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Once you leave
the ground, you fly.
Some people
fly longer than others.
— Michael Jordan

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Downtown dwellers disagree on value of high-density, high-rise life



More apartment hunters these days are not renewing leases in high-rise and high-density buildings, and rather are hunting for safer housing in smaller walk-up buildings due to pandemic fears.

THE HOME FRONT
BY DON DEBAT

Some high-rise dwellers apparently are quite happy with the “shelter-at-home” lifestyle.

However, last week’s survey by The Home Front indicates the majority of residents living in high-density, high-rise towers with little or no fresh air are unhappy with long elevator rides while wearing a mask during the coronavirus pandemic.

Condominium owner Adrienne Squires sent the following email report: “My condo board refuses to comply with Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s face-mask mandate. The board says they do not have to because this is a private property. This building is a free-for-all nightmare.”

Apparently, few residents in this Streeterville high-rise wear masks. “Owners and renters gather in a small lobby without masks,” Squires wrote. “The board allows people with dogs to

hang out in the lobby playing with the animals. I will try and sell my condo as soon as this nightmare calms down.”

Here’s this writer’s reply: Your condominium board members likely may have liability if there is a virus outbreak in your building because they are making unsound judgments, and not following recommended protocols.

“My condo board refuses to comply with Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s face-mask mandate. The board says they do not have to because this is a private property. This building is a free-for-all nightmare,” said Adrienne Squires.

No wonder there’s an exodus underway at some downtown and suburban skyscrapers, as The Home Front column noted last week. As a result, more and more apartment hunters are not renewing high-rise leases and are hunting for safer housing in smaller walk-up buildings.

That same thinking is in play for the dozens of high-density Transportation Oriented Develop-

ments [TOD] being built all over the North Lakefront. Suddenly that 400 sq. foot apartment, shared kitchen and living room has lost its luster.

“Demand for residences in low-density walk-up buildings is at an all-time high, especially in Old Town, Lincoln Park and River West,” noted broker Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty based in Chicago. “Rents for move-in ready units are on the rise.”

However, all tower dwellers apparently are not unhappy with riding in cramped elevators while facing the walls.

Another high-rise lover sent the following salty email, which was edited to remove some inflammatory comments because she mistakenly thought this writer was “disparaging high-rise living.”

“It’s unfortunate that your self-serving article about high-rises in Chicago is based on your bad experience. Sounds like it was hard

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It’s going to be a boring summer in Roscoe Village



Retro on Roscoe from years past.

Roscoe Village Neighbors [RVN] have cancelled ... everything.

In normal times, the RVN typically would now be hard at work pulling together all of the pieces that go into putting on one of Chicago’s best attended street festivals: like Retro on Roscoe.

Retro is important for RVN because it generates almost 100% of RVN’s budget.

But like everyone else, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the RVN Board has decided to cancel this year’s major annual events, including Retro on Roscoe, the Halloween Parade, and the Roscoe Village 5K.

“After soliciting feedback from community members, reviewing guidance provided by health professionals, and debating every side of the issue, we have [decided] that hosting our major events in the current climate unnecessarily puts Roscoe Village residents at risk and adds to an already stressful social environment,” the organization announced on May 22.

Retro on Roscoe 2021 is now scheduled for Aug. 13-15, 2021, unless a new crisis pops up. Funds raised through these events helped fund not only the neighborhood association, but also a variety of local charities, schools and causes.



Fertile Ltd. garden center in the Lakeview neighborhood.

Photo by Susan Brandstetter/Fertile Ltd.

Lakeview garden center remains optimistic about summer business despite lockdown order

BY KARI MCMAHON
Medill News Service

When the U.S. economy experienced the Great Recession between 2007 and 2009, Susan Brandstetter and her husband, Russell, felt the impact. The owner of a 25,000-square-foot garden center walked away from a commercial lease on their property. They were left with a garden center but with no one to run it.

The couple decided to take ownership of the garden center and reopened it in 2011 as Fertile Ltd., 1646 W Diversey Pkwy. Under their ownership, the center in

Lakeview offers landscaping services and sells products ranging from flowers, shrubs, trees and garden tools to ornaments.

“I did not know what a petunia was,” said Brandstetter, who used to remodel and manage her family’s rental properties. “I just kind of decided I was going to wing it.”

Nine years later, the couple is potentially facing another recession, deeper than the previous one. The U.S. economy has declined significantly as states implemented stay-at-home orders to prevent the spread of the coronavirus in

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TIF assistance approved for Clarendon Park

Taxpayer assistance was approved in City Hall May 20 for rehabilitation of the Clarendon Community Center Park, 4501 N. Clarendon Ave.

Tax Increment Financing in the amount of \$6.9 million will support renovations to Clarendon Park field house in Uptown. Improvements will include concrete and masonry restoration, new

interior finishes, new plumbing, mechanical, and electrical systems, and ADA-access upgrades.

The balance of the \$13 million project will be financed with \$4.6 million from Montrose Clarendon Partners LLC, which developed the nearby 811 Uptown apartment complex, and \$1.6 million from the Chicago Park District.

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A new face on an old friend



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I love movies that are filmed in Chicago. I like to see Chicago shine and Chicago shimmers in films no matter what they are about.

You can keep New York and Toronto, the grandeur of our city, the lakefront and the streets stretching across the neighborhoods make movies more textured and sophisticated.

That's been true ever since the first film to showcase Chicago was made back in 1947, "Northside 777," starring Jimmy Stewart. The black and white film revealed a post-war Chicago in recovery from the economic challenges of World War II. Robust and handsome. And new to the public. There were wide sweeping camera shots of our classic skyscrapers (all built before the Depression). Lots of great images of the lakefront.

What other city in America could produce those sweeping beaches and fancy Lake Shore Dr. apartments. It's a sophisticated view of an American city.

Since most of the story surrounds a young man from the Polish neighborhood at Division and Ashland, there's deep interior images of that neighborhood of churches, schools, tenements and shops. Its historical take really makes you proud of Chicago.

I thought a lot about that as I

watched Michael Mann's 2009 film "Public Enemy," a fresh re-telling of the brutal John Dillinger era of bank robberies and wholesale murders. Johnny Depp is Dillinger. Christian Bale is "Gman" Melvin Purvis. He finally puts a bullet in the gangland madman in the alley alongside the Biograph Theater on Lincoln Ave.

The scenes of Chicago streets and world class downtown buildings are fantastic. But the director must stay sensitive that no building created after 1934 is seen. The story is respectful of Chicago's design. The film gives you a real positive sense of what Chicago is all about. Its architectural self-awareness.

But the film itself drags, is filled with violence and continues to imprison the city in our gangland history.

There was no place to go after a while, it just plodded along, droning on and on. But Chicago was still a bright star. LaSalle St. especially.

That's the happy discovery in all this. No matter what trash might get blown around, or what oddball characters might skew the scales, the power of our metropolis will always lift and cheer us up, making us proud. Enthuse us to keep going. If a city can do that then I think we have something we can really be proud of and trust in. No matter how many aldermen are carried off to jail. Or how many cheats try to rip off their neighbors. Or how many mistakes we make everyday. This metropolis is ultimately about our ability to pool our resources and values. Stay neighborly and involved. Look out for one another.

These are the everyday lessons of our Chicago Lockdown. Even when something goes haywire and some fluke throws a monkey wrench into things. Like a Chicago River flood knocking out radio station WFMT or WTTW because the waters fill Chicago's tallest building, Willis Tower.

Our quarantine has been pretty profound. Basically we've been locked in since March 13 - can't take any chances.

But I am painting up a storm. Twenty new works during Lockup. I'm cooking like crazy. Testing really nice dishes. Sharing with a friend and cataloguing all items and cooking discoveries for

a soon to be published cookery book.

We all have certainly been given a look at how valuable food is. And how the preparation process is as important as the eating process.

I am so grateful for the daily opportunity to write. This column. My Facebook. And respond to what others say. Maintaining my network of friends on the phone has been a great chance to shape some truly valuable communication.

In many ways I think I have avoided Lockdown fatigue. I know it's epidemic at the moment and there are just causes for its spread. But the pandemic has made me more organized. I plan things more. Whether that's crushing garlic, applying paint with a more free technique or just calling my sister more.

Organization can be a healthy boost for many of us. Anticipation is good. Enabling and kindly predictable. So is the general search for creative beauty. I take time with things. I go looking for fresh poetry or examine the classics. Giving the works of others the chance to wake me up, set me straight or just engage or enliven me.

Who doesn't treasure hearing from friends?

I love seeing artists' new works, what they have created in their Lockdown.

We are not impoverished by our being sequestered.

Despite it, we have the chance to create and thrive. Along the Northern Irish coast there is a natural wonder called "The Giants Causeway." Prehistoric natural basalt stone pillars that stretch as far as the eye can see. Ancient man saw them as the work of a great race of epic giants who toiled to create its expanse. Millions or tourists flock to see this ancient wonder and roam the sea rock.

But during the severity of the pandemic, no tourists have come near. Months of solitude and quietude have suddenly allowed the spring to bloom. And without the crowds of visitors, marching all around, a small pink wildflower has been allowed to flourish and thrive amid the basalt pillars. An ancient, Bronze age wild garden



A Yellow-headed Blackbird.

now stretches across the horizon.

A new face on an old friend.

The causeway is coated in a vibrant thriving nature.

Maybe that's the grace and goodness hidden inside the Lockdown. The world has come back to us. We have come back to one another. One wildflower at a time. Like the familiar face of the Chicago metropolis, surrounded in the emerald carpets of our lakefront park splendor. So take heart, the world that is essential is coming back for us.

RARE BIRD NEWS: Christie's **Steven Zick** reports his parrot, **Giotto**, is not the only "rara avis" in Evanston. Much commotion next door at the discovery of a rare Yellow-headed blackbird, who decided to stick around for a while. (He's still out there, as a matter of fact, posing.) He's already made the afternoon post @chicagoaudubon and they get full credit for the first image. Steven gets credit for the rest. Birders were gathering from far and wide. The homeowner came out and was relieved; she was worried they were photographing a crime scene.

BEAR DOWN: **Michael McCaskey** was a renaissance man. A Yale alum shaped by New Haven's ethos and refinement. Equally at home, later, as a Harvard adjunct faculty member in Cambridge. I admired him and his gentlemanly ways. Friends and I once rented his beautiful house in Martha's Vineyard. We rubbed shoulders easily with his neighbors.

First Lady **Lady Johnson**, the Washington Post's **Kay Graham**, **Walter Cronkite** and **Carole King**. After that holiday I always thought more sympathetically of Michael. The responsibility he had for Chicago football, and the emotional fallout that always surrounded



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the Bears during his leadership of the family business. His death last week from Leukemia is a loss not just for the Halas family enterprise, but for the valued areas of his generous fields of gracious interest. From the Ivy League to snowy Sundays at Soldier Field. Being **George Halas'** oldest grandchild with a penchant for perfection was no easy pursuit. He

could easily raise the blood pressure of seasoned Bears fans. But he was only trying to be perfect. Condolences to his family and the fans.

VIRTUAL GRADUATION LUNCH: Join Corboy & Demetrio CFO **Marcy Twardak**, Chair of Mercy Home's Leader Council, virtually, noon on Tuesday, June 2, for Mercy Home's Graduates' Luncheon.

Hon. Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, who will provide the keynote address.

Mercy Home graduate **Deandre** will serve as Youth Speaker.

The luncheon will last only 45 minutes, and promises to be one of Mercy Home's most heartfelt graduate events.

LOCKDOWN VENICE: **Valbruzzi Cristian** reports it's a dark day for hospitality. **Arrigo Cipriani**, son of **Giuseppe Cipriani**, founder of Harry's Bar in Venezia and father of the Bellini, announced that Harry's Bar will not reopen after nearly 90 years in business. This isn't simply another COVID-19 hit, this is the loss

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Simple ways to give during the coronavirus crisis



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

The 57-year-old Jeri's Grill may be gone for good, but it definitely hasn't been forgotten.

The venerable greasy spoon of a diner closed March 14 due to the pandemic, and then a few weeks ago its owner, Frank DiPiero, announced it would not be reopening its doors again at 4357 N. Western Ave.

There will be many more closures of our beloved restaurant and bars - big and small - due to the pandemic lockdown. The Illinois Restaurant Assoc. predicts that 50%-70% of the entire industry will not reopen.

Jeri's closing left 14 employees without jobs, including 69-year-old Don Price, whose son, Matt, has created a gofundmepage to help those folks out. As of Monday morning, the Jeri's Grill Employees Relief Fund had raised \$9,301 of its \$10k goal.

Don Price contacted me last week, looking for some help in spreading the word about the fundraiser. On a recent Sunday, he drove all over town personally handing out payment No. 1 of \$564 in cash to each of the 13 other employees -- dishwashers, busboys, waitresses and cooks.

"They were all very, very appreciative," said Price. Especially, he said, Billy the dishwasher, who was pretty much left homeless until Martha the waitress offered him a place to stay, with her brother. When Price dropped off his cash, Billy was able to pay his unpaid phone bill.

"He texted me, 'Thank you. God bless you,'" said Price, who started working at Jeri's New Year's Day 1999 and although he cooked yummy desserts and popular specials, his famous soups were a major attraction at the restaurant, with quarts, "flying out the door."

And besides his co-workers, Price is also very concerned about some of Jeri's former customers. Take Judy for example who's about 80 with bad teeth, so chewing is difficult. Seven days a week, Judy took a cab from her home to come in for soup or shepherd's pie, something soft she was able to eat.

"That's the only life she had, Jeri's every day," said Price, who was born and raised in Uptown but now lives in Lincoln Square. "She would stay three to four hours, seven days a week. She spent more on cabs to come and go than on what she ate."

A lot of people came in everyday said Price, who previously was a chef at the Ridgemoor Country Club and the long-shuttered Felice's Round Table in Edgewater. "There's been lots of stories and lots of love in 57 years."

Some of that love includes that of generations of families. Kids

that Price knew when they were in grade school were bringing their children in, and grandparents were coming in to show the vintage Jeri's off to their grandkids.

"Over the years we had so many people," said Price. "Regular people. Every day.

"Everybody knew everybody, all the employees, the waitresses and cooks." Price learned about the restaurant business from his mother, who for 30 years owned a soda fountain inside the old Zeitkins Pharmacy at Argyle and Sheridan. "We were all family pretty much."

Price said there is someone interested in Jeri's but he's not sure what owner Frank DiPiero's plans are. DiPiero's father started the business, and Price, who was the first employee DiPiero told about the closing, said he thinks DiPiero was "pretty much at the end of his rope before this," as he did all the shopping and whatever else was necessary to keep the place running.

"He was in seven days a week, 365 days a year -- maybe one week he was closed for cleaning," Price said of DiPiero. "The place was pretty much taking a toll on him."

On the gofundme page, it says that employees at Jeri's, "made the neighborhood brighter and the hungover mornings more manageable. From the waitresses giving treats to the passing pups, to the cook passing out free stuffed animals to all the kiddos."

It's so difficult to lose a long-time, neighborhood institution like Jeri's. It's tough not only on the employees, but also for those who depended on it for their socializing, and their reasonably-priced meals. We wish everybody involved well.

Jeri's employees still have another round of cash coming from the gofundme money and Price hopes the fund will keep growing. But next time cash is distributed, "They have to pick it up," laughed Price. "I used a half a tank of gas."



Don Price and Ida, a favorite customer at Jeri's Grill.

To donate go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jeri039s-grill-employees-relief-fund>.

A doggone great idea... a local design firm has gone to the dogs with its creative concept to help out a local nonprofit. A team of designers at Design B&B, 310 S. Racine Ave., are using their unique talents to benefit the work of Humble Design Chicago, a nonprofit that provides design services using donated, gently-used home furnishings to help individuals, families, and veterans emerging from homelessness.

These folks usually have nothing but a few bags of clothing and many are single moms with multiple children. The need for Humble Design's services are extremely high right now due to the COVID-19 crisis. Shelters are high risk because of the close quarters so agencies have been quickly placing people into housing.

Humble Design designers, staff and volunteers sit with families and veterans who have recently exited homelessness, listening to their listen needs, wants, and wishes. They then 'shop' their 40,000- square-foot warehouse of donated goods and, four days later, return to create a fully-furnished, comfortable home.

According to HUD, 47% fall



Receive an adorable custom pet portrait by Design B&B when you donate to Humble Design.

back into homelessness within one year of securing housing. But 99% of Humble Design's families are still in their home after a year. Since opening its doors in Chicago in 2017, more than 600 people now have a housing stability that gives them time to focus on their education, careers, home life, dreaming and planning for the future.

However, right now, Humble Design is "drowning" in assistance requests and its income has dropped dramatically due to its regular fundraisers being cancelled. In addition, because of school closures the nonprofit is getting a lot of kids' desks requests.

So, their friends over at Design B&B have come up with an adorable way to help raise funds through a gofundme page, Artwork for a Cause. All proceeds will go to Humble Design.

For each donation, designers will be creating really cute custom pet portraits or a hand-lettered quote of your choice. Each custom portrait will be 8"x 10" and delivered digitally within two weeks. They're asking for a donation of \$30 each, but of course, donations of any size are welcome and encouraged.

Once you've made your donation, email Design B&B at customportraits@designbandb.com.

com with the name you used to make your donation, a picture of your pet (or your desired quote), and specify which illustration style you'd like (there are seven options) and note any special requests regarding coloring, backgrounds, etc.

Design B&B senior designer Robin Beattie said the team had been really inspired by other agencies who take the time to do a service day and they wanted to pick a charity that makes a difference. The firm has worked with Humble Designs for a few years, previously helping them with their cause.

"It's a great partnership," said Beattie. "We wanted to find a way that matched our talents and also brings joy." The doggie portraits were a collaborative brainstorm, as all of the designers have pets at home.

The goal is to raise \$3,000. So far, nearly \$2,000 has been raised, said designer Amy Ackermann. "We really believe in their mission. When COVID hit, we looked internally at what gifts we had to help Humble at this time. We thought pet portraits was really unique and a fun thing to do."

Last month, Humble Design Home Kits was launched, curbside delivery of household goods

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This condo features beautiful gray wood floors throughout, a cook's kitchen with white shaker soft-close cabinets, white & SOLD counter tops with glass tile backsplash, LED under-cabinet lighting, undermount sink & a full range of stainless steel appliances, along with a breakfast bar. Gorgeous bathroom with new floor & wall tile & vanity.

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Police Beat...

2 men, 2 teens charged with trying to rob off-duty cop near 19th Dist. police station



Derrick Robie Dhamarquis Lee

Two men and two juveniles are charged with trying to rob an off-duty Chicago Police sergeant just steps from the 19th District police station on Addison St. One of the accused adults, a longtime menace in the Boystown area, is on parole for robbery and for stealing the wallet of a dying man at the Loyola Red Line CTA station.

Derrick Robie, 22, Dhamarquis Lee, 19, a 16-year-old boy, and a 17-year-old boy are each charged with felony attempted robbery while indicating they had a firearm, a police spokesperson said May 21.

Robie led the crew and ordered the 40-year-old sergeant to get down on the ground on the 900 block of W. Addison around 2:15 a.m. May 20, prosecutors said. But the robbery failed and all five offenders ran when the sergeant pulled out a handgun and announced that he is a police officer, according to a CPD spokesperson. The robbery unfolded about 100 yards from the 19th District police station at 850 W. Addison.

Officers located the four alleged robbers about 30 minutes later on the 900 block of W. Fletcher. A fifth offender got away.

Robie and Lee both admitted to being involved in the incident, prosecutors said.

Judge David Navarro set bail for Lee at \$50,000. The Illinois Dept. of Corrections issued a hold for Robie, which means he will be held without bail while the state considers revoking his parole. Navarro set Robie's bail in the new robbery case at \$100,000.

In January 2018, Robie was charged with robbing a man at the Morse Red Line CTA station. Even though Robie was charged with Class X felony armed robbery, Cook County Judge Stephanie Miller released him on his own recognizance with electronic monitoring.

A few days later, detectives arrested Robie after they determined that he stole a wallet from a man's pants pocket while the victim lay dying at the Loyola Red Line CTA station earlier in the month. The victim was alone when he fell down the station's staircase, lost consciousness, and later died, police said at the time. CTA video captured images of Robie and another man rifling through the dying man's pockets, stealing his wallet, and leaving him without summoning help.

Robie eventually received two concurrent three-year sentences for the crimes. After receiving the state's standard 50% sentence reduction for good behavior and credit for time served before sentencing, Robie only spent 16 days in prison before he was paroled on Nov. 20, 2019, according to state records.

Uptown man charged with battering victim in anti-Muslim hate crime

An Uptown man stalked, battered, and hurled anti-Islamic slurs at two Muslims as they walked in the neighborhood last week, prosecutors said.



Alexander Surovietz

Alexander Surovietz, 27, is charged with felony hate crime and misdemeanor battery. Judge Mary Marubio set bail at \$2,000 on May 19 and ordered him to stay away from the alleged victim and a witness.

A 45-year-old man of Egyptian descent and a companion stepped out for a short walk at 12:05 a.m. May 17 after breaking fast while observing Ramadan, prosecutor James Murphy said. Surovietz yelled at the pair as they walked on the opposite side of the street near the 4900 block of N. Sheridan, according to Murphy. The victim and the witness both told police they had never seen Surovietz before.

Surovietz reportedly crossed to their side of the street, walked in front of them, and stared at them from the mouth of an alley near the intersection of Ainslie and Kenmore.

When the victim and his companion asked Surovietz if he needed help, Surovietz allegedly told them they were responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attacks, yelled slurs, accused them of being terrorists, told the primary victim to go back to Saudi Arabia, and accused the pair of being members of ISIS, Murphy said.

The victim, who has lived in the U.S. for six years, continued walking with the witness until they noticed Surovietz hiding in some bushes ahead of them. Surovietz again hurled a series of slurs and anti-Muslim statements, according to Murphy.

Surovietz reappeared as the pair walked on the 4700 block of N. Sheridan a few minutes later. He ran directly toward them, called them muslim terrorists, and grabbed the victim by his shirt with both hands, the prosecutor said. Surovietz allegedly pushed the victim into a fence and tried to force him to the ground as he continued to utter racist and religious slurs.

The victim gained control of Surovietz and held him until police arrived.

Surovietz waived his right to remain silent and told police that he had been drinking and smoking marijuana before the incident, according to Murphy. He also allegedly claimed to be the victim in the incident, alleging that he called the victim an ethnic slur after the man struck him with his elbow.

Kevin McCubbin, Surovietz's attorney, said he has no criminal background and he worked as a banquet server at McCormick Place until the COVID-19 outbreak began.

Lyft driver accused of sexually assaulting passenger in 2018

Prosecutors today charged a Chicago man with sexually assaulting a female passenger who fell asleep in the back seat of his Lyft vehicle in Dec. 2018.

Rimon Kazzoo, 37, is charged with felony criminal sexual assault by force. Judge Arthur Willis set bail at \$1 million.

The alleged attack occurred after the 26-year-old victim and a friend left a bar on the 1500 block of N. Wells in Old Town. The friend summoned separate Lyft rides for herself and for her friend around 10:15 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2018, according to a police report.

Kazzoo soon arrived in a car that

matched vehicle information provided by the Lyft app, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said in bond court Thursday.

The victim told police that she fell asleep in the back seat as the car neared the intersection of 31st Street and Wentworth. Her next memory is waking up while Kazzoo sexually assaulted her in the back seat of his car around 11:05 p.m., according to Murphy and CPD records.

She escaped from the car after striking Kazzoo and scratching his neck, Murphy said. Outside the vehicle, the woman realized that she was across the street from her home and her pants had been pulled down around her ankles.

Murphy said the woman took swabs of her own fingernails because she knew she scratched the offender. The next morning, she realized that she left her phone in Kazzoo's car and she found her underwear lying in the street where she exited the Lyft vehicle, according to Murphy.

The woman contacted the friend who ordered the Lyft ride the night before. She also gave her father more complete details of the incident after providing him with some initial information immediately after the attack. Murphy said she did not fully brief her father the night before because her 11-year-old sister was nearby. A sexual assault kit was collected at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Murphy said the victim identified Kazzoo in a photo line-up as the man who attacked her. Kazzoo also reportedly dropped off the woman's phone at a Lyft operations office.

His DNA was found in the victim's private areas and on the clothing she wore on the night of the alleged attack, according to Murphy.

When police arrested Kazzoo May 20, he denied ever touching the victim sexually, Murphy said.

"Safety is fundamental to Lyft, and what the rider described is unacceptable," a spokesperson for the company said Thursday. "We responded immediately, banning this driver from the Lyft community and working with law enforcement. We have also been in contact with the rider to offer support."

Four boys, including 10-year-old, try to steal delivery driver's car in Wrigleyville

Four boys, one only 10-years-old, are charged with trying to steal a delivery driver's car in Wrigleyville on May 20. The arrests follow weeks of reported auto thefts in the area involving very young thieves and cars left running by food delivery drivers.

A man flagged down police around 5:30 p.m. yesterday to report that a group of boys tried to steal his delivery vehicle while it sat outside Shake Shack, 3519 N. Clark. Officers searched the area and detained four boys nearby. The delivery driver identified them as the people who tried to take his car.

Prosecutors charged a 13-year-old boy with misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle. The other three, ages 10, 13, and 15, are charged with violating misdemeanor anti-theft laws, according to a CPD spokesperson. All four were released to their parents or guardians.

Earlier Wednesday, police arrested another group of juvenile boys after they stole a car that was left idling outside a restaurant in the 200 block of E. Ohio around 9 p.m. May 19.

Officers spotted the car about

three hours later in the Englewood neighborhood. The driver sped away from patrol officers, but the CPD helicopter continued to follow the car from above, according to police.

The driver stopped the car on the 6800 block of S. Honore around 12:40 a.m. May 20 and four boys ran from it. Police caught and arrested them.

A 17-year-old is charged with possessing a stolen motor vehicle. The others, two 15-year-olds and a 13-year-old, are charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Pee Wee car theft crew

A group of very young auto thieves that has been targeting cars that drivers leave running outside restaurants and other businesses struck twice within 10 minutes May 19. Witnesses say the crew is composed of some kids who appear to be well under the legal driving age — perhaps 12-years-old or younger.

Police on Monday detained four juveniles who were suspected of stealing cars in Boystown and River North earlier in the day. But the kids were later released. Now, they appear to be up to their old tricks.

Tuesday evening, witnesses reported seeing four juveniles steal a delivery driver's Honda Accord as it idled outside a Chipotle restaurant at 1027 W. Addison around 8:50 p.m.

Five minutes later, the kids ditched the Honda and stole another idling car that was left running outside Peking Chinese restaurant, 3167 N. Halsted. A witness followed the second stolen car onto Lake Shore Dr. and the Magnificent Mile, but police did not locate the vehicle or the kids. The witness said one of the thieves appeared to be under 12-years-old while the other three appeared to be between 12- and 15-years old.

A similarly-described group of thieves stole a white Nissan as it idled outside an apartment building on the 300 block of N. Clark in River North around 8:20 a.m. May 18. About 30 minutes later, some of the kids jumped out of the Nissan and stole a Jeep Cherokee that was left running outside Stan's Donuts, 3302 N. Broadway in Boystown.

Police found the Nissan abandoned in River North around 11 a.m. after a concerned motorist reported seeing a young boy driving a car with two other young passengers near the intersection of Wabash and Grand.

Officers located the boys on a Red Line CTA train at Chicago and State a few minutes later. No charges were filed.

A series of auto thefts involving young offenders and idling cars have been reported across the downtown area and Lakeview recently. Shortly before 8 p.m. May 17, a delivery driver's car was stolen from the 1500 block of N. Sandberg Terrace after he left it running while he went inside. At 9:10 p.m. May 16, a silver Nissan Rogue was stolen as it idled outside Chipotle, 1025 W. Belmont. On May 14, three boys got out of a car and jumped into a Nissan Rogue that a woman left running while she picked up food from a restaurant at State and Lake.

Another idling car was stolen from the intersection of Halsted and Belmont when its owner left it idling outside a restaurant around 10 p.m. May 13. Once again, three young offenders jumped into the car and drove away.

Police warnings issued

Chicago police have issued two community alerts this month to warn about widespread theft of idling cars in Lakeview and the downtown area. Many of the thefts involve cars used by food delivery drivers who leave their vehicles unattended while they pick up and deliver orders, according to CPD reports. Ten idling cars were stolen within a block of the Belmont and Clark intersection in two

weeks. The downtown pattern involves at least six thefts between April 15 and May 8.

Man gets 11 years for 3 North Side robberies

A Chicago man has pleaded guilty to committing three robberies on the North Side in 2017, but a source

says the man is suspected of being involved in several other crimes around the same time. Among those uncharged



Alvin Lashley

crimes is the Nov. 2017 armed robbery of Big & Little's restaurant in Lakeview.

Judge Alfredo Maldonado sentenced Alvin Lashley, 22, to three concurrent 11-year terms in exchange for guilty pleas in three armed robbery cases.

On Sept. 1, 2017, Lashley put a gun to a woman's head on the 4300 block of N. Sawyer while a second offender took the victim's wallet and other valuables, prosecutors said.

One month later, Lashley allegedly robbed another woman on the 4000 block of N. Spaulding while holding his hand under his shirt to imply that he had a gun.

Details of the third case were not immediately available.

Jogger attacked, robbed in Grant Park

A Chicago man is accused of attacking a woman from behind and robbing her as she jogged through Grant Park on May 23.

Marcus Lipscomb, 24, is charged with one count of felony robbery in connection with the incident. Judge David Navarro set bail at \$10,000.

Lipscomb grabbed the 28-year-old woman by her neck from behind as she ran on the 1000 block of S. Columbus Dr. at 2:35 p.m., prosecutors said during a bond hearing Saturday.

The woman fought back and was able to get a full view of Lipscomb's face because



Marcus Lipscomb

she pulled his face mask off during the struggle, according to details presented in court. The woman's mask and earphones also fell off during the fight. Lipscomb allegedly stole those items and ran.

A police officer drove the woman around the area to look for the attacker. She spotted Lipscomb in an alley between State St. and Wabash Ave. in the Loop.

The officer detained Lipscomb, who was carrying the woman's mask and headphones, prosecutors said. A witness also identified Lipscomb as the attacker.

Lipscomb will need to post a \$1,000 deposit bound to get out of jail before trial.

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Victory Gardens playwrights quit en masse, but free virtual seminar shows must go on

According to theater critic Chris Jones, the playwright's ensemble at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., announced May 22 that it had made the collective decision to resign.

Victory Garden's decision to not hire a new artistic director as a replacement for departing Chay Yew is the stated reason why, according to Jones' reporting in the Chicago Tribune.

Instead current executive director Erica Daniels has been given both jobs.

The group posted a letter online that stated: "We, as an ensemble of resident artists at this venerable institution, are deeply disturbed by the notion that our creative home aspires to be a truth-telling temple on its stage, but not in its administration. This is unacceptable."

The group claims that for over five months, and after receiving a letter signed by over 60 of Victory Garden's "biggest supporters asking for accountability, the board sat on a plan to reorganize the institution. It ignored the limitless possibility of what the field might have presented in terms of viable local and national leadership."

"For months, we were told that our voices were irrelevant, and waited for days and days to hear from anyone in the institution after the news was announced. After being told we would be in conversation about any devel-

opments, we ended up hearing about the change in leadership along with everybody else. We are hereby resigning as a unified collective."

All of the Victory Garden's writers signed the letter, except for Philip Dawkins.

Jones said that this is not the first time in the theater's history that a change in leadership has roiled the theater's ensemble of playwrights, a loose affiliation of writers (appointed by the artistic director) who also have ties to other institutions and projects.

Meanwhile, Victory Gardens Theater has announced a free seminar series taught by Chicago artists and local arts leaders designed to aid those whose livelihood has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics cover virtual auditions, creating a home-recording studio, and how to handle income and taxes during this time.

All seminars will be held 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays starting on May 30 and running through June 13, and will be held live via Zoom with a recorded version made available to those unable to attend.

Victory Gardens Conservatory says they wanted to give artists access to the top professionals working in these arenas. The first seminar is a tax workshop for performing artists, Saturday, May 30. This workshop is designed to teach artists how to keep track of income and expenses and save

money on their taxes. The workshop will include an in-depth discussion of tax-deductible expenses for artists and an examination of wage vs. independent contractor income and expenses (W-2s and 1099s). Basic bookkeeping techniques and tips on how to run a "one-person business."

It will all offer an overview of the "Qualified Performing Artist" area of the tax code with its special rules for lower-income performing artists and provide hints on how to deal with "self-employment" income with a demonstration of how to include arts related business expenses on your tax return to significantly reduce your taxes.

Seminar two is on how to audition via Zoom, Saturday, June 6. Viewers will learn how to set yourself up for a successful Zoom audition, from creating your audition space to adjusting your performance for maximum digital impact.

Seminar three is on how to set up a DIY home recording studio, on Saturday, June 13, with Dave Kresl, a recording engineer who has worked in the Chicago advertising community for over 20 years. Through the recording and mixing of thousands of spots for television radio and internet, he can help you with the process of preparing great sounding auditions.

For more information visit www.victorygardens.org.



DANK Haus celebrates inaugural Virtual Maifest

The DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave. in Lincoln Square, is presenting an alternative to celebrate the arrival of Spring, and symbolically raise hope for the upcoming rebirth of our city's public life: Virtual Maifest.

The online version of the well-loved festival will take place this weekend, Friday through Sunday, May 31. It will offer food, prizes, and virtual performances and presentations.

For centuries, certain regions in Germany have marked the coming of Spring with a Maibaum, or a Maypole, decorated with handmade trinkets and wrapped in ribbons. With the large waves of German immigrants to the Midwest, the tradition caught fire on the North Side. In fact, there is a multi-story tall Maypole just outside the Western Brown Line CTA station donated by Chicago's sister city, Hamburg Germany.

This year, the arrival of spring weather was not headline news. The COVID-19 shutdown has dominated our thoughts and canceled events like concerts, graduations, and the Maifest Chicago street festival held annually in Lincoln Square.

Among the highlights of the planned events are: cooking classes with Himmel's restaurant, a live-streamed beer stein holding contest, and a conversation with German Consul General Mössinger about his family's life of travel as an ambassador of Germany. While the event will not have the crowds of past years,

the DANK Haus will still serve Bratwurst and beer for guests to pick up at the building, all while staying in their cars to minimize contact.

Guests can purchase an all access "Virtual Wristband" that will allow them to enjoy over 12 hours of online programming. Guests may select specific events to attend or can stay logged in for the entire event spanning the course of three days. In addition to the programming, guests will be able to purchase meals a la carte on the organization's website. Curbside pick up will include the exact menu that has been served for decades at the festival, including Bienenstich (an almond encrusted cake filled with custard, commonly known as bee sting cake), pretzels, landjäger (German beef jerky) potato salad, sauerkraut, Leberkäse (German meatloaf) and fest-favorites, Bratwurst and Thüringer sausages.

The event comes together as the community organization starts to recover from major financial losses due to event cancellations caused by the virus pandemic.

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Non-profit fraud nailed by Feds

BY CWBCHICAGO

The head of a Chicago not-profit organization fraudulently converted or misappropriated at least \$200,000 in State of Illinois grants intended to develop suburban commercial properties and fund a job training program, according to a 15-count federal indictment May 7.

Yes Yehudah operated the not-for-profit organization Fulfilling Our Responsibilities Unto Mankind, also known as FORUM. From 2013 to 2016, Yehudah, on behalf of FORUM, applied for and received three grants totaling approximately \$575,000 from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity [DCEO]. Two of the grants were intended to develop commercial properties, while the third was meant for FORUM to operate a weatherization jobs training program. The indictment alleges that

Yehudah fraudulently converted substantial quantities of the grant funds by making materially false statements and submitting false documents to the DCEO. The indictment describes several of the alleged false statements, including when Yehudah represented to the DCEO that FORUM had spent almost all of a \$100,000 grant on construction work, when, in fact, no actual construction work had begun.

In addition to the alleged fraud in obtaining the DCEO grants, the indictment accuses Yehudah of scheming to defraud a bank. Af-

ter FORUM received similar development grants from the DCEO and other federal and local agencies, including the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Yehudah issued checks from FORUM and another entity he controlled to various subcontractors, the indictment states. Yehudah then forged the subcontractors' signatures – without their knowledge – to endorse the checks over to himself, the indictment alleges.

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and furnishings. In the first week, they helped five Chicago families and a veteran. Humble Design wants to continue supplying families transitioning out of homelessness with the goods they need to have a comfortable, dignified home base, but they need the continued support of Chicagoans to make that possible.

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RENAISSANCE MAN: John “Jack” E. O’Neal, age 90, died April 20. A voracious reader, book collector and a well-known patron of our public libraries, an adept conversationalist, Jack relished music of all genres, languages, art, live theater and films. An expert in classical music, his devotion to the arts must be acknowledge and mourned.

RFK GRANDCHILDREN: Congratulations to **Kate Kennedy**, daughter of **Sheila** and **Christopher Kennedy**, who just graduated from Northwestern Law School and will finish up her MBA in June at NU as well. Bravo the idea of going with family to take a picture at the university like a normal graduation. Congratulations and best of luck also to **Chris Kennedy, Jr.**, engaged now to **Erin Daigle**, looking ahead to a Cape Cod wedding.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Join **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** and her A Silver Lining Foundation for their 16th annual Gala on Saturday, October 3 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Now, more than ever, this organization needs your help in

providing men and women with cost-free breast health testing. So many have lost their jobs and insurance so this year’s event will be critical to support these life-saving needs. For tickets, more info, call 312-345-1322 or asilverliningfoundation.org.

AU REVOIR: Michel Piccoli, 94, award-winning French film star has died ‘surrounded by his family after suffering a stroke.’

CHICAGO LOCKDOWN: Noted restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** updates that he and **Freddy** (his faithful pooch) are selling his 1937 Evanston condo and moving to On The Rhine in Cincinnati. Milder winters and the hopes that among the 300K citizens, surely there will be a few to listen to stories from a Chicago restaurateur... Attorney **Dan Balanoff** dining al fresco having “the Blockbuster” sub from Fontano’s in Little Italy, may be Chicago’s best sandwich, lots of good hot peppers... songstress **Catherine O’Connell** making whole wheat no-knead bread and deciding to oil her hands rather than flour them, thinking the crust would turn out better... she was right... Maestro **Stanley Paul**



Sarah, Sheila, Kate, Chris and Claire Kennedy.

back now from the desert busy unpacking, catching up with desk work, and starting to plant his famous terrace for the summer season, feeling so lucky for having such a fabulous terrace, but missing those wonderful Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill lunches, though he speaks to **Mamie Walton** and **Cynthia Olson** almost every day, it’s not the same as everyone being together... Apparently **Russ Goeltenbodt** thought someone stole his Drew’s on Halsted Banner from the fence on Belmont Ave., thinking an enthusiastic fan or a stalker nabbed it, but he found it three days later blowing down the street, now holding his breath till Drew’s can reopen... **Candace Jordan** unearthing a **Rick Mitchell** photo

for Marshall Fields from the ‘80s, looking good... Writer **Sherrill Bodine** zooming National Pizza Party Day last week with friend **Andrew**, from Australia. Never surrender, she advises, keep moving forward with grace, humor and compassion! Brighter days ahead... **Bobbi Panter** feeling positive at Saks Fifth Avenue [Sarasota] with her pooch in a pouch thanks to **Gov. Ron DeSantis** and happy

to run into **Suzy Lysen**, happy she’s back to work... when COVID-19 keeps **Patricia Maxwell** under strict quarantine for months, **Sherry Lea Fox** takes a road trip to Indiana for a “Masked Visit” with **Cait Maxwell** in Ogden Dune, IN... the **Mednick** gang, **Ben**, **Stacey**, **Anna** and **Jackie**, throwing a “Tie Dye Lockdown” 18th birthday for their beloved exchange student, **Zoey**, from China.

The urge to save humanity is almost always a false-face for the urge to rule it. Power is what all messiahs really seek: not the chance to serve.

— **H.L. Mencken**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v- CARRIE CARMICHAEL A/K/A CARRIE E CARMICHAEL, RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 14 CH 07229 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 9, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1074 The real estate is improved with a high rise condominium; parking garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is

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ished 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, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 19-02678. 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. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 19-02678 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 19 CH 7057 TJSC#: 40-955 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 19 CH 7057 131313

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MICHAEL CORTEZ, LAKESIDE PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVF III MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST II Defendants 18 CH 9537 810 WEST LAKESIDE PLACE, UNIT 306 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 December 16, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 22, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 810 WEST LAKESIDE PLACE, UNIT 306, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-17-205-046-1029 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$147,090.22. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay

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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, the sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 18-087085. 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. SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: llnotions@togs.com Attorney File No. 18-087085 Attorney Code. 42168 Case Number: 18 CH 9537 TJSC#: 40-1607 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 # 18 CH 9537 I3151020 272727 202020 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 1900 CAPITAL TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v- JOHN C. TURI, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AND

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DESIGNATED THE JOHN C. TURI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, JOHN C. TURI, GRAN-OAK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants 18 CH 12532 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3 CHICAGO, IL 60659 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 5, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60659 Property Index No. 14-06-106-036-1020 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$268,757.11. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, or a 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 and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),

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Catalytic converter thieves return to North Side

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago's ubiquitous catalytic converter thieves are back in action on the city's North Side. Police have recorded thefts of the pricey auto parts in Old Town, Lakeview, and Albany Park over the past 10 days.

Witnesses in different neighborhoods saw thieves getting around in a Dodge Challenger or Dodge Charger. A Challenger was used by a theft crew that police warned about in January, too. A dark-colored Lexus was seen in one of the Old Town thefts, according to a police report.

Catalytic converter thefts have been reported on the 1600 block of . North Park and the 1800 block of N. Cleveland in Old Town. In Lakeview,

two people contacted this reporter separately after their cars were targeted near the intersection of Greenview and School streets and near Belmont and Broadway.

Witnesses have seen the thieves working during the early morning hours — often between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Catalytic converter thieves saw off the devices from under vehicles and then sell them for \$100 to \$200 each at scrapyards. The parts are especially valuable because they contain expensive metals.

SUVs are often targeted because their high ground clearance make it easier to access the undercarriage with a saw. Victims rarely know that their catalytic converter has been stolen until they start their car. That's when they'll be startled by

a loud, roaring sound of their freshly-unmuffled engine.

Want to make your car's catalytic converter less attractive to thieves? Try these tips:

Weld the converter's bolts in place or have the bolt heads cut off to make removal nearly impossible.

Have your license plate number engraved on the part to make resale more difficult.

Always park your car in a garage, if available. If not, consider parking with the driver's side next to the curb (this makes accessing the converter a little more difficult).

Install a catalytic converter theft prevention kit that essentially places a cage around the part, making theft nearly impossible.

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for you to get along with others. I guess using fear is an easy way to get people to read your biased piece. Let me guess, you live in a walk-up or in the suburbs? If you have any love of the great city of Chicago you might think a little more before you write."

This writer loves Old Town

Correct, until recently this bungalow man resided in a beautiful Northwest Side single-family home with a large tree-filled backyard overlooking Legion Park.

Since relocating back to Old Town, he now resides with his lovely wife in a vintage Victorian walk-up, and is loving the neighborhood in which he originally grew up. He attended Newberry Elementary School on Willow and Burling streets, where his report card conduct review always said he "keeps promptly busy" and "gets along well with others."

GARDEN from p. 1

the country. The orders have changed how businesses of all sizes operate.

The federal government has set aside funds to help businesses as part of the coronavirus relief package, which includes \$670 billion for forgivable loans to small businesses.

On March 20, Illinois implemented a stay-at-home order. Garden centers could operate under the order if they provided delivery or curbside pickup, according to the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Garden centers were allowed to reopen May 1 to customers as long as they adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Fertile's receives 55% of its business from landscaping, 35% from retail and 10% from trade. Under the state order, landscaping services were deemed essential and so Fertile did not close. The center is located outside, so customers were able to pick products while social distancing, Brandstetter said. Although many customers didn't realize Fertile was still open.

"When everything opened on the first [of May], there were so many people who came out to shop," Brandstetter said.

Walter Knoll, a 66-year-old from Roscoe Village, visits Fertile every spring to see what products it has and feels it's more personal than a big box store such as Home Depot, he said.

"There's never any pressure to buy, it's a nice place to just walk by and see some beautiful plants and greenery," Knoll said.

The clientele of the garden center is reflective of the neighborhood. Brandstetter said the typical demographic of customers is families with young children, but amid the pandemic Fertile is seeing more people in their 20s.

"I'm hearing a lot of garden centers reporting a large number of new customers, people that have never gardened before, a lot of young customers," said Danny Summers, managing director at The Garden Center Group, a garden center advisory company.

There has been an unexpected demand for vegetable plants, which took Brandstetter by surprise.

"I had to call four nurseries today to try to get vegetables because the guy who I always buy vegetables from every year has sold his out," Brandstetter said.

When Brandstetter finally reached someone, she was told the price for a minimum order of vegetable plants would normally be \$1,500, but in the current climate it would be \$3,000.

Securing vegetable plants in the first weeks of the pandemic was a challenge because suppliers didn't anticipate the demand, but supply is now catching up, Summers said.

Many people in Chicago don't have a

The skyscraper lover also accused this writer of "irresponsible reporting," despite the column having been based on actual quotes from brokers and apartment renters who exposed the high-rise exodus trend.

Rents getting paid on time

Nationwide, 90.3% of renters paid full or partial rent by the third week of May, according to the National Multifamily Housing Council's rent payment tracker.

The report was released after the latest job figures showed 38 million Americans have filed for unemployment. The data analyzed 11.4 million professionally managed rental units across the country that vary widely by size, type and average rental price.

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lot of space and come to Fertile looking to do container gardening, Brandstetter said. Annuals, plants that flower and die in one season, are one of Fertile's most popular products because they're perfect for container gardening, she said.

"Normally people would start picking things up in early April and this year they didn't, they put everything off till probably the third week or fourth week of April when there was some information about garden centers being open," said Dick Ooykaas, owner of Green Glen Nursery Inc., a landscaping and garden center wholesale supplier.

For garden centers that couldn't operate during March and April, wholesale suppliers had to dispose of their spring annuals because they only last for one season, Brandstetter said.

Fertile typically operates with 10 members of staff but currently has seven, Brandstetter said. Fertile has seen significant demand for landscaping services but as it gets busier, she expects people may have to wait a few weeks because of demand and minimal staff, she said.

The garden center faces another challenge in managing customer numbers. Pre-crisis, Brandstetter said she would expect high traffic on weekends for retail and high traffic on weekdays for landscaping. So far, this pattern has remained consistent amid the pandemic, she said.

Garden centers must try to spread out customers, who would typically visit on a weekend or during a major holiday, more evenly across the week by encouraging them to come at other times to help manage social distancing, Summers said.

Despite the challenges many small businesses are facing amid the pandemic, Fertile is in a financially stable position. The couple didn't need to apply for a small business loan and could rely on their equity line of credit if faced with any funding challenges, Brandstetter said.

In the first four years of running Fertile, Brandstetter saw growth in sales but in recent years sales have remained steady. Last year, Fertile had sales of about \$1 million, Brandstetter said. She expects sales to remain the same this year but emphasizes it's hard to tell when it's so early in the season, she said.

"I think the pandemic has created a desire for people to get outside," Brandstetter said. "So, I think if anything we're one of the really fortunate businesses that people are going to really embrace while they have to stay at home."

Many garden centers across the U.S. share similar optimism, Summers said. This is in contrast to the general feeling among small businesses. The National Federation of Small Businesses' optimism index has fallen 13.6 points over the course of March and April.