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is usually as bad as the problem.

— Milton Friedman

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City bringing the hammer down on alfresco dining

No soup outside for you!

Chicago's neighborhood restaurants suffered greatly during the pandemic, when restaurants and bars were either shutdown or people were too frightened to gather indoors at restaurants. Consumer behavior changed in many dramatic ways due to the COVID pandemic, and government-imposed economic lockdown, and one of the biggest changes came in how people 'dine out.' Outdoor dining quickly became the viable alternative.

Outdoor dining was considered the safe way to dine at our favorite local haunts, enough so that many restaurants put giant plastic bubbles out in the streets where people could dine in relative comfort in foul weather or in the deepest depth of winter.

Now City Hall is fighting the outdoor dining trend. They're cutting back on issuing permits for outdoor dining space, and promise to ticket and fine the hospitality industry into submission.

This after Chicago policymakers took fast action during the lockdown to provide restaurants with more flexibility and to build on the popularity of outdoor dining in our city.

This year those policies are being reversed. City Hall is going back to enforcing their 2017 policies this year leaving restaurants and local communities uncertain how outdoor dining will be regulated.

Now 26 local chambers of commerce and dozens, perhaps hundreds, of local restaurants are fighting City Hall.



Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 1028 N. Rush St., will have to make space reductions to their popular patio service if city regulations are not reversed.

And if diners notice that their favorite cheeseburger that cost \$7 in 2017, today goes for \$16-\$20, know that some big name restaurants appear to be participating civil disobedience, and eating the daily \$1000 fines to keep their outdoor dining space, and passing those extra costs onto the diners.

"We hear from a ton of custom-

ers that they want to dine outside, but the city just cut us back from 24 tables to 14 tables," said Declan Morgan, who operates the Irish Nobleman with his wife Candice at 1367 W. Erie St.

The Irish Nobleman had been trying to get their new Expanded Outdoor Dining [EOD] patio permit renewed for quite some time, and was told by an assistant commissioner at the Chicago Dept. of Transportation that "the ordinance authorizing the EOD program expired last year. We cannot extend any permits into 2023."

Opening an outdoor space typically results in an increase in capacity and the need for additional staff. That added staffing usually results in greater profits. During a time when businesses across all industries are struggling to hire and retain employees, hiring new staff to support an expanded dining space

is difficult when regulations shift, and seating space available shrinks forcing staff reductions.

An under-staffed restaurant with overworked servers increases the risk of accidents and could also affect service and the overall reputation of the business.

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Construction of giant new Trib Tower may get underway in Feb. 2024

Details, dates and timelines have been revealed for the new mixed-use skyscraper going in at 421 N. Michigan Ave.

The project - known as Tribune East Tower - will rise 102 floors and be one of the tallest buildings in the Midwest once completed.

The developers want to start construction in Feb. 2024, and hope to have the project finished sometime in 2027. The tower's 1,442-foot height would be just eight feet shy of Willis Tower's 1,450-foot roof height (not including the antennas that bring the Willis Tower to 1,729 feet).

Containing 1.3 million square-feet of space, the tower will have a relatively small footprint on the 200-foot wide site. The building's main entrance will face the existing Cityfront Plaza, while its retail spaces will face Pioneer Court.

The developers have reduced the amount of off-street parking to 426 spaces from the original 687-vehicle spaces.

The property will house a 250-room hotel, and 564 residential units (125 condos and 439 rental apartments).

The east tower is the second phase of the re-purposing of the Chicago Tribune's former headquarters, and once it's completed, it will become a major part of the downtown's skyline. Developer CIM Group is working with Golub & Co. to help make the plan come to fruition.

The building will be erected on the northern end of the site so as to not obstruct views of Tribune Tower from Ogden Slip.

The project is expected to cost between \$700 million to \$1 billion to complete.



The developers of the Tribune East Tower will start construction in Feb. 2024.

Rendering courtesy Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture



Downtown food truck fest kicks off May 19

The Chicago Food Truck Festival kicks off May 19 at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. The popular weekly event features food trucks from around the city that come downtown 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday, May 19 through Oct. 6.

The fest presents diners a variety of cuisines with the backdrop of a Chicago landmark, the Chicago Picasso sculpture. From BBQ to tacos, the food trucks roll onto Daley Plaza offering local food favorites. The city's culinary diversity is on display each week with a line-up of rotating food

trucks.

"The seasonal Chicago Food Truck Fest has become a Friday staple in Chicago's downtown neighborhood," said BACP Cmsr. Kenneth J. Meyer of the Chicago Dept. of Business Affairs and Community Protection. "The purpose of the fest is to support small businesses, our food truck industry, while creating a lively event for residents, workers, and visitors in the Loop."

The Friday dates include May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6.

The aftermath of River North shootout that left three injured

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three men were shot when at least two shooters in separate vehicles exchanged gunfire in a River North bar district 2:54 a.m. May 14, Chicago police said.

It happened just west of State St. at 6 W. Hubbard on the bustling Hubbard St. bar strip, witnesses said. Chicago police officers in the area reported gunfire and quickly found the victims and several shell casings lying nearby in a crosswalk.

New video shows the unsettling scene along Hubbard St. moments after a gunfight between the occupants of two vehicles left three

bystanders injured in the River North nightlife district. Chicago police have released little information about the shooting, but they do not believe the victims were the intended targets.

A witness told this reporter that they believed the gunfire came from two tow trucks that quickly sped from the area. The shooting unfolded just as the Hubbard St. clubs were closing for the night, sending crowds onto the sidewalks.

A 22-year-old man and a 26-year-old man both suffered gunshot wounds throughout their bodies. They are in critical con-

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Hush back in business

A nightclub that was the site of a gang shooting is getting a second chance by City Hall after being forced to close.

On Nov. 10, 2022, Hush Chicago, 311 W. Chicago Ave., was closed by the Chicago Police Dept. following a shooting incident that occurred on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 6.

After that shooting, the CPD Superintendent issued a "Summary Closure" order requiring the immediate closure of Hush. This action was not connected to the revocation of the license. Now

the city is allowing them to re-open with a new Nuisance Abatement Plan.

At the time Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] supported the closure order, issued by CPD, and demanded that the club's owners be held responsible for the shooting. At the time he said "I am demanding a full revocation of their business and liquor licenses."

That night the troubles started when a group had been thrown out of Hush, and they started

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Thoughts on the crowning



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I'm really not anti-British. I'm more pro-English.

Quirky eccentricities I can put up with, but not the wholesale slaughter of Irish peasants over eight centuries.

So I cheer literary heroes like Jane Austen, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Beowulf, Barbara Pym, Cardinal Newman, Geoffrey Chaucer, Caroline Cracraft, the Vicar of Dibley, Terry Thomas, Dylan Thomas and Noel Coward.

Early on in my education I found that the English offered a world of cautious examination that possessed power and dynamic influence.

I was studying at Oxford Univ. in 1982 when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher blew up the Argentine Naval ship, the Belgrano. Britain's Pearl Harbor. Living in the pristine elegance of Oxfordshire during the Falklands War permitted me the luxury of microscopic moral outrage.

It wasn't pretty. Like I needed a Thatcher atrocity such as hers to frame her reputation as an unrepentant global aggressor.

It's fair to say that the lights of my soul fused with the fabric of my life's literary network back then.

Sorry, but these days it seems I only give air time to productions like Netflix's "Emily in Paris" and "The Diplomat." The first is the story of an American fashionista transferred from Chicago to work in Paris. As she acclimates to French customs, and missing the Cubs, she gets to reinvent herself.

The other production is also a reinvention. This time an American State Dept. apparatchik. A front-line problem solver who is suddenly made U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James. It's kind

of "Sex and the City" meets "Downton Abbey." With a bit of "Westwing" tossed in for good measure.

Both "Emily" and "The Diplomat" provide us with over-the-top American females who are spunky, wise and pragmatic. Whether they are chasing French couture or devious British politicians and statesmen. These females wield power in heavy doses. And, big surprise, they don't always get along with everybody.

Instead they're mischievous rule breakers.

But their ability to get to the truth is unfailing. They're real problem solvers. Amazingly, it's actress Lily Collins in Paris and former "Felicity" star from back in the 1990s, Keri Russell, guarding our embassy gates in London.

These are tough, wise-cracking Americans living and working abroad in some pretty stressful occupations. They're no Anna Wintour or Clare Boothe Luce types diving into the deep end of the pool.

They are the genuine article. Over-accomplished Americans of poise and grace. You know the type. Nothing gets in their way.

Emily works the French. Unafraid of blunders. Not speaking the language. Never apologizing. Totally confident in her skills and knack for making everything work out. Charming many she meets along the way.

As U.S. Ambassador in London, Kate Wyler, is always ready for a fight. Especially with the U.S. president and the State Dept. She's fine-tuned her diplomacy for the post-Cold War world of Taliban martyrs and Brexit. She's not afraid to be heard.

I say all this after watching the Coronation of Charles III.

I couldn't resist asking myself what Emily and Ambassador Wyler might make of the whole thing. Both from a fashion vantage point and a political-diplomatic perspective. They would each have something essential to contribute.

Emily would give the whole Coronation Rite her fullest thumbs up. There was plenty to see. Everyone



King Charles III and Queen Camilla.
Photo courtesy of Marco Bertorello

appeared to be in their finest duds. Though no one could outdo Kate, the Princess of Wales. Pure elegance. And she had the best tiara, out-rivalling everyone else.

But I suspect Emily would be honest and say that Charles III's enormous head actually diminutized the Imperial State Crown. It looked small on his head. And flat.

But all the young pages looked first rate. Like a Winterhalter painting. The abbey never looked better, Emily might add. Poets' Corner seemed to glisten. She'd especially like the botanical sprays of leafy flowers high above the spectacle. Most people dressed well, but looked so glum. Funeral. Ill-at-ease. Had more of the aristocracy been there, they'd be swigging good port from pocket flasks with wide smiles showing.

Ambassador Wyler might have found the music glum. The new music, with planners trying to be politically correct. The traditional Handel, Purcell and Vaughan Williams has the power to stir the emotions in ways Andrew Lloyd Webber and contemporary composers never will.

Emily knows the old-fashioned ermine capes of the peerage were too easily tossed out. And, sadly, no one wore coronets either (crowns for peers). All retreated to their robes of knighthoods.

Senior Royals, like the Kents and Gloucesters, looked so old. Ancient. Princess Alexandra seems to have shrunk. Most of the young royals no longer have titles.

The presence of so many politicians wouldn't be lost on Ambassador Wyler. Prime Ministers, members of Parliament, former statesmen were front and center exhibiting their British muscle. Very modern, indeed.

But once again, seems like there were few natural smiles going around. Although Emily would observe how cheered Prince Harry was. His exit well planned.

I suspect no one could sit in the abbey for even a minute of the double crowning without feeling the presence of the ghost who would not go away. Diana Spencer, the Princess of Wales.



John F. Kennedy with Newton and Josephine Baskin Minow with daughters Martha, Nell and Mary in the West Wing, 1962.

Charles and Camilla must have been terrified.

Diana's siblings weren't even invited to the abbey. And all members of the Windsor Royals must have surely felt her tragic breath.

No wonder Harry was smiling. Diamonds can't erase the past. Or the cruelty. It's enough to make Jane Austen faint.

NEWTON MINOW: I think I could actually feel the grandeur of Chicago peel away a bit with the death of the distinguished **Newton Minow** at 97. Heart and soul, he was tops.

I liked him best not just because he was such a clear expression of what America might have been had **JFK** lived longer. But because I met him so many times at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with his wonderful wife, the late **Josephine Baskin Minow**.

Lunching. Enjoying Chicago life. Talking easy about family, and this city. I was always fascinated by how he was able to retain the full luster of dignity and quietude in the aftermath of Dallas. Many years ago I did an at-home interview with him and Jo for Town & Country. I never forgot their goodness to me. I was amused to say that no one ever talked about what a matchmaker he had been when he hired young **Barack Obama** at his law firm. The same firm where a young **Michelle Robinson** was busy at work. He brought them together. He deserved a medal for that alone, not to even mention his work at the Federal Communications Commission.

Newton had a way of seeing into the future, superb at reading the signs of the times. And was a noble critic of "the wasteland." You know I'm not talking **T.S. Eliot**. Deep sympathies to **Martha, Nell** and **Mary**. And I won't even mention the name of Gilligan's skipper's boat.

GIBSON'S STEAKHOUSE: It's hard to imagine Chicago without Gibson's Steakhouse. Or Gibson's without Chicago. Gibson's turned 34 last week and its anniversary is a reminder just how deep in the Chicago soil they go. We all know it's not just a restaurant. But rather a way of life rising up on the floor of the Prairie. Sturdy

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City plans to convert Diplomat Motel into ‘high-risk’ homeless shelter for the ill

Community meeting May 31

City Hall has announced plans to buy the Diplomat Motel, 5230 N. Lincoln Ave., and turn it into a homeless shelter that will serve high-risk people with medical, mental health or substance abuse problems.

If successful, this plan would place the shelter in the center of the proposed Lincoln Avenue North Arts District [LANA]. That plan called for transforming the area’s storefronts to create galleries, pop-ups, and live/work spaces

for artists to call home.

A community meeting to present the plan will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at Swedish Hospital, 2751 N. Winona, in the first floor auditorium.

On May 9 the Chicago Community Development Commission approved a proposal for the city to buy the 46-room Diplomat Motel, with a plan to convert it into a homeless shelter for people with high risk medical and psychological issues. The city hopes to approve the conversion plan by November and launch the project this December.

The city has agreed to buy the Lincoln Bend hotel for \$2.9 million, according to city officials. Diplomat’s owner of record is Siam Lang Orn.

The city says that the Chicago Dept. of Public Health is now seeking an operator that would convert the motel into a shelter.

How this fits into LANA is unknown. Funded with about \$15 million in taxpayer funds through the Western Avenue North and Lincoln Ave. TIF districts, the LANA was supposed to enhance accessibility for visitors by creating a safer and

more welcoming environment for pedestrians. Placing sick, mentally ill or drug addled homeless people in the center of the district seems at odds with the goals of an arts corridor concept.

As opposed to most homeless shelters in Chicago, where residents all live together in a single large room, this property would offer individual living spaces for residents in their own rooms.

City officials tested the idea of using private hotel rooms for homeless with high-risk conditions during the pandemic, when the city placed them in a Streeter-

ville hotel.

According to the city, residents would receive a range of services from a staff of medical, mental health, substance abuse and social services professionals while residing on site, staying there for three to six months, until their situation was stabilized, and they could move to permanent housing. Reportedly the city is seeking out other properties around the city for this type of program.

Venezuelan migrant arrested three times since arriving in Chicago four weeks ago

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Venezuelan migrant has been arrested three times since he arrived in Chicago four weeks ago, authorities said on May 9 as he appeared in felony bond court on a retail theft charge.

And while city officials try to figure out how to handle the steady flow of migrants, the hearing aimed a spotlight on another issue: Authorities may not know who some of the migrants are.

Anduesa Cormena, 34, and Yeiber Colmenarez, 22, were arrested May 8 at Macy’s, 111 N. State, after they tried to steal hundreds of dollars worth of clothing, Assistant State’s Attorney Joseph Sorrentino told Judge Maryam Ahmad during the court session.

The duo stuffed the clothing into Macy’s shopping bags and tried to walk out, Sorrentino said, with Cormena allegedly stealing goods worth \$725 and Colmenarez allegedly taking \$651 in merchandise. Each is charged with one count of felony retail theft.

After Sorrentino explained the state’s allegations, the hearing moved to the usual next step: a look at the accused’s back-



Left to right: The man officials have identified as Anduesa Cormena, Daniel Jose Garcia, and Danny Garcia Briceno is seen in Chicago Police Dept. mugshots from April 27, May 4, and May 8.

Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

grounds. But the next few minutes were anything but ordinary.

Sorrentino noted that both men are from Venezuela, and, it was revealed, they are staying at the migrant shelter inside the former Wadsworth Elementary School, 6650 S. Ellis, in Hyde Park.

And Assistant Public Defender Catherine Stockslager told the judge that Cormena told her colleagues his name is Daniel Jose Garcia. He didn’t know why Chicago police identified him by the other name, she said.

Colmenarez, she said, previously lived in Phoenix, but he arrived here recently as part of the migrant relocations.

Neither man can work because of their immigration status, Stockslager explained.

Ahmad demanded to know how long the men had been in Chicago and their criminal histories since arriving here.

“Here’s where I’m going with this, just so we’re clear,” Ahmad told Sorrentino, the prosecutor. “These are individuals who’ve not been in the country very long. You’re now telling me that they were arrested at Macy’s, committing a felony retail theft. So the court wants some idea of who is in front of me. Additionally, as the public defender just indicated, one person has already indicated

he’s using another name. So, who are these people? Who are these individuals?”

After taking a timeout, another prosecutor returned with the information Ahmad wanted.

Yeiber Colmenarez has not been arrested since arriving in Chicago, Assistant State’s Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt told the judge. But he does have “a February 25, 2023, matter for alien inadmissibility” with the U.S. Border Patrol.

But she had a different story about Anduesa Cormena. Dale-Schmidt said he had been arrest-

ed and charged with two misdemeanors since arriving here three weeks ago. Last Thursday, he was arrested for retail theft at Nordstrom Rack,

“Misdemeanors here in Chicago?” the judge asked.

“Yes, your honor.”

On April 27, he was charged with misdemeanor battery after hitting someone in the forehead during an argument at the shelter, according to Dale-Schmidt and CPD records. Last Thursday, he was arrested for retail theft at

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Getting hosed!

Owners complain about inflated water bills



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Water is Chicago's single greatest resource, it's everywhere, including in your wallets.

Take the sad case of Lincoln Park homeowner Charles T. Wehland, who recently was hit with a tsunami-sized water bill of \$6,913, up from his normal bill of \$232. That is a bill for two months of combined water, sewer and garbage service. The charge was for using a whopping 613,000 gallons of water—more than 30 times his normal usage—for his single-family home.

"Everything is the same," Wehland told WGN News. "It's not like we hear running water or anything like that."

The City of Chicago Water Dept. told Wehland he had two choices: pay the bill, or set up a payment plan. However, the city did offer to send a worker to check the water meter. If the bill is incorrect, his account would be credited, the city said.

"I don't want 30 months of credit," Wehland said. "That's what I would end up getting because they wouldn't refund my overpayment."

A North Side condominium building saw the water bill jump from a monthly average of about \$800 to \$10,000, WGN News also reported. The city told the owners that the spike likely was caused by a leak. But no leaks were found, and no plumbing repairs were made.

The following month, the bill dropped back to \$800. Because leaks don't repair themselves, the building's residents suspect it was a meter malfunction. But the city told them to pay up anyway.

An investigation by the Home Front column found the following unbelievable saga of red-tape, waste and bureaucratic bungling.

A veteran North Side real estate investor was shocked last August when he received an \$843 bill for water, sewer and garbage service at his four-flat apartment in North Lincoln Square. For the previous three billing cycles the charges ranged from \$419 to \$462. So, the bill had doubled. The wise investor knew something was wrong.

The water bill for his 4-flat in Old Town typically averaged about \$165 for a two-month billing cycle, while the bill for an associate's Lincoln Park six-flat runs about \$300. The average two-month bill for the investor's four-flat in Logan Square is \$287.

First, the investor brought in a veteran union plumber, to check for toilet leaks, the usual culprit in a building with high water bills. All the toilets in the building were tested, and mechanically rebuilt. Every faucet was checked for drips. Basements were inspected for water leaks. The plumber's bill was several hundred dollars. No leaks were found.

Second, the investor called the City of Chicago Water Dept. and requested a consumption report. On request, Badger Meter Inc., the company that provides computerized water meters for all properties in the city, will provide a free "Orion Meter Reading Profile."

The profile showed that there was a water surge at the property pushing consumption to a peak of 13,180 gallons in the week of April 15, 2022, from the typical average usage of 4,000 to 5,000 gallons per week.

Earlier last year, there were four other "water surges" in the building, ranging from 8,120 gallons to 11,150 gallons per week.

Lake Michigan is seemingly overflowing with God's gift—fresh rain water. However, hundreds of North Side Chicago homeowners are drowning in thousands of dollars of water-bill debt.

However, the usage always dropped back to the 4,000-to-5,000-gallon weekly average. The owner wondered if each of his renters were taking five showers per day, brewing kegs of beer, or running a hotel and spa for homeless people on weekends?

Hoping to solve this mystery wrapped in an enigma, the owner requested that a skilled Water Dept. technician come out to the North Lincoln Square building to test the meter.

On Sept. 6, 2022, the two-person technician team determined that the meter was faulty and it was replaced with a new model. The job took two hours. The technician advised the owner to request a "follow-up consumption report" and meter test. With the two-month bill still bouncing between \$466 to \$522 after the meter was replaced, that sounded like a good idea.

A North Side condominium building saw the water bill jump from a monthly average of about \$800 to \$10,000, WGN News also reported. The city told the owners that the spike likely was caused by a leak. But no leaks were found, and no plumbing repairs were made.

A credit was never issued for the excessive readings on the faulty meter. Still receiving water bills that seemed excessively high, the investor called the City of Chicago's Dept. of Finance Utility Billing Division hoping for relief.

While waiting on hold, a business-like billing advocate named Joyce reviewed his account back to Dec. 2022.

The owner was tersely told: "A water leak is your problem. You need to hire a special licensed contractor who is equipped with a water-leak machine and a camera to search for ground water leaks."

However, the investor's union plumber said: "That sounds like a bunch of baloney, because the meter tells all if it is spinning." The unnecessary camera scope alone would cost another \$500.

Totally befuddled, and sensing that he was on an endless voyage of Ulysses, the owner decided to try calling a veteran Water Dept. technician direct.

"We can come out and conduct a Data Profile to see if you still have continuously running meter," said the chief technician in the downtown Water Dept. office. "We are here to help you."

However, the chief technician could not explain why the owner was experiencing strange "water surges" in his building that resembled a roller-coaster ride on the Dow Jones stock charting average.

"Technology has changed," the chief technician said. "In the old days, before the Water Dept. upgraded to computerized meters, the city had more than 100 workers reading meters manually."

The owner was advised to call the city's Customer Service Dept. and make an appointment for a Water Usage Data Profile. "There could be miscommunication between the meter and the computerized reader."

In summation, "what we have here is failure to communicate," as actor Strother Martin would say in the movie, "Cool Hand Luke."

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Letters to the Editor

Edgewater's largest development project in over 100 years

This April the Chicago Transit Authority, in a reversal of what was previously planned and understood, declared that the concrete retaining/ embankment walls from approximately Lawrence Ave. to Hollywood would be removed along with all the dirt and gravel between them. It further announced that it would hold a series of community meetings to solicit comments on several "exciting" possible uses for the new open space that would be created underneath the new elevated structures.

However, no community meetings were held nor are any planned on whether the walls should be removed and space created underneath the two new structures. That issue apparently is not subject to community input—but it should be.

Removing the walls is a major undertaking with great impacts, much more than any proposal for any new space would have. In fact, this project in its impacts would be second only to the Red-Purple Modernization itself, and perhaps not even second, but first.

Consider, that after the Modernization is completed and all the disruptions it entailed have ended, the impact on nearby residents and business will have ended—assuming the retaining walls are left in place, and not that much would have changed.

There are 497 households on the west side of Winthrop between Foster and Bryn Mawr alone that would be directly affected (both short term, and more importantly long term—indeed permanently), plus all the businesses on the east side of Broadway north to Hollywood, some of which are located adjacent to the west retaining wall.

The area that would be created is huge: over one mile in length, and as wide as a residential street. In square footage, that would make it the largest development project in over 100 years in Edgewater.

Tearing down the walls and creating new space, and then afterwards deciding what that space will be used for is not a way "to run a railroad." All options and all concerns and objections should be considered before any actions are taken to remove the walls. The only options are not stark either/or ones: keep all the walls or remove all the walls. The other option is to remove some walls but leave others. Only through a thorough vetting by the community, particularly those most directly impacted, will any unanticipated, unintended consequences be revealed. The decision should not be made exclusively by a few un-elected officials.

LeRoy Blommaert, Edgewater

City planners failed in serving disabled CTA passengers; and everyone else with delayed emergency vehicles



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While the work is not yet done, the end results are becoming quite obvious.

Bike riders have been gifted exclusive space on the streets, while the big losers may be the disabled community, and those who expect and require a quick response from both the 24th District police station, 6464 N. Clark St., and Chicago Fire Dept. Engine Co. 70, Engine Co. 59 and Truck Co. 47. Both first responder stations are now boxed in by the concrete barriers installed for the benefit of the bikers. No more 'pulling to the right for sirens and lights' when traffic regularly stacks up in both directions from Hollywood north to Arthur Ave., as the original curb lane is now behind the concrete barrier protecting the privileged bikers.

In several areas of Clark there is now only one traffic lane, since the installation of the protected bike lanes, and a tree lane down the middle. There is no place to move over in order to let emergency vehicles pass.

And if you're in a wheelchair, good luck getting on a bus.

For instance, there are three raised concrete structures on Clark St. at the southwest corner with Ridge Ave. These were built to protect the painted bike lane next to the curb. There are also two driveways emptying onto Clark. One is for the White Castle restaurant at the corner; the other is for the large building at 5912 N. Clark St., to the south of its parking lot.

Immediately south of Ridge, there are two fairly wide concrete islands. There is a gap between them to let water flow through to the sewer by the curb.

Stretching between both driveways is a narrow raised concrete strip. It's just wide enough for one

person to stand on it. Most passengers line up at this point of the block just before boarding a bus.

The sign for bus stop #17155 for the southbound Clark St. bus is roughly 13-feet south of the north end of this strip.

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Here's the problem: passengers using walkers or wheelchairs don't have room to wait on the narrow raised strip protecting the bike lane, if they can even get up on the raised concrete. They can only enter the bus from one of the driveways.

One thing all city planners have come to expect, are the unintended consequences of their best efforts based on changes in user behavior. A bus could lay its ramp down on either driveway, but doing so would completely block the driveway.

A passenger using a walker or wheelchair, waiting either on the

edge of one of these driveways, or in the bike lane to avoid blocking part of the driveway, would be in greater danger of being hit by a bicycle or motor vehicle, than passengers able to stand on the sidewalk or the raised island.

[On Monday, newspaper staff observed firsthand the CTA's real response to the new layout. At the bus stop at Thorndale and Clark St., the Clark St. #22 bus driver passed 80 or so feet past the real bus stop, and pulled diagonally across the road, blocking all lanes of traffic before stopping to pick up one single passenger. This was done out of an abundance of caution by the bus driver to allow the rider to safely board the bus. That rider had to jog down Clark St. to enter the bus.]

The two construction workers onsite related that since they installed the giant concrete pad,

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Ashton Chambers, Lincoln Park

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Man charged with Uptown Armed Robbery

Abail Bekele, 20, of the 1000 block of W. Ainslie St., has been arrested and charged with armed robbery with a firearm. He was arrested 10:30 p.m. May 10, in the 3700 block of N. Wayne Ave.,



Abail Bekele

Broadway, by indicating he was armed with a weapon.

Bekele is also being charged in connection to an attempt armed robbery which occurred while inside a retail business in the 3900 block of N. Sheridan Rd. He was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Shoplifting raid at Uptown smoke shop is caught on video, one of several similar crimes last weekend

An Uptown smoke shop owner says one of his employees is doing OK after being attacked by a group of young shoplifters May 5. The robbery at 7 Heaven Smoke Shop, 4077 N. Broadway, was one of several similar crimes reported at smoke shops in the area last week.

Two 15-year-old boys face robbery charges for allegedly participating in a May 7 raid on a Boystown smoke shop, Chicago police said.

The 7 Heaven robbery was the first incident in the spree. About five young males entered the store around 7:45 p.m., loaded merchandise into bags, and battered the cashier when he confronted them, Chicago police said.

Video provided by the shop's owner shows exactly what happened. The footage begins with the cashier speaking with two young men wearing hoodies and backpacks as another sits near the window and a fourth looks on from across the store. The fifth boy, standing closest to the camera, surveys the merchandise.

The cashier decides something is up and waves the group out of the store. They start to comply, shuffling toward the door, but turn around and head toward the merchandise. The one who was eyeing the merchandise near the surveillance camera hops onto a display case and starts grabbing products from the wall. Others run behind the counters and load products into their backpacks.

At the door, a scuffle breaks out as the thief wearing a red hoodie repeatedly punches the employee, who tries to grab some of the merchandise back. The group runs away, but the one in the red hoodie

returns to throw one last punch at the employee's head.

The store's owner said the group returned on Saturday evening, but they left because the door was locked. Other stores in the area weren't so lucky.

At around 6:30 p.m., a group of young males jumped the counter at Wrigley Smoke N Style, 3934 N. Sheridan. They began stealing merchandise and threw a bottle at the store's 38-year-old employee, who confronted them, police said.

The bottle cut the man's face, and he was taken to Thorek Hospital for treatment, according to a CPD spokesperson.

An officer said the group consisted of Black males in their teens, with two wearing red hoodies and another in a tan long-sleeved shirt. They all carried backpacks, which they used to haul stolen merchandise.

The same group raided a convenience store next to the smoke shop and then continued north to the 4000 block of N. Sheridan. There, they stole products and tried to steal the register at Roots Smoke & Vapor Shop, according to a CPD report.

On May 7, about eight young males entered Halsted Smoke Shop, 3448 N. Halsted, around 2 p.m. and one of them punched the store's 24-year-old employee in the face multiple times, a CPD spokesperson said. After that, some members of the group displayed firearms as they all loaded merchandise into bags and backpacks.

Chicago police officers arrested two 15-year-old boys in the 3700 block of N. Fremont and recovered some of the Halsted store's merchandise. The rest of the crew escaped. Both boys are charged with felony robbery, and one is also charged with misdemeanor battery.

Charges filed in North Side baseball bat attacks

A Jefferson Park woman is charged with committing a string of apparently random attacks on women this week, sometimes using a baseball bat to attack her victims, according to Chicago police. Denise Solorzano, 26, was scheduled to appear in court for a bond hearing May 11.

She is charged with seven counts of aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a motor vehicle, CPD said in a media statement overnight.

More details about the allegations will be provided in court, but here's what Chicago police have said so far.

The first attacks occurred around 3 p.m. Sunday in the 3200 block of N. Richmond. Police said a woman exited a white car, attacked a 33-year-old woman, then drove away.

About 45 minutes later, the same woman attacked two women, ages 31 and 19, in the 4000 block of W. Lawrence and escaped in a white car.

More attacks occurred Tuesday afternoon, one of which was partially caught on video.

Chicago police said a woman stopped her white sedan in the 4500 block of N. Mozart around 11:27 a.m. and attacked two sisters, ages 27 and

Man convicted in White Sox ticket scheme charged with selling fake Cubs gear outside Wrigley Field

A ticket broker convicted of fraudulently selling White Sox tickets on StubHub in 2020 is now in trouble with the team's cross-town rivals for allegedly selling counterfeit Chicago Cubs gear outside Wrigley Field.

Federal prosecutors accused Bruce Lee and two White Sox employees of running a scheme in which the employees sold fraudulently-generated complimentary and discount tickets to Lee, which Lee then sold through his company on StubHub. Authorities said Lee earned about \$868,369 by selling approximately 34,876 fraudulently obtained tickets between 2016 and 2019. The White Sox employees allegedly received \$100,000 from Lee for the tickets.

Lee, 37, was convicted on eleven counts of wire fraud during a jury trial in Oct. 2021.

During the federal investigation, Lee allegedly told the FBI that he believed the ticket operation was the "American way, take care of a guy, and you get taken care of."

Now, Cook County prosecutors have charged Lee with unauthorized use of trademarks for allegedly selling counterfeit Chicago Cubs gear outside the Friendly Confines.

Cook County Sheriff's Police launched an investigation into Lee's operation last month, making an un-



Bruce Lee (inset).

dercover purchase of two Cubs bucket hats from him near the ballpark on April 24, Assistant State's Attorney Domenica Devitt said on May 12.

A Major League Baseball official inspected the hats, which Lee sold for \$25 each, and determined that they were counterfeits, Devitt alleged during Lee's bail hearing on Friday afternoon.

Investigators made another undercover purchase from Lee on Wednesday, purchasing another \$25 bucket hat with a Cubs logo. It was also counterfeit, according to the league official.

Upon arresting Lee, officials seized 78 counterfeit bucket hats that, if genuine, would be worth \$2,963.22, Devitt said. The sheriff's office said "a few Chicago Bears beanie hats" were

also in Lee's possession at the time of his arrest.

Lee received an 18-month federal prison sentence for the White Sox ticket broker scheme and is currently on federal supervised release. But he is appealing the conviction.

Lee's lawyer said he currently works full-time as a ticket broker with Chicago sports venues and theaters. He and his partner have been together for 18 years, and he is the sole provider for their children, ages 10 and 6, said his attorney.

Judge Maryam Ahmad set bail at \$2,900, the approximate value of the seized bucket hats. Lee must post 10% of the amount to get out of jail.

Progress in unsolved Boystown murder, and a second suspect, after 19 years

More than 19 years after Kevin Clewer was stabbed to death in his Boystown apartment, there are new details and fresh indications that Chicago police know who they are looking for. And, in a stunning revelation, Clewer's brother told a Rockford TV station May 11 that investigators now believe two men—not one—are responsible for Kevin's death.



(Top) Kevin Clewer, (bottom) CPD's 2004 sketch of "Fernando."

Clewer's father found his 34-year-old son stabbed more than 40 times in the back in his bedroom on the 3400 block of N. Elaine after he failed to show up for work on March 24, 2004.

Detectives quickly pieced together Clewer's movements in the hours before his death. He had joined friends for an evening out on the nearby Halsted St. bar strip, making stops at Roscoe's Tavern, Sidetrack, and the now-raised Little Jim's on the northeast corner of Halsted and Cornelia.

Along the way, Clewer met a man who identified himself as "Fernando." The two were last seen walking toward Clewer's apartment, about two blocks from Little Jim's. Police released an artist sketch of "Fernando" as they tried to drum up leads. But the case stalled, then went cold.

Then COVID arrived, and, in June 2020, Clewer's older brother, Ron, kicked up his efforts to keep a spotlight on Kevin's case. He started a Facebook page to share his brother's story, highlighting "Fernando."

Two months later, a message arrived in the page's inbox from a woman who said she knew the man who killed Kevin. And she knew details about the case that the police had

kept under wraps. Her information, Ron Clewer told Rockford news station WIFR, helped police identify the man known as "Fernando."

Now, Chicago police think "Fernando" worked with another man to target Kevin Clewer for a robbery, according to the TV report.

"They would go into a bar," Clewer told WIFR. "They would find somebody who was attracted to them or attracted to one of them."

Chicago police have long said Clewer was last seen leaving Little Jim's and walking toward Clewer's nearby apartment with "Fernando." How the second man may have joined them is not clear.

Ron Clewer suggested yesterday that Clewer may have been drugged and killed at the apartment during a robbery attempt.

Nearly a year ago, Chicago police publicized the Clewer murder in a cold case video, revealing for the first time that they had identified "Fernando," which is not the suspect's real name. "Fernando" is from Puerto Rico, and he returned to the island after police released the murder suspect sketch in

2004, Homicide Division Lt. William Svilar said in the video. Since 2004, Svilar said, the suspect has returned to Chicago occasionally.

Kevin Clewer was found stabbed to death in his home in the 3400 block of N. Elaine St. on March 24, 2004. His case remains unsolved, but the Chicago Police Dept. continues to search for answers in hopes of bringing a measure of closure to Kevin's family.

According to Svilar, "Fernando" was a regular on the Boystown bar scene at the time, and, while he had a history of theft and prostitution, he was not known to be violent.

"Fernando" may have also gone by the names Francisco or Adolfo, Clewer told WIFR.

"People who know this suspect would be shocked to find out he was responsible for stabbing Kevin Clewer 40 times," Svilar said. He went on to say the suspect may have bragged about picking up men in bars and robbing or stealing from them when they fell asleep or passed out.

Yesterday, Ron Clewer told the Rockford station that both "Fernando" and the newly-revealed second man have ties to Puerto Rico and Chicago.

Puerto Rico instituted strict travel restrictions during COVID, which delayed police efforts, Ron Clewer said.

The phone number for CPD's anonymous homicide tip line is 833-408-0069. Clewer's case number is HK-259944.

Migrant stabbed, critically injured another during a fight near downtown Chicago park

A recently-arrived Venezuelan migrant stabbed and critically injured another migrant during a fight in downtown Chicago, prosecutors said.

The men have known each other for a few months, and both were residents of the emergency shelter that Chicago city officials established at the old Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct.

They got into an argument outside the shelter around 8:30 p.m. May 9, but it ended without getting physical, prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said during a May 12 bail hearing for Elvis Diaz-Betancourt, 27.

But officials said that Diaz-Betan-



Elvis Diaz-Betancourt

court soon emerged from the shelter, and they began fighting near Pritzker Park in the 300 block of S. State St. Bystanders broke it up, but Diaz-Betancourt stabbed the 37-year-old victim near the right hip, Dale-Schmidt said.

As the victim walked away, she added gruesomely, he realized he had been cut and could see his in-

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Lincoln Park pot meeting June 1, lack of city/state oversight in spotlight

Marijuana retailer Marigrow is hoping to convert the former Salt n' Pepper Diner in Lincoln Park into a nearly 5,000-square-foot recreational pot dispensary. The next step in that process is a public meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at the Apollo Theater, 2550 N. Lincoln Ave.

The proposed new pot shop's location at 2575 N. Lincoln Ave. has caused discomfort for some area neighbors as it is adjacent to Jonquil Park.

City Council approved plans for the dispensary in January, a day after the project was reviewed and OK'd by the Council's Zoning Committee.

Residents are rightly wary as the city and state are becoming quite lax in enforcing their own regulations that are supposed to limit pot sales and use. Recreational marijuana has been legal in Illinois since 2019, but selling and using it remains a federal offense.

In April a proposal at the Capitol in Springfield would change the way law enforcement handles marijuana during traffic stops. It would stop police from searching cars because they smell dope

smoke.

If that law goes into effect, it would greatly enable illicit drug trafficking.

This newspaper has also reported on the lack of regulation enforcement of retail locations for pot sellers. Be they licensed

In Lincoln Square the city is allowing a licensed retail pot seller to open adjacent to a nursery school and kindergarten, and 806-feet from a grade school. State law requires 1,000 feet of distance.

or rogue operators. In Lincoln Square the city is allowing a licensed retail pot seller to open adjacent to a nursery school and kindergarten, and 806-feet from a grade school. State law requires 1,000 feet of distance.

Then just last week in Uptown, the Chicago Tribune reported that a rogue pot store was selling marijuana edibles to students of Uplift Community High School, but

those involved indicated that was not the case. That store, Uptown Smokes, 4527 N. Sheridan Ave., is one of countless stores around Chicago selling delta-8-THC cannabis products with little regulation or oversight. In reasoning that only a legislator could believe in, the end results of their laws and regulations are that city and state agencies only have authority to regulate licensed establishments. Rogue pot sellers operate in a lightly policed black market.

State regulators have written strict rules in Illinois on marijuana products, sales, and in limiting access to those under the age of 21... for licensed retailers. But as with most laws and regulations, it comes down to 'you and what army.' If the city, county and state refused to back up their rules with enforcement, then those regulations become hollow efforts to create the appearance of controls.

State lawmakers have taken little action to protect consumers by enforcing their own regulations. State Rep. Kelly Cassidy told the Tribune that, "This is the wild west. We don't know what they're selling, and somebody is going to die."

Man robbed Chicago postal carrier at gunpoint while on parole for armed robbery

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors say a Chicago man on parole for armed robbery is responsible for robbing a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier at gunpoint for their master keys on the North Side in March. Deandre Davis, 22, was held without bail by Judge Maryam Ahmad during a bond hearing on May 9.

Surveillance video showed Davis get out of a Toyota Camry to rob the postal carrier at gunpoint in the 6400 block of N. Hoyne around 2:40 p.m. March 20, Assistant State's Attorney Alexander Konetzki said during the bail hearing. He allegedly demanded the 36-year-old man's postal service master keys, then fled in the vehicle.

Chicago police detectives found surveillance video of Davis getting out of the Camry in front of a Rogers Park apartment building after the robbery, Konetzki said. A building manager and Chicago police detectives who've had previous contact with Davis identified him from the footage, according to the allegations.

Investigators arrested Davis on Monday when he showed up for an appointment with his parole officer.

Davis was convicted of participating in a Jan. 2020 armed robbery that ended with the victim being shot and killed when someone stepped out of an alley and started shooting at them, according to Chicago Police Department [CPD] records. He was never accused of shooting the victim.

He received a six-year sentence in 2021 and was paroled in Sept. 2022, less than three years after the crime was committed, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records.

Nicholas Giordano, the private defense attorney representing



Deandre Davis (inset).

Davis during his hearing, blasted the state's allegations.

"I didn't hear one piece of evidence saying the postal worker identified the defendant," Giordano argued, saying criminal charges cannot be based solely on a police officer's identification.

Giordano told Judge Ahmad that officials lured Davis into the parole meeting on May 8 by telling him they were going to end his parole early.

"They lied to him," the attorney said.

Ahmad granted the state's no-bail petition, apparently swayed by Davis' criminal history. Konetzki said that background includes two juvenile adjudications, one for armed carjacking and the other for robbery and aggravated battery. Davis has also been arrested three times for misdemeanors since being paroled in September, Konetzki said.

The robbery that Davis is accused of was among a long list of similar crimes against postal workers that the CPD warned about in a community alert last month.

Experts say stolen and forged arrow keys are used by theft crews that steal checks, credit cards, and documents to fuel identity theft operations.

Some thieves who use the stolen keys even wear postal service uniform parts as a disguise.

"Basically, the entire U.S. Postal Service is riddled with fraud," a law enforcement source told this reporter last year. And things have only gotten worse since then.

A source said that mail thieves are "part of a larger operation that uses stolen mail to open checking accounts and launder stolen checks," among other crimes.

In one tricky scheme known as "check washing," criminals use common chemicals to erase ink on stolen checks, then write the check for a large sum. The fraudulent checks are then either cashed or sold online.

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CHICAGO WEATHER: Longtime Chicago weather man, **Tom Skilling**, was honored with the State of Illinois' highest honor, the Lincoln Academy Laureate Award. Bravo Tom.

CHINA GROVE: May brings us to the cusp of summer, and nothing feels more like summertime in the Midwest than the **Doobie Brothers** live with dinner, drinks and a stunning lakefront view... 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, at Theater on the Lake, Fullerton and Lake Shore Dr.

LE SELECT: **Daniel Rose**, celebrated chef at Boka Restaurant Group's very Frenchy Le Select, has left them after four months. Troubles on the horizon. Oh mon dieu.

MARGIE'S CANDIES: **Dr. Peter George Poulos**, third-generation keeper of the candy and ice cream flame, at the old-fashioned Western Ave. parlor for hand-dipped treats, has died at 86. He grew up in the ice cream shop and returned to run it when his mother died. Now Dr. Poulos' son is taking over and doesn't plan to change a thing. **Al Capone** once declared Margie's his all-time favorite. Me too.

VINCE LLOYD: The late, great **Vince Lloyd**, gone 20 years in 2023, gets the richly-deserved Silver Circle Award from the Midwest chapter of the TV Academy of Arts and Sciences at a May 5 ceremony at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago. **George Castle** nominated Vince for the award. Witnessing it all was Vince's granddaughter **Kelli Lloyd-Pesola**, **George Castle**, Vince's grand-nephew **Richard Williams** and Vince's grand-daughter **Jackie Lloyd-Kaminski**. Holy mackerel.

THE BELLEVUE: The yellow awnings are up, the changes apparently made at the Bellevue on Rush, the former Tavern on Rush. Opening soon. Menu please.

OUR HERO: The Red Cross is honoring U.S. Navy veteran **Melvin Bridgmon**. He and his late sister **Margaret**, founded Outreach Chicago, a veteran-led, faith-based organization to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness including families and veterans in Chicago. A veteran who experienced homelessness himself, Bridgmon provides resources, information, guidance and hope to the homeless, drawing from stories



Steve Lombardo, Hugo Ralli, Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Johnnie Colletti.



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of his own life and his struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder. Outreach Chicago's programs include nutritional bag lunches, hygiene products for men, women, and babies, as well as winter clothing distribution. Outreach Chicago estimates it has helped 16,000 people since 2010. Thank you, Melvin.

THE STAGE: Theaters across the Chicago-area dimmed their marquees or lobby lights on the evening of Saturday, May 13, in tribute to late playwright, director, actor and educator **Frank Galati**, who passed away Jan. 2, at the age of 79.

BALLY'S AT MEDINAH: Bally has announced that it is posting 700 jobs for their new Chicago casino project that will open in the former Medinah Temple. Check it out.

PET PICS: PAWSChicago is

booking spaces for their 2024 Pets calendar. Every pet feature includes a photo and a special message. And every penny of profit goes directly to saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats. Anyone can add a pet portrait session for \$250, which includes a digital select to treasure. Just do it, email **Jill Siar** at calendar@pawschicago.org.

NO ACCIDENT: Songstress **Joanne Pallatto's** new CD just arrived and it's so good, so Chicago, called "Accidental Melody" and available with a special mellow ease from 3501 N. Southport. Take a listen.

WHO'S WHERE: Seen on the street Saturday was Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** and her pal **Candace Jordan**. They were handing out chocolates and flowers at the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Pearson St. "This is just a small way of celebrating mothers this weekend and giving people a reason to smile," said Pappas...

Happy Birthday to dear **Dorothy Lamb** dining for the occasion with husband, **Charles Lamb**, at fabulous Mart Anthony's... **Nancy Kelley** traveling in architect **Antoni Gaudi's** town, Barcelona, Spain... **Joey Bell** graduating from Indiana Univ., making **Bill** and **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** very proud... **Janet Owen** with **Rebecca Swift** and **Claudia McLaughlin** at RL Restaurant celebrating Swift's birthday and good friendships... Cook County's **Donna Black Miller** is wild with pride over son, **Donovan's** accepting attendance at the Univ. of Pennsylvania - Hunstman Program, which only accepts 50 people from around the world... **Christopher Kennedy** at Sales Force Tower, the Kennedy-built high-rise along the Chicago River... **Mamie Walton** and **Heather Farley** out for a Gibson's lunch... It was white pants at the Chicago Yacht Club all around and **Peggy Snorf**, **Karen Zupko** and **Janet Owen** are good sailors and looked summer chic, making sure the gents all had their blue blazers... **Jim Kenny** was in Washington, D.C. and it looked like a reshoot for the West Wing with **Pat Davitt** and **Liam Hogan** outside the White House... Retired judge **Rhoda Sweeney** and husband, **Fred Drucker**, have return from Newport Beach, CA, and are thrilled to dine at Manny's Deli where the Kosher corned beef beats any menu

item in LA-LA land, don't forget the Latke... Great sorrow, peace and thanks to **Sean Keane**, virtuoso fiddler of the Chieftains on his passing... The Service Club hosted its annual Hat Luncheon on May 8, at The Langham Hotel. Among those in attendance were **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Mark Olley**, **Kathleen Haines Finley**, **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Flavia Magdalan**... **Irene Michaels** and **Arny Granat** dining in Beverly Hills with **Carol Connors** and her famous chef...

ON STRIKE: After more than four years of empty promises, United Airlines pilots conducted a 10-city nationwide informational picket Friday. Pilots were there for customers during the pandemic. They expressed their frustration in management's failure to recognize the value pilots bring to the overall success of the airline. Don't let them tell you they're all the same.

PARIS EXHIBIT: **Adam Handler** exhibiting at Cohle Gallery in Paris in a two-person show with **Ludovilk Meyers**. The exhibition "When Your Eyes Looked Up." Stop by if you're in Paris.

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goes. And here's my question, because when I hear 'first arrest,' that sounds like tabula rasa, where you're telling me this is his first arrest, period," said the judge to Dale-Schmidt. "Are you telling me this is his first arrest, or are you telling me this is his first arrest in the four months he's been here? Because that's different."

"Per the information the state has access to," Dale-Schmidt replied, "this is his first arrest."

Ahmad expressed further concerns about the violent nature of the allegations and the possibility that Diaz-Betancourt could leave the jurisdiction upon release. She ordered him to pay a \$20,000 bail deposit to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

He is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery causing great bodily harm.

Diaz-Betancourt was at least the third Venezuelan migrant to appear before Ahmad in felony bond court last week.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

LANDMARK CREDIT UNION
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PUBLICATION SUMMONS

Case No: 23-CV-001501

Plaintiff,
v.
DOUGLAS F. DUNHAM, SR.
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Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above
as a defendant:

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ternal organs. After the victim cried out for help, Diaz-Betancourt allegedly returned to stab him in the back, then ran away.

Witnesses flagged down a Chicago police unit, and officers called for an ambulance, which took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. There, he underwent surgery to repair multiple stab wounds.

The attack was captured on a Chicago Police Dept. surveillance camera. Officers secured an image of the attacker's face from the footage and showed it to staff members at the Standard Club shelter. They identified him as Diaz-Betancourt and took officers to his room, according to Dale-Schmidt.

Diaz-Betancourt had a cut on his finger when the police arrived. When they asked where the blue jacket and red shoes he wore in the video footage were, Diaz-Betancourt directed them to his brother's room. Both items were recovered there, Dale-Schmidt said.

During the bond hearing, Assistant Public Defender Catherine Stockslager said Diaz-Betancourt has been in Chicago for about four months and has lived at the shelter for three of those, working odd jobs as a carpenter. He has two children who remain in Venezuela.

Judge Maryam Ahmad questioned the prosecution's claim that Diaz-Betancourt has no criminal background.

"I want to know how far back your background

Streeterville community town hall May 24

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] will be speaking and taking questions at a Streeterville town hall meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Northwestern Univ. Biomedical Research Center, Hughes Auditorium, 303 E. Superior.

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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST CO., N.A.
Plaintiff,

-v.-

COURTNEY S. EVONIUK, CITY OF CHICAGO,
ROW HOUSES ON HAMILTON CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 11138

7223 N HAMILTON AVENUE, UNIT C
CHICAGO, IL 60645
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Property Index No. 11-30-322-044-1003

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Case # 2022 CH 11138

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
Plaintiff,

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-v.-

EVA DEANDA INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE EVA DEANDA DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED JULY 25, 2002, THE WISTERIA LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
22 CH 5706

1311 W. LUNT AVE., UNIT 303
CHICAGO, IL 60626
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Property Index No. 11-32-114-032-1009

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The judgment amount was \$26,214.38.

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Case Number: 22 CH 5706

TJSC#: 43-1570

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Case # 22 CH 5706

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

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VERNON L. CHAPMAN, OLD NATIONAL BANK, 6619 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 08774

6619 N. SHERIDAN #305
CHICAGO, IL 60626

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Attorney Code. 21762

Case Number: 2022 CH 08774

TJSC#: 43-895

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Case # 2022 CH 08774

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v.-

JERRY J. CEDICCI, MARIA-URBANA AFONSO-CEDICCI, MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MADIGAN & GETZENDANNER, CACH, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SANDRA R. GLASS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, ADDITIONAL COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF
Defendants
17 CH 10926

63 WEST SCHILLER STREET
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 October 6, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 63 WEST SCHILLER STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-217-003-0000, Property Index No. 17-04-217-137-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Attorney Code. 21762

Case Number: 17 CH 10926

TJSC#: 43-1854

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Case # 17 CH 10926

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v.-

EDMUNDO AGUILAR, CAROLINE VOZA AGUILAR, 448 WRIGHTWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 09541

450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE #1
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 March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 20, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE #1, CHICAGO, IL 60614

Property Index No. 14-28-309-034-1005

The real estate is improved with a condotown-house.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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Case # 2022 CH 09541

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LOANCARE, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v.-

CAROL A FOLKMAN, EDWARD J FOLKMAN, 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST PRIVATE RESIDENCES, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 10282

2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 1105
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 March 8, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60614

Property Index No. 14-33-209-010-1116

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$220,538.87.

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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

FAILED

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that this is how the CTA bus drivers have chosen to respond to the new layout.]

The CTA has made a commitment to serve disabled passengers as well as able-bodied people. It has done well with accessible buses and trains, and is making progress to make all its stations fully accessible. All its bus stops are accessible, including room for wheelchairs and walkers to shelter under the roofs of the stops which aren't just benches or signs.

Accessibility must include equal safety for disabled passengers to get on and off buses.

People using walkers and wheelchairs should not be forced to use active driveways or park in the bike lane to access buses.

Most of the bus stops in Edge-water next to painted bike lanes do not have raised concrete islands on the traffic side of the bike lanes, which physically prevent buses from pulling up next to the curb to safely serve disabled passengers. It's a brief conflict between these road users, and we haven't heard of any bike-bus accidents at these stops.

Obviously, the people planning these raised concrete structures protecting the curbside bike lanes did not even think about how CTA buses will safely serve disabled passengers.

I think CTA has a legal cause of action against the City, for placing these raised concrete structures which physically prevent buses from serving its disabled passengers with as much safety as for able-bodied passengers. All of these raised concrete structures at this intersection must be completely removed!

Jean SmilingCoyote, West Ridge

ARRESTED

from p. 3

Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand.

Cormena, or Daniel Jose Garcia, was identified as “Danny J. Briceno” in one of the CPD arrest reports and “Danny Garcia Brice-no” in the other. He was released from the police station both times on recognizance bonds.

Expressing concern about the men’s background and lack of ties to Chicago, Ahmad ordered Colmenarez to pay a \$1,500 bail deposit and Cormena to pay a \$5,000 deposit to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

Growing problem

We first reported that Venezuelan migrants, including children, were sleeping on the floors of police station lobbies on April 5. Since then, city officials say, the flow of migrants has increased dramatically. Police now estimate that between 450 and 550 migrants are sleeping in police station lobbies because the city cannot find anywhere to put them.

Those numbers may be undercounts. On May 9, CBS2 reported that there are 70 families living at just one of the city’s CPD stations.

Also on May 9, Mayor Lori Lightfoot declared a state of emergency as the city and her office struggles to find resources and money to assist arriving migrants.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

“We should all understand that this crisis will likely deepen before we see it get better,” Lightfoot said.

On Monday, Sgt. James Calvino, president of the Chicago Police Sergeants’ Assoc., published an open letter expressing concern about the families living in the city’s police stations. Here’s his letter:

I would like to draw your attention to the critical issue of people being housed in Chicago Police District stations. The situation has increased exponentially; families are remaining in stations for days and, sometimes weeks at a time.

Police District stations are not equipped to handle a situation like this. If a Police Officer were to walk into a home with the same conditions that exist in the stations, they would be forced to call DCFS and remove any/all children, due to the poor conditions.

There is no ability to store or prepare meals, bathe or cleanse, or a proper place to sleep. Having to cleanse in a bathroom sink, having no ability to keep food refrigerated, and sleeping on hard cement-like floors, are inhumane living conditions. We pride ourselves on being both a welcoming City and a welcoming State.

How welcoming are the conditions I described?

The City calls the people mi-

grants, asylum seekers, or unhoused, but no matter what title they are given, they are all human beings who deserve, at the very least, humane conditions to live in. Where do the children get to be children in a station? There is no place to play, run around, and just be a kid.

I do know there is currently a very large influx of people but it needs news coverage to bring the issue to the forefront.

Without humanizing the issue, the City will be allowed to continue storing and treating people like they are a mere commodity.

We need to change this; let’s force the City and State to truly be welcoming.

In many of the Police Department’s General Orders, there is the statement “sanctity of human life” to show how above all else we are to hold sacred

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each person’s life. By housing persons in Police Districts, we are doing anything but showing the sanctity of human life. We are taking police resources that need to be used to address the violence in this City and are using them for something that needs to be addressed by other better-suited agencies.

Police Districts are where we bring and process arrestees, and often times those persons are bonded out from the stations. Not something children should be a part of.

I ask you to please continue to demand answers from the City and State officials who are allowing and condoning this treatment of our fellow human beings and for the practice of housing persons in Police District stations.

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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 LEE M BERENBAUM, KAREN BERENBAUM,
 HAWTHORNE COURT TOWNHOME CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 19 CH 01241
 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155
 CHICAGO, IL 60657
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 9, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155, CHICAGO, IL 60657
 Property Index No. 14-20-414-019-1067
 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.
 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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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closure 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 HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 351264.
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 217-422-1719
 Fax #: 217-422-1754
 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
 Attorney File No. 351264
 Attorney Code. 40387
 Case Number: 19 CH 01241
 TJSC#: 43-1733
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 19 CH 01241
13219319
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 ALEXA K SINDELAR A/K/A ALEXA K KOST A/K/A ALEXA KENNEDY SINDELAR, CRAIG SINDELAR A/K/A CRAIG ANTHONY SINDELAR, THE BANCORP BANK, YESTERYEAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 22 CH 09067
 4215 NORTH PAULINA STREET APT 2C
 CHICAGO, IL 60613
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4215 NORTH PAULINA STREET APT 2C, CHICAGO, IL 60613
 Property Index No. 14-18-410-039-1008
 The real estate is improved with a condominium with no garage.
 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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real es-

Real Estate For Sale

tate 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.
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 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
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 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
 Attorney File No. 22-125511L_839158
 Attorney Code. 61256
 Case Number: 22 CH 09067
 TJSC#: 43-1366
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 22 CH 09067
13219660
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,
 -v-

Real Estate For Sale

DAVID A. SCHEELE, 710-714 WEST CORNELIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 2022 CH 09481
 712 W CORNELIA AVE #3
 CHICAGO, IL 60657
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 7, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 712 W CORNELIA AVE #3, CHICAGO, IL 60657
 Property Index No. 14-21-302-029-1006
 The real estate is improved with a residence.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage 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.
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 For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2022 CH 09481
 TJSC#: 43-633
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2022 CH 09481
13219162
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 CITYMORTGAGE INC.
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 GEOFFREY CHERRY, AKA GEOFFREY E. CHERRY, ISLANDCAP, LLC, 500-502 WEST ROSCOE STREET CONDOMINIUM, INC.
 Defendants
 2022 CH 06033
 502 WEST ROSCOE STREET, UNIT 3N
 CHICAGO, IL 60657
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit 502-3-"N", as delineated on survey of the following described parcel of real estate (hereinafter referred to as parcel): Commonly known as 502 WEST ROSCOE STREET, UNIT 3N, CHICAGO, IL 60657
 Property Index No. 14-21-307-040-1010
 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$212,822.05.
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Morgan had already hired 10 people to staff their patio, and says “Our customers prefer to dine outside. If we don’t get our patio spaces back I don’t think we’ll survive. If we lose that patio space we’ll lose \$250,000 in sales” this year due to reduced outdoor seating.

But the Morgan’s then noticed that many of their colleagues were still utilizing their large spaces for outdoor dining ... places like Girl and the Goat, Starbucks, Gibson’s, Hugo’s Frog Bar, and many others.

So this reporter drove down Randolph St. to review the situation, and indeed, on a sunny Tuesday, patio dining was in full bloom, corner to corner, spilling out into some very elaborate patios built out into the street.

And when that reality was presented to one city official he agreed. “Nobody is getting [their patio] permit extensions. And we’re bring the hammer down. They’re getting ticketed and fined,” promised Matthew Viveros, a staffer at the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. “If the measurements [on location] are different from what is presented to [Viveros’ office] they will get fined.”

Viveros explained that those pandemic policies ended on March 1, and that the city was reverting back to their outdoor dining policies from 2017. “There are no exceptions, nobody is getting their [patio] permits extended.”

Outdoor dining programs proliferated during the pandemic. And now the trend has evolved well beyond the stopgap measures of construction barriers and plastic bubbles or cones. Five-star hotels and Michelin-starred restaurants are transforming the outdoor patio from shabby to chic. It’s taking the form of pop-ups, picnics, cocktail gardens, and full street closures for outdoor dining. Restaurants are mak-

ing creative use of nearby spaces to create entirely unique experiences and an added draw for locals and tourists alike.

In short, the hospitality industry is responding to market demand as people evolve in the post-pandemic era, while City Hall is moving back to a pre-pandemic era and posture.

Asking for your help

The Small Business Advocacy Council [SBAC], dozens of local Chicago chambers of commerce, and likely your own favorite bistro are now urging City Hall to take prompt action to reinstate the policy that allows restaurants to expand outdoor dining to the parking lots, adjacent storefronts; To reduce the Sidewalk Cafe Permit fee by 75%, as was done in 2022, and is calling for discussions and communications with policymakers to provide clarity and consistency as it pertains to street closure programs in the community.

The SBAC is a non-partisan, member-driven organization that promotes the success of small businesses through political advocacy, support services and educational programs. Those who wish to get involved may visit www.smallbusinessadvocacy-council.org/2023/04/27/support-outdoor-dining-in-chicago/.

With indoor capacity limited throughout much of the pandemic, the ability to offer outdoor dining became a lifeline for many restaurants. In a Sept. 2021 survey fielded by the National Restaurant Assoc. [NRA], 65% of restaurant operators said they offered on-premises outdoor dining in a space such as a patio, deck or sidewalk. That was up from 57% in April 2021, and roughly on par with the 67% who report-

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ed similarly in Sept. 2020. Seventy-two percent of full service operators say their restaurant offered on-premises outdoor dining in September, while 57% of limited-service operators offered on-premises outdoor seating in September.

The NRA survey shows 40% of consumers say they’re more likely to choose a restaurant with outdoor seating. In a recent Open Table survey, 82% responded that they want to see outdoor dining and seating options continue to grow. Twenty-nine percent of limited-service operators that offer outdoor seating say it accounts for more than 40% of their average daily sales. Thirteen percent say it represents more than 70% of their daily sales.

And now, many restaurants that began with temporary seating installations that were broken down at the end of the night are shifting to more permanent designs. As fears of COVID-19 subside, customers seem to enjoy the diversity of options offered by al fresco dining, and cities across the globe have extended programs slated for termination, and relaxed rules related to outdoor dining facilities.

But apparently not Chicago, at least not right now.

The change has caused frustration across the city, and complaints are on the rise, says Viveros.

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dition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, police said. The third man, 22, received two gunshot wounds to his left arm. CPD said his condition was stabilized at Northwestern.

The video footage, shared with this reporter by a local business owner, was recorded just seconds after the shooting. It contains strong language and images that are disturbing.

“Oh, my God. Oh, my God,” the man utters as a small group gathers around one victim lying outside El Hefe, 15 W. Hubbard. A second victim is seen on the ground near the next storefront.

A short distance to the east, a third victim lies in the street as bystanders comfort him. To the right, a police officer drapes crime scene tape to close off the area.

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fighting out on the street. Police said during a birthday party, one gang member was approached by an opposing gang member, leading to the fight. One man pulled out a gun and shots were fired during the quarrel. An armed security guard pulled out his gun and shot back.

The security guard was shot in the arm, and another man, Arsen Solaqa, 30, was shot and killed.

Two other men were shot at and took themselves to Northwestern Memorial

For instance, the Dine Out on Broadway program in Lakeview East was originally slated to help businesses with expanded outdoor dining during the COVID-19 Pandemic. “This program was vital to the survival of our businesses and has brought millions of dollars of revenue to our local businesses, ensuring they can keep their doors open and helped to keep jobs within our community for years to come,” the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce stated last week, in encouraging people to join in calling for allowing the patios to remain.

“While the pandemic era programs are coming to an end, we are hopeful we can continue this program into the future, as it provides extra economic stimulus for our neighborhood and a fun, safe environment for our community to enjoy local eateries.”

For now, the future of Lakeview East’s Dine Out is uncertain, but “as soon as we know we can bring this program back, we will be taking to the streets once again for weekends filled with alfresco dining,” they promise.

Viveros did say that his office was getting broad pushback from the city’s hospitality industry, and suggested those in the hospitality industry keep an eye on any proposed changes coming from City Hall once the new administration takes over.

“People feel it’s OK to shoot anyone,” the business owner said Sunday night. “No one is afraid to use a gun. No consequences.”

It is, in fact, quite rare for someone to face consequences for shooting another person in Chicago.

The city’s data portal shows police filed 2,603 non-fatal shooting cases between Jan. 1, 2022, and May 6 this year. But only 96 cases indicate an arrest has been made. That’s 3.7%.

CPD logged 887 murder cases during the same period with 275 arrests, a 31% success rate.

Sunday’s victims are the third, fourth, and fifth persons shot in River North this year. There were eight shooting victims in the neighborhood at this point last year, one as of this date in 2021, and none as of May 14, 2020.

Hospital for treatment. Police said there was an arrest, and two guns were recovered.

Now the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and Law Dept. have come to terms on the plan before the club’s reopening, which took place last weekend.

Under the agreement, Hush must close at 1 a.m. (instead of 4 or 5 a.m.). They must surrender their Public Place of Amusement and Late Hour licenses and operate as a restaurant, not a nightclub. And they cannot charge a cover charge, offer bottle service, or any all-you-can-drink packages.

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