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a form of action.

— Auguste Rodin

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Doctors see improvement in shooting victim

Family says 'Dakotah is fighting as hard as he can right now'

BY CWBCHICAGO

There is good news to report on Dakotah Earley's fight to recover after being shot and critically wounded by an armed robber in Lincoln Park on Friday morning, the 23-year-old's family said in an update.

Family members told GoFundMe supporters Monday that surgeons would amputate Dakotah's left foot due to lack of blood flow. But doctors changed their mind, at least for now, after seeing improvement through an alternate treatment, said his brother DaShawn.

"They were able to see some improvement within the foot after connecting it to [an oxidation machine]. They will continue to monitor it and should come to a decision within the next several days with what needs to happen," said DaShawn.

"Although Dakotah's condition remains critical, his abdomen surgery [on Monday] was success-



Lincoln Park shooting victim Dakotah Earley (inset), and the intersection of Webster and Wayne streets.

ful." Doctors opened Dakotah's stomach to control bleeding after he arrived at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

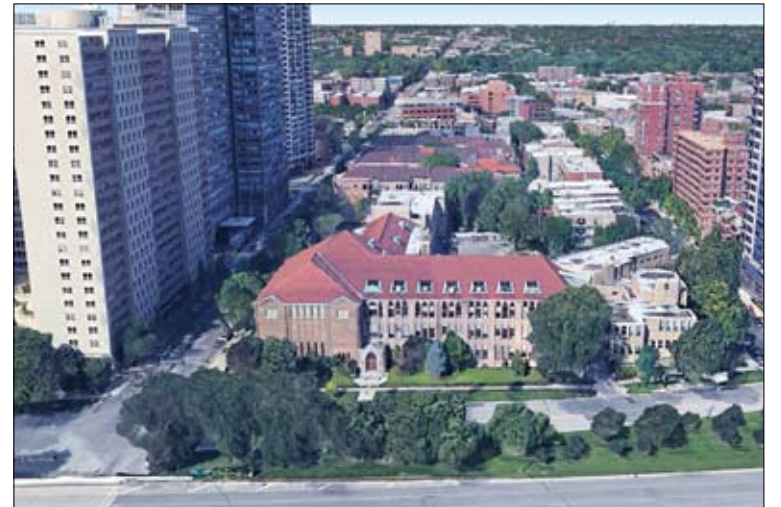
DaShawn said doctors had grown optimistic about saving his brother's left leg, which was at risk of amputation over the weekend.

Dakotah, 23, has undergone at least three surgeries so far. His family has said he lost part of his

colon and will lose part of his jaw that a bullet struck.

Earley, who moved to Chicago late last year to begin a culinary career, was shot three times in a horrifying robbery that was caught on surveillance video at the corner of Webster and Wayne around 3:05 a.m. May 6. Police believe the offenders committed at

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On May 4, K Giles LLC and CA Ventures released their plans for the proposed redevelopment of the former Immaculate High School and grounds, at Irving Park Rd. and Marine Dr.

Lakefront high-rise project scaled back, but neighbors still concerned with density, congestion

While the developers have scaled back plans to turn the historical American Islamic College campus in Uptown into a residential complex that would include a new senior living tower, some residents of the Buena Park neighborhood are opposing a proposed new 22-story high-rise in their neighborhood. They still have questions and concerns about the development proposed for at the site of Immaculate High School, 600 W. Irving Park Rd.

On May 4, K Giles LLC and CA Ventures released their plans for the proposed redevelopment at Irving Park Rd. and Marine Dr. into apartments. The revised plans include 437 units, with 192 units in a 22-story senior living building that would rise from a current parking lot.

But some residents feel like the local alderman, Ald. James Capleman [46th], and the develop-

ers are intentionally dividing the community in order to get their way.

Even with this recently announced reduction in size, the community's main concerns remain density, building height, parking, traffic and congestions.

This area of Lakeview East and Buena Park has historically had some of the most congested streets in the city, due in part to their proximity to the lakefront, Wrigley Field and narrow east-west streets that were established in an era when horse-drawn vehicles were the primary mode of transportation.

Specifically neighbors who approached this newspaper want to know why a 22-story high-rise needs to be erected on such a small parcel.

They say they are not opposed

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Police warn of Lincoln Park, Lakeview robberies

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning North Side residents of a recent rash of related robberies in Lincoln Park and Lakeview, that involved at least eight victims, including one man who was shot three times, and is now in critical condition in the hospital.

The incidents occurred during the late evening/early morning hours during May. In each instance, an unknown armed

offender approached the victims and demanded the victim's property. And in some incidents discharged a firearm in the victim's direction.

After the offender took the victim's property, the subjects entered into a waiting vehicle and fled the scene.

Incidents include one on the 2900 block of N. Clark St. 10:45 p.m. May 4; the 2600 block of N. Bosworth Ave. 10:50 p.m. May 4; 1100 block of W. Wellington Ave.

11 p.m. May 4; 3000 block of N. Racine Ave. 10 p.m. May 5; 2600 block of N. Racine Ave. 10:26 p.m. May 5; 700 block of W. Aldine Ave. 12:30 a.m. May 6; 1100 block of W. Fullerton Ave. 3 a.m. May 6, and on the 1300 block of W. Webster St. 3:05 a.m. May 6.

The offenders are described as male(s) African American, 16-30 years of age, who are wearing ski masks.

Investor sells Uptown's Stewart School

In late April, Chicago investment firm Morningside USA sold the Stewart School Loft apartments in Uptown for \$23 million.

The school seemed to become a victim to its surroundings, once the real estate along Broadway in Uptown suddenly grew quite popular in 2013. That was when the Chicago Public Schools closed the school at 4525 N. Kenmore Ave., along with 48 other school buildings. They also closed and sold the Trumbull School in Andersonville at the same time.

At the time it was closed, the Stewart School reportedly had



Investment firm Morningside USA recently sold the Stewart School Loft apartments, 4525 N. Kenmore, in Uptown for \$23 million.

just 17 eighth graders in its graduating class.

The school's construction was

completed on Oct. 11, 1905. It was

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Meeting Thursday on Western Ave. streetscape plans

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] is hosting the third in a series of meetings on the coming streetscape project along Lincoln Ave. from Western to Catalpa avenues, including Catalpa Ave. from Lincoln to Western Ave.

The virtual meeting will be held tomorrow, 6 p.m. May 12.

The project aims to provide a walkable street that city officials hope will foster community and economic growth.

Based on feedback gathered during two prior meetings and one online poll, the city is developing design concept refinements while seeking additional opinions.

At this third meeting, the city officials will present concepts for the project area and provide an opportunity for questions and answers.

To register for the meeting, call 312-744-5900, and refer to the Lincoln Avenue Streetscape.



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Ward and Sears built a method of modern living never seen on earth before



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you relish paging through the photos and descriptions of exotic merchandise for sale, all assembled for you and bound together in easy to view order?

Do you still receive a lot of catalogues? Our family loved them. We always had the choicest ones. The most picturesque. Lots of eye appeal. Brooks Brothers was my favorite.

But so too were the ones from shops like Murray's Toggery Shop in Nantucket (for the original Nantucket Reds Collection), Vineyard Vines in Cape Cod, Ralph Lauren, Lily Pulitzer in Palm Beach and L.L. Bean in Freeport, Maine.

We actually looked on them as colorful magazines that never went out of style, never an expired freshness date. Just paging through them lifted your exposure to American fashion. Or new appliances. Sailboats. Foul weather gear. French cookware, Craftsmen tools and the latest Top-siders.

Catalogues weren't the great American novel. But they did, I believe, have a story to tell.

Chicago has always been a catalogue town. Catalogues were the very making of our modern city, helping to turn this city into the capital of the American heartland. From the beginning catalogue shopping was always enhanced by this city's center of the nation geography with its system of American railroads, all of which started in Chicago. Our central presence on the Prairie led to the enormous success of what catalogues were all about.

Thanks to Chicago's catalogue king, the department store bar-



(L) Sears, Roebuck and Co. 1902 catalog. (R) By 1894 the page count of the Sears catalogue was 322 pages. Early Sears catalogues billed themselves as the "Cheapest Supply House on Earth" or "the Book of Bargains," and featured a mind-boggling array of products, including medical and veterinary supplies, musical instruments, firearms, bicycles and farming equipment.

on, A. Montgomery Ward, who brought everyday necessities and luxury items to the front doors of Americans everywhere beginning in 1872. In the process he became one of Chicago's most authoritative and successful business leaders.

Sears & Roebuck Co., Ward's only catalogue competitor, was another Chicago merchandiser beginning in 1893. They grew to become a household name and a legend in the marketing of catalogue sales.

The well-known American department store was a transforming reality in America. Well-organized, capable of reaching across the plateaus and mountains of the U.S.A. to help sustain the populations of Americans on the move. Especially with the expansion of the waves of immigrants seeking settlement.

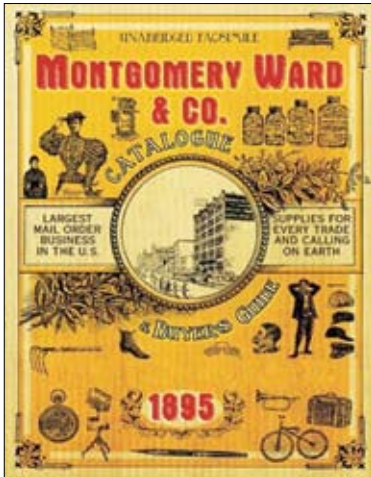
These two dynamic giants in the catalogue sales industry were vast empires, jump-starting the business of shopping from a sales catalogue. They took advantage of the opportunity of having the inventive production of American manufacturing brought right to the doorsteps of small town Americans.

At the time, many rugged pioneers made use of the chance to resettle the nation. Land was vastly available and Americans



needed to spread out. Such pioneers spent much of the late 19th century doing just that, spreading

Montgomery Ward, or the up-scale showrooms of Marshall Field's. Elegance, there, was an



(L) Montgomery Ward & Co. Catalogue and Buyers' Guide 1895. To buy spittoons, books of gospel hymns, hat pins, rifles, wagons, violins, bird-cages, or portable bathtubs, purchases that used to require many separate trips to specialist merchants, suddenly all the American shopper had to do was lick a stamp. (R) A Montgomery Ward catalogue from 1979 was 1199 pages long and included an order blank to order more catalogues..

out across the roomy geography of the continent. Revitalizing the nation. Expanding the American dream. Farming. Ranching. Producing the nation's food supply. Creating new states. Fine-tuning the bounty of American harvests from "sea to shining sea." That wasn't just a patriotic slogan, but rather a description of what Americans were up to.

Much of it enhanced by the new convenience of shopping from pages of merchandise for the necessities of life.

No matter where you lived. No matter how small or remote your town. The catalogue sales empire could get to you, changing lives with the availability of necessities and luxury items. From tractors to sofas. From bonnets to hob-nailed boots. From dishware to perfume, from longjohn undies to hankies and canteens, the wish lists of Americans could be easily assembled, along with many kid's Christmas lists.

Real Chicagoans, of course, could visit their local emporiums. A visit to Sears & Roebuck, or

everyday adventure. If you were a sod-buster in Nebraska or a rancher in Montana your local pickings were most likely slim. But with mail order shopping the catalogue was all you needed.

Sears even offered a wide variety of pre-fabricated homes among available merchandise. Guaranteeing easy assemblage.

Work clothes or dress duds were a snap to get into your closet. On the Prairie, the Plains, in the Rockies, the Arizona Desert, or the mining towns of the ore rich west, the reliability of trains with shipments from Chicago brought sought after goods right to your parlor.

The catalogues themselves were important documents. They revealed the enormous variety of American ingenuity in the products produced for domestic use. They showed the needs and necessities of Americans coast to coast. What life was really like.

And when the new season's catalogue arrived, last season's may have been put to use in the outhouse.

There was no doubt about it. America was rich in resources that showcased the genius of the nation's people. Best seen in the inventions and gadgets that greatly modernized the nation and settled the contours of the Great Experiment in Democracy. The muscular success of American commerce was easy to see. Especially in Chicago.

The success of catalogues was good for Chicago. It added real power to the manner in which commerce was conducted. Fresh and reasoned intelligence was easy to see in its achievement. Creating an American culture at the same time.

Ironically, as A. Montgomery Ward grew more rich and powerful, he placed the political and legal energy of his success at the disposal of the city. He became obsessed with the protection of Chicago's most valuable natural resource, the 33 miles of lakefront beauty.

His life's ambition from high above his Michigan Ave. HQ became ground zero for an endless series of legal challenges in the courts to protect the lakefront from industry and manufacturing. He led the struggle to set the lakefront's majesty as "forever open, clear and free."

That remained Ward's mantra until he died in 1913. With the vindication of the lakefront as his gift to fellow Chicagoans for all time.

We embrace, today, a cityscape panorama that has no equal in all of the nation. Just look at Cleveland, or Buffalo, whose shores the Carnegies and Rockefellers got ahold of first. It was hard fought.

Ward and Sears & Roebuck built a method of modern living

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The open secret of who profits from Chicago's abandoned car towing program

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Chicago's abandoned car towing program, its efficiency, and the results of those efforts may be some of the most opaque business transactions City Hall is involved in.

On April 20, this newspaper published a story on vehicle impoundment of a disabled woman's van with a customized wheelchair lift, and a legal case challenging the city's policies.

In that case, the plaintiff claims that the city violated their constitutional property rights by seizing vehicles and then selling them to tow companies before the owners had enough time to retrieve their cars.

That story reminded Lincoln Parker Richard Baumgarten of an experience from 1993 with his own car, that was towed away by the city. So he decided to call us up and tell the tale of the speed and efficiency of the system put in place to clear abandoned cars off of city streets... and how he was able to save his own car from being declared destroyed, chopped up and sold off part by part.

Baumgarten's own story is one he promised an old friend he wouldn't talk about. That friend, a former police captain, is now deceased. And Baumgarten told

us he was ready to talk about just how bad his luck almost got.

In our story about the ongoing lawsuit (Santiago v. City of Chicago), attorneys filed the case on behalf of Andrea Santiago. It was aimed at forcing the city to pay up on two classes of perhaps tens of thousands of car owners whose vehicles were either towed by the city after being declared abandoned, or were later "disposed of by the city" — a phrase that often meant the cars were quickly sold to tow companies, which later resold the vehicles for scrap and parts.

That case is being heard by U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly, who ruled to certify the case as a class action.

In 2020 the city appealed, and the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of appeals vacated Kennelly's order and sent the case back to district court, where it is still being adjudicated.

For example, in 2017, Chicago impounded roughly 66 cars per day. Those vehicles amassed about \$28 million in fines that year. It's a lucrative practice for the city.

A civil liberties law firm, the Institute for Justice [IJF], is focusing on specific details of the impound process, and says the

city's towing practices violate basic rights. It is targeting Chicago's impound fines for owners who committed no crimes, and it is targeting the method of holding a car at the impound lot until owners pay all fines and fees.

Abandoned vehicles -- if not redeemed by the owners -- that have not been moved or used for more than seven days and seem deserted, are towed away and sold for scrap. Since this privatization program began, more than 500,000 abandoned vehicles have been towed and impounded.

"The city holds cars for ransom until the owners pay all the fines accrued, even before the final judgment is rendered," said IFJ lawyer Diana Simpson. "That's unconstitutional ... As far as we know, Chicago has the worst impound system in the entire country."

In Baumgarten's case, he owned a 1988 Toyota Supra that he planned to sell for \$10,000. So he parked it down the block from his house while it was for sale.

It sat parked in the same spot for a week, with its current license

plates and a city sticker.

Then one day it disappeared. He thought it might have been stolen, so he called the police and they told him it was towed to the city pound.

Then at the city's tow lot, they told him the car had been crushed, and they showed him a Certificate of Destruction.

The crushing company paid the city \$75 for scrap metal.

But luckily, later that same day, an employee of Baumgarten's saw the Toyota pass him on the road on a flatbed truck... and he followed that truck to a junk yard. "The employee then came back to work and told me. That's when I called the police captain," said Baumgarten.

The police helped him save his car, and he got the car back with all fines and towing fees waved.

Tow trucks owned by the City performed abandoned vehicle removals until 1989, when the City implemented a privatization program that contracted a private firm to perform this work.

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Once a car is declared abandoned, the city sells nearly all

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Home-loan interest rates hit highs not seen since 2009



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Tighten your seat belts Chicago home buyers. The mortgage-rate roller coaster may be headed over the moon.

With inflation running rampant and 30-year fixed home loans rising nationwide toward 6% or higher, experts say a cloud is building over the housing market.

On May 5, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans across the nation rose a quarter of a point to an average of 5.27%, up from 5.1% a week earlier. A year ago, rates on the popular 30-year loan averaged 2.96%.

Fifteen-year fixed mortgages averaged 4.52%, up from 4.40% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loan averaged 2.30%.

"Mortgage rates resumed their climb this week as the 30-year fixed reached its highest point since 2009," noted Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "While housing affordability and inflationary pressures pose challenges for potential buyers, house-price growth will continue but is expected to decelerate in the coming months."

The mortgage-rate roller coaster appears to be speeding uphill toward six percent after the Federal Reserve Board's half-percentage point rate hike on May 5, the most aggressive move since 2000. The increase in the key Fed-Funds rate raised it to a range of 0.75% to one percent, the highest point since the pandemic struck two years ago.

Experts forecast that Fed is planning half-point increases at its next two meetings, which



Rising interest rates and the Fed's credit tightening will mean higher loan rates for many consumers, including those for mortgages, credit cards and auto loans.

could easily push benchmark 30-year fixed home loans to six percent or higher.

The Fed's credit tightening will likely mean higher loan rates for many consumers and businesses over time, including mortgages, credit cards and auto loans.

As a result, the record-low home-loan deals in the upper 2%-range that kept the housing market at full speed over the past two years are now a faded memory.

Economist say projections released by the policy-setting Federal Open Markets Committee signal the likelihood of the Fed raising rates several more times this year, in an effort to control inflation, which hit 6.6% last months—the highest point in four decades. That scenario would push the Fed Funds rate 1.75% or higher by the end of this year.

On May 5, the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—rose to 3.04% from 2.92%.

This means that benchmark six percent-plus mortgage rates likely are on the very near horizon, especially for borrowers who have a FICO score under 740. If you have a mediocre 650-point credit score expect to pay a sky-high 6.25% today for a 30-year fixed mortgage, lenders said.

If the Fed hikes its rates several more times in 2022, mortgage rates could easily rise to 6.5% or higher by the end of the year.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

While mortgage rates floated near—or below—the three percent bargain range for most of 2021, thousands of Chicago-area homeowners refinanced their loans. Those who sat on the dock not only missed the boat, but the vessel now has sunk into deep waters and is attracting barnacles.

Currently, the Fed faces an eco-

nomical balancing act—the worst since the early 1990s. If the Fed shifts too quickly, the central bank could roil markets and tip the economy into a deep recession, experts say.

The big worry is the long-range impact of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, which has helped send the cost of fuel, food and metals skyrocketing. This raises economist fears of a 1970-style "stagflation" which would create threats to prices, growth and financial-market stability.

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.65%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

Loan deals still available

However, Chicago-area borrowers who get off the fence still have a faint chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of May 5, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 4.6% on 30-year loans and 3.95% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

- Liberty Bank was quoting 4.568% on a 30-year loan and 3.625% on a 15-year mortgage with 20% down and a loan fee of \$646.

- Mutual of Omaha was quoting 5.166% on 30-year loans and 4.625% on 15-year mortgages with a 20% down payment and a \$850 loan fee.

Mortgage-rate history

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression, when lenders were charging five percent on five-year balloon loans.

Nearly six decades ago, between 1963 and 1965 you could get a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

In the early 1980s, run-away inflation caused home-loan rates to skyrocket into the stratosphere. According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a jaw-dropping 18.45% in Oct. 1981 during that Great Recession.

Rates finally fell below 10% in April of 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. Nearly 23 years ago—in Aug. 1999—when some of today's Millennial borrowers were still in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.15%.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebatt.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

Two North Side schools cashing in on TIF cash

Lane Tech will get \$10 million, to help pay for part of a \$41 million project; while Northside College Prep will get \$4.5 million too, under a measure introduced to City Council on April 27.

Lane Tech High School, at 2501 W. Addison St., would receive \$10 million from the Western Avenue South TIF to support \$41.1 million in mechanical sys-

tem upgrades. The balance of the project would be paid by Chicago Public Schools.

Further North, Northside College Prep, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., would receive \$4.54 million in TIF to fund the entirety of a new artificial turf sports field, a running track, and related improvements.



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Open Space taxes to help with Wild Mile platform

The Wild Mile located on the North Branch of The Chicago River just south of North Ave. is going to get \$1.76 million in taxes that were collected from the City's Open Space Impact Taxes, under a measure introduced to City Council on April 27.

Under the proposal, those funds

would expand an existing river-front learning platform at 1440 N. Kingsbury St. on the Near North Side by 400 linear feet. The extra dock space on the east side of Goose Island, would also include approximately 12,000 square feet of new floating gardens.



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Over 37,000 properties will be part of Cook County's May 12 Tax Sale

More than half owe less than \$1,000 in back taxes

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas will conduct the annual sale of delinquent property taxes from May 12 – 18. This Tax Sale is for delinquent property taxes from Tax Year 2019, which were due in two installments in 2020. Approximately \$175.6 million in unpaid 2019 property taxes are overdue on 37,176 properties in Cook County. The properties include homes, businesses and vacant land throughout Chicago (17,709 properties) and Cook County suburbs (19,467 properties). Shockingly, less than \$1,000 is owed on 19,350 of those proper-

ties. Owners of these properties were sent notices via certified mail informing them that their unpaid taxes are to be auctioned, which would put a lien against their properties. However, the U.S. Postal Service has returned nearly 15,000 bills and subsequent notices. "Many residents may be unaware that their property is eligible for the Tax Sale," Pappas said. "The majority of the taxes offered are for properties in minority communities. I started 'Black and Latino Houses Matter' to help homeowners find refunds and apply

for tax exemptions." How to get your property off the Tax Sale list:

- Log on to cookcountytreasurer.com
- Search for your home or other property by entering your Property Index Number
- Pay any delinquent taxes and interest before tomorrow, May 12.

Under Illinois law, the Cook County Treasurer's Office is required to put delinquent taxes, not the property itself, up for auction. Visit cookcountytreasurer.com and click on "Avoid the Tax Sale" for more information and to see if your property is on the Tax Sale list.

The Illinois Cannabis Convention coming to town June 10-11

The Illinois Cannabis Convention is coming back, and will be held June 10-11 at McCormick Place Lakeside Center, 2301 S. Lake Shore Dr. The convention will feature over 100 local and national exhibitors, 50 industry expert speakers, programming tracks on careers, investment opportunities, medical marijuana education and cultivation tips. The event is also the single-largest gathering of education and outreach for the Medical Marijuana programs in Illinois. It is produced by New England Cannabis [NECANN], the only marijuana convention focused exclusively on the Illinois market. NECANN has been producing conventions for the Cannabis industry since 2014. For more information, and a list of public events, visit <https://www.necann.com/>. With the approval of the Illinois

Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act in 2019, Illinois became the first state in the U.S. to legalize recreational marijuana sales through legislative fiat rather than allowing citizens to vote for it. Illinois is estimated to produce between \$2 and \$4 billion in annual income from recreational weed sales if it reaches full maturity. But be careful, Illinois law does now allow pot use in public areas, so the conventions will permit no displaying, smoking/vaping/consuming cannabis anywhere on show property. The state is also set to expunge an estimated 700,000 marijuana-related police records and court convictions in a staged manner expected to be finished by 2025, making it the first state in the country to do so. Since legalization, Illinois has seen an average monthly revenue of over \$100 million from recreational cannabis sales.

Chicago alone hosts 44 cannabis dispensaries as of 2021. NECANN is amped to help bring some of the best in the industry together in one place in the Windy City. Topics to be covered throughout the convention include infused products, inventory tracking, legal resources, licensing services, medical resources, smoking, vaping, and dabbing accessories, POS and management software, private equity and investment resources, training and education, security services and equipment, testing and lab services, tinctures, salves and topicals, accounting, insurance, marketing, banking, payment processing, botanicals, patient advocacy, storage, packaging, dosing equipment, patient education, medical experts, displays and fixtures, grow lights, hydroponics and cultivation products.



A Chicago police transit unit officer stands at the Addison station in April 2022.

CTA robberies at a 12-year high on North Side, Loop train lines, city data show

BY CWBCHICAGO

one other hold-up. Robin Linzy, 28, of the Near North Side, is charged with mis-

Police say a 16-year-old boy and a 28-year-old man are facing charges in connection with a May 4 armed robbery of a CTA customer at the Roosevelt station. The news comes as a review of the city's own data shows robberies high along the CTA's downtown and North Side train lines are at their highest level since 2010. The teen is charged with armed robbery and was held on a warrant, according to a CPD statement. The teenager had been flagged as "armed and dangerous" in a law enforcement database and was wanted for at least

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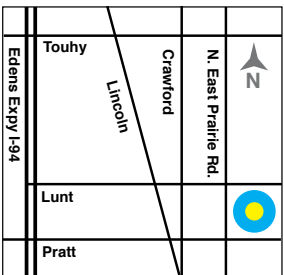
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Patterns and problems in police pursuit of criminals in a violent city

BY STEVEN LARSEN

Which would be worse: police officers taking a long time to arrive after a violent incident or deciding not to pursue a criminal on foot even though they will be assured by a dozen eye witnesses that the person getting away has committed a violent crime?

Presently, the Chicago police are engaged in strange activities when responding to violent episodes.

One would think with the huge amount of money spent on the police each year the response time on violent incidents would be mere minutes. That the focus of pursuits and searches would be on the culprits in the three incidents below—not on the alleged victims.

Where are the policies guiding and limiting police duties coming from?

The Three Musketeers

In June, 2021, three young males beat and almost killed a senior citizen. They hit him across the head with their fists several times in the first scene of their attack at McDonald's Restaurant, 6231 N. Broadway. Then they pursued the victim to the corner of Broadway and Granville avenues where they beat him with a walking cane, and then followed him into the CVS Pharmacy at 6150 N. Broadway.

There they beat the victim with the cane until it broke, only after they had managed to knock him to the floor and cut his neck before they ran off.

Witnesses stated that the victim was struck several times. Some say it was 30 or 40 times.

When the police arrived, witnesses told them the victim was in the CVS store.

They also told the police five or six times that the attackers were

argument with employees—who surrounded him and yelled that he needed to leave the store.

The young man punched the closest employee, knocking him to the floor. Nobody intervened or tried to restrain or follow the attacker as he left the store.

The employee was taken to the hospital with a possible concussion, but apparently did not press charges.

Police arrived on the scene and did not seem interested in pursuing the attacker.

A few days later, I again saw the attacker in that store.

I asked a store manager on duty if there was a protocol in place for warning employees or customers or even for calling the police when a person who "may have attacked someone recently" is seen on the property.

She responded that these events are "handled on a case-by-case basis." She cut the conversation short, saying she did not want to be interviewed.

The Avid Reader

Earlier this year, a young male accused another young male of stealing his backpack inside the Edgewater Public Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Words were exchanged, and the accuser punched the other man about a dozen times, then picked him up and threw him into a stack of books and punched him more (while the library's security guard and employees did nothing to intervene).

After the fight was over and the attacker fled, the police finally arrived. Even though they were told by several library employees what the attacker was wearing and which direction he was walking, they asked the victim whether he wanted to press charges. The victim declined to press charges and that was good enough for the police.

To review, the police show up late and do not peruse attackers.

One wonders where this policy of inaction stems from?

The do not pursue order came about as a result of a lawsuit filed by the ACLU and West Side residents.

Calling it "a step forward" the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] and Mayor Lori Lightfoot explained a new policy in May 2021 of stopping the majority of foot pursuits.

Supposedly, the end of foot pursuits means everybody will be safer: victims, alleged criminals, passersby, and the CPD officers, who are the ones whose duty it is to decide if an incident calls for a foot pursuit.

There are several things to consider for whether or not they should conduct a foot pursuit of alleged criminals. The first version of the CPD policy came out last spring, preceding the three crime incidents above.

One key element is "Defining foot pursuits as appropriate only when there is probable cause for an arrest or it is believed an individual has committed, is committing or is about to commit a crime."

Another key element is that in each of the three incidents noted above, there were several eye-witnesses who could have been called upon to not only state the "individual has committed..." a violent crime, but can also identify him.

In each incident, CPD officers ignored this input.

In all three cases, no charges are filed.

In Chicago, if the victim does not file charges, the police have no cause to arrest.

So we're on our own, neighbors.

The police do not pursue the attackers when they have the best chance of catching them, they do not arrest perps because the filing of charges is refused—or forgotten—after the attack, and the victims just go home and lick their wounds.

How can letting criminals go free to attack - or even kill others - make us all safe?

Is it because the police know Cook County courts will just set them free, and that CPD brass and City Hall will just toss the cops under the bus? Or has the CPD's federal Consent Degree made them timid, knowing that every action will be examined under a microscope, and scrutinized with the presumption of guilt for the CPD? Is this official policy or is it just apathy?

Just how much crime is never reported?

If there is no arrest, then there is no paperwork to file, and no data points to crunch... which mean 'crime is down' - as we've heard the mayor and CPD state. No paperwork equals no crime?

Just try to tell that to our three victims.

Steven Larsen is an Evanston resident who spends a lot of time on the North Side observing, investigating, questioning, writing, and reporting.

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walking past them right then, at that moment, on the sidewalk, and then entered the Granville Red Line CTA station.

However, the police did not pursue the attackers, and instead went to the CVS store to speak with the victim.

All three attackers had already left the CVS store before the police arrived.

The police did not ask whether the victim wanted to file charges. Rather, they took him to the hospital for treatment.

The nickname "The Three Musketeers" came up—and residents of the neighborhood have embraced it.

Two of the perps returned to the scene of the crime the very next night. They spoke to the victim—who again happened to be sitting in front of the same McDonald's—and the entire discussion was witnessed.

The police were called while the two men strolled south on Broadway.

Police arrived and went to look for the two men but came back and reported they could not find them.

Then the Three Musketeers were seen again at a later date, driving a silver unmarked SUV. A call to the police station was revealing—in that it was not. The police would neither confirm nor deny that one of their SUVs was missing.

The Grocery Growler

Early one hot 2021 summer morning, a young man came into the Jewel-Osco store at 3531 N. Broadway and got into a heated

Whole Foods opens new store, closes another

Whole Foods has cut the ribbon on a giant new store in River North, with the recent opening of their 66,000-square-foot grocery opened in the One Chicago building at the corner of State St. and Chicago Ave.

It opened in late April and will carry the usual groceries, produce, meats and baked goods groceries, but this store will also offer a bar with 300 craft beers and 600 wines available.

This new store has replaced a previous Whole Foods grocery

located on Huron St.

But Whole Foods delivered fresh baked bad news for Lincoln Parkers and DePaul Univ. students, the Texas-based company has closed its store in the DePaul Univ. Welcome Center, 959 W. Fullerton Ave., at Sheffield and Fullerton.

On Dec. 28, 2013, the former grocery tenant at DePaul's Welcome Center - Dominick's - also closed a store at this location, as a part of their exiting the grocery business in Chicago. Three months later Whole Foods announced they would take over the space.

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Art and craft fair May 21-22

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Along with shopping from a variety of vendors, live music, food, and kids art activities will also be available.

Free food at Warren Park

The Warren Park Produce Mobile is back, offering free bags of fresh fruits and vegetables to those in need every month. No qualifications are necessary to receive free produce; anyone can participate with no questions asked, just stop by.

The mobile will be in the parking lot of Warren Park, 6601 N. Western, the second Wednesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The next produce giveaway will be this Wednesday, May 11, followed by June 8 and July 13.

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of them to a private company, some for as little as \$143.

Baumgarten might have just called the police or an alderman and screamed bloody murder. Instead he called his police captain friend, who helped him retrieve the car from a private lot on the South Side. “It was me and him and some other officers, who quietly took care of the matter. It was like I had a police escort,” he said. “The guy running the operation was not very happy about it. He had already started selling off the parts.”

According to Baumgarten, his police friend managed to make the problem go away – just as the workers in the junk yard had already marked-up the car in the places where they were getting ready to take everything apart. “They had already declared the car destroyed.”

After he got the car back, Baumgarten eventually sold it for \$9,500.

In 2019, WBEZ scrutinized Chicago’s towing practices over a three year period, uncovering disturbing truths. They examined hundreds of thousands of towing records, more than a hundred invoices, vendor contracts and internal documents obtained through more than 100 public records requests.

What they found paints an alarming picture of a decades-long, practically for-profit

Is your car gone?

Owners of impounded vehicles can get their car back by going to the pound itself, but you must act quickly. They’ll need to bring proof of vehicle ownership, such as the title or bill of sale. They also need valid identification, such as a driver’s license.

Then there are the hefty penalties that will need to be paid, starting with a \$150 fee for the abandoned car towing service.

The pound will also charge \$20 a day for the first five days of pound storage. After that, the storage fees will go up to \$35 a day.

For vehicles that weigh more than 8,000 pounds, the towing fee is \$250 and \$60 a day for the first five days of storage. Storage fees go up to \$100 a day on the sixth day onwards.

If the owner can drive the vehicle out of the pound, it needs to have an up-to-date registration. It should also have current Chicago license plates, and valid city sticker.

it program that embroils tens of thousands of cars from residents in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs.

WBEZ found that this expansive system is founded on questionable public policies and executed by a private towing contractor long-tainted by scandals. More troubling, the financial sustainability of Chicago’s towing relies largely on squeezing

Chicago impounded
93,857 vehicles in 2017.
It sold just under 24,000
of them – or an average
of 66 cars a day –
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The vast majority of cars were sold off to a single towing contractor, United Road Towing [URT], who works out of a lot at 701 N. Sacramento Blvd., and is headquartered at 9550 Bormet Dr., Mokena, IL.

And these are not all junk cars. Sales included a 2016 Ford Mustang sold for \$176.09, a 2014 Audi A3 for \$147.15, and a 2011 Mercedes M-Class for \$143.33. WBEZ found that the contractual arrangement divvies tens of thousands of Chicagoans’ cars between the city and URT — the city gets scrap values, and URT gathers millions more in potential resale value. The remainder of the cars’ full value evaporates into bureaucratic thin air, because of the legal change in title when the car is not claimed from a city auto pound.

In 2016, Chicago gave URT a contract to handle that work, at the estimated cost of \$60 million over five years. URT has held towing contracts with Chicago for the last 30 years, despite the fact that it has dodged many scandals. In the ’90s, the company was found to have bilked the city for \$1 million. It’s been probed by the FBI in an interstate auto-theft ring. It once declared bankruptcy to avoid paying a \$5 million settlement after the company was found to be illegally towing cars in another state.

So the lesson here is if you have to leave your car on the streets of Chicago, make sure to move it at least once a week. And if a cop friend helps you get a towed car back... do them a favor and keep quiet.

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demeanor assault with a deadly weapon. He is not accused of robbery.

At 12:41 a.m., four robbers confronted a 25-year-old man in the elevator as they rode from the Red Line platform to the mezzanine, police said. Police said the attackers grabbed the victim’s wallet and backpack before punching him in the face. He declined medical treatment.

Using surveillance footage, the police located four suspects on the Clark-Division Red Line CTA platform. Cops took them in for questioning and later released two with-

out filing charges.

CPD has recorded 66 robberies in CTA stations and on trains, platforms this year in five lakefront police districts that serve the city from 31st Street to Rogers Park. It’s the most robberies since 2010 and the second most since at least 2002.

The stats include all train lines in the Loop, the Brown Line to Rockwell, the Red Line from 31st to Howard, and the Purple Line. Robberies are increasing even though ridership on the train system is depressed due to COVID and the growing work-from-home trend.

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Architectural Center now offering Rogers Park's Mile of Murals tours

Mile of Murals is a community-based public art initiative in the Rogers Park neighborhood. The project began in 2007, with the intention to nurture, promote, and celebrate the arts-centered identity of Rogers Park.

Now the Chicago Architectural Center is hosting guided tours for public viewing. Tour guests will visit a 14,000-square-foot stretch of the CTA Red Line in Rogers Park and view the 14 completed paintings on this 1.5-hour tour. The cost is \$30 per person.

Over the last 14 years, the Mile of Murals has commissioned 14 large-scale works, consisting of five block-long pieces, seven viaducts, and one overpass: totaling over 14,000 square feet of painted walls.

The project goal is to paint a full mile of murals along the CTA Red Line track from Estes Ave. to Pratt Blvd. along the

Glenwood Ave. train line. The project will result in 19 large-scale murals that include 10 block-long walls, seven viaduct walls, and two overpasses.

New artists and themes are selected through a selection process juried by arts professionals and community leaders. Mile of Murals is sponsored by the Rogers Park Business Alliance and the Clark/Morse/Glenwood Special Service Area (SSA#24).

Last year the Mile of Murals Committee began working to ensure the protection and preservation of existing murals and doing repairs and maintenance work.

The mural promoters and patrons believe that public art evokes a sense of community and pride and the murals along Glenwood Ave. examine the human existence and honor the history and diversity of the neighborhood. The colorful murals



The Chicago Architectural Center's Mile of Mural tours will be held 1 p.m. on Saturdays, May 14, June 4, July 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. The rendezvous point is the intersection of Glenwood and Morse avenues.

also add a touch of whimsy and are a bright backdrop to the Arts District.

Launched in 2007, the Miles of Murals is an ongoing series promoting the history of Rogers Park, which predates the founding of the City of Chicago, and learn about how it grew to become one of the city's

most diverse communities today. The tour hopes to honor the artists who have contributed to the project, and discusses the social and community issues explored in the works. For more information, email to abermudez@rpba.org.

Summer jobs program for city youth

Several City departments have announced their summer youth programming, including the 2022 One Summer Chicago [OSC] application.

OSC 2022 will run from July 5 to Aug. 12 and marks the return of in-person job and life-skills training for youth ages 14 to 24.

Young people can apply at OneSummerChicago.org up until June 10. The OSC portfolio hopes to provide summer activities that support individual and community growth.

OSC will provide thousands of young people the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in technology, healthcare, media, finance and more, with a range of private, public and nonprofit partners. This \$150 million program will allow youth to earn \$15 an hour within all Chicago Departments.

The Summer Youth Employment Program, employing people ages 16-24, is intended to help them build financial capabilities and employable skills through opportunities on training programs.

Also returning is the Chicagobility career exploration program for young people ages 14 and 15. Over the course of a six-week period, young people will connect with public and private sector industries through project-based learning, workshops, and more. The opportunities will also provide a weekly stipend up to \$450 for the duration of the summer, allowing the kids to earn while they learn.

The Chicago Youth Service Corps

[CYSC], a civic leadership program, is expanding from a six-week summer program to operate year-round. Last year young people addressed housing insecurity, social and economic inequities. Over 80% of CYSC participants in 2021 felt that they had made a real impact in their communities. The application is available at OneSummerChicago.org.

Other opportunities included those through the Chicago Parks District, Chicago Public Libraries, and the City Colleges of Chicago.

"This Summer, we're offering more than 2,100 summer job openings available to Chicago youth, ages 16 and older, including Seasonal Recreation Leader, Lifeguard and Junior Laborer," said Park District Interim General Supt. Rosa Escareño. "These opportunities will allow them to earn a competitive salary while building a work history for any career they choose to pursue. We encourage young people to apply now."

The CPD will have youth and adult employment opportunities including camp counselors and lifeguards.

The Chicago Public Library is also providing opportunities. "We will employ over 75 teens in partnership with After School Matters and One Summer Chicago, and through our Junior Volunteer program for younger youth," said CPL Cmsr. Chris Brown.

The Citi Foundation is continuing to support OSC for its ninth year in a row, with funding that has totaled over \$7 million.

Senior financial scams topic of May 25 Levy Center talk

The Northeast Levy Center Village, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave., will be holding their next virtual meeting 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 25. Christine Washkevich, Community Liaison at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, will be their guest speaker, presenting on "Senior Financial Scams & Identity Theft."

To register, call 312-626-6799, or email Sean Dolan at sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org. Guests will use this Zoom meeting ID: 828 8528 5798, and passcode 2022.

The NE Levy Center Village is a collaborative volunteer network that aims to increase the accessibility of resources for older adults in Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Uptown, and the greater northeast part of Chicago.

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Police Beat...

Rogers Park man gets 30 month sentence for beating puppy to death

A Rogers Park man has pleaded guilty to beating his fiancée’s puppy to death in their apartment late last year. Charles Everett Smith, 34, plead guilty just six months after being charged, bringing the case to a relatively quick conclusion.

Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer sentenced Smith to 2½ years in prison.

“Although no sentence will be high enough for Smith’s heinous crime, this is still a victory for an animal abuse case,” said the Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation after Smith’s sentencing hearing.

Smith’s girlfriend came home from work on Nov. 2, 2021, and found Smith naked, giving chest compressions to her Miniature Pinscher puppy, Bailey, and shaking the dog, prosecutors said during his initial bond hearing.

The dog was dead and wrapped in a blanket when police found it. Smith told officers that he was giving the puppy CPR and blowing into her nose because she was experiencing a medical emergency, according to prosecutors.

A necropsy determined that the dog died due to blunt force trauma. According to prosecutors, nearly all of her ribs were broken, her lungs were damaged, and she suffered multiple skull fractures and intestinal injuries.

Smith’s girlfriend reportedly told police he mistreated another dog several months before the November incident.

“Bailey’s mom was also in court and delivered her witness statement. Everyone in the courtroom was crying, even the people who showed up for their own cases,” the rescue foundation’s social media post said. “Bailey suffered a painful death and we cannot bring her back, but supporting cases like this one, brings awareness that these defenseless animals don’t have a voice but we are their voice.”

The group said prosecutors in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, “fought hard with us and we thank them. The Judge could probably be less accommodating to the criminal, but overall, she gave him almost the maximum, given his clean record.”

Smith arrived at the Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet on May 3. His sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior and he will receive 198 days credit for time served, according to court records.

Two offenders charged in CTA robbery

Two offenders have been charged in a May 4 CTA robbery. The first offender is a male juvenile, 16, charged with one felony count – armed robbery; while the second offender, Robin Linzy, 28, of the 1100 block of N. Hudson Ave., has been charged with one misdemeanor count of Aggravated Assault/Use Deadly Weapon.

The two offenders were arrested on May 4, in the 1200 block of N. Clark St. after they were identified as the offenders who, a short time earlier, participated in a robbery of a 25-year-old male victim in the 1100 block of S. State St., while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Gunman shoots driver in River North as downtown shooting cases soar

A suburban man was shot while driving in River North on May 5, police said. Five people have been shot on the Near North Side since April 29, three of them in River North. Both areas are experiencing a spike in shootings this year.

In the latest incident, a 38-year-old Des Plaines man pulled over and sought help from police officers who were stationed near Chicago and State around 9:53 p.m. after someone shot him nearby.

The victim told police he was driving east on Chicago Ave. when a brown sedan pulled up on his right side and the gunman opened fire from the other vehicle. He suffered gunshot wounds to his abdomen, groin, and right thigh, according to a CPD media statement that said he was in good condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Officers at the shooting scene said he was in critical condition.

A police surveillance camera recorded the shooting near the corner of Chicago and Wells. The gunman’s vehicle fled west on Chicago Ave.

According to CPD media releases, the Near North Side community area, bounded by the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, and North Avenue, has recorded 15 shooting victims so far this year. Three of them died. At this point last year, there were three shooting victims, four by May 6, 2020, and seven at this point in 2019.

The River North neighborhood, which is part of the Near North Side, has been the scene of nine shootings this year. Comparatively, there was one victim in 2020 and one in 2021. There were four victims at this point in 2019.

FBI looking for man who tried to rob two Loop banks in under 15 minutes



The FBI released these images of a man who tried to rob two banks in the Loop.

The FBI says a man tried to rob two banks in the Loop within 15 minutes on May 4. He didn’t get any money, but the feds are still looking for him.

The agency says he entered the Fifth Third Bank at 1 S. Wacker at about 1:59 p.m. He gave a note to the teller that demanded \$7,500 while keeping a hand in his pocket as if he had a gun, according to a CPD report. He left without getting cash.

At 2:11 p.m., he allegedly presented the same note to a teller at Fifth Third Bank at 2 S. LaSalle. But he didn’t get any cash and, possibly deciding that bank robbery is not his calling, he left the note behind.

An FBI bulletin describes the suspect only as a male who wore a black cap, a black mask, a camouflage patterned hoodie, black pants, and black shoes.

They are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads directly to his arrest and conviction. Tips can be shared with the FBI’s Chicago field office by calling 312-421-6700.

Lakeview burglar, suspected of dismembering a woman in Puerto Rico, is on the run

Police in Puerto Rico are looking for a Chicago man after they found a woman’s torso in an apartment on the



Daunta Head

island this week. Daunta Head, 53, is a seven-time convicted burglar who recently completed parole for a string of residential burglaries in Lakeview.

Puerto Rican officials say he had been on the island for three months but left this week on a flight to Orlando. They said they do not know his final destination.

Investigators found a woman’s torso inside a suitcase in the apartment where Head lived, according to the Puerto Rico Police Bureau. They found other body parts strewn about a nearby vacant lot May 4.

Investigators will use DNA tests to determine if the victim is a woman who was reported missing last week from an apartment complex that serves the homeless, according to local reports. Police said Head knew the woman, but they did not explain why the murder investigation is focused on him.

In Nov. 2014, the Chicago police arrested Head for a series of home burglaries in Lakeview. One victim took a cellphone pic of Head as he walked out of her home. Moments later, “clear surveillance footage” shows him carrying a suitcase stuffed with valuables onto a CTA bus at Ashland and School, police said.

Head was arrested two weeks later after detectives learned he pawned an item from the Lakeview burglaries on the South Side for \$6. The suitcase he left on the bus contained a passport, 55 “banking records,” an iPad, a Kindle, an HP laptop, a Samsung DVD player, a purse, a digital camera, and miscellaneous jewelry.

After arresting Head, Chicago detectives took the unusual step of issuing a bulletin to identify the owners of “numerous” items they recovered from pawn shops, including cameras, laptops, and jewelry.

He later received four concurrent 10-year sentences for the burglaries, which were committed on the 3400 block of N. Marshfield and the 1500 block of W. Melrose.

He listed a home address on the 5300 block of S. Indiana when police arrested him in 2014.

Anyone with information about Head’s whereabouts can contact authorities in Puerto Rico at 787-343-2020 or 787-891-3800.

Assailant hits Red Line passenger in the head with a gun case, victim reportedly an off-duty officer

Chicago police are investigating after a man reportedly struck a Red Line passenger in the head with a gun box on May 4. Cops and 911 dispatchers referred to the victim as an off-duty police officer.

A CPD spokesperson would not confirm that the victim is a cop, but they did say a 28-year-old man was hit in the head with a “plastic case” during an altercation on the Red Line near North-Clybourn around 5 p.m.

The victim and another man were engaged in a physical fight when the assailant “retrieved a plastic case and struck the victim in the head and fled in [an] unknown direction,” said the spokesperson. EMS treated the victim for his injuries, according to CPD.

Officers who met with the victim at the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview specifically said he was struck in the head with a Glock brand gun case

while riding the train. Dispatchers referred to the victim as an “off-duty.”

Nearly an hour after the incident, officers on patrol in the Loop who were notified of the incident involving an “off-duty” stopped a man and a woman who resembled the suspects descriptions. Dispatch records show that cops in Lakeview contacted the victim and took him downtown to determine whether they were the right people. Police made no arrests.

The victim described his attacker as a Black male between 16- and 18-years-old, who stood 5’-7” and weighed 120 lbs. He wore a hoodie with black Crocs, carried a small bookbag containing the Glock case, and was traveling with a woman.

Police handled at least two robbery reports on the downtown subway system May 4.

A CTA passenger reported four people selling candy robbed them in the pedestrian tunnel between the Jackson Red and Blue lines. Another victim flagged down a cop shortly after 6 p.m. following an alleged robbery at the Harrison Red Line station. Police did not make any arrests.

Murder-suicide suspected in Edgewater apartment building deaths



Brittany Kinlow and Jovan Cabrera.

A man found dead by police while executing a search warrant in Edgewater on May 3 died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the Cook County medical examiner’s office said May 5.

Chicago police found Jovan Cabrera’s body while carrying out a search warrant on his 8th-floor apartment at 1062 W. Bryn Mawr as they investigated the murder of his neighbor, Brittany Kinlow, one day earlier.

A witness found Kinlow, 23, dead from a gunshot wound near the building’s laundry room on May 2. CPD’s investigation led them to Cabrera, according to a source. Based on the investigation, police believe that the deaths are a murder-suicide.

“We have lost our Angel, Brittany Kinlow (my niece) to gun violence,” Danielle Kinlow-Cephas wrote on Facebook. “She was scheduled to graduate college May 9 from UIC. Please keep our family in your thoughts, prayers as we try to make sense of this senseless act of violence. Our hearts are torn to pieces.”

Dispatchers found no records of 911 calls about gunfire or other unusual activity in the building before Kinlow was found. Police were seen coming and going from the 8th floor of the building on Monday evening, but it is unclear why investigators turned their attention toward Cabrera.

‘I give up’ carjacker said as cops cornered him in medical school basement

Nearly an hour after he allegedly ditched a newly hijacked car on Lake Shore Dr. and fled into a Northwestern Univ. medical school building with police in hot pursuit, Trimane Kimbrough came face-to-face with cops in the building’s basement.

“I give up,” Kimbrough said with his hands raised and one shoe missing.

His surrender came just after 2 p.m. May 2, about an hour after the school went on lockdown while police searched for the carjacker.

On May 4 prosecutors charged him with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and several misdemeanors. Judge Mary Marubio



Trimaine Kimbrough (inset) and a CPD image of the allegedly hijacked car after it ran into a patrol unit.

granted the state’s request to hold Kimbrough without bail.

The chain of events began at 12:34 p.m. Monday when a 37-year-old man double parked on the 2000 block of W. Arthur in West Ridge as he waited for his girlfriend. He was going to drive her to work.

While he waited, a gray 2001 Saturn pulled past his car and blocked his path, Assistant State’s Attorney James Murphy said. Kimbrough, 19, allegedly stepped out of the Saturn’s passenger seat armed with a handgun.

He opened the victim’s car door, held the gun to the man’s head, and told him to get out, Murphy said. As the man stepped from the driver’s seat, Kimbrough allegedly punched him in the back of the head.

Cops, guided by CPD’s network of license plate readers, corralled the hijacked car when it stopped for the red light on southbound Lake Shore Drive at Chicago Ave. Kimbrough left the car in drive and ran into Streeterville, Murphy said. The allegedly stolen vehicle stopped after colliding with a squad car.

Kimbrough received text messages as he tried to evade police inside the medical school building, Murphy said.

“Try to get low,” said one. “Change yo clothes,” said another.

The police allegedly found Kimbrough’s jacket, mask, and shoes in the stairwells of the Northwestern building. Cops also found a loaded handgun on the floorboard of the hijacked car, Murphy continued. It was also stolen, he said.

And the Saturn that Kimbrough allegedly stepped out of before the hijacking was reported stolen on March 2. Police still haven’t found it, according to Murphy.

A defense attorney said Kimbrough works as a security guard and attends Lincoln College.

Kimbrough, who has no criminal convictions, is due back in court on May 11.

Man knocked unconscious after being pushed into a moving train at Wilson CTA station

A man was knocked unconscious after someone pushed him into a moving train at the Wilson CTA station in Uptown 11:25 p.m. May 7. Chicago police suspect the offender may be part of a group of people who have been wandering North Side train stations in the past few days.

The victim and another man were engaged in an argument when the offender pushed him toward the moving train, a CPD spokesperson said. Part of the train struck the victim in his head, knocking him unconscious. He fell onto the platform.

CTA surveillance video shows the offender exiting the station and turning east on Wilson Ave.

He is a White or Hispanic man who was walking a dog while carrying a cooler and book bag. He wore a black baseball cap, brown jacket, and green camouflage pants, according to an officer who saw the

Prosecutors refuse to charge gunman in River North shooting — ‘he has 33 prior arrests’

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors in the office of Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx refused file charges in connection with a shooting last month near a River North nightclub, according to a source.

“The state’s attorney bought his self-defense claim,” said the source, who was briefed on the investigation. “He has 33 prior arrests.”

The shooting occurred on the 100 block of W. Hubbard around 10 p.m. April 23. Video cameras captured the incident.

Police said the 33-year-old victim saw a man who was involved in an earlier incident and he went over to confront him. The second man then “retrieved a handgun” and shot the victim five times, police said.

There were no indications that the victim was armed or that the shooter was injured before he began firing.

“Detectives did good work and arrested the guy, but he was

released without charges,” the source said. “CPD is pissed about this one.”

The state’s attorney’s office didn’t respond to an email inquiry about the case.

Assistant State’s Attorney Kim Ward supervises the office’s felony review unit, which is responsible for approving and rejecting charges that police bring in for prosecution.

During a Zoom conference sponsored by East Lake View Neighbors on April 26, she answered a participant’s question about how often prosecutors asked judges to hold defendants without bail last year.

After a supervisor from another division said the number was about 350 times, Ward brought up the fact that prosecutors in the office’s bond court section asked for a no-bail hold just hours before the Zoom call.

What Ward did not tell the viewers is that her felony review unit refused to charge that defendant, Gregory Stamps, citing

“self defense.”

A Chicago police detective commander took the unusual step of overriding felony review by signing off on the murder charge personally. The state’s attorney’s bond court supervisor then took an even more extraordinary step: he proceeded with the prosecution.

James Murphy, the bond court section’s supervisor, presented a detailed and impassioned argument against Stamps’ claims of self-defense.

“The medical examiner said there were 20 to 30 skull defects,” Murphy told Judge Kelly McCarthy. “That’s 20 to 30 shots to the head that this defendant gave over and over and over again with that hammer. That is not self-defense. That is first-degree murder. And I would point out there are no injuries on this defendant. None.”

“He doesn’t call police. Doesn’t call 911. What he does is he tries to get rid of the body,” Murphy continued. “The first thing he says is ‘I fell down the stairs,’ not

‘he tried to rape me.’”

In another case that recently raised eyebrows, the felony review unit refused to approve felony charges against a two-time convicted felon who allegedly admitted to having a gun and firing it during a shootout on the Near North Side.

After the first publication of this story, the state’s attorney’s office sent the following statement regarding the Hubbard St. shooting:

“After a thorough review of the evidence presented to us, including statements from the victim and witness accounts, we concluded that the evidence was insufficient to meet our burden of proof to approve felony charges. The Chicago Police Dept. agreed with our determination in this case. As prosecutors, we have both an ethical and legal obligation to make charging decisions based on the evidence, facts, and the law.”

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least seven other robberies in the area recently.

The police were called to the area of 1300 W. Webster after 911 callers reported hearing shots fired and seeing a man down. They found the victim with two gunshot wounds to his back and one to his head, according to a CPD statement.

Police found three shell casings. An officer at the scene described the gunman as a Black male who fled north on Wayne St. in a white sedan.

“[Saturday] afternoon, we were notified his kidneys were failing and he needed to be placed on dialysis. He began dialysis and has done well on it so far,” said DaShawn, but Dakotah remains in critical condition.

Investigators also believe they found the car that the robbers used to escape after shooting Earley. It was found on the 1500 block of S. Drake in Lawndale around 9:30 a.m. May 6. The crew took the vehicle from a robbery victim in Lakeview on May 4. But a CPD report says two victims reported that the robbers have used at least one other car during the crime wave.

Meanwhile the police and Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] are seeking the public’s help in capturing the shooters.

“We ask that all neighbors who live on these blocks check whether they have video at any of the times listed below,” said Smith. Those that may have video, can call Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263.

Incident times and locations:

- 2900 block of N. Clark St. on May 4, at 10:45 p.m.
- 2600 block of N. Bosworth Ave. on May 4, at 10:50 p.m.
- 1100 block of W. Wellington Ave. on May 4, at 11 p.m.
- 3000 block of N. Racine Ave. on May 5, at 10 p.m.

- 2600 block of N. Racine Ave. on May 5, at 10:26 p.m.
- 700 block of W. Aldine Ave. on May 6, at 12:30 a.m.
- 1100 block of W. Fullerton Ave. on May 6, at 3 a.m.
- 1300 block of W. Webster St. on May 6, at 3:05 a.m.

Meanwhile, on Monday, a carload of men robbed two victims at gunpoint in Lincoln Park. It happened in the same area where a two-night armed robbery binge ended Friday with Dakotah shot and critically wounded.

The latest crimes occurred on the 900 block of W. Armitage around 1:03 a.m. May 9. Two men were walking on the sidewalk when four male offenders stepped out of a gray SUV, said Kellie Bartoli, a CPD spokesperson.

Police believe the robbery crew that shot Earley committed at least seven other armed robberies in Lakeview and Lincoln Park last week.

Police have now linked eight robberies to the perps.

Three on May 4, the first on the 2900 block of N. Clark at 10:45 a.m. May 4. The second on 2600 N. Bosworth at 10:50 p.m., and third on the 1100 block of W. Wellington at 11 p.m.

Another two on May 5, one on the 3000 block of N. Racine at 10 p.m. May 5, and another on the 2600 block of N. Racine at 10:26 p.m.

On Friday there were robberies on 700 block of W. Aldine at 12:30 a.m.; on the 1100 block of W. Fullerton at 3 a.m. And of course the robbery and shooting of Earley on the 1300 block of W. Webster.

The suspects are Black males between 16- and 30-years-old who wear ski masks.

“I ask you to keep the victims of these crimes in your hearts,” said Ald. Smith. “We thank every citizen for their help in this investigation. Working together, we will fight this scourge in our community.”

“We thank every citizen for their help in this investigation,” said Ald. Michele Smith.

The family is asking for prayers. “We strongly believe the prayers we are receiving are being heard and Dakotah is fighting as hard as he can right now.”

Dakotah’s brother, DaShawn, told ABC7 that Dakotah had been living with his grandmother and working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository since moving here from Atlanta six months ago.

“And being 23, you want to figure out what you’ve got going on, what you want to do in life,” Dashawn said.

Dakotah’s mother has been with her son nearly non-stop since he arrived at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

“She’s still just reeling over the fact that her son is fighting for his life right now,” DaShawn told the station. “Watching that video, you’re just at a loss for words because it’s like, when you see it, it’s just ‘wow.’ I can’t believe they did that.”

More armed robberies reported in Lincoln Park and Lakeview, witness said gunman threatened to shoot them if they helped victim

Police are investigating another armed robbery May 9 along the border of Lincoln Park and Lakeview. A second armed robbery was reported in nearby Lincoln Park hours earlier. A gray SUV was reportedly used in both crimes.

The area has been swept by a wave of armed robberies since May 4.

Two witnesses reported the latest robbery in progress near Wolcott and Diversey around 4:35 a.m. Both callers reported a bicyclist was down on the ground with a silver SUV nearby and at

least one man holding a gun near the biker, according to dispatch records.

One caller thought the bicyclist had been struck by the SUV. They said another man at the scene had a gun and threatened to shoot anyone who helped the bicyclist, according to police radio traffic.

Both witnesses told dispatchers that the bicyclist and the men in the SUV left the scene moments before police arrived.

A short time later, police responded to a nearby athletic club to take a robbery report from a man who said he had just been robbed at gunpoint by two men in a gray SUV near Diversey and Clybourn. The victim said the men took his phone, wallet, and other items, then headed west on Diversey in the car.

A CPD spokesperson confirmed police took a report at the gym, but she could not access details because the paperwork was not finalized.

Burglaries at auto shops across North Side

The Chicago Police are giving notice to businesses of recent related burglaries and thefts which occurred during the months of April and May. The offender(s) entered auto repair businesses during business hours, located vehicle keys and fled with the stolen vehicles.

In some incidents the offender(s) preyed open an overhead door and removed the vehicles.

Incidents include one on the 1000 block of W. Huron 5 p.m. Monday, April 18; 5900 block of N. Western 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; 1000 block of W. Huron 3:40 a.m. Sunday, April 24; 5100 block of N. Western 6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and on the 6400 block of N. Western 8:40 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

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never seen on earth before. There was nothing like it anywhere in the world.

The refined American way was both a challenge and a catalyst for the future of the nation.

Nothing held back the passion of Americans for invention. From Thomas Edison and the electric light to Henry Ford and the massive undertaking of the assembly line, the streamlining of living in all its modern glory unfolded in America. And in Chicago everything from the window envelope to meat packing seemed to become a part of everyday life.

I'd like to believe that with such wits and intellect we might be able to resolve some of the social and cultural dilemmas that currently are paralyzing Chicago. While we have great tasks to resolve politically and socially, the resolution of issues of crime and healthy urban living are not beyond our control. They are as easy as the wonder fabrication of the Ferris Wheel in 1893. Or the incomprehensible act of splitting the atom in 1942 beneath the football stands at the Univ. of Chicago.

MAYORAL SIGHTING: Yes. That was former mayor **Richard M. Daley** eating up those succulent oysters at Truluck's on Chestnut St. last week. I've recently had them myself. No wonder His Honor, who just turned 80, was lickin' his lips. He looked really

good.

HOMETOWN RETURN: **Barb Bailey**, entertainer extraordinaire returned to her hometown, Wheeling, WVA, where she lifted everyone from their seats with her song stylings at the Towngate Theater.

Her well-known origins, as an abandoned infant discovered at the Wheeling's Tally-Ho Apartment Building, served as the roots of her musical hometown reunion, stirring hearts and memories for the remarkable family who quickly adopted her and gave her a coveted life of love and safety. The star brought special Chicago style with her that displayed her rich voice and engaging sound.

GIBSON'S AT 33: Congrats to the leadership at Gibson's Steakhouse, celebrating 33 years of being Chicago's favorite and best eatery. The city's signature watering hole for celebrities and just plain hungry folk looking for the best steak and vittles.

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IRISH HERITAGE: Long-time rehabilitation physician **Dr. William Kennedy Smith**, son of the late U.S. Ambassador to Ireland **Jean Kennedy Smith**, was in Chicago recently to honor his mother's election to Chicago's Irish American Heritage Center's Hall of Fame. Also on hand was his wife, Art Consultant **Anne Henry**, and their 10-year old daughter, **India** who spoke about her grandmother. The IAHC's Gala Dinner had been postponed for two years due to the pandemic.

IRISH PR: PR maven **Noreen Heron** has opened up a sparkling new office at Lincoln and Wrightwood. She and her crew are the hardest working team in PR. Stop in and say "hi."

CSO/RIP: **Donald Peck**, principal flute and 'the voice of the wind section' for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, has died at

92 at his Chicago home. A gifted artist.

VINTAGE: The Vintage Garage opens for their 10th season May 22, 1800 Maple in Evanston. Uptown misses them, their sales on Broadway were always unique. The best vintage, all in one day with vendors of all kinds. Home decor, vintage clothes, vinyl, art, and on and on. Parking is free in the garage, just take the elevators to the 5th floor. Bet you can't walk out with nothing.

CBS2: **Jim Williams** and **Brad Edwards** gave a warm welcome to **Joe Donlon**, as he starts anchoring CBS 2's 5, 6 and 10 p.m. newscasts with **Irika Sargent**. Edwards continues investigative work with a prominent role anchoring on CBSChicago.

SUNDANCE PRIZE: "The Exiles," Sundance Grand Jury prize winner, the film **Anne Kavanagh's** son **Connor** has worked on for four years with his two NYU classmates, is now on the festival circuit. Anne caught it in San Francisco and her daughter, **Sianna**, saw it in Toronto. Getting support from Hollywood legendary directors **Chris Columbus** and **Steven Soderbergh**. The film traces what happened to the student leaders of the Tiananmen Square protests, with increased repression in China. (Never trust a commie.) The amazing **Christine Choi** is so timely right now.

TRI-CORNER HATS: Illinois Colonial Warriors and the Dames at Summer Court 2022 at Shoreacres in Lake Bluff, nippy along the Lakefront, but high spirits, great food, topped off by a brilliant lecture with **Jim Kenney**, **Brian White**, **Peter Mark**, **James Staples**, **Rodger Owen**, **William Beggs IV**, and **Todd Schwebel**.

GERSHWIN PRIZE: The Library of Congress has announced that **Lionel Richie** will be the recipient of the 2022 Gershwin Prize for popular music. Always the pride of Tuskegee, AL.

DEEP PURPLE: Congratulations to **Owen O'Connor** on

becoming the family's fourth Wildcat. Now three O'Connors will be together at Northwestern U. What a blast. **Dan** and **Mer-**



Dr. William Kennedy Smith with Monsignor Ken Velo, daughter India and Anne Henry Smith.

edith Sweeney O'Connor are two very proud parents of **Grace, Owen, Liam, Danny** and **Brendan O'Connor**.

BIRD: **Michael Lerich** performance May 11 at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Ct. Come out and join them in their tribute to the genius of **Charlie Parker**, visit www.wintersjazzclub.com.

W H O ' S WHERE: **Lucien** and **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange** twirling at the Joffrey Gala... American treasure **Willie Nelson** celebrating another birthday... **Bruno Abate** in

Florence, Italy with his daughter... **Blase Floria** at Charlie Gito's Italian restaurant "on the Hill" in St. Louis with famed St. Louis Hall of Fame shortstop **Ozzie Smith**... **Denise Tomasello** and **Sherrill Bodine** in Las Vegas, 4th row center at **Lady Gaga's** three-hour show... **Ed Lester** in San Mateo, CA, with **Caroline** and **Andrew**... Seen dining at Gibson's Italian was birthday boy **Rodger Owen** with **Janet Owen** and **Caitlin Louise Miranda** scooping some fabulous desserts... **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff** having dinner with the love of her life, **Dean Pfaff**... **Christopher Clinton Conway** celebrating International Dance Day 2022 with his more than decade-long relationship with the board, administration and 154 dancers of the Paris Opera Ballet... **Father Jerry Boland** at London's National Gallery viewing **Bartolome Esteban Murillo's** masterpiece, "The Holy Family," whose copy adorns his former parish's altar at Holy Family, Roosevelt Road... **Kristen Zielbauer Kinder** in Ann Arbor at U of Michigan's commencement... **Jim Kinney** at newly opened Maxim's...

Sherry Lea Fox, Mary Laskey and **Georgeann Yeotic Rivas** noshing at Etta in River North...

Eamonn Cummins on the Chicago River with **Pennie Taylor** and her son **Sam Taylor** working for the Summer at Chicago Brewhouse before he goes to DePaul... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** at Lake Natoma, Folsom CA, proud of son, **Charlie Moll** and his Loyola Marymount U. teammates for placing in the top 3 of their heat at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Assoc. Championships.... Our favorite jewelry designer, **Takara Beathea-Gudell's** first customer of the day purchased her elegant 'Crossroads Necklace' at the "One of a Kind Show and Sale" design fair and received great TV coverage on ABC7... Thanks to Brooks Brothers' **Marcus Sberna** for his kindness in sending the cool Brooks Brothers' scarf from New York as the company is dismantled, drifting into memory... Former 10th Ward Ald. **Edward Vrdolyak** has been released from prison to a Chicago halfway house... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** on



Michael Lerich

the last flight to Dinkles... Happy to report that Bondgirl, **Diane O'Connell**, is making a good recovery from hip surgery, no tango yet though... Birthday best to Hawkeye **Duffy Bowman**, just turning 19... And bravo **Eleanor McGuire** on tour in NYC with the Chicago Children's Choir.

CSO: Maestro **Riccardo Muti** is one of the world's preeminent conductors. In 2010, he became the 10th music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, distinguished by the strength of his artistic partnership; his dedication to performing great works of the past and present, including 13 world premieres to date; the enthusiastic reception he and the CSO have received on national and international tours and eight recordings on the CSO Resound label, with three Grammy awards among them. His contributions to the cultural life of Chicago have made a lasting impact on the city.

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Letter to the Editor

City tries to address homeless camps

Ald. Cappleman certainly understands some important things about the mentality of many homeless people, but then he doesn't care about all the law-breaking related to these "encampments" which is impeding the rights of those not in these tents (some of whom could also be homeless, for all anyone knows).

It is regrettable that this article [May 4] didn't mention the ADA violations in the viaducts.

There's no reason for a camper with a tent to have to pitch it under a viaduct. High winds are not a valid reason, because the Venturi effect raises the wind speed, adding to the danger.

When Ald. Cappleman suggested "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," he obviously didn't know that a tent pitched in the same space on top of grass for a long enough time will kill the grass. It's already happened at Touhy Park [see photo].



A downside of tents being pitched in the same space on top of grass for long periods of time, is that it will kill the grass. It's already happened at Touhy Park.

Is he going to send a bill to the homeless campers for replacement of this grass?

Authorities should enforce all the applicable laws pertaining to these tents both in viaducts and on City Park land. Social services workers should tell the homeless people that trust has to go both ways, so they have to be able to trust the homeless people to obey the laws and respect everyone's rights to these public spaces.

There are a lot of vacant storefronts in many parts of Chicago, including in the 46th Ward. Many of these storefronts have indented entries, so that there's a sturdy roof

created by the 2nd floor overhang, which is on private property, not the public sidewalk. We've seen homeless people sleeping in these spaces already.

Set up a matching program so that homeless people rightly evicted from the viaducts and parks can go sleep in these indented doorways of vacant storefronts. They don't impede others' rights to the public spaces, and can still express their mistrust by living outside of shelters. Social services can still try to help them.

*Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge*

POLICE BEAT from p. 10

video.

EMS transported the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. On May 8, a spokesperson for the CPD said the victim had not been identified or his condition was unknown. Detectives and evidence technicians were seen at the Wilson station, which suggests police considered the victim's condition to be serious enough to launch an immediate investigation.

On Friday, officers dealt with a group of transients, including one with a dog, following disturbances at the Belmont CTA station. Investigators were working to determine if there is a connection between that group and Saturday's incident.

Cop stripped of powers, charged with threatening to shoot two other cops during off-duty incident in Roscoe Village

Chicago police have stripped an officer of his powers and charged him with two misdemeanors after two other cops accused him of pulling a gun and threatening to shoot them during an off-duty incident in Roscoe Village last summer.

In December, while an investigation of the incident was ongoing, the same officer sparked another investigation when he walked into a Lakeview hospital with a gunshot wound that he claimed occurred on the same block in Roscoe Village, according to CPD documents.

Angel Escobedo, 29, surrendered to police in the presence of his attorney on May 4, according to a police report. He was relieved of his police powers the same day, a CPD spokesperson said. Records show he joined the force in Oct. 2017.

The charges stem from a confrontation on the 2300 block of W. School at 2:35 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2021.

It began when Escobedo took a woman's phone and refused to give it back, according to a CPD report. The two off-duty cops asked the woman,

Taco Bell video shows robbery unfolding moments before double-shooting in the Loop



A still image from footage released by Chicago police shows a group of men inside a Loop Taco Bell restaurant moments before the alleged drug deal went sideways.

Video from a Taco Bell in the Loop shows a group of men apparently robbing another group during an alleged drug deal moments before one of the robbery victims accidentally shot two bystanders near the Chicago Theatre last weekend.

Detectives released the footage May 4 to drum up leads that could lead them to the shooter.

In the video, a group of men enters the restaurant at 178 N. Wabash after 4 p.m. They settle in. One man orders a drink from the counter.

Then, the other group arrives. A camera captures the apparent drug transaction going down near the front of the restaurant. Things then turn sour.

The second group closes in on the first and rifles through their pockets before leaving. A member of the first group, wearing a Philadelphia Phillies jacket, retreats into the restaurant and

who was also an off-duty CPD officer, if she was OK.

Escobedo "began to act in a very belligerent manner" toward the two men "telling them he was 'real police' because he worked in the [Lawndale-based 11th Police District] and had made several unlawful possession of firearm arrests," the CPD report said.

Escobedo calmed down and left the scene, only to return a few moments later driving a red Jeep Cherokee, according to the report. He allegedly rolled down the passenger window and pointed a gun at the two officers, telling them repeatedly, "I'll f*cking

then appears to emerge with a gun in his hand as he runs south on Wabash.

Moments later, at 4:57 p.m., shots rang out.

A bullet passed through a 55-year-old man's ear and lodged in his neck, CPD Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said on May 2. That victim was on break from his job as a stagehand at the Chicago Theatre. Another bullet struck a 27-year-old man in his hand. Both victims were reportedly in good condition.

Deenihan said the shooting involved a group of robbery victims who opened fire on the people who robbed them. He did not mention that it was a drug deal rip-off. Reliable sources have provided that detail to this reporter.

Those who may have any information about the suspects can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263. The case number JF-226715.

kill you."

The woman eventually climbed into Escobedo's SUV and they left, the CPD report said. Both victims remained at the scene and called 911. Town Hall 19th District dispatchers declared a "10-1" police emergency in response to their calls.

Upon his surrender, Escobedo was charged with two counts of misdemeanor aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, the CPD spokesperson said. He was released on his own recognizance 80 minutes later.

On Dec. 4, CPD issued a media statement about the alleged shooting

Midsommer Flight to celebrate 10th season with free shows

Midsommer Flight will celebrate its 10th Anniversary by revisiting the play that in 2012 began the company's 10-year run as an Arts Partner with Chicago Park District parks, presenting free outdoor summertime performances of Shakespeare's plays.

The company will perform A Midsummer Night's Dream from July 15 - Aug. 21.

The beloved comedy will be performed in five Chicago parks.

New for 2022 will be the addition of Friday evening performances along with the company's traditional Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon showtimes.

The productions are performed in natural sunlight and without amplified sound, much as they were done in the Bard's day. The company has established a tradition of staging Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night indoors, in the Lincoln Park Conservatory, each holiday season from 2015 to 2021.

Shows will take place Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. July 15, 16, 17, 29,

30, 31 in Lincoln Park at 2045 N. Lincoln Park West; July 22, 23, 24 at Gross Park, 2708 W. Lawrence, and Aug. 19, 20, 21 at Touhy Park and at 7348 N. Paulina.

Reservations are not required but will be available on the company's website in June. Audiences are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic to enjoy the free shows. For more information visit www.midsommerflight.com. Seating is first come, first served, and audience members can bring their own blankets or chairs.

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of an off-duty Chicago police officer on the 2300 block of School St. that morning:

"Currently, the Chicago Police Dept. and Civilian Office of Police Accountability are investigating an incident in which an off-duty officer sustained a gunshot wound to the leg. According to Preliminary Information, the incident happened in the 2300 block of W. School St. on Dec. 4, 2021, at approximately 4:30 a.m. The officer was treated at Illinois Masonic hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No further information.

Police records show the off-duty officer involved in that alleged shooting is 29-year-old Angel E. Escobedo. Don Terry, CPD's director of communications, would not confirm Escobedo's involvement in the shooting, citing a department policy that prohibits the public identification of crime victims."

Dispatchers sent a patrol unit to Masonic around 6:50 a.m. Dec. 4 after a gunshot victim, identified as Angel Escobedo, walked into the emergency room, dispatch records show.

The police received no calls of shots fired at the alleged shooting scene and no one called 911 to report being shot in the entire 19th District, according to dispatch records.

Cops found a red Jeep Cherokee parked in a garage on the 600 block of W. Diversey about 90 minutes later, according to a police report. It reportedly showed signs of gunshot damage. A firearm was allegedly found inside a Volkswagen parked next to the Jeep.

When a cop asked a dispatcher to send an evidence technician to the garage, they said the Jeep belonged to the shooting victim and the Volkswagen belonged to his girlfriend.

The parking garage is located more than two miles from the 2300 block of W. School and half a mile beyond Masonic.

No one has been charged in connection with the December shooting and no one is accused of any wrongdoing in the case.

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FCR’s goal is to improve the health of the watershed by removing harmful litter. Studies show areas without litter deter future littering. They are still seeking more volunteers to join them on Saturday at one of the 25 worksites on the North Side.

Individual registration is required as waivers are signed for most locations as a part of registration, additional waivers may be required the day of the event. Children eight and up are eligible to volunteer (although the decision is ultimately left to the parents). Minors need a parent or guardian to register them. Younger family members are welcome to observe provided they are supervised. For more information visit www.chicagoriver.org/, or call 312-939-0490.

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 Intercountry 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
455 W. ST. JAMES PLACE UNITS 203 & 204
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 April 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 27, 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 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.
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

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on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1889-303.
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Attorney Code, 38245
Case Number: 2021 CH 02568
TJSC#: 42-1532
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
GREGORY SERBER, SUSHMA SERBER, LEE A. MARINACCIO, BOTTI MARINACCIO LTD, LAKE SHORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 01502
1440 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE # 12C
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 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 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 1440 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE # 12C, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-103-028-1067 VOL. 496
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$293,315.39.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 18 5610.
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Case # 2018 CH 01502
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE3, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-HE3;
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANGELA LOISI AKA ANGELA C. LOISI; ANTIONE JONES; THE NORTH TOWN VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BOSCO CREDIT II TRUST SERIES 2010-1; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
20 CH 4676
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 17-04-113-100-1119.
Commonly known as 1326 North Burling Street, Chicago, IL 60610.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. ADC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LIEMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-6
Plaintiff,
vs.
LILIYA GEKKER; YEVGENIY GEKKER; CITIBANK, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION; LARBEE COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants,
19 CH 2532
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 14, 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. 14-33-303-129-1002.
Commonly known as 1940 NORTH LARRABEE STREET, # C-2, CHICAGO, IL 60614.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-

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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
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 1, 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 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
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Property Index No. 17-10-214-053-0000
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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 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. 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

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subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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For information, LATIMER LEVAY FYOCK, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 422-8000. Please refer to file number 20667-64.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
DENNIS M. LEARY, JR, GRACE LEARY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, KRAFT FOODS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 00903
2237 N. HALSTED 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 November 30, 2021, 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 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.
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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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, L.L.C, 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2018-4

Plaintiff, -v- ELAINE NELSON, CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORP., JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Defendants 2020 CH 01568 1721 WEST ARTHUR AVENUE 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 March 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1721 WEST ARTHUR AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-416-020-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$307,161.87. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 19 7507.

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Case # 2020 CH 01568 **I3193952**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-FRE2, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs.

BISIRIYU FOLAHAN AKA FOLAHAN BISIRIYU AKA FOLAHAN SHAKIRU BISIRIYU; FLORENCE KALEJAIE BISIRIYU; TOBY BISIRIYU; FLORENCE BISIRIYU AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE; TOMI BISIRIYU; GEORGE ESCARENO AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR TOMI BISIRIYU; THE TOUHY AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 19 CH 6702

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 14, 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. 11-30-424-030-1003. Commonly known as 1628 West Touhy Avenue Apt 103 Chicago, IL 60626.

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

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

ADELPHI 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 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The 2022 State of Uptown meeting will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Furama Restaurant, 4936 N. Broadway.

The annual luncheon, presented by Uptown United and the Uptown Chamber of Commerce, convenes Uptown's business, development and non-profit community to hear from elected officials. Confirmed speakers include aldermen Andre Vasquez [40th], James Cappleman [46th], Matt Martin [47th] and Harry Osterman [48th].

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designed by famed architect Dwight Perkins, who designed many Chicago schools, including nearby Trumbull.

Morningside purchased the property in 2015 for \$5.1 million. They then invested an additional \$11.6 million into rehabbing the property between 2016 and 2018, converting the school into 64 apartments. The sales price implies a per-unit cost of \$363,000.

The buyer in the Stewart School deal was Stewart School Lofts LLC, an entity registered in Delaware whose owner has not yet been identified.

The property features vintage aspects you'd expect in a schoolhouse from the

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to development, nor demand the developers opts out of the project, but would like to see them consider something more realistic and in tune with the existing neighborhood.

Just when you think there is no place left for another North Lakefront high-rise, one is proposed for a space previously out of sight.

The developers intended to make the most of the one asset that has always been in high demand in Chicago: lake views. It's true, people just can't seem to get enough of lakefront living.

The parcel in question is in a parking lot located at the rear of the landmark Immaculata High School. The main building was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1977. That building was designed by notable Prairie School architect Barry Byrne, who built it in 1921-22. The Immaculata High School changed hands several times since then and was most recently home to the American Islamic College.

The proposed residential conversion and tower addition would need to comply with the site's existing landmark designation.

In a March 23 letter to Buena Park Neighbors [BPN] from Rolando R. Acosta, of Acosta Ezgur, LLC, he says that based on earlier comments received from BPN as well as others in the community, "the project was reduced in scope by decreasing the Senior Building's height from 27 stories

early 20th century, like arches and ornate ceilings, and four apartments created out of the former auditorium, blackboards on the walls of some apartments and numbered classroom doors in others.



This 22-story building could rise from a current parking lot at the rear of the school building. Image courtesy of Perkins-Eastman

(314 ft.) to 22 stories (250 ft.), an approximate 20% decrease in height."

He claims the developers reduced the number of units by a total of 45. "The units in the Immaculata Building were reduced to 250 units instead of the previously proposed 265 units. The number of units in the Senior Building decreased from the 230 units previously proposed to 200 units," said Acosta.

"In response to BPN's request, we evaluated any additional reductions in scope that could be achieved while retaining project viability and also accommodating the increased affordable requirement. A further reduction in the number of units to a total of 192 units is viable, and we propose to reduce [them] accordingly. In the Immaculata Building, the developers reduced the density by five units, to 245 units. The tower has also received a design change from earlier renderings that showed a largely glass-and-steel tower. This design shows more

masonry, especially around the building's base, "to helps it blend in more with the federally protected school campus it will inhabit," said Acosta.

Regarding neighborhood parking, the developers have committed to reserve 15 parking spaces from the approximately 118 spaces proposed for project for "use by Bittersweet or other community residents. Of these spaces, 10 will be in the new garage within the Senior Building and five will be in the surface parking lot on Irving Park Rd.," said Acosta.

"On the current surface lot with 200 units of senior specific housing; 20% of these units will be set aside as onsite affordable housing."

The project will also include a "private shuttle which will be part of the Senior Building's operation to facilitate resident travel without the use of multiple private cars. A shared vehicle location is proposed in the Irving Park lot, again to reduce vehicle ownership, and also as a community amenity," said Acosta.

It appears that the project will next go before the 46th Ward Zoning and Development Committee.

The developers say that to restore the existing landmark Immaculata Building would cost \$50 million. "It is a marvelous building with a long history in the community. It needs significant work to upgrade its systems and infrastructure, restore critical elements and assure its continued use and existence into the future." They say that construction of the Senior Building assists in the preservation of the Immaculata Building from an economic perspective as it "helps absorb costs that otherwise would be born solely by the existing landmark."

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