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Piper's Alley fight: Rezoning could allow more towers

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Second of two articles on high-rise development in the Old Town neighborhood.

Fern Hill Co., developer of the proposed 500-unit Old Town Canvas high-rise, apparently is planning to stretch the "land-canvas" for at least two additional towers along North Ave. west of Wells St.

In play in this rezoning chess game is the Piper's Alley complex, including the X-sport Fitness Club, Starbuck's, Second City Theater, and more than a dozen commercial properties that ring the northwest corner of North and Wells running west to North Park Ave. Piper's Alley is within a stone's throw of the Old Town Triangle landmark historic district.

A rezoning application obtained by The Home Front column not only calls for more than rezoning of a proposed 44-story apartment tower proposed for a vacant Moody Church parking lot at 1610 N. LaSalle St.

It also includes the Piper's Alley tract, owned by Old Town Development Associates, LLC, a



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partnership headed by politically connected Thomas M. Tully, who served as Cook County Assessor from 1974 through 1978.

The possible rezoning of the 84,078-square-foot Piper's Alley site to allow a floor-area-ratio [FAR] of 420,390 square feet could eventually pave the way for two additional high-rise towers on the north side of North Ave. between Wells and North Park, zoning experts say.

As proposed, the sweeping zoning changes under Fern Hill's planned development could result in up to 1,400 new residential units housing upwards of 4,000 to 5,000 new residents along a two-block stretch of North Ave. between LaSalle and North Park.

Although Fern Hill's rezoning application does not immediately allow residential units on the Piper's Alley commercial site, that may happen in the future.

The rezoning application also provides that the existing 392 parking spaces in the Piper's Alley garage could be removed at the time of that parcel's "site-plan approval," resulting in a sharp reduction in much needed area parking.

The Piper's Alley block of buildings were down-zoned in the 1970s by petitions from area residents supported by aldermen Vi Daley and Michele Smith.

Residents say they do not want

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City moving forward on Catalpa Plaza, Andersonville to lose 50 metered parking spaces

The city is getting ready to eliminate nearly 50-metered commercial parking spots in Andersonville in favor of a new plaza, and is hosting a community meeting Thursday, May 23 at St. Gregory Social Hall, 1609 W. Gregory, for the unveiling of the final design of Catalpa Plaza.

Unknown now is how much the city will have to pay LAZ Parking, LLC, to seize those nearly 50 parking spots that LAZ now owns. That price is based on the parking spots utilization rate, multiplied by the 60-plus years left on the lease, and could easily cost city taxpayers well over \$20 million.

Meanwhile, local retail operators in the Andersonville area have no idea how they can make up for the loss of those parking spaces. Convenient customer parking that turns over quickly is a critical need for all commercial districts.

Customer parking is often overlooked by city of Chicago planning officials, most of whom have never run a retail business. But customer parking is undoubtedly an essential service for every brick-and-mortar business dis-

tribut. With the right parking control systems, it can be a significant revenue generator, too.

Having ample, accessible parking can attract prospective

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customers and instill loyalty in existing ones. Meanwhile, a lack of readily available parking has been proven to deter potential customers.

Commercial parking availability is often one of the first considerations for businesses when they start thinking about opening a business. Physical businesses usually have to offer a certain number of parking spots per square foot of retail space, and now one of the North Side's most desirable commercial districts will soon be offering the bare minimum.

To the west of Andersonville, retailers in Lincoln Square are now being hurt due to the city gifting a parking lot to a private de-

veloper. The Lincoln Square Mall area is now frequently in gridlock due to the loss of parking, whether it's customers circling the area for 20 minutes trying to find a space

or just giving up and heading to another retail district. These self-inflicted injuries and frustrating interactions can ruin an otherwise great experience with a business district.

Standard accepted practices demand that parking should be visible. Customers should be able to clearly identify where to enter the property to park. Signage should direct drivers from the main road to help them determine which spaces are appropriate to park in. Vacant spaces should be easy to find. If spaces are not visible in plain sight, wayfinding technology like lights and sensors can be introduced to help customers navigate to an open spot.

Those interested in hearing more about the plaza may stop by between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to view displays, ask questions, and learn about the future of the plaza.

The 15-minute city concept is coming to Western Ave.

City hosting two open houses to sell concept to nearby residents

There are two lines of thought on the 15-minute city concept.

To some, it's an urban planning concept that promotes sustainable and healthy living, while limiting residents' movement for all their needs to a 15-minute walk from their residence.

To others, it's a plot by tyrannical bureaucrats to take away the use of private cars, and control free movement of people within the greater urban area.

Despite American's century-long love affair with the automobile, city officials now hope to implement the 15-minute city concept where neighborhoods provide residents with the basic things they need — think shops, schools, parks, leisure options, and health care — within a 15-minute radius by foot or bike.

The city of Chicago is seeking to expand the 15-minute city concept on the North Side to Western Ave.

The Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] is now partnering with local wards to implement the community vision and land use recommendations for Western Ave. by proactively rezoning properties along the corridor.

Two community meetings are planned, coming on the heels of a Western Avenue Corridor Study, which was adopted in Nov. 2022.

The City is adjusting the zoning districts along the Western Ave. corridor to align with the goals of the 15-minute city concept for land use and development.

The proposed rezoning defines what types of development city planners think are appropriate on Western Ave.

While some future zoning ac-

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Late night Western Ave. bars drawing wrong kind of attention

Neighbors are coming forward to express concerns about two bars on Western Ave., and the troubles that their clientele are creating.

At a recent meeting of the Beat 1921 (Damen Ave. to the river, Belmont to Irving Park) that drew about 40 people, the meeting's focus was mostly about problem bars on Western, primarily the Blue Light, 3251 N. Western Ave., and Underbar, 3243 N. Western Ave.

Roscoe Village area neighbors say they now fear for their safety and are asking police to intervene after repeated gunshots fired near their homes. Those residents say they believe the problems are linked to the two late-night bars. Since mid-April, there have been at least four late-night incidents of shots fired near Western Ave. between Melrose and School streets, according to police.

The Bluelight's troubles are well known. The bar has been under city scrutiny for years, but has not been shut down outside of temporary periods such as the shooting of a person by Bluelight security in 2019 that led to summary closure, a short term closure instituted by the Superintendent of Police.

In that 2019 fatal shooting, Mario Dingillo, a married father who'd been visiting the city from Wisconsin, was shot and killed by a security guard working for Bluelight.

As a result, Bluelight now op-

erates under an official plan of operation that is overseen by Chicago Police, Dept. of Business Affairs [BACP] and the Chicago Liquor Commissioner. Violations of this Bluelight Plan of Operation can also be reported directly to the BACP, Liquor Commissioner, and CPD.

Representatives from BACP and the Law Dept. were also in attendance at the Beat meeting.

Residents showed up to express concerns over recent incidents of shots fired in the area. Police iterated that no one was hit; shell casings were recovered, inventoried, and fingerprinted, similar to the previous history of issues on Western Ave.

The police told the crowd that they need more calls for service from residents and that their resources are allocated based on calls; if there is an increase in calls or a pattern identified, extra patrols are put in an area in addition to the regular beat car.

Some residents suggested voting the district dry, revoking the bar's license or changing its hours. But both the police and BACP said there needed to be evidence tying the events to a particular bar in order to start this process. The police said they also need complaining witnesses for an investigation.

The trouble with voting a precinct dry is that other licenses who operate establishments with

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We are witnessing King Charles build the disaster of his own destruction

No fairy tales, rather a vulgar nightmare of tragic proportions



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Britain's King Charles III is sadly fulfilling the royal curse in which long reigns, like his mother, Queen Elizabeth II's 60 year marathon, beget very short reigns, in their successor.

His own serious illness, found after becoming king, is turning his cancer into a diagnosed plague- foreboding curse for his throne-sitting before our very eyes.

The clock is also ticking away on his worth as a parent.

The tragic Windsor family's current shameful disarray is skewed, focused on the 39-year-old Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex. It should come as no surprise, after following the crippled royal sense of dysfunctional parenting Harry received growing up. Just look at the related emotional family paralysis unfolding for the Windsor family members at Buckingham Palace since before his grandmother's own childhood. There was an emotional reason her father, George VI, tragically stuttered.

Meanwhile the British public has been force-fed fleeting glances of happy Windsors for generations. Rather than seeing the true image of shameful childhood victims of royal shenanigans that treat horses and Corgis (royal dogs) better than human beings and children.

The British public have been enduring royals and royal events beyond any reasonable capacity of sane living thanks to the cheesy journalism of its media reportage. Minimal accurate reporting of long lists of royal failures in judgments and codes of common moral living abound.

Reality has often been the first victim of royal living. Followed quickly by truth and marital faithfulness.

Absentee royal parents, a boozy revengeful Queen Mum, an adulteress prince consort and various cross-dressing uncles and large-scaled sexual family addictions are not just the fiction of historical dramas and television series. But, rather, they are the truth of everyday life for the royal Windsors. After all, are they not the family that sabotaged the education, military careers, love lives, sibling stability and very public marriages to their libidos, phobias, prejudices, and bad tempers of their nearest and dearest?

Many came to their royal public lives after tragically sad, lonely, and emotionally broken childhoods and shattered adolescences. Surviving at best in the world of odd nannies and governesses kept in check by palace snoops and the tipsy domestics. And equally the cunning selfishness of imbalanced, emotionally wounded,

extended family members. Most fearful for their own financial and social well-being.

Because of the historic length of the late Queen's reign, the Windsor family members had unimagined and extended long years of curtsies, bows, secret scandals and parental criticisms, seldom seen with truth historically. Much of it repurposed as family weapons in their private cold wars to control and motivate. Hinder and harm.

Veterans of the British military, particularly those wounded survivors missing limbs and eyes, have been loud with praise for Prince Harry the soldier. They are grateful for his creative military ability to look beyond the fresh limitations many wounded military face ahead. His dynamic in establishing the Invictus Games reinforces a healthier look at the accomplishments and training that restore a sense of purpose and achievement for them.

Large scale support abounds for those whose living has been altered permanently by shattering wartime trauma.

The Invictus culture is said to assist in the healing dignity of recovery. It's proving to be an intelligent approach for wounded military personnel.

Prince Harry's battlefield experience of military life and 21st century warfare have been the resurgent cradle that gave birth to the very popular Invictus Games. The athletic trials have been gathering supportive participants in the athletic life of wounded survivors for 10 years. The Prince's recent return to Britain, from his home in America, to celebrate the tenth anniversary was a great opportunity to further strengthen the next games to be held in Britain in the year ahead. But Windsor Royals froze Harry out. Angered by his good achievement.

While no royal appeared at St. Paul's Cathedral to support Prince Harry and the Invictus military community, there was a profoundly emotional moment when the prince discovered his mother's family, the Spencers, front and center for Princess Diana's son. His uncle, the 9th Earl Spencer, and his aunt, Lady Jane Fellows, brought a loving and re-

efined sense of noble family that is certainly beyond the reach of the phony royal Windsors.

But sadly the terrible dysfunction among the latest royal Windsors' emotional paralysis has further expanded the shattering breakdown of familial relations between his father, King Charles, and his brother William, the Prince of Wales. There's still much anger at Prince Harry's tell-all book, "Spare," giving away family secrets, revealing their racism, prejudices, cruelties, betrayals, rejections and crippling parenting.

How is it a rapidly aging, merely moderately educated, new King expects to rule the British people when he hasn't the common sense or the paternal affection to help heal his own suffering son?

How can the King's public record of marital rejection, betrayal, cruel isolation and false intention to Princess Diana, the boys' mother, be glossed over within the intimate family circle of a father and two sons?

What is the level of intelligence that is measured by a father who, facing cancer's inevitability, can't do everything in his power to gather his sons in hopeful healing and paternal love?

A father incapable of bringing such peace and forgiveness appears to be unworthy of public governance and kingly office.

We are witnessing King Charles build the disaster of his own destruction. While the absence of any religious or moral imperative seems to be non-existent.

Woe to the British people who place their hopes in such a soulless royal.

Harry's petty rejection by Charles and William, exacerbated by their wives, Queen Camilla (the woman who broke up Charles' first marriage) and Catherine, Princess of Wales, is mean-spirited and deeply sordid.

None would meet with Harry or attempt to lessen the family split while he was recently in London. Not even the tenth anniversary celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral was off limits in the royals' aggressive isolating and abandonment of every vestige of Prince Harry. Reminding many of the Royal Windsor's aggressive re-

jection of Harry's mother, Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Windsors are famous for their psychological cruelty of those not walking in lock-step. It helps to create and sustain a ruling royal consortium of angry, immature adults.

They are not role models.

Sadly, broken relationships abound from Windsor Castle and Clarence House back to Buckingham Palace.

I never thought that there was much chance of a long survival for the monarchy in Britain after the nostalgic rule of Elizabeth II. Modern, successful Brits have little time for the phony sentiment that surrounds royal life. They want to succeed on their own. Especially after watching the melodrama of the cruel isolation and rejection of the King's son, by the King, himself.

No one needs to see family cruelty or paternal rejection raised to the grandeur of a Westminster Abbey coronation.

Prince Harry should embrace the healing of his American wife, Meghan, and his cherished children, Archie and Lilibet. Embrace them in the California sun with strength and love, as the British public sees through the shabby uselessness of monarchical rule more and more. This is no fairy tale, but rather a vulgar nightmare of tragic proportions.

TOP STEAKS: Food and Wine Magazine's Top 25 Steakhouses in America has been ranked. St. Elmo's Fire in Indianapolis is ranked number one. I've eaten there often. Spectacular steaks. But it's Indiana. And I think Chicago culture offers more. Gibson's Steakhouse is ranked number nine. Food & Wine singles out Gibson's for its locally sourced cuts, aged for 40 days. The restaurant says it's also

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Update: Neighborhood World War II monuments MIA after recent Dept. of Transportation bike lane projects

BY PETER VON BUOL

For more than 78 years, a pair of neighborhood-built World War II memorials had survived the elements, only to be destroyed in 2023 during construction of two Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] bike lane projects.

Removed during the construction was a star-shaped memorial that had been located on the southeast corner of Leavitt and Barry and a V-shaped memorial with a heart on the northwest corner of Belmont and Oakley.

When notified of their removal, Kevin Barszcz, Mayor Brandon Johnson's Director of Veteran Affairs, said he is now working with the American Legion to restore monuments at both locations.

Unfortunately, due to their ad hoc nature, there are no records of what their specific dimensions had been. Reconstruction will be based on photographs.

Funded through the federal government's Dept. of Transportation's [DOT] Complete Streets program, the bike lanes may not have been watched as closely as projects funded by local funding. According to officials at DOT, Complete Streets are being created to encourage all forms of transportation, including bike lanes.

During World War II, many Chicago residents honored those serving in the US Armed Forces by building street corner monuments. Often, these monuments had a sign which listed neighborhood residents who had died in the service of their country. Many had a flag pole included in the monument.

In the 1940s, many residential street cor-

ners had a corner store which served as the area's gathering place and quite a few had a war monument erected in front. Today, many of those corner stores are gone.

Until it was removed in 2023, the monument on Barry and Leavitt included a roundel with a white star on a blue background, and which resembled those seen on the fuselages of WWII American fighter and bomber planes.

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The Complete Streets bike-lane improvements on Belmont Ave. included resurfacing, concrete curb extensions, pedestrian "refuge" islands and bus boarding islands.

Bicycles are also the impetus of CDOT's neighborhood greenway program through which a portion of Leavitt, north of Diversey, received that designation.

Through its neighborhood greenways program, CDOT has paid for construction of speed bumps on Leavitt and the addition of yellow stripes which now make it legal to ride bicycles in what until now was the wrong direction. This project has also paid for construction of new curb extensions

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral to serve as Grand Marshal at Memorial Day Parade, wreath laying

The city has announced the Grand Marshal for Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, May 25.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. The Parade will step off at noon and proceed south on State St. from Lake to Van Buren streets. Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant, U.S. Coast Guard will serve as the Parade's Grand Marshal. Rear Admiral Merchant, who was born in Chicago, recently made history by becoming the first African American female promoted to flag rank in U.S. Coast Guard history.

This year's Major General John A. Logan Patriot Award will honor André Richardson King; and the City of Chicago will acknowledge two Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps students with the Cadets of the Year Award: C/LTC Lorena Mozo of Farragut Career Academy and C/Capt. Fernando Gonzalez of Marine Leadership Academy.

During the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade, the City honors fallen heroes and Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the U.S. Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty.

Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, Gold Star Lapel Pins and the Next of Kin Lapel Pins are presented to families not as an award, but as symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and their ultimate sacrifice.

Rear Admiral Merchant, a military senior executive, has showcased leadership throughout her 27-year career. As the recent Commander, U.S. Coast



Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant

Guard Sector New York and Captain of the Port, she demonstrated commitment to the safety, security, and sustainability of our Nation's most consequential marine transportation system. Her operational exper-

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throughout Leavitt.

Last year, during a virtual meeting discussing the Leavitt Greenway, a CDOT official admitted the city has been installing obstacles such as speed bumps and the

narrowing of intersections to force automobiles (but not bicycles or electric scooters) to slow down to less than the state mandated minimum speed of 20 miles an hour.

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Old Town to become like River North or the West Loop with high-density, high-rise neighborhoods.

Residents and building owners in the coveted Old Town Triangle landmark historic district are overwhelmingly against a proposed 44-story Old Town Canvas monolith. Now, they say they have another battle to fight in the high-rise war developing in Piper's Alley.

The charming Old Town Historic District contains 523 magnificently restored Victorian buildings—some museum quality. Nearly all structures are single-family residences or walk-up apartments built prior to 1950.

The Old Town Triangle, bound

ed roughly by North Ave., Wells St., Lincoln Ave., Clark St. and a string of side streets on the west, is home to the annual Old Town Art Fair and Garden Walk.

Opponents of Fern Hill's 500-unit project have formed a coalition, citing concerns about its size, public safety, lack of parking and probable impact on traffic congestion.

The Old Town Friends for Responsible Development [OTFRD], argue that the proposed building, with its large number of rental apartment units, is excessive for the neighborhood.

The OTFRD group is advocating for a reduced height of no more than 10 stories.

The opposition says the massive multifamily project would be too large and disruptive. In addition, they are seeking assurances regarding mitigated traffic and disruption to local businesses during construction.

OTFRD is a grassroots coalition comprising more than 1,500 residents of Old Town, the Gold Coast, and Lincoln Park, including condo boards and businesses. Visit: www.oldtownfriends.com.

Any Chicagoan who attends the annual Old Town Art Fair during the first week of June would agree the "world's best art fair" also generates the world's biggest traffic jam.

Erecting high-rises on the corners of North and LaSalle and on the Piper's Alley site at North and Wells likely would create non-stop art-fair-like traffic 52-weeks a year, critics say.

To date, Fern Hill's CEO Nick Anderson has dodged questions

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about the anticipated vehicular traffic that can be reasonably anticipated from the rezoning of the Piper's Alley parcel, or the proposed 500-unit apartment tower at 1610 N. LaSalle.

Traffic impact studies beyond the intersections of Wells and

akin to counting how many steps you walk per day."

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North and LaSalle and North have not been provided to the impacted residents.

"Turn-lane traffic on LaSalle and North going west is often backed up a block north to Eugenie—it is a special experience," complained Alan Lougee, a long-time Old Town historic district homeowner, with tongue in cheek. "Very often, cars in both the left and center lanes go 'two-fer' and turn right into the other westbound lane."

Lougee also pointed out that because there is no curb set-back for drop offs along North Ave. near the main entry of the proposed tower at 1610 N. LaSalle. "Where do Uber, Lyft, Door Dash and resident friends park?" he asked.

"Imagine Amazon, UPS, FedEx and USPS double parking trucks daily on the corner of LaSalle and North," Lougee said.

"Is Fern Hill keeping track of how many trucks per day? That's

at Latin School for morning and afternoon drop offs. Friday and Saturday nights should be a spectacular experience on this congested corner," he said.

Another neighborhood group, the Old Town Triangle Assn. [OTTA], recently released a property-owner survey showing that 84% of all OTTA survey respondents expressed opposition to the Fern Hill high-rise project's density and rezoning application, noted Raymond Clark, president of the OTTA. Visit: www.oldtowntriangle.com.

"The OTTA has sought to preserve the historic and cultural heritage of the Old Town Triangle since the 1940s, which culminated in major rezoning changes in the 1970s, including the formation of the Old Town Triangle Historic District," said Clark. "The few structures that are commercial in use typically do not exceed four stories and sit on lots no larger than residential lots."

Unlike other neighborhoods, the Old Town Triangle does not progress from residential at its core to mixed-use, higher density at its borders, Clark noted. Rather, low-rise structures form a consistent use and density throughout the Triangle, including those homes and apartments immediately adjacent to the north lot lines of the Piper's Alley.

"While we do have a few high-rise residential buildings inside the Triangle boundaries, they are

What is Fern Hill?



Nick Anderson

Old Town Canvas developer Nick Anderson may have received grand inspiration for naming his firm "Fern Hill Co."

from a famous poem by Dylan Thomas.

Here is an excerpt from that poem:

"Time let me play and be golden in the mercy of his means, "And green and golden I was huntsman and herdsman, the calves, "Sang to my horn, the foxes on the hills barked clear and cold, "And the sabbath rang slowly In the pebbles of the holy streams."

The foxy huntsman, Fern Hill Co., likely sees both green and gold painted on the planned Old Town Canvas tower, neighborhood residents say.

—Don DeBat

not sited immediately adjacent to the parcels at issue here but are instead peppered along Wells St., Clark St. and LaSalle St. north of North Ave.," Clark noted.

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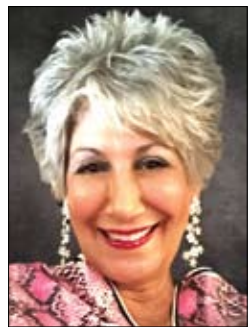
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ty. Then, under "Mailing Information" on the to right, you can click on the highlighted text that says, "Update Your Information."



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Downtown pot shop given another extension

The effort to open a pot shop in Streeter-ville at 620 N. Fairbanks was given another reprieve when the city granted the applicant with another continuance, this time until Aug. 16.

At the May 17 Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] meeting, the dispensary applicant was granted another continuance on their appeal of the Zoning Administrator's ruling until 9 a.m. Aug. 16. No public testimony will be taken during the appeal.

If the Zoning Administrator's ruling is overturned by the ZBA members, the applicant can proceed with their special use application hearing with public testimony, which is now scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 20.

If the Zoning Administrator's ruling is upheld by the ZBA members when they hear the appeal, then the ZBA process ends - but the dispensary applicant could take the case further to the Circuit Court of Cook County if they choose.

In March the Zoning Administrator for the City of Chicago ruled that Guidepost Montessori at Magnificent Mile qualifies as a school under the legal definition provided in state law. This school is within 500 feet of 620 N. Fairbanks, making the location ineligible to be used as a cannabis dispensary under the Chicago Zoning Ordinance.

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Police Beat...

Parolee tied up two men during Lakeview armed home invasion just 10 days after getting out of prison

Prosecutors have charged a man with committing a violent armed home invasion in Lakeview on Monday evening, just ten days after he got out of prison on parole. During a detention hearing on Tuesday afternoon, Kaabar Venson, 30, was jailed as a public safety risk by Judge William Fahy.

Venson was released from the Pontiac Correctional Center on May 3 after serving half of a 15-year sentence he received for burglarizing a Lakeview residence in 2016, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records. He had been out of prison about a month when he committed that crime.

Just 10 days later, around 6:30 p.m. May 13, Venson allegedly donned a surgical mask and entered an apartment occupied by two men in the 1200 block of W. Diversey. He pointed a handgun at the foreheads of both men and restrained them with bedsheets, duct tape, a charger cord, and other materials, according to a Chicago police report.

Police were called to the apartment shortly before 7 p.m., and they quickly radioed a description of the home invader to other units, the report said. An officer monitoring CTA video feeds in the Town Hall 19th District surveillance room saw Venson standing on the Diversey Brown Line CTA platform and, based on the suspect description, asked cops in the field to check him out.

Venson was walking down the stairs at the station when the police arrived. Police said he turned around and bolted back to the platform upon seeing them, tossing an object over the platform railing as the cops moved in.

The police said they found a 5-shot revolver in the area where Venson was seen tossing an object. It had been reported stolen in Glenview. They also found one of the victims' credit cards in his backpack, according to the report.

The men, ages 25 and 30, said they did not know Venson. The younger man suffered bruising to his wrists from being hogtied, the report said.

Venson is charged with armed home invasion with a firearm, armed robbery with a firearm, armed habitual criminal, and aggravated kidnapping.

Court records show Judge Timothy Joyce sentenced Benson to 15 years for burglary on Nov. 8, 2017. In that case, a woman called the police because she thought Venson was acting suspiciously as he struggled to force a laptop into a backpack on the 1700 block of W. Melrose. Officers said he had Macbooks, an

iPhone, an iPad, jewelry, and other items taken from a woman's home on the same block.

Records show that Venson's 15-year sentence was reduced to 7½ for good behavior. Credits earned, including time spent in jail before pleading guilty, further reduced that sentence.

According to Illinois Department of Corrections records, Venson received three prison sentences in 2012: six years for armed robbery, another six years for harassing a witness, and three years for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Gunmen rob the Subway that Jussie Smollett made famous — along with three men who were inside

Two men robbed a sandwich shop and some of its customers in Streeterville on May 16, according to Chicago police. It happened at Subway, 511 N. McClurg. That's the store that infamously sold Jussie Smollett a tuna sandwich moments before he was not beaten by right-wing fanatics in 2019.

Police said two men entered the store at 9:20 p.m., displaying guns and demanding money from the register. After getting cash from the till, the pair robbed three men who were in the store, ages 23, 25, and 33, according to a CPD spokesperson. The robbers left the area on foot.

Officers at the scene said the robbers were a White man and a Black man, both wearing masks and both armed with guns. They were last seen heading south on McClurg Court.

River North carjacking

Police are investigating an armed carjacking reported in River North May 16. Two masked men put a gun to the victim's face in the first block of W. Hubbard and drove away with his black 2018 BMW M5, according to a CPD report. The victim, 35, was not injured.

Man shot as altercations break out at Montrose Beach

A man was shot during an altercation involving a large group of people near Montrose Beach on May 19. Chicago police said the gunman escaped after his getaway car crashed nearby.

People were heading home after a busy, summery day at the beach when police began to report altercations breaking out within the crowd around 8:20 p.m. As the situation continued to unfold, a gunman seated inside a silver sedan rolled through the 4400 block of N. Simonds Dr.

Police said the gunman opened fire on a 38-year-old man who was standing in the parking lot, striking him in the back.

After the shooting, the gunman's car, driven by another person, sped away and crashed into another vehicle on the lot, according to CPD. Officers quickly detained the driver, but the gunman got away. Police did not release a description of the gunman.

EMS transported the victim, who suffered three gunshot wounds to his back, to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. His condition had stabilized by Sunday night, according to CPD.

So far this year, four people have been shot in Uptown.



Police are seeking these five men in connection with a robbery on the Red Line downtown.

Cops seek five in connection with downtown train robbery

Do you recognize any of these guys? If so, CPD's Mass Transit investigators would love to hear from you. Detectives say the group is responsible for mugging a passenger on the CTA Red Line downtown.

Just before 9 a.m. April 25, the men attacked a passenger aboard a train at the Roosevelt station, police said. CPD

said the group battered the victim and took property, but did not provide any other details. All of the men are between 18 and 25, according to CPD.

Tips can be shared with investigators by calling 312-745-4477. Refer to case #JH238243.

'Anti-fascist' pleads guilty

A New York City man who allegedly damaged merchandise worth \$16,100 during an "anti-fascism" demonstration last year at the Gucci Store, 900 N. Michigan, pleaded guilty on May 15. Todd Fine, 43, walked down the store's aisles, knocking purses and bags to the floor, prosecutors claimed. At one point, he allegedly refused to leave and threatened to come back every day to break the store's windows.

During a bail hearing last March, his lawyer said he is a Harvard Univ. graduate whose actions were "part of a First Amendment demonstration against Gucci's partnership with a crypto organization which has fascism ties."

Judge Anjana Hansen sentenced him to two years of "second chance probation" and ordered him to pay restitution of \$16,100.07, according to court records.

Wanted for leaving the scene of a personal injury hit-and-run crash at Clybourn Metra station

Chicago Police Major Accident Investigators are seeking information on a vehicle wanted for leaving the scene of a personal injury hit-and-run traffic crash to a pedestrian.

On May 10, at approximately 5:48 p.m., a pedestrian was crossing Armitage Ave. near the Metra Clybourn Train Station parking lot when a westbound black-colored, 2003-2009, Mercedes-Benz E Class, either an E320 or E350, four-door sedan, struck a pedestrian crossing the roadway.

After the impact, the striking vehicle fled the scene of the crash westbound on Armitage Ave.

As a result of the crash, the pedestrian sustained personal injuries and was hospitalized.

Those who may have any information about the vehicle and/or its driver, can call the Major Accident Investigation Unit at 312-745-4521. Anonymous tips can be submitted to cpdtp.com, reference: RD# JH258319, alert # 608-24-012.

Man charged in Gold Coast robbery, carjacking spree earlier this year linked to yet another hijacking

One of the men accused of going on a violent crime spree in the Gold Coast earlier this year has been linked to yet another violent crime that occurred that night. Prosecutors have now charged Demontae Watkins, 18, with carjacking another driver on the South Side about an hour before the Gold Coast crimes began.

Watkins was on parole when he walked up to a man who had just parked in the 7200 block of S. Winchester around 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15, prosecutors said in a court filing. They said Watkins, wearing a mask and black

clothing, put a gun to the man's side and demanded the keys to his 2002 Honda.

Officials said surveillance video from a gas station showed Watkins getting out of the hijacked car a short time later. Judge Neera Walsh, who is handling the Gold Coast cases, detained Watkins on the new charges and noted that he had been convicted of four similar crimes. He was already detained in the pending cases.

About an hour after the carjacking, Watkins and Charles Benson, 20, arrived in the Gold Coast, officials claim.

Watkins allegedly confronted a 26-year-old woman in the 1500 block of N. State, displayed a gun, and ordered her to "Give me your keys, b**ch." He and Benson pushed the woman to the ground and kicked her in the face but eventually ran away when another car scared them, according to Chicago police.

Minutes later, the men allegedly tried to carjack a 41-year-old man near Gov. JB Pritzker's home in the 1400 block of N. Astor. Unable to operate the stick shift on the victim's 2008 Audi, they instead took his money and credit cards and ran away.

A couple of blocks away, they successfully carjacked a 33-year-old food runner in the 1000 block of N. Lake Shore Dr., prosecutors said. With Benson behind the wheel, the car sped toward the South Side, setting off a series of CPD license plate readers along the way. Cops tipped off the vehicular hijacking task force, which was running a special operation that night.

According to police documents, two helicopters, one run by Chicago police and the other by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, tracked the car as Illinois State Police troopers pursued it on the ground.

Benson reached speeds of "90+ mph in a 55 mph zone" on the Dan Ryan near Garfield, prosecutors said in his detention petition.

Both men bailed out of the car near 7000 S. Wood, about four blocks from where Watkins allegedly committed the first hijacking. The CPD helicopter led officers to Benson, who was hiding under a stairwell, while a state police dog found Watkins lying in some bushes with a loaded handgun near his feet, the CPD reports said.

During a detention hearing in January, Judge Charles Beach noted that, in addition to being on parole, Watkins had a 2023 juvenile adjudication for vehicular hijacking with a firearm and a total of eight juvenile arrests. Those arrests included allegations of assault,

domestic battery, electronic harassment, criminal damage to property by explosion, and two counts of criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Benson had been off parole for about 30 days at the time of the crime spree, Beach wrote in his detention order. His background includes unlawful use of a weapon, which is what he had been on parole for; a 2023 domestic battery arrest with an order of protection; and juvenile adjudications for vehicular hijacking, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, robbery, reckless conduct, and aggravated robbery with a firearm, Beach wrote.

Guilty pleas in skateboard attack

Nearly four years after he was caught on video hitting a Chicago police officer with a skateboard during a large confrontation with police in the Loop, Jeremy Johnson has pleaded guilty to a felony.

According to court records, Johnson spent the better part of three years on electronic monitoring before Judge John Lyke ordered the device removed last June.

Lyke sentenced Johnson to two years of probation after Johnson pleaded guilty to aggravated battery of a peace officer last week, court records show. Prosecutors dropped seven additional aggravated battery charges.

Weapons, 'traps' found at protest camp, DePaul administration says

DePaul University has published a detailed explanation of its decision on May 16 to have Chicago police clear a pro-Palestine encampment that had overtaken the school's quad since April 30. The school supported its decision with a collection of videos and photos, including some that showed weapons and physical assault.

"We do not take this kind of action lightly, and we worked toward a solution hoping that we would never arrive here," a school statement read. "However, in the face of significant evidence that the encampment was dangerous to those in and around it, we concluded that the encampment could not continue."

The school said it had registered over 625 complaints from "neighbors and community members" about the encampment and over 425 complaints from people associated with the school. Administrators estimate that \$180,000 in damages have been inflicted on the quad and surrounding areas. According to the administration, 45 university events were canceled, as were recess and outdoor activities at Oscar Mayer Elementary School.

The school also posted "Divestment Coalition demands" and two of the school's responses to those demands.

Chicago police officers arrived at the school around 5 a.m. to clear the quad, where several dozen tents had filled the plaza. Plans were originally to dismantle the encampment at sunrise on May 15, but it was postponed for unknown reasons.

DePaul also posted a collection of surveillance videos, social media posts, and photos documenting "threats to safety and disruption of campus operations."

The images include photos of weapons, including "boards on ground with long nails/screws sticking out as traps along the Fullerton fence," a pellet gun, five large knives, and a "hidden and covered bowling ball."

The video allegedly show drums and microphones being used at 12:30 a.m. May 3, a man carrying an Israeli flag being assaulted, and a clip labeled "Jewish Alliance bake sale."

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Hundreds paid to be 'robbed' by phony holdup crews to gain favorable immigration status

BY CWB CHICAGO

Federal prosecutors on May 17 announced charges against five people in connection with a Chicago-based scheme that staged armed robberies so the purported victims could apply for U.S. immigration visas reserved for legitimate crime victims.

This reporter had been working behind the scenes on the story, but withheld publication until charges were announced at the request of our sources. Now, we can tell you the incredible details.

Officials believe hundreds of people, including some who traveled from out of town, posed as customers in dozens of businesses across Chicago and elsewhere, all hoping to win favorable immigration status by becoming "victims" of pre-arranged "armed robberies."

During a staged hold-up in

Bucktown last year, one of the "robbers" accidentally fired their gun, severely injuring a liquor store clerk, according to one source. During that caper alone, five "customers" were "robbed."

The staged robbery crew operated professionally, we are told. They used stolen cars and sometimes outfitted them with plates taken from other cars, for example. They had a second getaway car on standby. There were obvious signs of advanced planning and know-how.

But cops started to get suspicious. Why would four or five seasoned armed robbers go through all of that trouble for robberies that netted them virtually no cash? Most victims had only a few dollars with them, and the stores generally lost less than \$100. Why were robbery victims going to stores to buy something without taking enough cash or a

credit card?

Yet, despite the low return on their investment, the robbers kept working—two or three nights a week for at least two years, an investigative source believes.

The police finally caught a break when they arrested one of the fake robbery teams. All of the members were juveniles, and almost none of them had histories of committing serious crimes. They were also more than happy to tell the police that the robberies were staged, that the victims were in on it, but they didn't know why.

On May 17, Federal prosecutors said that each purported "victim" paid "thousands of dollars" for the privilege of being robbed at gunpoint. Ringleaders then instructed the "victims" to be at a certain location at a specific time to be "robbed."

Ultimately, state prosecutors

either dropped charges or decided against filing charges against the "robbers," two sources said. After all, was it really a robbery if the victim asked them to do it?

It didn't matter that the teens typically netted only a few dollars from the "customers" and maybe a little more from the store cash drawer. Cash payments from the scheme's organizers supplemented their income, officials say.

Federal prosecutors said the "robbers" occasionally hit their victims, hoping to give the robberies an air of legitimacy. But things took a serious turn on July 13, 2023.

That's when one of the "robbery crews" entered Bucktown Food & Liquor, 1950 N. Milwaukee, for a scheduled performance. Around 9:23 p.m., three "robbers," all masked and each armed with a handgun, entered the store and ordered five people inside to sur-

render their wallets, police said at the time.

As the phony robbery unfolded, one of the crew members unintentionally fired their gun, striking a 26-year-old store employee in the abdomen. He was critically injured, but he survived. The "robbers" ran out and jumped into a Kia that had been reported stolen in Humboldt Park earlier in the day.

After the robberies, the "victims" went to their local police departments to secure documentation that they were the victims of a crime that qualified them to apply for a "U-visa." That's an immigration status reserved for "victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in an investigation or prosecu-

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(Top) A surveillance image shows three of the robbers. Inset from left, according to officials: The deceased man, Jordan Fox, Ardaries Harris, and Roosevelt Veal. (Bottom) The day after the robberies, all four men displayed guns in this social media image. Officials said three of them, Jordan Fox, Roosevelt Veal, and the deceased member of the group, displayed large amounts of cash in another Instagram photo.

Images courtesy U.S. District Court records

Three charged with liquor store robbery spree, including rapper 'Hadiway Freaky'

BY CWB CHICAGO

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago has charged three men with committing a string of liquor store robberies in Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and Wicker Park on Jan. 15. Federal officials said that a fourth member of the crew has died since the crimes.

Ardaries Harris, 26, Jordan Fox, 24, and Roosevelt Veal, 26, are each charged with Hobbs Act robbery and using a gun to commit a violent crime. Officials redacted the name of the fourth man and his cause of death in public court files.

In a federal complaint, an ATF agent said investigators used social media posts, phone location data, recorded jailhouse phone calls, and surveillance footage to identify the men.

The robbery spree began around 8:40 p.m. at Mr. P Beverage Depot, 2006 W. Division. Four men entered the store and displayed guns. Two emptied the cash drawers while the others

pointed firearms at the employees, according to the complaint. One of the robbers punched one of the employees in the face and took his backpack. Police later found the backpack and some of the man's property inside the crew's abandoned getaway car.

Investigators identified Harris in the video by matching his boots and a scar that remains on his hand from an old gunshot wound, the ATF agent said.

However, they also connected him to the crime through a phone call he received from a Cook County jail inmate, who called him "Freaky," a nickname based on his rapping persona, "Hadiway Freaky," according to the agent.

The police matched audio from the store's surveillance footage to Veal's voice in a video posted to his Instagram account. They determined that Veal was the robber who said, "Where the drop money at?" "Don't move," "Where the f**k it's at?" and "Open the drawer," the agent claimed.

About 20 minutes after the first

robbery, four masked robbers all pointed guns at a clerk at Before You Go Liquors, 1917 W. Fullerton. They demanded cash from the register, and he complied. They also took his debit card and used it to withdraw \$400 from the store's ATM before fleeing, the agent said.

Then, about 20 minutes after the second robbery, the crew robbed Clybourn Market, 2807 N.

Clybourn, in a similar manner.

The very next day, according to the ATF agent, all four robbers posed for an Instagram photo that showed each of them pointing at least one gun toward the camera. A second Instagram photo posted the same day allegedly showed Harris, Fox, and the deceased man holding "what appears to be large amounts of cash," the agent wrote.




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the first group in the country with its very own USDA Prime certification. Chicago's character, for me, is part of our many superb local steak favorites. The listings are odd, many spots don't have expansive competition. Many factors make this a fluid list. Peter Luger's in Brooklyn is another personal hot spot deserving to be on the list.

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CONGRATS: Renowned speaker, teacher, scholarly writer and retired pastor of All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church on Newport Ave., the **Very Rev. Dr. Patrick Henry Reardon**, was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York. Congratulations and God bless.

ARS GRATIA ARTIS: Chicago's beloved **Ann Nathan** was a transformative

presence her whole life. She died recently at 98. She raised a fabulous family and ran a successful business until she was 57. That's when she opened her eyes and doors to the great possibilities for art in Chicago. Her Ann Nathan Gallery became the incubator of artistic force, helping to found The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art.

She went on to be a founder of SOFA Art Fair, lifting Chicago's reputation for creative and impactful art and design. Ann was a magical force of fresh leadership in Chicago's art life. Her tailored shirt and bling belt were her signature artistic fashion. I loved to stop in and gab with her in the gallery. Always a salient endeavor. She encouraged me and helped me to see I was doing what I should be doing in my studio.

She started out in Ravenswood and resettled the gallery in River



Dr. Patrick Henry Reardon

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



(Left) Jean Coatar Antoniou, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono, Sharyl Mackey and Bobbi Panter. (Center) Isabel Taylor (Right) Tera and Jon McGreal.



Ann Nathan



Cheri James, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Mickey Norton and Kathy Wolter Mondelli.



(L-R) Rosemary Fanti, Belvon Walker, Elyse Kennard, Alma Hopkins and Angela K. Walker.

North in 1986. Thank God for the artistic soul of Ann, who had the gift of artistic vision that cracked the isolation of human living. She was great enough to recognize the gifts all true artist possess. Even in Chicago.

HAT LUNCH: Service Club's Spring Hat Lunch is as historic as it is Chicago's most stunning array of the creme de la creme in singular finery gathered for a great cause. Best way to showcase it is just to eyeball the fabulous guest list in the world's most elegant head gear.

WHO'S WHERE: Penny Taylor at the ancient Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary Ireland with daughter **Isabel Taylor** in tow off to Flanagan's Restaurant in Dublin... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** in Atlanta talking entrepreneurship... Professor **Stephanie Leese Emrich** capped and gowned wishing her Roosevelt Univ. Lakers a spectacular Graduation Day... **Thomas Murphy** going to a "Zoot Party" for City Elementary... **Brian Rody** definitely has a sense of pride with his green thumb abilities when all of his orchids bloom at once...

Cynthia Olson and **Michael Kutza** dine and gab... **Karen Conti** honored to receive a Non-fiction Book Awards Silver Winner for "Killing Time with John Wayne Gacy," her client ... **Tera** and **Jon McGreal** exploring Madrid, eating tapas, and sipping on a Tinto de Verano... **Elyse Kennard** wishing "Glamour Girl" **Sherlyn Heard**, a fabulous birthday... **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** with wonderful women lunching and with **Shannon Orr** and **Teresa Kocanda** enjoying the Promise of Hope luncheon... **Eamonn Cummins** enjoyed dog-whispering on a beautiful evening watching Buckingham Fountain come back to life... Irish American News publisher **Cliff Carlson**, a devoted jogger, just ran the River to River Relay... Grand at home lunch with pals new to America's most lavish apartment

building, the Dorilton, on West 74th St. in NYC with **Ben Mednick...** **Christopher Clinton Conway** at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, raising vital funds for Cancer Research... **Maureen Canty** has standing room tickets for **Bruce Springsteen's** Dublin concert, but now has a cracked bone in her leg and must re-fiddle for tickets with a seat... **Cheri James, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Mickey Norton** and **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** bundled up for a White Sox game.

SERVICE CLUB LUNCH: "Day On The Terrace" Co-Chairs **Jean Coatar Antoniou, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono, and Sharyl Mackey** got to shop for a cause at Anne Fontaine and meet **Anne** herself before the Service Club Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton.

FORBES LIST: A revised list, connected now by Forbes, joins some new schools to the traditional list of Ivy League schools known as the "Ancient Eight," churning out the best and brightest. But college protests, some turning chaotic, coupled with canceled commencement ceremonies, reports of rising antisemitism on campus and increasing tuition costs may lead prospective students to start looking elsewhere. On its list of 10 new "Public Ivies," are three Midwestern schools that made the cut: The Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, The Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison.

SERVICE: Go out and visit a Memorial Day event this weekend, the fallen have earned it. **Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. -Ronald Reagan**



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I went to the Vietnam Wall and found Donald Leroy Heaston

I found other names as well. Names I had forgotten. Names I never knew.

BY ERIK GODVIK

In the early morning hours of August 23, the still of the night was shattered by the sound of a loud explosion. It was followed shortly by the flash and sound of another loud explosion.

“Claymore, stay down” I shouted.

After a short wait, Stoddard and I crawled to the the fox hole we had dug the night before. We never dug fox holes, but we were happy we had dug one last night.

After a short time, someone came over and said, “Doc, the senior medic has been hit.” I got out of the foxhole and went to him, but Norman Heft was dead.

Shortly, Stoddard came by and said that Sergeant Heaston had been hit. I went to him and he too was dead. He lay at the foot of our poncho tent. The tent we had put together the night before. The tent that Stoddard, Sgt. Heaston and I had been sleeping in.

It wasn't a claymore anti-personnel device that caused the casualties. It turned out that it was two 105mm howitzer rounds that had landed inside the perimeter of Charlie Company.

It was friendly fire, but there is nothing friendly about a 105 howitzer round.

A 105 round burrows slightly into the ground as it hits and explodes slightly upwards because of that. And that is the only reason that Stoddard and I were still alive. It hit at 4:30 a.m., and we were flat on the ground, sleeping. It was 10 feet away, so the fragments went over our sleeping heads.

After a few minutes, I started to fill out a tag to put on Sgt. Heaston. I started and then stopped. What the hell was I doing. We never did that. His name was on his shirt. His five stripes were on his sleeve. They would know his name and Platoon Sgt rank.

Was it a concussion from the explosion? Was it the shock of his death? What was I doing?



(L) Donald Leroy Heaston, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. (R) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. was dedicated on Veterans Day in 1982, fulfilling one veteran's promise to never forget those who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. Image courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Defense

I had been steeled to the coming of death by my deployment. But, Sgt. Heaston had been my friend and mentor. Had I become so steeled to death?

A few days before, Charlie had snuck up on our nighttime perimeter and planted a claymore on one of the perimeter

Donald Leroy Heaston was a soldier's soldier. An E7, Sergeant First Class, also known as a Platoon Sergeant. He oversaw the 2nd platoon along with the Lieutenant platoon leader.

positions. Their claymore stood on tripods maybe a foot off the ground. That particular one had apparently fallen over before it was detonated, so we only wound up with three casualties, but you don't hear about the results after

the “dust offs” medical helicopters take them away. These medical helicopters really saved a lot of lives by getting the wounded to hospitals that could give them treatment we couldn't give them in the field.

A bird colonel came out to investigate the incident and determine what had happened. If there was a report, we “grunts” never got it. Grunts never do. Foot soldiers, one foot in front of the other. Keep moving.

That afternoon, Charlie Company moved back to the base camp at Pho Loi.

Donald Leroy Heaston was a soldier's soldier. An E7, Sergeant First Class, also known as a Platoon Sergeant. He oversaw the 2nd platoon along with the Lieutenant platoon leader.

Heaston was born in 1928. He told me he was from Little Rock, Arkansas, and he had a slight Arkansas twang. He enlisted in the Navy after WWII and after that enlistment, transferred to the

Army.

His namesake, an Air Force doctor, recalled being at his grandfather's house in southern California when an Army staff car pulled up and an officer and a Chaplain got out and walked to the front door. He remembers the sadness in that home for the rest of the visit.

He recalls his dad telling his grandparents that he had spoken with Uncle Donald before he deployed to Southeast Asia, and asking Uncle Donald why he accepted the assignment instead of retiring, since he had more than 20 years of active service. Uncle Donald replied that the Army had been good to him and that he owed it to the Army to go.

It seems unfair to single out one person to remember on Memorial Day when so many have died in the service of their country.

So many wars, so many men

and women, so many families. Heaston had a wife and two small children. We mourn for the families as well.

I went to the wall and found his name. Donald Leroy Heaston. Company C, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

I found other names as well. Names I had forgotten. Names I never knew.

We honor them all this Memorial Day as we remember those who died for us that we may remain free.

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WINSTON TOWERS NO. 2 ASSOCIATION Plaintiff(s) vs. BRIGITTE KENNEDY-KAMMEIER A/K/A BRIGITTE KENNEDY-HAASE; THE JASON PHILIP M. SURDAM TRUST DATED JUNE 18, 2013; UNKNOWN OWNERS & NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s) Case Number: 2023 CH 04078 Sheriff's No: 240020 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on June 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm, in Room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Address: 6833 N. Kedzie Ave., Unit 302, Chicago, IL 60645 Improvements: a condominium unit in the condominium association known as Winston Towers No. 2 Association

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Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: Attorneys Info: Jamie L. Burns, Leventfeld Pearlstein, LLC, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **13243806**

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tion," federal officials explained Friday. Some relatives of U-visa recipients also qualify for special status. In time, U-visa recipients may qualify for permanent residency.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago filed charges against only six people May 17, including the alleged ringleaders, Parth Nayi, 26 of Woodridge, and Kewon Young, 31, of Mansfield, OH. We're told investigators believe Nayi and Young met while working together at a Subway restaurant. Nayi allegedly recruited interested immigrants, while Young managed the "robbery" crews.

A source said investigators believe Young may have participated in a handful of "robberies," but he was more of an organizer, telling the teens where to go and when to be there.

Officials believe Nayi and Young pocketed the fees paid by each "victim," although Young allegedly passed along a small amount to the "robbers" to supplement the paltry proceeds they collected during each

"holdup."

The men are charged with conspiracy to commit visa fraud along with four others: Bhikhabhai Patel, 51, of Elizabethtown, KY; Nilesh Patel, 32, of Jackson, TN; Ravinaben Patel, 33, of Racine, WI; and Rajnikumar Patel, 32, of Jacksonville, FL. Ravinaben Patel is also charged with making a false statement in a visa application.

A source stated that hundreds of additional "victims" involved in the "robberies," many from out of state, are unlikely to face federal charges. They said officials had identified more than 100 people who "benefitted" from being robbed, with most being of Latin and South American origin.

In a case apparently not related to the men charged on Friday, a phony robbery at a Houston gas station in January ended with the "robber" being shot and killed by a witness, the New York Post recently reported.

Rasshaud Scott, 22, ran up to a couple at the filling station and appeared to be robbing them of their purse and wallet, the Post reported. A

bystander killed him as he ran away.

"Police then realized there was a 'pattern' of similar reported robberies — and that the victims 'had applied for, or been granted U-visas due to their status as victims of these crimes,'" said the paper.

In February we reported that a man had recently walked into a Chicago police station to report that he had been robbed at gunpoint while walking out of a fast-food chicken restaurant on Christmas Eve 2006. The man, now 52 years old, brought along his wife. She confirmed his story, saying she was there with their daughter, who is now 22.

The officers at the station desk took his report, but noted that the couple told officers that their immigration attorney advised them to report the crime "so that they can expedite their visa application."

In Dec. 2022, while the recently-revealed Chicago-based scheme was ongoing, Injustice Watch published a lengthy story that focused on two

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWN POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2017-FRE2; Plaintiff, vs. SHARON A. RINALDI; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF FOR BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 2221 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: UNITS 4601 AND B-200, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0011020878, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY TY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-21-101-054-1681; 14-21-101-047-2503. Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit 4601 and B-200, Chicago, IL 60613. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluover Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SP5001302-22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13244171**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. THE ROSE M. GUERRERO REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2010, 5040-60 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, AURORA NEELY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROSE M. GUERRERO REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2010 Defendants 2022 CH 02846 5056 N MARINE DR APT C3 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 19, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2024, 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 5056 N MARINE DR APT C3, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-407-022-1146 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.

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The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. 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 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. MARILYN CROSS, ARTHUR L. CROSS, CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17 CH 001326 6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD #37H CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 19, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 4, 2024, 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 6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD #37H, CHICAGO, IL 60660

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Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1399 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. 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 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. CHANG H. KIM, MI HUI KIM, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 22 CH 4269 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F 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 November 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2024, 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 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1089 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$398,997.99. 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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO BANK N.A. Plaintiff, vs. SEAN T. BURNS, KATHLEEN M. BURNS, WOODLAND WINDOWS & DOORS, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF CHICAGO, WRIGHTWOOD COMMONS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 06784 632 W. WRIGHTWOOD AVENUE, #3E, P-22 AND P-40 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant

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to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2024, 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 632 W. WRIGHTWOOD AVENUE, #3E, P-22 AND P-40, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-305-064-1003 (#3E); 14-28-305-064-1042 (P-22); 14-28-305-064-1060 (P-40) The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$95,734.38. 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

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the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact EGAN & ALAIIY LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 South Clark Street, Suite 2120, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 253-8640. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. EGAN & ALAIIY LLC 20 South Clark Street, Suite 2120 Chicago IL, 60603 312-253-8640 E-Mail: clerk@ea-aty.com Attorney ARDC No. 59515 Attorney Code. 59515 Case Number: 2023 CH 06784 TJSC#: 44-846 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 # 2023 CH 06784 **13244435**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWBMS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2007-15 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-15 Plaintiff, vs. HUNG K. NG, JOYCE C. NG, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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Defendants 22 CH 08640 2744 N GREENVIEW AVENUE 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 12, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2024, 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 2744 N GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-29-301-037-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$761,041.41. 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

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Chicago police sergeants who “denied hundreds of U-visa certification requests from undocumented crime victims” that year. “Attorneys and legal advocates who regularly work on U-visa applications called the number of denials by CPD in the last year ‘unprecedented’ and said they worried it will discourage Chicago’s undocumented immigrants from reporting crimes,” the outlet reported.

Early last year, the outlet published a follow-up, saying Illinois

Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s office had responded to its story by launching an investigation of CPD’s U-visa process. When asked on May 14 about the status or outcome of that probe, a Raoul spokesperson said the investigation is still ongoing.

The Chicago City Council considered two separate resolutions in light of the Dec. 2022 report, calling on CPD to keep better records and be more transparent about its U-visa program. Six months later, the outlet posted an update: “Both measures were co-sponsored by more than 30 coun-

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ty members — and both died unceremoniously without ever coming to a vote.”

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Social media posts, including one in which a protester motions the slitting of a throat after flashing a hand sign referring to the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel. A Tweet included in the school’s collection shows the encampment chanting “We are the Intifada” at night, accompanied by a man on a microphone and drumming.

Other images posted by the school show bike locks allegedly placed by protesters on library doors, barricades erected, and infrastructure removed.



Some of the images DePaul Univ. posted to support its decision to clear the quad encampment on May 16. Image courtesy DePaul Univ.

Other pictures show graffiti scrawled on the campus, including “F* Israel,” “Zionists are welcomed here,” and “F* CPD. F*** DePaul.”

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puppies. All attendees, particularly those interested in adopting a dog or puppy, are encouraged to bring their dogs for a sun-filled day of fun prior to the Cubs 6:40 p.m. game against the Atlanta Braves. "We thank the Cubs, one of Chicago's most beloved and iconic brands, for lending their support to homeless pets in Chicago," said Susanna Wickham, CEO of PAWS Chicago. "As our city faces a surging intake of homeless pets and PAWS steps in to help

Chicago Animal Care & Control, this adoption and awareness event couldn't come at a better time." This will mark the second annual pre-game adoption event the Cubs have held for PAWS Chicago at Gallagher Way.



Two new big projects for Clybourn Corridor in Lincoln Park

Two new big development projects for the Clybourn Corridor are now making their way through City Hall.

One is a plan to convert a struggling strip mall into a new mixed use project.

Deerfield-based CRM Properties is planning a complete overhaul of the mostly vacant, 3-acre Clybourn Place shopping center, at 1800 N. Clybourn Ave., which has experienced departures of the original Goose Island Beer brewpub, Patagonia and Bed Bath & Beyond as tenants in recent years, according to CoStar.

CRM's plan for Clybourn Place, set to be renamed the Willow Street District, involves demolishing most existing buildings. Plans call for almost 71,000 square feet of retail space and up to 500 apartments in a 50-story high-rise, and pedestrian walkways on and around Willow St. A

new skyscraper at this site would be a dramatic change in an area that is now filled with mostly low-rise residential buildings.

"Due to its underlying zoning, the strong retail core, its proximity to other affluent neighborhoods, and its prime access, the area has become a mecca for residential development," CRM principal Jeff Malk told CoStar.

The proposed residential tower would occupy the southwest edge of the site, replacing a vacant retail building and surface parking. CRM plans to complete the retail phase by early 2026 before seeking approval for the residential component.

"The Clybourn Corridor is undergoing a major transition," Malk told CoStar. "Due to its underlying zoning, the strong retail core, its proximity to other affluent neighborhoods, and its prime access, the

area has become a mecca for residential development. We believe integrating residential and retail together will only elevate the overall experience, for both residents and retail customers. Our hope is that the Clybourn Corridor will look very different in the next 10 years, as more large sites like ours transform into pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use developments."

The redevelopment will require a zoning change and might face opposition from local groups concerned about traffic congestion along North Ave.

Indeed, developers are now putting on a full-court press for high density projects along North Ave. Among some of the other proposals are Georgetown Company's 37-story apartment project that would replace a vacant former Bank of America building at 1566 N. Clybourn Ave.; and Fern Hill's

44-story, 500-unit tower in Old Town.

On May 16, another project was brought before the Chicago Plan Commission for 2031-2033 N. Kingsbury.

The proposed Residential-Business Planned Development submitted by Alloy Property Company 2, LLC for the property is proposing to rezone the site from M2-2 (Light Industry District) to B3-5 (Community Shopping District) to a Residential Business Planned Development.

The applicant proposes to construct a 275'-tall building with 355 residential units, 203 parking spaces, 360 bicycle parking spaces and 7,501 square feet of ground floor commercial space. The overall floor area ratio of the proposed planned development will be 5.

Federal gun charge filed against man targeted in Wrigleyville double-shooting

BY CWB CHICAGO

The man who was apparently targeted, but not hurt, in a shooting that left two other people injured across from Wrigley Field this month has been charged with a federal firearms violation. Raphael Hammond, 37, of Chicago, is already on federal supervised release for a previous gun case.

In a newly filed federal criminal complaint, a Homeland Security Investigations agent said an array of surveillance cameras recorded the shooting, which occurred outside Lucky Strike, 1027 W. Addison, around 1:13 a.m. May 5.

Hammond was standing on the sidewalk when a dark SUV pulled up, and a gunman wearing a red hoodie with a floral design stepped out of the vehicle. The federal agent said the man appeared to fire

at Hammond. The criminal complaint includes an image of the gunman pointing a firearm with an extended magazine toward Hammond at close range.

Hammond, who was not injured, ran into Lucky Strike while the gunman returned to the SUV and headed east on Addison, according to the complaint. Seconds later, Hammond emerged from the building and ran down Addison, firing a gun toward the fleeing SUV, the federal agent alleged.

After firing the shots, Hammond ditched his .38-caliber pistol in a planter outside The Residences at Addison and Clark and hurried into a nearby parking garage, according to the allegations.

Hammond received a 40-month federal prison sentence in 2018 for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is currently on 36 months of supervised release, which

will end on September 9, the agent said.

Cook County court records show Hammond was on pretrial release for a misdemeanor domestic battery case at the time of the Wrigleyville incident. Prosecutors dropped the case on May 17.

Neither state nor federal authorities have accused Hammond of shooting anyone in Wrigleyville. Chicago police believe at least three men fired shots during the

altercation, which left a 37-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman with gunshot wounds to their legs. We reported shortly after the shooting that surveillance video showed "one shooter was described as a Black man wearing a red sweater with white flowers. Another was described as a left-handed Black man wearing a white baseball cap, a white t-shirt, and light blue jeans."

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tions may still be necessary, especially for larger projects, the city claims that the additional transparency provided by rezoning will streamline the development process and attract necessary investment along the corridor.

Upcoming open houses in the 40th and 47th Wards may provide an opportunity to view the zoning maps in person and dis-

cuss questions with local ward and DPD bureaucrats.

The 40th Ward community open house will be 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the Warren Park Field House, 6601 N. Western Ave. For more information write to info@40thward.org.

The 47th Ward community open house will be 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the Gardner School, 3819 N. Western Ave.

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clean records, such as Liberty, 3341 N. Western Ave., or Constellation/Links Hall, 3111 N. Western, would also be shut down.

The police said they will dedicate more resources on Western, including more DUI patrols and issuing Administrative Notice

of Violations (ordinance violation tickets, excessive noise while in a car or outside, drinking on the public way, etc).

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