community to contribute to the mosaic tiling and installation.

These workshops will provide an opportunity to learn about the art of mosaic-making and help create West Lakeview’s first mosaic. The community tiling workshops will be held 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 through Friday, May 13; and



again 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 - Friday, May 20.

Whether for 5 minutes or three hours, there is no wrong way to get involved, and RSVPs are not required for small groups.

However, larger group of 15-20 individuals are asked to reach out to Nicole McLellan at nicole@lrvc.org or 773-472-7171x102 to schedule a separate tiling workshop.

A banner for the "Explore your passion" campaign. It features a man wearing a hat and painting on a canvas, with a woman smiling in the background. The logo "Explore your passion" is prominently displayed in the foreground.

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Residents continue working after move to The Clare

There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to retirement, especially at The Clare. With various high-end dining venues, enriching programs and a dynamic downtown location, The Clare provides residents with the opportunity to create a lifestyle that suits their preferences.

Retirement doesn't necessarily mean ceasing to work, either. Many people who move to The Clare benefit from the community's amenities while furthering their careers.

Take resident Jim Spiegel, for instance. Jim works as a Technical Proposal Manager/Locomotive Systems Engineer for Progress Rail, a unit of Caterpillar. He has been with the company and their predecessor for over 43 years, helping railroad customers to determine the right products and services for their needs and to acquire new locomotives for their operations.

"I'm very fortunate to do the kind of work that I find to be very fulfilling and satisfying, and that my company manufactures a product that I've been interested in since I was a child," he says.

With his job providing him with such a sense of purpose and allowing him to live out childhood dreams, Jim never considered giving it up when he moved to The Clare. Rather, he continued to work from his new apartment, and the community adds to his overall wellbeing.

"The Clare had everything to offer in terms of location, a wonderful leadership team and a policy of continuous improvement, which fit my goals perfectly," he says. "Even though I'm still working, it was the best possible opportunity for me to move here."



The Clare is in the heart of downtown action with easy access to shops, restaurants, museums and universities.

Resident Christine Foh had a similar experience when she came to The Clare in September 2020. A unit became available that checked all of the boxes for her – two bedrooms, kitchen windows, a balcony on a low residential floor – and she simply couldn't pass it up. So, she and her two cats moved in, and she continued to work as general counsel for the Alzheimer's Association from her new home.

"It was no different than working from your home anywhere else, and the advantage was having access to the wonderful services, fitness center and gourmet meals available at The Clare," Christine says.

Christine officially retired from her job in December 2021, after a little over a year of working remotely while living at The Clare. Even so, she remains busy. She has taken on more responsibilities in her volunteer work at Holy Name Cathedral and

enrolled in The Clare's mentorship program with students at Loyola University of Chicago. She plays bridge every week with her fellow residents and makes the most of The Clare's convenient location near the Lookingglass Theatre.

"It's really important to not just plop

yourself down in front of the TV when you retire," she says. "I wanted to have a plan, I wanted to keep my mind active and I wanted to have a community of people to do things with."

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Jim and Christine are only two examples of residents who kept working following a move to The Clare. There are a number of others who maintain professional endeavors, whether that be teaching at universities across the country, authoring books and plays or pursuing hobbies and developing new skills.

Each resident's situation is unique, yet all have one thing in common – the accommodating environment of The Clare while they live out their ideal retirement.

Small accessible repairs for seniors

The Chicago Dept. of Housing's Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors Program provides small repairs that increase home safety, security, and accessibility for seniors who are 60 years of age and older, and earn no more than 80% of the area medium income.

Once city officials make an on-site assessment to determine service needs, they may provide limited home improvements at no cost to the applicant.

Repair services are limited to minor improvements that may include: installation of grab bars, lever faucets, door repairs, smoke and carbon monoxide detector installations, and construction of wheelchair ramps.

Due to the high volume of requests and difficulty finding laborers, wait times for wheelchair ramp installations

have greatly increased. The program provides free ramp installations on the exterior of the home.

For all initial inquiries, please contact Meredith Muir at 312-744-4891.

For ramp installations, contact Gregory Gill at UCP Seguin Foundation at 773-348-5570, and 708-444-8460 ext. - or write to ggrill@ucpnet.org, and Matina Travis at mtravis@ucpnet.org.

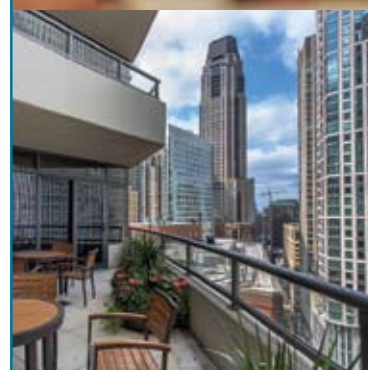
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Commentary

Your tax dollars up in smoke, mayor's gas card initiative squeaks by

BY ALD. ANDRE VASQUEZ [40th]

During [the April 27] City Council meeting, Mayor Lori Lightfoot sought to move forward her Chicago Moves initiative - a prepaid debit card lottery to be spent on gas or public transportation, in response to Willie Wilson's gas giveaway. It passed 26-23. I voted against it.

My opposition was based on [the idea] that it incentivizes more carbon emissions and subsidizes gas spending - the 40th Ward is comprised of neighbors who are clear about the importance of putting our environment first. Neighbors here have worked with our office to double the tree trim crews, to plant more trees, to inoculate our Ash Tree canopy, and were just as clear in their opposition to this initiative.

It would [also] be a waste of government resource and taxpayer dollars. When Willie Wilson spends millions of dollars to court voters by giving away gas at the pump, he is paying out of his own pocket.

When Mayor Lightfoot spends \$12.5 million to give out gas cards - it's coming out of your pocket. With our deficits being what they have been and the city betting on Casino revenue that has yet to pass, that deficit increases and the other way to pay it is by increasing your taxes.

As many of us have been fighting to provide resources to those that need it (for affordable housing, mental health services, substance abuse support, for Ash Tree inoculation), we are told time and time again that the funds aren't available. [But] when Willie Wilson starts giving out gas, we suddenly find the money as a city to do the same? It doesn't add up.

Finally, it isn't equitable - the threshold for being able to enter the lottery is 100% of the average median income. If this was truly about equity, it would go to those who need it the most, and the threshold would have been lower than that of the average median income.



Pulp magazines are inexpensive fiction magazines that were published from 1896 through the 1950s, which thrived in the years between the two World Wars, and vied with radio and the movies as the era's most popular form of mass entertainment.



Pulp fiction celebrating 100 years of Fiction House, Windy City Pulp and Paper Convention starts May 6

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

You may have heard of Spider-Man, Batman, and Luke Skywalker but much of their inspirations go back to the days of "pulp" which included characters like Doc Savage, The Shadow, and Flash Gordon, respectively.

These earlier icons will be honored along with all the other larger than life heroes of the pulps at the 21st Windy City Pulp and Paper Convention which will be held May 6-8, at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard.

The three-day event draws hundreds of aficionados from all across the country to celebrate this uniquely American form of popular literature. Attendees hear from pulp-fiction historians, see original vintage pulp art displays, watch films adapted from the great pulp stories, bid on rare pulps and pop culture artifacts and peruse over 150 tables of hard-to-find collectibles including rare issues of such publications as Adventure, Astounding, Black Mask, Doc Savage, The Shadow, Spicy Detective, Weird Tales, and thousands more. In addition, pulps, paperbacks, and other vintage material will be for sale in the

dealer's room.

Pulp magazines are inexpensive fiction magazines that were published from 1896 through the 1950s, which thrived in the years between the two World Wars, vied with radio and the movies as the era's most popular form of mass entertainment. These periodicals, printed on coarse pulpwood paper and boasting eye-grabbing, often lurid cover paintings, introduced to the

Modern superhero comic books are sometimes considered descendants of "hero pulps" and widely recognized as the inspirations for such pop-culture mainstays as Star Trek, Star Wars, and virtually every comic-book hero from Batman to Spider-Man to Zorro (who originated in the pulps).

American reading public such immortal writers as Dashiell Hammett, Zane Grey, Raymond Chandler, Ray Bradbury, L. Ron Hubbard, Robert E. Howard, H. P. Lovecraft, and Robert Heinlein.

The term "pulp" derives from the cheap wood pulp paper on which the magazines were printed; in contrast, magazines printed on higher quality paper were called "glossies" or "slicks."

In their first decades, pulps were most often priced at 10¢ per magazine, while competing slicks cost 25¢ a piece. Pulps were the successors to the penny dreadfuls, dime-novels and short fiction magazines of the 19th century.

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The Friday night auction features 200 lots of material from the estate of famed collector Robert Weinberg, while the Saturday night auction begins with 111 lots from the estate of Glenn Lord, literary executor for the Robert E. Howard estate, followed by nearly 70 more lots from other consignors. And additional lots will be added to the Saturday night auction at the convention, to include material consigned there by convention attendees.

Among the highlights in this year's auctions are numerous issues of Weird Tales,

including several Conan issues, many in good condition (likely publisher file copies); Robert E. Howard's incredibly scarce first book, "A Gent from Bear Creek"; fewer than 20 copies are known to exist; handwritten postcard from H.P. Lovecraft to Robert E. Howard; several letters to Robert E. Howard; a rare letter from Weird Tales editor Farnsworth Wright to one of Weird Tales' artists, James Napoli, from 1935;

other signed items by H.P. Lovecraft, Clark Ashton Smith, August Derleth, Otis Adelbert Kline, Virgil Finlay, Andre Norton, Max Brand, Manly Wade Wellman, Upton Sinclair, Spider author Norvell Page and many others.

There will also be complete runs of the pulps Planet Stories, Captain Future, Amazing Stories Quarterly, Strange Tales, Golden Fleece, Tales of Wonder and Fantastic Story; many

rare U.K. and Australian science fiction pulps and books; numerous Robert E. Howard and H.P. Lovecraft items; rare items by Clark Ashton Smith, including "Ebony and Crystal," "The Black Book of Clark Ashton Smith," "The Double Shadow and Other Fantasies," and many early Arkham House books.

More information is available at www.windycitypulpanpaper.com. The website also has details on absentee bidding, for those who can't make it to the convention.

Friday through Sunday, the massive dealer room will be buzzing, bursting with 180 six-foot-long tables, with roughly 100 dealers from the U.S., Canada and the U.K. displaying pulps, vintage paperbacks, science fiction, fantasy and mystery hardcovers, golden and silver age comics, original illustration art, and movie memorabilia.

The art show will feature a great display of art from the pulps published by Fiction House. As usual, film programming, curated by Ed Hulse, will run Friday and Saturday, showing movies and serials based on pulp stories. The evening programming will include presentations on Fiction House. Sunday morning will see New Pulp Sunday, programming devoted to the vibrant and colorful world of New Pulp organized by Ron Fortier of Airship 27 Productions. All attendees will get a copy of the event's fabulous convention book, put out by Tom Roberts of Black Dog Books.

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Proprietor of proposed “flagship” Lincoln Square pot shop has donated generously to local Democrats

Cites metered city parking lot as one of primary reasons for choice of store's location

BY PETER VON BUOL

Since 2018, one of the most successful local recreational marijuana shop operators, Jonathan Loevy, along with his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated \$40,200 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. The recipients include Ald. Matt Martin [47th] who has received \$6,500 and Elaine Dordek, who received \$32,200 and is now seeking to

replace outgoing State Rep. Greg Harris [13th].

Loevy and his business partners have filed an application to open a 6,585-square foot marijuana shop in The Square Shopping Center, 2301 W. Lawrence Ave.

The space is currently not zoned for such a business and Loevy has requested a zoning change from Ald. Martin.

The recreational pot shop would operate under a state-issued license and would be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. To operate, the shop will need a Special Use permit from the city's zoning board of appeals. The strip mall includes 38 parking spaces, according to an application filed by

Loevy with Martin's 47th Ward Zoning Advisory Council.

On Feb. 24, Loevy held a virtual community meeting with Martin's office, and it is expected the alderman will soon announce his decision.

One of the primary reasons for locating the marijuana shop in the Lincoln Square Mall are the 38 metered parking spaces owned by the city of Chicago. Loevy and his business partner, Mitch Zaveduk, have said that the metered parking spaces are a key component for their business model.

Ironically, Ald. Martin has been attempting to eliminate another city-owned parking lot nearby at 4715 N. Western Ave. This city-owned surface parking lot provides critical parking for

those who shop, dine, and use the services of the Lincoln Square Mall, including the DANK Haus German Cultural Center, the

Lincoln Square's annual festivals, including German Day, Maifest and AppleFest. It also serves as much-needed parking for those who attend the weekly Lincoln Square Farmers Market, which annually ranks among the city's best-attended.

In addition to Martin and Dordek, Loevy has also contributed \$500 to 47th Ward Committeeman Paul Rosenfeld and \$1,000 to Jon Stromsta, a judicial candidate supported by Rosenfeld.

Loevy's company currently operates 11 marijuana shops in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Utah. Another location is planned for Benton Harbor, MI. The company plans to open 10 stores throughout Illinois.

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Old Town School of Folk Music, Davis Theater, Gene's Sausage, Merz Apothecary and dozens of other businesses. That parking lot has also served as space for

The new liquor license would expand options for outdoor entertainment

A measure was introduced to City Council April 27 to expand outdoor entertainment options for businesses, residents, and visitors by creating an Outdoor Entertainment Venue liquor license.

The Morton Salt Shed at 1357 N. Elston Ave., is the first prospective Outdoor Entertainment Venue recipient.

This new license permits the operation of outdoor concert/entertainment venues by allowing the sale of alcohol and permitting amplified sound outside.

These outdoor venues may host entertainment on private property and have an outdoor capacity of at least 3,000 people. Sports stadiums are exempt from the new license. An outdoor entertainment venue would be required to obtain one of these liquor licenses, as well as a Public Place of Amusement License.

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection [BACP], would require that Outdoor Entertainment Venues also be licensed in accordance with the liquor and amusement codes outlined in the Municipal Code of Chicago. In addition to BACP reviewing the applications, the City will review the zoning requirements of proposed locations.

In the past, Chicago has offered visitors and residents some of the best live music and events in unique and historical entertainment venues. The addition of the new outdoor entertainment venue liquor license may aid Chicago's entertainment industry.

“The creation of this new liquor license provides a framework for the City's future cultural and economic growth,” said BACP Cmsr. Kenneth J. Meyer. “This is an opportunity for music venue operators to expand into new and historic locations across the city.”

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Police Beat...

Driver who intentionally hit bicyclist in Uptown gets 2-year sentence

A Chicago man has pleaded guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon for intentionally driving into a bicyclist during a road rage dispute in Uptown last year, according to court records. Lenard Cribbs, 21, also pleaded guilty to a separate misdemeanor gun violation, which was plead down from a felony.

Cribbs will not spend any time in prison after receiving credit for the year he spent on electronic monitoring.

On April 7, 2021, the victim was riding in the bike lane on the 1000 block of W. Wilson when he came upon several cars at a stoplight. As he slowed down to pass the cars, a red Ford sedan drove into the bike lane and nearly struck him, Assistant State's Attorney Brian Burkhardt said during a bond hearing last year.

The bicyclist threw his hands up, asked the driver what he was doing, and then continued riding westbound. Suddenly, the Ford came speeding up in the bike lane behind the cyclist, striking the back end of the bike with enough force to "crush" it, according to Burkhardt. A CPD surveillance camera recorded the incident.

Two witnesses in another car called 911 and followed the Ford until police caught up with them and pulled Cribbs over.

EMS took the victim to Swedish Hospital with a mild concussion and injuries to his right elbow and lower back, Burkhardt said.

Less than a month earlier, Cribbs was released on a recognizance bond after prosecutors charged him with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. Police said he admitted that a gun they found in a backpack during a traffic stop belonged to him.

Cribbs reached a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to the aggravated battery charge and the reduced gun count this month.

Judge Thomas Byrne sentenced him to two years for striking the bicyclist and 364 days for the gun offense. The two-year sentence was reduced by 50% per state law. Electronic monitoring credits offset both jail sentences, records show.

Cribbs reported to Stateville Correctional Center on April 14 and was released the same day, according to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections website.

Two charged with driving vehicle hijacked in Lakeview

Prosecutors charged two men with driving a car after it was taken from a 77-year-old Lincolnwood man during a carjacking in Lakeview on April 23. Lawrence Dear and Dashawn Bowman are both charged with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Neither man is accused of participating in the hijacking.

The victim was sitting in the back seat of his white Toyota Camry on the 3400 block of N. Ashland around 2:52 p.m. when a man opened the back door, stuck a hard object in his back, and demanded his property, a CPD spokesperson said. After the victim stepped out of the car, two carjackers climbed in and drove away westbound on Roscoe St., according to the spokesperson.

About 90 minutes later, a CPD li-



Lawrence Dear (L) and Dashawn Bowman.

cense plate reader spotted the stolen car in traffic and cops began tracking it via POD cameras, Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said.

The camera operators saw the vehicle park on the 5500 block of S. Loomis. Bowman stepped out of the driver's seat and three other men, including Dear, exited the other seats and they all walked into a nearby home, according to Kalliantasis.

Minutes later, Dear allegedly returned to the car and drove away. He pulled over for police down the street, but he backed into their car and drove away as they walked up to the vehicle.

Cops arrested him after he allegedly crashed into a cement post and ran from the scene.

Meanwhile, other officers knocked on the door of the home that the men entered. A woman who owns the building allowed police to come inside and arrest Bowman, according to a CPD report.

Prosecutors charged Dear with aggravated assault in addition to the stolen vehicle count for allegedly backing into the police squad car.

They said Bowman has a pending possession of a stolen motor vehicle case in juvenile court.

Judge Barbara Dawkins said the men could go home on electronic monitoring by posting \$3,000 toward their \$30,000 bail amounts.

Man sexually attacked Streeterville woman as she walked home from House of Blues

On April 26, Prosecutors charged a man with sexually attacking a Streeterville woman who was walking home from a show at the House of Blues over the weekend. Police arrested Joshua Almore, 31, after a man called 911 upon seeing the attack while walking his dog, said Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy.

The alleged victim, 57, walked home from the House of Blues at Marina City around 1:30 a.m. April 24, because she could not find a cab. Somewhere along the way, Almore approached her and started talking to the woman, but she told him to go away, Murphy said. Instead, Almore continued to follow her.

About a block from her home, the woman tripped. Almore "jumped on her and took her to the ground," Murphy said. He allegedly straddled the woman, lifted her shirt, kissed her breasts and licked her nipple.

At that point, the man who was walking a dog heard the woman screaming for help and say, "rape," according to Murphy. The witness confronted Almore and told him to get off, but he didn't, Murphy said.

Police arrived within a minute of the witness' 911 call while Almore was still standing over the woman, Murphy continued.

Almore allegedly told police he had been drinking and approached the woman for a "consensual encounter" and put his hand up her shirt.

The woman suffered a broken wrist and significant bruising on her legs and head because of the attack, Mur-



Joshua Almore

phy said.

Almore faces one felony count of criminal sexual abuse.

His defense attorney, who called the allegations "clearly out of character," said he lives with three roommates and busses tables for a restaurant at Trump Tower.

Judge Kelly McCarthy set bail at \$250,000 with electronic monitoring. Almore must post 10% of that amount to go home on an ankle monitor.

Two men shot in Lincoln Square

Police are investigating a double-shooting in the Bowmanville neighborhood of Lincoln Square April 28.

The two men arrived at Swedish Hospital in a van around 1:15 a.m. They told officers they were sitting in the van on the 1900 block of W. Balmoral when a gunman approached and began shooting at them about 15 minutes earlier.

Investigators found shell casings and broken glass on Balmoral. The men's van had bullet holes in it and broken windows, according to an officer at the hospital.

A 43-year-old man suffered a gunshot wound to his right arm. Police said he was in fair condition. Online records show he has a home address on the same block where the shooting occurred.

The other man, age 27, is in serious condition with gunshot wounds to his right hand and back, police said.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

According to the city's Violence Reduction Dashboard, the victims are the third and fourth persons shot in Lincoln Square this year. That's up from three victims at this point last year.

On April 20, a 24-year-old woman was critically injured after someone shot her in the backyard of a home on the 2400 block of W. Eastwood. Some witnesses reported that she was shot in an exchange of gunfire between at least two men.

Red Line robber arrested when cops spot him outside Lakeview police station

It's pretty easy to get away with robbery in Chicago. But your odds diminish slightly if you hang out in front of the local police station while cops are actively looking for you.

Just ask the 17-year-old cops arrested outside the Town Hall (19th) Police District station — about 30 minutes after two robbers attacked a 64-year-old man a block away at the Addison Red Line CTA station on April 26.

The victim told police the offenders approached him inside the CTA station, 940 W. Addison, and demanded his property around 8:45 p.m., CPD said. One robber punched him in the face, which caused him to fall and hit his head on the station wall. EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition.

Officers in the CTA's security operations center provided street cops with descriptions of two robbers, including one said to be between 17- and 20-years-old and wearing a blue hoodie that said "Just Do It" on the front.

The same offenders were wanted for another robbery that happened about 45 minutes earlier at the Thorndale station.

At least two Town Hall cops remembered seeing the "Just Do It" guy walking toward the district station before the Addison robbery call came out, according to radio transmissions. And, at 9:19 p.m., a district tactical unit spotted the 17-year-old wearing the same sweatshirt directly outside the police station. They took him into custody.

So far, though, he is not charged with the Addison Red Line attack. He is, however, charged with the Thorndale crime, according to a CPD

spokesperson.

In that case, a 28-year-old woman said she was riding a southbound train when two men took her phone and fled the train. She was not injured.

Prosecutors charged the 17-year-old with felony robbery and misdemeanor theft of lost or mislaid property. Detectives are still investigating the Addison Red Line attack.

The second suspect remains at large. He was described as Black male between 17- and 20-years-old wearing a gray hoodie, black pants, black shoes, and a black mask.

Man found dead inside downtown Chicago police station

A 46-year-old man was found dead inside a Chicago Police Department station on April 26, according to internal communications provided to this reporter by a source.

An officer at the Central 1st Police District station, 1718 S. State, requested an ambulance for an unresponsive man in the lobby at 8 a.m., according to police dispatch records.

CPD's internal notification said they found the man in a lobby bathroom, which is accessible to the public. He was subsequently pronounced dead.

Detectives are conducting a death investigation and a medical examiner's case has been opened. A source familiar with the situation said no unusual circumstances were apparent.

A CPD spokesperson said the police report was not yet finalized and they could not provide any information about the incident at mid-morning.

The Central District encompasses most of the area between the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, 31st Street, and the expressways. It includes Grant and Millennium Parks, neighborhoods like the Loop and South Loop, and parts of Bronzeville and the West Loop.

Two-time felon fired a gun during a wild shootout on the Near North Side, but only charged with a misdemeanor

All was well April 24 on the Near North Side. The weather was pretty nice. People were playing with their dogs in Durso Park. Then, all hell broke loose.

"As a witness, I would estimate that greater than 50 shots were fired — perhaps 100," a reader told this reporter April 26. "Automatic weapons were clearly in use and shots were randomly fired throughout the neighborhood — hitting cars and buildings, but fortunately no people."

"Given the weather, it was very busy and I saw many terrified people running for cover. The firepower was so intense that at least three condo buildings in River North more than five blocks away had windows shot out. It truly is a miracle that no one was hit."

The shootout unfolded around 6:10 p.m. on the 800 block of N. Sedgwick, according to CPD records. Police dispatchers told cops the 911 switchboard was blowing up with calls of shots fired from the area.

"I have 23 tickets on the board for shots fired," a dispatcher said as the calls rolled in.

Moody Bible Institute reportedly put its campus on lockdown.

And, yes, bullets really did hit high-rise residential windows blocks away.

As it turns out, police arrested a man who allegedly admitted that he fired some of the shots. Officers also recovered a gun that he reportedly said was his. He's a twice-convicted felon who is barred by law from possessing a firearm.

He's charged with a misdemeanor.

When cops arrived at the scene, they found shell casings in the intersection of Sedgwick and Locust streets. Witnesses provided cops with descriptions of two suspects — a man

and a woman — who ran from a shot-up silver Chevy Equinox that was sitting in the street, said Assistant State's Attorney Zebulon Black.

Helpfully, two people told cops that a man and woman had just run into the woman's restroom of a nearby "ghost kitchen."

Black said police found Anthony Newman, 20, inside the restroom. There was a handgun in the garbage bin next to him, according to Black. There were no bullets in it.

After being advised of his right to remain silent, Newman told police he put the gun in the trash can and admitted he shot at some other people "to protect himself and his wife," according to Black. He allegedly said he ran into the bathroom to see if he had been shot.

Newman also told police he carries a gun for protection and he would be dead if he didn't shoot back, Black alleged.

The prosecutor also told Judge David Navarro that Newman was convicted of aggravated robbery in 2019 and possession of a stolen motor vehicle in 2020, both of which are felonies.

Yet, Newman is only charged with a misdemeanor count of possessing a firearm without a valid Firearm Owner's ID card.

Navarro pointed out that, as a convicted felon, Newman couldn't get an FOID card if he wanted to.

"This is charged as a misdemeanor," Navarro said, with a bit of wonder in his voice.

Newman's public defender said he has two children and works part-time as an Uber Eats delivery driver.

Navarro set bail at \$10,000. Newman must post 10% of that to get out of jail.

Chicago police took at least three reports for criminal damage to condo and apartment windows after the shootout: on the 400 block of W. Huron, the 300 block of W. Superior, and the 300 block of W. Erie. They also took a report for a car that was hit by gunfire at Huron and Orleans.

"This truly was a terrifying event for those present," the witness said. "Just another example of a complete disregard for the safety and quality of life of city residents."

Prosecutors cut a sweet deal with man accused of sexually assaulting two women and robbing a third while on parole

Tyrone Robinson worked out a sweet deal with prosecutors.

In Feb. 2018, prosecutors charged him with sexually assaulting a woman in Wrigleyville, sexually assaulting another woman in the South Loop, and robbing yet another woman in the South Loop. It all allegedly happened during a six-week period while he was on parole for burglary and aggravated battery of a peace officer.

Prosecutors this month agreed to reduce the South Loop sexual assault to Class 1 kidnapping and dropped the Wrigleyville allegations all together. As a bonus, he'll serve the kidnapping and robbery sentences concurrently.

Robinson, now 30, was accused of grabbing a 26-year-old woman from behind, covering her mouth with his hand, and dragging her into an alley on the 900 block of W. Cornelia at 1:10 a.m. Feb. 3, 2018. Police said the attacker asked the victim if



Anthony Newman

After being advised of his right to remain silent, Newman told police he put the gun in the trash can and admitted he shot at some other people



(L) Sergio Ontiveros. (R) Sergio Ontiveros (far right) in a family photo with Smokey Robinson (second from left).



Death of man attacked in Wrigleyville was a homicide, medical examiner rules

BY CWBCHICAGO

Sergio Ontiveros, the California man who died eight days after being punched and falling to the ground outside a Wrigleyville bar in January, succumbed to head and brain injuries he suffered in an assault, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. His death has been ruled a homicide.

Ontiveros, 51, lived in Beverly Hills and is the father of a child with Tamla Robinson, the daughter of Motown singing legend Smokey Robinson, according to online tributes by his family and friends. The medical examiner previously listed his hometown as Victorville, Calif.

Police responded to a call of a person down and found Ontiveros lying in the 3500 block of N. Clark around 1:20 a.m. Jan. 17, Officer Steve Rusanov told this reporter on the day of the incident. A witness told the officers that an offender punched Ontiveros, according to Rusanov.

Officers in the Town Hall 19th Police District's surveillance operations center located footage that showed an apparent fight breaking out and Ontiveros being pushed to the ground, according to CPD radio traffic. The offenders then ran from the scene, the camera operators said.

After Ontiveros was down, other people came by, picked through his pockets, and left the

area before cops arrived, the officers said.

Ontiveros was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries on Jan. 25, according to the medical examiner.

"He easily lit up any room he walked into and his presence never went unnoticed," said A GoFundMe established by a family friend to offset hospital bills and other expenses. "His big personality touched the hearts of many people, from his humor to the love he had for his kids."

Ontiveros' daughter with Tamla Robinson, Lyric Ontiveros, posted a tribute to her father on Insta-

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Prolific fitness center burglar tells cops he's been breaking into several lockers a week for five years

BY CWBCHICAGO

Hector Roman has been arrested again. You may remember Roman, a prolific burglar who is on parole for 10 felonies related to fitness center locker room break-ins across Chicagoland. Prosecutors say he used stolen credit cards to fund a financial crime enterprise.

We reported last month that Roman, 21, had been charged with breaking into another fitness center locker and using the victim's credit cards to buy gift cards just a few weeks after he got out of prison for 10 locker break-ins. The state did not revoke his parole last month and Judge Barbara Dawkins allowed him to go home on electronic monitoring by posting a \$1,000 bail deposit.

Guess what happened three days after he got out of jail?

He cut off his electronic monitoring band and escaped, prosecutors said. He was allegedly



Hector Roman

burglarizing lockers, until cops caught up with him April 16.

But a record in his latest court file contains a lot of information about how and why Roman does what he does. It also says he told investigators he's been breaking into several lockers a week for five years as a source of income.

On March 29, exactly a week after he got out of jail on electronic monitoring, Roman walked into XSport, 3030 N. Broadway,

and broke into a locker, according to prosecutors and police records. Video cameras recorded him entering and leaving.

He allegedly stole credit cards from inside, then went to the

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FBI offers reward for Boystown bank robbery suspect

BY CWBCHICAGO

The FBI released images April 26 of a man who allegedly robbed a Boystown bank. They're offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads directly to the man's arrest and conviction.

According to the agency, the man robbed Byline Bank, 3639 N. Broadway, on April 22. The FBI did not say what time the robbery occurred, but CPD records show cops responded to the bank at 10:03 a.m.

Officers who went to the bank said the man implied that he had a weapon during the hold-up. He stands about 6' tall and wore a large-faced watch on his left wrist.

He fled south on Broadway after the robbery, according to



The FBI released these images of a man it said robbed Byline Bank, 3639 N. Broadway, on April 22.

Photo courtesy FBI

footage from a police surveillance camera.

Tips can be shared with the FBI's Chicago Field Office at 312-421-6700 or via tips.fbi.gov.

Cops seek man who stabbed, robbed Red Line passenger in Lakeview

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are asking for help as they try to find the man who stabbed and robbed a passenger aboard a Red Line train in Lakeview early on April 25.

A 44-year-old man was riding with a companion in the first car of a southbound train when the robber stabbed him and took his property around 4:40 a.m., according to a CPD bulletin and a separate report.

The offender fled from the train when it reached the Belmont station, 945 W. Belmont. Meanwhile, the victim and the witness stayed on the train and sought help when it reached the next stop at Fullerton, the report said.

EMS transported the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. A CPD spokesperson said the victim suffered a stab wound to his upper right chest



near the shoulder. The injuries are listed as "minor" in the police report.

Police released an image of the suspect, seen above, whom they believe is between 30- and 35-years old.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the crime can contact detectives about case JF-219028 at 312-745-4443.



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Letters to the Editor

You're gonna make it after all

Bravo to Thomas O’Gorman [April 27]. I appreciate your honesty and clarity regarding the state of this city. It’s just so sad to watch the complete demise of it all. I remember the first time I came to Chicago and I walked the sidewalks of Michigan Ave. [and] I felt like a Mary Tyler Moore. Young woman at 19-years-old. It felt so grand and it was so grand! I pray things will change.

Sherry Lea Fox

Visiting the deceased

Thomas O’Gorman’s fond memories of Michigan Ave. brought smiles and a tear of sadness. We have many of the same experiences on that once grand boulevard.

My mom and I went to Stuart Brent Books often. Dining at Jacques as a 10-year old, etc. These days the street seems like we’re visiting a cemetery to mourn the deceased. May God bless.

Rosemary Fanti

We need a heavy hand over a light foot

Mayor Lightfoot - and Chicago’s troublesome circumstances - require a review of a past communication.

When she was elected mayor of Chicago, I wrote her a letter of congratulations that included acknowledging that there was one major activity that she should be certain to remember.

That was that our city’s pathetic violence requires that she never live up to her last name! The last thing that Chicago’s dreadful violence needs is a light foot. More than ever Chicago requires a heavy hand.

Leon J Hoffman
Lakeview East

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ger’s LA based SaveLive to further grow to be part of a network, something larger with more locations, said JAM co-founder **Jerry Mickelson**. JAM was founded 50 years ago by Mickelson and **Army Granat**. It was a different - better - era for concert-goers back then, in the days before Live Nation.

CELTIC CROSSING: The very popular Irish saloon, Celtic Crossing, has reopened at 751 N. Clark. Those who occupied privileged bar stools can return to P.J. O’Connor’s miracle watering hole, sorely missed since its closing in 2016. Stop by and wet your whistle. A true Irish pub.

BEAUTY BOUND: Sue Connor had elegance and beauty. Virtues that enshrined her in peoples’ hearts. Virtues that came to her in a natural and easy way.

Of course, she was more than a pretty face. Her brand of elegance and beauty went to her soul. Refined. Magic. Valuing such gifts in an age when they were considered gifts from the Almighty, Himself. And her success as a famed American fashion model was the proof. She put Chicago on the fashion map as the delight of old fashioned haute couturier.

Much like her life-long love for Notre Dame football legend **George Connor**, who also spent some quality time in a Chicago Bears uniform on his way to the NFL’s Hall of Fame. Football mingled with high fashion, the ingredients that made elegance and beauty endure for all Sue’s life. But no one knew that kind of beauty more than her boys, **George, Jr.** and **Al**, who inherited their mother’s virtue, producing a nest of grandchildren that filled the contours of her heart.

FREE SHOW: Free to the public, Chicago Sinfonietta’s public programing utilizes South Side and West Side community partners to create unique opportunities for engagement. The upcoming season offers new collaborations, new initiatives, and a continued focus on Sinfonietta’s role in the industry of championing African American and female composers. This season features new works by **Anna Clyne**, **Tania Leon**, **Molly Joyce**, and a world premiere by Sinfonietta’s Artist-in-Residence **Kathryn Bostic**. Also works by composers **Valerie Coleman**, **Nkeiru Okoye**, and **Carlos Simon**. Long-time local collaborators **Rachel Barton Pine** and Apostolic Church of God Sanctuary Choir return, while Israeli cellist **Inbal Segev** and Chicago-based saxophonist **Julian Velasco** also make their debuts. There is something for everyone this season, just go!

IN MEMORIAM: Nicholas Anthony Bilandic was one of



Sue Connor

Minnie Bilandic’s boys, Bridgeport bred and reared. At home in the cultural world of Croatian-American living. His brother, **Michael Bilandic**, chose politics and became the 49th Mayor of Chicago, later a Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Nick chose structural engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology from which he became a valued partner at Holabird & Root, an historic Chicago architectural firm. A longtime resident of Evanston, he brought wit and wisdom with him in everyday life, on the many boards on which he served and in his professional life.



Bud Lance, Jim Kinney and Kipper Lance.

A life rich in pro-bono service to many people and projects. Not least of which was his skill in transitioning the new home of the Illinois Supreme Court in Chicago, the Michael Bilandic Building, on LaSalle and Randolph. A reminder of the remarkable legacy of the Bilandic Family in Chicago. A Memorial Mass on May 20th is planned at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston.

CHICAGO STAR: Bravo to my pal and colleague **Candace Jordan** whose Chicago Star Newspaper just celebrated its first birthday and is wildly cheered for the enormous boost her efforts bring to the Chicago scene, adding distinction to herself as associated publisher and to veteran **Elaine Hyde**, publisher/editor. Designer **Lauren Lein**

Cavanaugh, Boris J. Powell, Andrew Kitick and **Bethany Florek** at their bash treasuring Jordan... Love our Candace.

WHO’S WHERE: Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange in Paris with her Austrian cousins enjoying a little tea time, knowing her Granny would love it... **Susan Regenstein** celebrating a birthday with **Pam Lombardi Wenzel** and **Myra Lombardi Reilly**... **Mark Olley** visiting mom in Old Naples, FL, after experiencing **Fran Lebowitz** at the Auditorium... **Marcy O’Keeffe Twardak** in Ponce Inlet, FL, for some great family time... **Danny Lawlor** at the Blind Pig in Austin, TX... **Chris**

and **Flavia Magdalin** having anniversary fun... **Brian White** and **Jim Kinney** noshing at home with **Kipper** and **Bud Lance**... **Rose O’Neill** hosting a Spring lunch with **Peggy Lombardo**, **Kathy Taylor**, Bondgirl **Diane O’Connell** and this reporter at Gibson’s Steakhouse... nearby erudite attorney **Joe Morris’** table... three generations of power women when **Ret. Judge Rhoda Sweeney** gathered her daughter, **Jennifer Davis Cannon**, and granddaughter, **Caroline Cannon**, for lunch... **John Dunne** in the audience at the Auditorium for the Wilco concert, his second time around having seen then earlier in NYC... **Peggy Snorf** with Brian White for International Dinner at the Women’s Athletic Club... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** with Metro’s **Joe Shanahan**, and Pennie’s offspring, **Sam** and **Isabel Taylor** at Gman Tavern... **Whynnis Mackie**, **Melissa Babcock**, **Sherrill Bodine** and **Bobbi Panter** convening their Monday night session at RL in the Bette Davis booth... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenas** in Cape Town, South Africa loving its vibes... Gibson Steakhouse’s Executive Chef **Russell Kook** grabbing hellos



Caroline Cannon, Ret. Judge Rhoda Sweeney and Jennifer Davis Cannon (back).

with Bondgirl **Diane O’Connell**... gal pals celebrated the recent achievements of TV’s **Whitney Reynolds**, a cherished journalist at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with **Kristine Zielbauer Kinder**, **Bobbi Panter**, **Paula Borg** and **Bethany Florek**... celebrating **Cole Reyes’** graduation from New York Univ., proud mom and pop, **Chris** and **Dione Olson Reyes**, **Jo Ann Favia**, **Liz Gray** and **Ralph Blust** toasted at NYC’s Redeye Grill... **Christopher Clinton Conway** in Dublin... **Jill Cress** and daughter, **Beatrix**, meet up with mom, **Jane Justic** in Sunny Naples, FL... **Shake** and **Looney Mahan** grocers to the stars in Islesboro, ME... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** ticking off one more year and looking chic... **Bob Dobnick** officially ready for Spring... **Shelley Howard** honoring Chicago journalist **Lilia Chacon**, now in Santa Fe, on her recent birthday... **Jeffrey Kuffell** in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, with pals having dinner at **Tre Piatta**... Irish Georgian Society’s **Michael Kerrigan** table side at the WAC for brunch with **Lyssa Piette** and **Lynn Graham**... Fashionista **Ikram Goldman** with sons, the **Brothers Samurai**, and husband, **Josh Goldman**, at the Grand Canyon... **Ken Norgan** reconnecting after two pandemic years with **Anja Spielmann** from London and Austria, enjoying Sunday Bellinis at Restoration Hardware in Chicago.

BLACK BARREL: Former U.S. Marine veteran and retired fireman **Joey Belgio** opened his new place Black Barrel Old Town for brunch.

AVE ET VALDE: **Mary Crowell Allen** was a lifelong resident of Winnetka. The granddaughter of **Henry Parsons Crowell**, founder of the Quaker Oats Company, and daughter of **Henry Coleman Crowell** of Moody Bible Institute. A hands on leader in community affairs on the boards of the Junior League of Chicago, the Chicago Women’s Athletic Club, local PTA, and other organizations. Her delights were travel and bridge (Life Master, Bronze level). An alum of Northwestern Univ. Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

If I had my life to live over again, I’d be a plumber.

– Albert Einstein

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Irish-American Hall of Fame 2022 inductees

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Two noted local priests, a pair of Kennedys, a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, a “Residential Hometown Hero,” and a Chicago-raised Irish fiddler, composer and recording artist

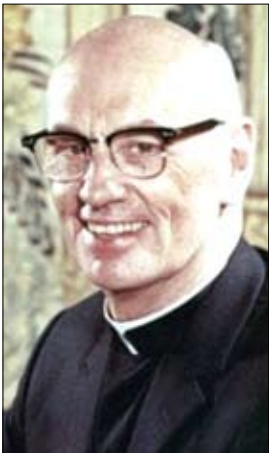
were among the recipients of the 2011-2020 Irish American Hall of Fame April 30 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox.

Msgr. John “Jack” Egan was well-known for his challenges against racial discrimination, unfair housing, predatory lending and unfair labor practices, he also worked on promoting lay leadership in the Church.

Father Egan, who died in 2001, was awarded this year’s Hall of Religious work.

Another well-noted priest, Fr. James Mage’s Maguire, who received this year’s Education Award, was Loyola University’s 20th president during a period of memorable expansion.

By 1970, Loyola had become the largest Catholic university in the U.S., with 14,000 students. After retiring in 1976, he continued lining up donors. He died in 2000 at age 95.



Fr. James F. Maguire, S.J.



James F. Coyne



John F. McDonough

This year’s Art’s and Humanities recipient was another Chicagan, Liz Carrol, noted for her fiddling, and compositions who had already received a National Heritage Fellowship Award for her great influence on Irish music in the U.S.

lawyer and a theater actress, went into film production and was recognized this year. Her work includes “Jurassic Park,” and “Lincoln,” among others. She received this year’s Business and Industry Award.

Another Kennedy, Ambassador

a peace negotiation to open up a breakthrough to the Northern Ireland stalemate.

Mary McAleese, president of Ireland, gave her honorary Irish citizenship. And President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award. She died in 2020.

This year’s Science award went to Rachel Carson, the marine biologist, author and conservationist who’s book “Silent Spring” led to a crackdown on DDT and other pesticides and prompted a nationwide movement that eventually triggered the U.S. Environment Protection Agency.

Carson, who died in 1964, was eventually given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter.

John McDonough, who received this year’s Sport’s award, has been a sports executive since joining the Cubs in 1983 and was the creator of the “Cubs Convention,” reportedly the first of its kind in sports.

McDonough is also credited with the practice of singing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” during the Seventh Inning Stretch.

He became president of the

Blackhawks and helped get the Blackhawks to three Stanley Cup wins in 2010, 2013, and 2015.

A Chicagoan, McDonough served as grand marshal for the city’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 2014.

This year’s Hometown Here went to James Coyne, who has been Business Manager of Plumber Local Union 130 since 2012. He started as a field plumber and serves as General Chairman for the Chicago St. Patrick Day’s Day Parade Committee.

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Mariano’s downstairs to buy a \$400 gift card.

Investigators also linked him to another XSport locker room burglary from Feb. 24, prosecutors said. That was at the chain’s 5515 W. Irving Park Rd. location.

He allegedly used a stolen membership card to get inside, then used freshly-stolen credit cards to buy a \$400 gift card at Walgreens.

Prosecutors said investigators identified Roman through a “Critical Reach” bulletin. That’s an all-points bulletin network that shares information across jurisdictions. The network identified seven suburban police departments stretching from Glenview to St. Charles with fitness center burglaries to Roman, according

to a court record.

After cops arrested Roman last week on the 1200 block of N. Pulaski, he allegedly pushed past an aide in the police station lockup and tried to run out the front door. Prosecutors said cops arrested him as he reached the station’s front desk.

On April 27, prosecutors charged him with felony burglary, felony escape from a peace officer, escape from electronic monitoring, and misdemeanor battery.

Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered him held on \$150,000 bail for the burglary and another \$150,000 for the escape from electronic monitoring charge. He will also be held without bail for violating the terms of bond in the burglary case he picked up last month.

A document in Roman’s latest

court file said he told investigators this week that he has broken in to several lockers every week for five years to support himself. (Quick math: If he scored a \$400 gift card after each break-in, he would be making over \$100,000 a year.)

“Roman stated it is easy to sneak into XSport and LA Fitness locations when the staff is not watching,” the document said. “Roman states he has never been challenged by staff when entering these locations.”

Roman also allegedly told police he thinks fitness centers are a good place to commit crime because the facilities cannot put surveillance cameras inside locker rooms.

He allegedly told cops, “opening locks is very easy to do with his hands and his strength ...

using the leverage of the locker to assist.”

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gram shortly after his death.

“I will forever and always be daddy’s little girl,” she wrote. “I love you and miss you so much more as each day passes.”

Area Three detectives have been investigating the case.

Ontiveros was the first person murdered on Wrigleyville’s famed Clark St. bar strip since 2004, according to city records. Two months after his death, another man was shot and killed during an apparent robbery behind a restaurant about one block south on Clark.

Police have announced no arrests in either crime.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ADELPE IRMITER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, IVY COURTE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, WESLEY WYLDER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FLORENCE WYLDER, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORENCE WYLDER (DECEASED)
Defendants
2020 CH 02752
2333 W FARWELL AVENUE, UNIT 3S
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 10, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2333 W FARWELL AVENUE, UNIT 3S, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-121-025-1012
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

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real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case # 2020 CH 02752
TJSC#: 42-741
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,

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ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANA MARIA DOWNS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SHERWIN ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MICHAEL THOMAS DOWNS, SEAN DOWNS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN MICHAEL DOWNS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JOHN MICHAEL DOWNS (DECEASED)
Defendants
2020 CH 01618
1205 WEST SHERWIN AVE UNIT 202
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1205 WEST SHERWIN AVE UNIT 202, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-318-014-1014
The real estate is improved with a condo/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

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be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Attorney File No. 14-20-00683
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case # 2020 CH 01618
TJSC#: 42-489
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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.;
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN W. LUSK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; 1107 W. LAWRENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
20 CH 711
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, June 6, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-17-201-019-1015.
Commonly known as 1107 West Lawrence Avenue #307, Chicago, IL 60640.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SPS000224-20FC2 ADC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOHN PIERORAZIO, THE ST. JAMES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS- TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2021 CH 02568

Real Estate For Sale

455 W. ST. JAMES PLACE UNITS 203 & 204 CHICAGO, IL 60614
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Commonly known as 455 W. ST. JAMES PLACE UNITS 203 & 204, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-28-320-033-1004 (PARCEL 1) & 14-28-320-033-1005 (PARCEL 2)
The real estate is improved with a single family condominium.
The judgment amount was \$237,094.55.
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she had any money on her and the woman gave him about \$20.

CPD issued an unusually detailed account of what happened next:

The offender pushed the victim up against a garbage can and pulled down [the] victim's pants. The victim was able to pull her pants back



Tyrone Robinson

up. The offender pulled the victim down steps onto the porch of the garden apartment at the 3500 block of N. Wilton. The offender pushed the victim down, pulled out his penis and put his penis in the victim's face. The victim stated the offender had a condom on.

The victim was made to touch the offender's penis.

Nearby residents interrupted the attack, police said. Cops, aided by video from several Lakeview bars, arrested Robinson a few days later.

Investigators then linked him to another attack in the South Loop from a few weeks earlier. In that case, prosecutors said, he grabbed a 19-year-old woman from behind on the 300 block of West Roosevelt. He allegedly forced her into a stairwell, then robbed and sexually assaulted her.

A few weeks later, he allegedly robbed a 33-year-old woman of her purse on the 1400 block of S. Federal.

Cops reportedly connected him to all three crimes through video footage.

Prosecutors dropped the Wrigleyville case entirely during a court hearing this month, court records show. That included 19 felonies, including kidnapping, aggravated criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, rob-

bery, and aggravated battery – strangulation.

During the same court session, Robinson pleaded guilty to kidnapping-secretly confining in exchange for a six-year sentence for the South Loop sexual assault and robbery case. Prosecutors dropped 12 other felonies in the deal, including multiple counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, kidnapping, and robbery.

He received 14 years for mugging the other woman in the South Loop.

Judge Domenica Stephenson oversaw the case and sentenced Robinson. She gave him credit for 1,524 days that he spent in custody before pleading and ordered the prison terms to be served concurrently. Officials will reduce his sentence by 50% for good behavior. His parole date is set for Jan. 17, 2025.

Dead 18-year-old in a shootout at Streeterville hotel

Chicago police have released new details about a shooting that left a man dead inside a Streeterville hotel May 1. More than a dozen shots were fired during the incident around 5 a.m. in a second-floor hallway at Sonesta ES Suites, 201 E. Walton.

Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said a group of women rented a hotel room and then went down an emergency exit to allow several men inside. Portions of this were captured on video, Deenihan said.

A confrontation began when the men arrived on the second floor, leading to a shootout in the hallway. Officers at the scene said they found at least 16 shell casings throughout the second-floor hallway with bullet holes along the walls.

An 18-year-old man was killed. He has not been publicly identified. Police found a handgun next to him, according to Deenihan.

He said investigators are trying to track down

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ALLIANT CREDIT UNION, AN ILLINOIS STATE CHARTERED CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
LAKE POINT TOWER RENAISSANCE PLAZA, LLC F/K/A LAKE POINT TOWER COMMERCIAL, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, EVANGELINE GOULETAS, AN INDIVIDUAL, A. ROBERT ABOUD AND COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2019 CH 00969
505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNITS 203, 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 218, 223, 226, 227 (f/k/a 212-A)
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 203, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-051-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 204, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-052-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 205, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-053-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 206, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-054-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 212, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-056-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 213, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-057-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 218, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-059-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 223, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-062-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 226-227 (F/K/A 212-A), CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-063-0000 and 17-10-214-064-0000
The real estate is improved with commercial condominiums.
The judgment amount was \$928,817.65.
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.

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For information, LATIMER LEVAY FYOOCK, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 422-8000. Please refer to file number 20667-64.
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Attorney File No. 20667-64
Attorney Code. 47473
Case Number: 2019 CH 00969
TJSC#: 41-1557
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bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2237 N. HALSTED STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 13-33-107-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$699,120.40.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 104059.
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Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 17 CH 00903
TJSC#: 41-3137
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Case # 17 CH 00903
I3193743
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DOROTHEE A. WEATHERSBY, PARKSIDE OF OLD TOWN MIDRISE LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PARKSIDE OLD TOWN I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2015 CH 06555
511 W DIVISION #304
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 3, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 511 W DIVISION #304, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4139; 17-04-307-054-4347
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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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2015 CH 06555
TJSC#: 42-1589
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Case # 2015 CH 06555
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST SERIES MLCC 2006-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff,
-v.-
LAWRENCE D. RYAN, ELIZABETH D. RYAN, HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
20 CH 07019
1930 N. HOWE STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 14, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1930 N. HOWE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-302-065-0000 & 14-33-302-066-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$1,732,128.06.
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

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the shooters’ getaway car.

Dozens of rounds fired in Loop shooting, four injured

Four people were shot when two gunmen opened fire on an SUV in the Loop May 3, according to police. It happened at the intersection of Wells St. and Ida B. Wells at 1:37 a.m.

Police said three of the victims were riding in a blue Dodge Durango when it stopped for a red light. Two gunmen on the sidewalk then began shooting at the vehicle.

Cops said they found between 30 and 40 shell casings at the scene, including some rifle rounds.

A 26-year-old woman who was crossing the street suffered a gunshot wound to her leg. EMS took her to Stroger Hospital in good condition.

The other three victims arrived at Stroger in the Durango a few minutes after the shooting. According to CPD,

a 38-year-old man suffered a gunshot wound to his back. He was in critical condition; a 31-year-old woman was shot in her legs and back. She was also in critical condition, and a 28-year-old woman received gunshot wounds to her left leg.

The driver of the Durango fled from the hospital after dropping the victims off. Illinois State Police later located it on the Eisenhower Expy. and detained its driver near the Cook County Courthouse in Maywood.

Tuesday’s victims are the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth persons shot in the Loop this year. There were five shooting victims in the Loop at this time last year, including one that was self-inflicted. At this point in 2020, the Loop had three shooting victims from a single incident in a subway tunnel. In 2019, there were three shooting victims for the full year, two of which were determined to be self-defense.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

Carjacker arrested after sending Northwestern’s Chicago campus into brief lockdown

An armed carjacking on the North Side ended with an arrest in Streeter-ville on May 2 — but not until Northwestern Univ. briefly put one of its buildings on lockdown. No injuries were reported.

It all started at 12:48 p.m. on the 2000 block of W. Arthur in West Rogers Park when a hijacker confronted a driver with a black handgun and took their red Mazda 6, according to a CPD report.

The carjacker drove away with the Mazda, followed by a silver car that was driven by an accomplice.

CPD license plate readers quickly located the Mazda on southbound Lake Shore Dr. Cops intercepted it at Chicago Ave. just after 1 p.m. and a 19-year-old man ran from the vehicle.

Northwestern transmitted an active threat for its Chicago campus,

advising people to “Run, Hide, Fight. Take proper shelter. Lock and/or barricade doors” while CPD and Northwestern Univ. Police searched for the hijacker.

A subsequent all-clear message said police apprehended the suspect in the basement of the Ward Building, which is part of Northwestern’s medical school.

Chicago later tweeted a photo of a firearm lying on the car’s floorboard. Charges are pending as detectives investigate.

Victims of Loop double-shooting were not the intended targets

The two men who were shot in an alley near the Chicago Theatre on May 1 were not the intended targets of the gunfire, Chicago police said Monday.

CPD Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said the events leading up to the shooting began moments earlier when three men robbed or stole property from three other men inside

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a Taco Bell on the 100 block of N. Wabash, said CPD Supt. David Brown.

The three robbery victims chased the three thieves outside and then began shooting at the offenders, Deenihan said. Those rounds traveled down Benton Place and struck two men who were standing outside the theater’s back entrance.

A 55-year-old man, who was on break from his job as a stagehand at the theater, suffered a gunshot wound to his ear. Deenihan said the bullet exited the back of the man’s neck. Another bullet struck a 27-year-old man in the right hand. Both men are in good condition.

Deenihan said CPD may release video or still images of the shooting suspects.

A source with knowledge of the investigation said the Taco Bell incident involved a stick-up crew that targeted some local drug dealers.

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OFFICERS *from p. 1*

command post in the River North neighborhood to help the undermanned CPD deter rampant crime, with an expansion effort to combat violence throughout the city.

While further north, in Lincoln Park, a group says they are raising money now to hire a private security firm to patrol their neighborhood.

The Sheriff's River North command post at 500 N. Clark St. has been opened since January, and is aimed at increasing law enforcement presence in the area and supporting the CPD. Some 120 sheriff's deputies will use the new space.

Sheriff's Police started assisting in the downtown area during the rioting and looting in May and June of 2020. Sheriff's Police also have a command post in Austin on Chicago's West Side and have been engaged in constant collaboration with CPD throughout the city, including in Chinatown and the Central Business District.

"I'm committed to helping ensure the safety of our city and its suburbs," said Dart. "We're here in River North to bolster police presence, and we will continue to collaborate with CPD to create a safer downtown for everyone who works, visits, and lives here."

Sheriff Dart was joined by Deputy Mayor John O'Malley, CPD Supt. David O. Brown, Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], Cook County Cmsr. Bridget Degnen and Scott Britton, of the River North Residents Assoc., and the Magnificent Mile Assoc.

"The CPD and the Cook County Sheriff's Office share a long history of collaboration," said Supt. Brown. "This new office location in the city's central business district is just the latest example of our shared commitment to making our city and our county safer for all."

"I welcome Sheriff Dart's satellite office, and his partnership with our other law enforcement agencies," Ald. Hopkins said. "This office will provide additional resources to combat crime and mayhem in the Central Business District."

On April 23, massive crowds of rowdy youths created a chaotic scene at Millennium Park, leading to shootings and 19 arrests. And downtown workers and residents now fear that this spring and summer may provide repeated mob actions over and over again, since youth no longer fear the police and arrest. They know that nobody goes to jail anymore, and that many offenders are freed by Cook County Courts with no cash bail. Those Cook County deputies may now help step in and assist CPD officers manage the mob actions. They'll also focus on retail theft and looting incidents, helping CPD with evidence gathering and working to reduce the number of thefts at downtown stores.

Lincoln Park 5-oh

In mid-April a flier started being circulated in Lincoln Park in which organizers said that they are planning to hire the private security patrol, and asking neighbors to chip in \$1,200 per household each year to help fund the effort.

It's not clear who all comprises the group behind the flier. But in a story published in Block Club, the flier was reportedly distributed to residents along Burling and Orchard streets, Arlington Pl. and Fullerton Ave.

The flier goes on to list rises in multiple quality of life crimes in Lincoln Park and crime statistics posted by one of this newspaper's reporters, CWBChicago. Those statistics, which this newspaper supports and publishes, frequently are at odds with 'official' stats, offered by City Hall and police brass.

According to Block Club's coverage, the group's flier said it hopes to address these crimes by partnering with P4 Security Solutions, a private security firm with offices



Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart announced the opening of a Sheriff's Office command post in River North, to help the undermanned CPD deter the rampant crime and violence in the area.

in Downtown Chicago and Downers Grove, to deploy one officer in a marked vehicle to patrol their streets for eight hours a day, every day of the year. Hours will vary and the patrol car will be parked in the area when not in use.

P4 Security already patrols another area of Lincoln Park, and the firm was hired in December to patrol a section of Bucktown. It advertises itself as "a trusted advisor for uncertain times."

The Bucktown Neighbors Assoc. hired P4 Security for \$190,000 a year, to have an armed off-duty or recently retired law enforcement officer supplement CPD after an increase in violent crime in the area. The program would aim to curb a rise in area violence, including carjackings, sexual assaults, strong-armed robberies and muggings.

During two recent community townhall meetings, the first on April 4 at Richard J. Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski Rd., and

second on April 5 at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Mayor Lightfoot was pressed by residents over safety and violence issues in the city.

She told the assembled crowds that, "We know that 2021 was not a year that any of us can feel proud of when it comes to public safety, and the superintendent [Brown] and I, and others here, have really re-committed ourselves to hold ourselves more accountable."

As police staffing has fallen over the last two mayoral administrations, City Hall has started to lean hard on other institutions to provide policing for their communities. Private security affiliated with Northwestern Hosp., the Univ. of Chicago, Loyola, DePaul and the Chicago Cubs all have been given police powers. And several North Side business groups and chambers of commerce, from the Gold Coast up to Lakeview, are funding private sector efforts as well.

In Lakeview, Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] openly criticized former Mayor Rahm Emanuel over the loss of officers in the Townhall 19th District that serves his community. He frequently demanded Emanuel place more police officers at Townhall. And he was not the only public official making those requests.

Over the last few years, this newspaper has frequently reported on dozens of instances when North Side alderman have said, "So-and-so" commander has agreed to increase patrols in the [fill in the blank] area' when commenting on a particularly egregious criminal incident that had just occurred. Every alderman now wants more police in their ward, but for a variety of mostly cultural and political reasons, the city can no longer adequately staff CPD district stations.

If hired by the Lincoln Park organizers, P4 Security would set up a channel on an instant messaging app, so all neighbors can communicate with the officer and "live stream to the Chicago Police Department," according to the flier.

The effort is expected to cost \$175,000 a year in addition to some one-time fees for setting the service up, according to the flier. Block Club reports that so far, neighbors claim to have raised 35% of that cost.

"If you are able to contribute more or less, that's fine," the flier states. "If 75% of the funds are raised by April 30, patrols could start May 15."

For many North Siders, political and social justice rhetoric will no longer salve the wounds. The virtue signaling ends quickly after your wife, mother or daughter gets carjacked. The problems are real and have become systemic. Those with the resources are now resorting to putting their money where their wounds are.

TOD *from p. 1*

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The TOD is expected to offer a mix of studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units and a host of hospitality-style amenities such as co-working space, a gym, resident lounge and rooftop terrace.

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