

Science may never come up with a better office communication system than the coffee break.

— Earl Wilson

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Local business owners stunned by coming disruptions created by Lincoln Square project

BY PETER VON BUOL

At a public June 27 meeting held at Ricochet's Tavern, 4644 N. Lincoln Ave., Josh Mark, chief of staff to Ald. Matt Martin [47th], did not dispute city taxpayers will be on the hook for about \$20 million to be paid to Chicago Parking Meters LLC, the private company which operates the city's parking meters in order for private developers The Community Builders (TCB) and Boar Development to take over the parking space business associated with 4715 N. Western Ave.

While at the same meeting, Will Woodley, TCB's regional vice-president for development, broke the bad news to the community that their plans to construct a six-story mixed use apartment building at this site will have traffic tied up in Lincoln Square for at least a year, with their shutting down a north-bound lane of Western Ave.

Attaining such information

is the value of hosting real, in-person, meetings over important community issues, where there is no "mute" button available to stifle difficult and uncomfortable

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The same questions [and more] were asked in chat boxes by this newspaper and other interested parties during several virtual-only meetings over the last three years, and no answers were ever given, nor follow up questions allowed.

During those same Zoom meetings, no details were given - or questions asked - about lane closures on Western Ave., a critical North Side transportation corridor. It's the kind of question that typically pops up during a public dialog, rather than in a Zoom monologue.

City-owned Parking Lot #70 was recently gifted by the city to TCB and Boar for them to build a 63-unit apartment building with 18 public-parking spaces. The meeting hosted by TCB and Mark (Ald. Martin was not present) was

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"LOVE HATE" by German artist Mia Florentine Weiss has been installed at the Western Ave. Brown Line plaza.

New sculpture by German Artist installed in Western Ave. Brown Line Plaza

People who travel through the Lincoln Square have a new piece of art to ponder. After an 18 month process, last Saturday the sculpture LOVE HATE by German artist Mia Florentine Weiss was installed in the Western Avenue Brown Line CTA Plaza. It will be on display through the end of September.

The installation of this piece is fitting as Lincoln Square is steeped in German American history.

At over seven feet tall and spanning approximately 16 feet in length, the steel structures will gain attention at the plaza. The sculpture is an ambigram that reads "love" from one side, and "hate" from the other side. Weiss's meticulous craftsmanship is evident in the detail, encouraging viewers to engage with the sculpture from various angles and explore the interplay between love and hate. "For us Europeans, Chicago is renowned for its varied and incredible architecture," said Weiss. "What a challenge to have my artwork integrated into this landscape. LOVE HATE is a giant message on the street that we have a choice to make each

day. We have only one life, we have only one planet, let's choose LOVE."

LOVE HATE has toured extensively throughout Europe and is now touring around the U.S. The journey of bringing it to Chicago began when Consul General Wolfgang Mössinger of the German Consulate of the Midwest approached Monica Jirak, Executive Director of the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center in Jan. 2022. Recognizing the cultural significance of the sculpture, a collaborative effort ensued, involving artists, studio staff, city officials, the local chamber of commerce, and community.

"The Lincoln Square community values its German heritage. We are incredibly lucky to have an institution like DANK Haus maintaining the neighborhood's link to Germany," said Ald. Matt Martin, [47th].

Originally showcased at the historic Brandenburg Gates in Berlin, the sculpture is intended to represent a call to action for all people to embrace empathy and harmony in the face of division and hate.

Groundbreaking held for new Sarah's on Lakeside

Thanks to a little help from friends, taxpayers and supporters, Sarah's Circle is expanding in Uptown.

Last week a groundbreaking was held for a new five-story development named Sarah's on Lakeside, that will rise at 4737 N. Sheridan Rd. Since 1979, Sarah's Circle has provided housing for homeless women on the North Side.

Sarah's Circle currently operates two other housing facilities in Uptown. The charity reports that 41% of the over 800 women they serve annually are chronically homeless, and 45% of the women are victims of domestic abuse.

The new 64-foot tall masonry building is going up on a formerly vacant lot. It will provide 28 single room occupancy units, with each unit averaging 350 square feet. The units come fully furnished including a private kitchen, and provide access to a shared laundry room.

On the ground floor will be a large multi-use space with a demonstration kitchen, offices, and restrooms, with additional space



Image of Sarah's on Lakeside, 4737 N. Sheridan Rd.

Image courtesy of Perkins + Will

for staff and case managers as well as a computer lab and outdoor terrace on the second floor. The rent will include utilities, access to common areas, and the unit with a twin bed and other basic pieces.

The project's \$16 million cost is being carried by \$4 million in taxpayer funds from the Chicago Dept. of Housing, \$3.85 million from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, \$3.1 million in funds coming from the developers now building the market-rate high-rise at 4600 N. Marine Dr.

Construction is estimated to be completed by the end of 2024.

Sarah's Circle's Daytime Support Center and offices are located at 4838 N. Sheridan Rd. The Center is open to any woman in need. Their basic services include two meals a day, computers, phones, showers, laundry, free hygiene products, and lockers.

Case managers assist women to address barriers to finding housing, implement strategies to extend their income, and find permanent housing.

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State of the State meeting July 12 in Lincoln Square

A State of the State presentation will be given 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, at 016 Restaurant, 5077 N. Lincoln Ave., sponsored by the North Center, Lakeview Roscoe Village, Uptown, Andersonville and Lincoln Square Ravenswood chambers of commerce.

Attending and speaking will be State Sen. Mike Simmons, and State Rep. Joan Huynh, and Cook County Cmsrs. Bridget Degnen and Bridget Gainer.

The \$25-\$35 entrance fees include coffee and a light breakfast. To reserve a space, visit www.lincolnsquare.org or write to jackie@northcenterchamber.com.

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Chasing away the cold damp of a ludicrous summer climate



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Well, I'll admit it. I watch a lot of wacky TV/YouTube.

Not always wacky, but enormously curious. I get a thought in my noggin and then go on the ram-page researching the topic. Usually getting more than I bargained for.

Recently I've been working on a project on living presidential children. And I was checking out the Johnson girls, Lyndon and Lady Bird's offspring. And in looking at them I stumbled upon Lady Bird's 2007 funeral back in 2007 in Austin, Texas.

I loved and respected Lady Bird and spent one of the grandest holidays of my life among the Johnsons and their Texas friends in Martha's Vineyard in 1996. I was, literally, surrounded on all sides by Texans. Just 10 days before the 1996 Democratic National Convention at the United Center that nominated Bill Clinton for a second term.

My new Texas friends and I rented a fabulous "Architectural Digest" house in Martha's Vineyard that was owned by Chicago Bear's boss Michael McCaskey.

Then Lady Bird Johnson, the former First Lady, herself, arrived on the island with her full gaggle of

family, including LBJ's matronly, unmarried cousins, a cook and a couple of maids. And around-the-clock Secret Service. That's 12 agents. Four every eight hours. The former First Family took up residence in the famed Guggenheim House in nearby West Chop.

Our neighbor was the delightful Mrs. Joseph H. Hirshhorn, a name encrusted in artistic generosity. She and her industrialist husband built the addition to the National Gallery in Washington D.C., and filled it with world class art. The walls of the National Gallery speak loud in thanks.

Sharing the splendor of the McCaskey house was the most darling of Texans, Liz Carpenter. Lady Bird's press secretary during her White House years. A larger than life human being who needed no introductions in the world of that era.

The moment I met her I knew we clicked.

She loved my long list of publications and my deep roots in the urban politics of the Chicago City Council. I loved the fact that Miss Carpenter was old school. Someone willing to live with the unfolding of political liabilities.

Once we had fully engaged one another we had everything we needed except good weather.

But Miss Carpenter was full of rainy day ideas. Her best being an unsophisticated day of Irish poetry. Ireland and its arts had left a dramatic imprint on her poetic soul. I agreed to host and become the star of a Liz Carpenter production once we located a local bookshop that sold us a beautiful volume of Irish verse that featured all the best of



Lady Bird Johnson

our tribe. Most assuredly Mr. W.B. Yeats, our Nobel laureate.

We also managed to pick up the makings of some homemade Irish soda bread, as well as the fixings for Irish smoked salmon.

And the perfect Irish Whiskey with which to wash it all down.

My job became easier, to merely create the appropriate Irish accents in which to present the various poets' texts.

Our nextdoor neighbor, the celebrated composer and award-winning entertainer, Carole King, agreed to add a few selections from her Irish repertoire that we knew would create an unbeatable day. She would make the piano sing, chasing away any bad weather that got in our way. I remarked that if any of the local Boston Irish realized what we were planning, they would eat us out of house and home. I had my fingers crossed that the heavy rains would remain.

We got things started with a fireplace of burning wood that chased away the cold damp of a ludicrous summer climate change. We had invited my buddy John Kennedy Jr. who was on island diligently working on his George Magazine. He wound up unable to get away for the poetry, relieving me of the fear my acting debut would be splashed in the arts column of his celebrated publication. He promised to come for dinner.

In the end, despite the lashes of a downpour, it all came off without a hitch. Lady Bird herself arrived in her van with her four-member Secret Service detail and proclaimed

the soda bread was as perfect as the buttery poetry. It elicited great

shared stories of life at Lismore Castle and a heavenly Waterford visit arranged by the dearest Guinness friends the year before.

I love giving new listeners the words of W.B. Yeats. First, by teasing them with the epic elegance of Irish verse created in English. "Song of Wandering Angus" always seems to do the trick. Poignant observations of Irish life made palatable by the elegance of its matter of fact truth.

Then there was the almost boastful quietude of "Lake Isle of Innisfree," that was so dangerously loaded with dynamic certitude. Providing an easy but dangerous reflection of what might be wrong with conditions in Ireland at that time.

Later in the presentation we engaged all with the brutal lyrical beauty of Ireland's political life. In such works as "1916" and "Sixteen Dead Men." Offering no excuse and no way out of the crisis of life that haunted every particle of Irish living.

This was a rainy afternoon that

wound up confronting the shambles of Irish life, offering no comfortable solution to the terror everyone had to face. Of course not quite what the rainy day people thought they would get on which to rest their heads.

I was intrigued by the emotion that the poetic words of the Irish created, even half a century after rebellion and all the political intrigue.

I was so glad it turned out not to be the usual antiseptic, and predictable, gibberish. In Ireland, they all learned, on a rainy day, you could never be too sure when some truth would jump off the page to terrify all who listened.

Needless to say the poetic words were a force that was not easy to

flee. I'm sure the Secret Service were scratching their heads as they drove Lady Bird and her detail back home for their mid-day nap.

I, of course, was never prouder of being Irish surrounded by such world class words.

I was happy to use them to poke away at what appeared to some folk to be the false calm and quiet of Irish life. We were unearthing

truth on a rainy day that no one more than Lady Bird, herself, knew was always an unsettled issue.

"I will arise now, and go to Innisfree, and a small cabin build here of clay and wattles made."

RISK AND TRUTH: James Crown, 70, was a man of his times. A recipient of great entitlement only

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Liz Carpenter



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Alarm over rising CPS budget deficits, falling bond ratings

Chicago Public Schools have a looming fiscal cliff on the horizon after the Chicago Board of Education approved a fiscal 2024 budget June 28, balanced with the help of the maximum property tax hike allowed under state law.

The Chicago Board of Education signed off on the \$9.4 billion 2024 budget package for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It includes an \$8.5 billion operating budget, \$785 million for debt service, and \$155 million in capital spending.

The vote followed warnings from district officials and board members about a \$600 million to \$700 million budget gap expected in fiscal 2026 after all of the district's

\$2.8 billion of federal pandemic bailout cash runs out, threatening the district's progress toward restoring its investment-grade bond ratings.

The CPS says it will use \$670 million of remaining pandemic bail out cash in fiscal 2024 leaving \$300 million for fiscal 2025.

Mayor Brandon Johnson who formerly worked for CPS, campaigned on moving school funding away from being based on its tumbling enrollment, a shift officials claim is underway. Roughly 80,000 fewer students are enrolled in Chicago schools than there were a decade ago. The district has not yet released enrollment projections for next year.

But the overall budget could grow later this year after the district does a comprehensive facilities review and puts forward a supplemental capital budget.

District officials and school board members said Wednesday they hope the state will provide CPS with additional funding in the future to avoid a fiscal cliff once the federal bailout cash runs out next year. But asking the state for more taxpayer money has gone on for decades, with poor results.

"If it hadn't been for the federal dollars, that began to arrive, we'd be in even worse shape than we are," said Chicago Public Schools CEO Pedro Martinez, who also announced his plans to retire last week. He

said that roughly a quarter of the district's state funding goes toward paying down debt for both teacher pensions and past school construction.

Last week the Chicago Civic Federation raised concerns about the long term viability of the CPS budget. The group's annual analysis said it's imperative the CPS work with the City on a long-term financial plan that addresses several of the financial entanglements between the two before the school board begins its shift to being an elected Board, rather than appointed by the Mayor's Office.

Did you check the 'Mob Box?'

CTA-fueled crowd descends on Lakeview, calls failure of top-down command a 'close working relationship'

BY CWBCHICAGO

City officials circled the wagons after hundreds of people descended on Lakeview on June 26 and 27, closing Belmont Ave. for hours after the CTA rejected Chicago police requests to have trains bypass the nearby Belmont L station until the situation was under control.

An officer involved in the police response called the city's actions a "typical top-down command failure."

Chicago police commanders anticipated a crowd might form on June 26, the day after the Pride Parade, because the same thing happened last year. Extra CPD resources were assigned to the area near the CTA station, 945 W. Belmont, as a precaution.

But when those units noticed trouble brewing, the CTA refused to cut off the supply of partiers by temporarily bypassing the station.

In a collection of audio snippets from CPD radio transmissions between 9:08 p.m. and 9:33 p.m. June 26, a CPD sergeant asks a dispatcher to have the station bypassed at 9:08 p.m.

After some back-and-forth, the sergeant got CTA's answer 25 minutes later: No.

"Ya got [a sergeant] saying, 'Here's what we need,' and ya got a guy in a room somewhere saying, 'Ah, f*ck that guy. We know better,'" an officer said June 27.

CWBChicago was the first to report the CTA's refusal.

Freshman Ald. Bennet Lawson [44th] called the takeover, which lasted until 3 a.m. Tuesday, "absolutely unacceptable."

In an email to his constituents, Lawson thanked the CPD and said he would meet with the Town Hall 19th District leadership to "identify ways we can prevent them from occurring moving forward."

Later, speaking with ABC7 News, he mentioned the CTA issue.

"I have to talk to the CTA. They need to be a partner in our success, and in our safety, and they are. But understanding people need to move through the city, but when it's appropriate to close the Belmont station, we should be able to do that," Lawson said.

Dominic Rescigno, who performed at the Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont, on June 26, is looking at a \$15,000 auto re-

pair bill.

"I could see that people were jumping on cars. I couldn't see my car, but I knew,"

Dominic Rescigno says he and his partner are on the hook for repair bills because their insurance company said, "you don't have the package that covers mob insurance," ... I thought (it was a joke). I didn't realize I needed to check the 'mob' box."

he told NBC Chicago. "This morning, we walked down at 6:30 a.m., and it was totally destroyed."

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On June 27, CPD and CTA both released written statements, respectively claiming that they "work closely with our City partners" and to having "a very close working

relationship" with other agencies.

CTA said it has "protocols in place to address possible station closures, which are designed to ensure a balance between public safety and providing service to CTA customers."

Police arrested two people during Monday's "mob," one adult and a juvenile. That followed a CPD estimate of 25 arrests during the June 25 Pride Parade and its after-party.

Two of Sunday's arrestees appeared for felony bond hearings on June 27.

Jhasalin Burkhalter, 25, was held in lieu of a \$1,000 bail deposit on allegations that she punched a Chicago police officer in the face as the cop tried to clear people out of the street near Belmont and Sheffield around 8:21 p.m. Sunday.

Shawna Shaw, 24, is also charged with aggravated battery of a police officer. Prosecutors said she "became verbally abusive" toward cops arresting someone a few steps from where Burkhalter was taken into custody.

Shaw pushed an officer in the chest and punched them twice in the face, Assistant State's Attorney Victor Aberdeen said during her bail hearing.

Judge William Fahy also held her in lieu of a \$1,000 bail deposit.

Select streets now open following car race

As of Sunday evening, select streets have begun reopening following the NASCAR Chicago Street Race.

Commuters should have been able to access both on Northbound Lake Shore Dr. and Southbound Michigan Ave. On July 4, Southbound Lake Shore Dr. and Roosevelt Rd. were reopening.

All demobilization and opening activity should be concluded by Saturday, July 15.

Unfortunately that also means that downtown-area carjackings are back on.



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Bike the North Branch returns on July 29

The North River Commission is hosting a bike tour of the North Branch 10 a.m. to noon July 29. The leisurely 5.6-mile bike ride will start at the Indian restaurant Thattu, 2601 W. Fletcher St., on the southwest corner of Rockwell St. and Fletcher St., and includes stops at several local businesses.

The tour will cross the North Branch of the Chicago River via the new Riverview Bridge, the longest pedestrian and bike bridge in the city. This tour is a good way for those who may not have ventured west along the Chicago River, west of Ashland, to get a behind-the-scenes look at businesses along the North Branch.

Other destinations include An-

chor Babt Vintage and Vintage Grindhouse. During the tour, business owners will share their stories and future plans.

The ride will end at Hyun's Hapkido and Taekwondo School, 2743 N. Western Ave., and Boulevard Bistro, 2753 N. Western Ave., for lunch.

The bike ride will use the 312 RiverRun Trail, and Kedzie and Elston avenues bike lanes, and is designed for people of all ages and abilities.

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Broadway Armory targeted as migrant shelter, decision on refugee housing due later this month

Fears and concerns expressed by Uptown and Edgewater residents over the last month about the potential loss of park space at the Broadway Armory now appear to be legitimate after a memo leaked out of City Hall last week.

The memo was related to a June 21 meeting hosted by Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], Chairman of City Council's Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee.

Chicago continues to grapple with a new refugee crisis that our own former virtue signaling may have helped to create. In declaring - and boasting about - Chicago as a sanctuary city, citizens and city officials are now being tested to see if those statements were authentic or just bluster.

That memo shows that city officials are now taking steps to open up to five new migrant shelters with a combined capacity of nearly 2,500 - including the Chicago Park District's [CPD] Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, to house a still-growing surge of asylum-seekers who illegally crossed America's southern border.

The memo claims that Mayor Brandon Johnson hopes to open a welcoming center at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School, 1147 N. Western Ave., and a large new migrant refugee center at the former Marine Corps Reserve Center at 3034 W. Foster Ave., that would house 1,000 refugees.

The potential new shelter sites were identified in the memo distributed in advance of the June 28 committee meeting. The memo notes that each facility's status is described as "awaiting appraisal and environmental assessment."

Migrants have already been housed in many shelter locations across the city, including in the lobbies of Police stations, CPD field houses, a downtown hotel, shuttered schools, a shuttered West Rogers Park YMCA, and at Daley College on the South Side.

Located along Broadway at Thorndale Ave., the Broadway Armory Park totals 2.33 acres



An aerial photograph of the Broadway Armory Park.

and is the CPD's largest indoor recreational facility. Officially purchased in 1998 after being no longer needed by the National Guard for military purposes, the massive, 87-year-old park facility today houses five gymnasiums and 13 rooms.

The Armory's open space makes it ideal for special sporting events, and outside organizations and families use the park regularly for their own permitted events and parties.

Presently, the largest existing city-operated migrant shelter is at the Inn of Chicago, 162 E. Ohio St., with 1,398 migrants living there.

In Edgewater, freshman Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] was handed a difficult task in her first month on the job, dealing with city and CPD officials over a humanitarian crisis that's now knocking on her ward's front door.

Manaa-Hoppenworth told Fran Spielman of the Sun-Times that the armory has "a senior program, it has a youth program. It has small businesses running out of there. A theater has a ... trapeze school there. People rely on it for their livelihoods ... Our older adults come there Monday through Friday to probably get the only hot meal that they can get throughout the day ... People utilize the building as a resource - as part of their lives. It's where students from our public schools

go to after school to find a safe place to play sports."

She is now asking for "everybody in the 48th Ward to come together so that we can talk about it. So that we can hear their concerns. Especially those who actually use the facility, that depend on the facility."

Manaa-Hoppenworth claims that no final decision on the fate of the large facility has yet been made - or would be made - until the community weighs in later this month.

City officials estimate that about 10,500 migrants are already here in town with many more on the way. They estimate that roughly 460 migrant refugees are now sleeping on the floors of various police district stations, with about 60 living at O'Hare Airport.

The overwhelming number of new arrivals have come to Chicago from Venezuela, a formerly wealthy nation whose economy crashed due to misguided Marxist-Socialist economic policies. It's ironic that many of those same policies that destroyed the Venezuelan economy are endorsed by Ald. Vasquez, who must now deal with refugees forced to flee their homeland due to a crisis Marxism created. Migrants are also crossing America's southern border from Afghanistan, China, Africa, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Honduras, Mexico, Angola, El Salvador, Russia, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

"My concern is, there's a hard deadline for the new arrivals to find a place to sleep other than the police stations," Manaa-Hoppenworth told the Sun-Times. "There is an urgency surrounded by that date. I had no part in that decision. But there are a lot of things that are happening that are beyond our control. We need to find ways where people can exist together. And that's always hard - especially since the Broadway Armory is not an empty building. It's a building that's well-utilized. Some people have quoted 800 people. Some people have quoted over 2,000 people."

The leaked memo also says that the city policy of giving new arrivals only 30 days at a shelter before demanding they find a job and get their own housing has been put on pause.

Meanwhile, while citizens have claimed they are being turned away from making donations at Chicago's migrant shelters, the memo states that this policy is a matter of liability and establishing standards for donated items.

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[Left] Car racing at Soldier Field, [right] the Jane Byrne Interchange at Spaghetti-Bowl Junction.

How about NASCAR 2024 at I-90/94/290 Spaghetti-Bowl Junction?



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With Canadian wild-fire haze hanging over the Windy City—giving Chicago the title of “The Worst Air in the World”—followed by those mighty rain showers, we knew that the NASCAR Street Race was anointed.

As 20 million acres of forests burned in 500 separate wild fires and the smoke wafted to Chicago, followed by the rain, it obviously was a bad omen from the gods. One race was cancelled and the second race shortened by 25 laps.

On Friday June 30, a worker death was reported as they set up 2,200 four-foot-high concrete crowd-protection barriers topped with eight-foot-tall wire fencing. Then, they added 9,000 bundled-tire walls on the 90-degree turns on the 2.2-mile course. (Those tire walls came in handy on the rain-slicked roads.)

During this construction activity a 53-year-old contractor suffered a fatal medical emergency. Sources said the man, Duane Tabinski of Hermitage, TN, died from a suspected cardiac arrest.

For months, this writer had an eerie feeling that the two-day NASCAR event would be cursed. Luckily, this year, a NASCAR racer didn’t crash in flames into Buckingham Fountain. But do pray for Mr. Tabinski’s soul and his loved ones.

On NASCAR weekend, inclement weather arrived and race cars were equipped with special rain tires, windshield wipers and red blinking hazard tail lights. Professional race-car drivers worry about weather shutting down races. This time one race was canceled and the other shortened by 25 laps.

NASCAR may have drawn 50,000 to 100,000 fans, generated an economic impact of \$114 million, boosted hotel business, provided hours of national TV coverage to polish Chicago’s image as a gleaming lakefront tourist destination.

However, a few days after the NASCAR event ended, the haze, race-car engine fumes and screeching tires may be gone, but the chaos of its impact on downtown traffic, Loop residents, many small businesses and our cherished 16-inch Grant Park softball leagues will linger for months, maybe years.

Yes, events on our lakefront look good on TV, but is the disruption and loss of park space worth it? That question is why it is time for the Home Front column

to list the following suggestions for 2024 NASCAR Road Race’s optional sites:

Yes, events on our lakefront look good on TV, but is the disruption and loss of park space worth it?

- U.S. Steel’s 415-acre “South Works” site likely would be the perfect spot to build a lasting NASCAR Chicago Road Race course, either circular or street style. The lakefront site is vacant. And, heaven knows, the neighborhood could use some commercial investment.

Last marketed in 2020 as 8080 Lakeshore Drive, this Far South Side lakefront location has been called a “magnificent property.” It was one of the five locations

considered for the Chicago casino. The site has been vacant since 1992, when U.S. Steel shut the plant and demolished the buildings.

In 2016, McCaffery Interests abandoned plans for a master-planned community with 13,000 homes, 17.5 million square feet of commercial space and a 1,500-slip marina. U.S. Steel pulled out when it was not able to finance the project.

In 2019, “Common,” the famed South Side-born rapper, partnered with other developers, drew plans to bring hotels, entertainment venues and a movie studio to the site, but COVID-19 killed the deal.

- Soldier Field would be a great second choice for NASCAR’s 2024 race. Little construction would be required to set up an oval or even a figure-eight track.

We might even give up part of northbound Lake Shore Dr. For a speedy straightaway and spectacular final home stretch finish line adjacent to Buckingham Fountain.

Seats and skyboxes are already in place for 60,000 spectators. Just install an asphalt track and pit-stop area.

The original Soldier Field stadium hosted a few NASCAR events on a track created around the playing field in 1939 and the late 1950s.

In 1956, the race course had a half-mile track for a 200-lap race and hosted a “Cup” series. It was better and safer than racing in the streets.

- The Jane Byrne Interchange at the spaghetti-bowl junction of the

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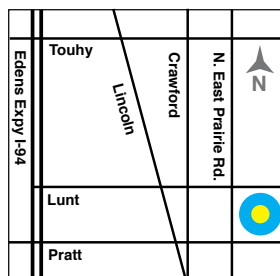


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Police Beat...

Bulletproof glass stops robber's gunshot at Rogers Park gas station

Armed robbers fired a shot at a Rogers Park service station employee on June 26, but a ballistic shield stopped the bullet in its tracks. The same offenders are suspected of robbing a restaurant in the neighborhood less than an hour later. No injuries were reported at either location.

Three men walked into Devon Shell, 1500 W. Devon, around 11 p.m. and tried to get into the cashier's secure area to rob the clerk, an officer said. But the room was securely locked, and they could not get in.

Before leaving, one of the men pulled out a gun and fired a shot into the bulletproof barrier that protects the clerk. Cops recovered a shell casing at the scene.

After reviewing surveillance video, an officer radioed descriptions of three suspects, all Hispanic men in their late teens who were 5'-8" to 5'-11" tall. The gunman wore a black "Champion" sweatshirt with black pants with a white bone design down the legs, mismatched flip-flops, and a surgical mask.

Another wore a black hoodie with gray pants and black Air Force 1s. He carried a white plastic bag from Corner Bakery. The third wore a blue hoodie with a Nike symbol and gray pants.

Just before midnight, at least two of the men successfully robbed Wingstop, 7003 N. Clark. One of them pulled a gun, and they took the store's cash register trays, according to a CPD report.

While citywide robbery reports sit at a five-year high, up 14% from last year, incidents in the Rogers Park 24th District are down sharply.

The district recorded 98 robberies through Sunday, down 27% from last year. Robberies are down 5% from 2019 in the area.

Teen shot in Uptown Sunday night

A 17-year-old boy was shot in Uptown on Sunday night, Chicago police said. He's the second person shot on the same block in a month.

Cops responding to calls of shots fired in the area around 10:08 p.m. found the boy in the 4400 block of N. Malden. He had a single gunshot wound to his chest.

Officers found shell casings up and down the Sunnyside Mall after two men opened fire on the victim. CPD said the gunmen fled on foot, but officials did not release suspect descriptions.

The victim is at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition.

Police responded to shots fired in the same area around 6 p.m. on Saturday, but no injuries were reported. Cops found shell casings at the intersection of Wilson and Magnolia and bullet holes in a nearby store. After firing the shots, the gunman fled through an alley on the 4500 block of N. Malden.

Last month a 24-year-old man was shot when he went to the 4400 block of N. Malden to buy a car from a social media marketplace. Police said someone tried to rob him when he showed up.

Six people have been shot in Uptown this year. That's down from nine at this point last year.

On May 23, a 22-year-old man was shot in the leg and shoulder as he walked down the 4500 block of N. Magnolia. An officer who reviewed surveillance footage said the gunman fired from a white SUV and fell out of the moving vehicle as he was shooting, but no arrests have been announced.

A 15-year-old boy was shot in a drive-by in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence on March 1. Someone inside the SUV called the victim by name, then began shooting, according to CPD.

On January 19, a 33-year-old man was shot at a bus stop in the 5100 block of N. Broadway. Police said another man walked up to the victim and shot him in the leg, but they did not provide a motive for the crime.

A group of car thieves shot a man who confronted them as they broke into a car in the 1200 block of W. Montrose on Jan. 4, Chicago police said. The 42-year-old victim was riding a bike when he saw a man breaking into a car and confronted him about it, according to CPD. The offender pulled out a weapon and shot the victim in the elbow.

Five months after moving to Chicago, man charged with four armed robberies, carjacking

Jorge Gonzales has only lived in Chicago for five months, but he's really getting into the swing of things. On June 28, prosecutors charged him with committing an armed carjacking and four armed robberies in less than an hour on June 26.

Gonzales and a man who remains at large rode bikes from one robbery to another in the Loop, with the accomplice displaying a silver revolver each time, according to Assistant State's Attorney Victor Aberdeen.

They allegedly started by taking about \$60 from a 27-year-old man in the 600 block of S. State St. around 5:17 a.m.

Just a couple of minutes later, the accomplice fell off his bike in the 600 block of S. Plymouth Ct., and a 52-year-old woman came over to ask if he was OK. They robbed her, Aberdeen said. With the accomplice aiming his revolver at her, the woman replied that she didn't have anything and then ran away.

The third robbery fizzled, too. Aberdeen said Gonzales and the accomplice pedaled up to a 36-year-old man near Madison and Michigan around 5:35 a.m. Once again, the accomplice pointed a gun at the victim and demanded his money. But the victim didn't have anything, and he turned his pockets inside out to prove it, Aberdeen said.

A little before 6 a.m., the duo saw a 31-year-old man walking his dog in the 1100 block of S. Michigan. They stopped, and the accomplice pulled out his revolver, demanding the man's property and threatening to kill him and his dog, Aberdeen alleged.

Gonzales and his partner ordered the man to take them to his car, but he told them it was locked behind a gate in the garage. So Gonzales took the

Twenty-five arrested during Chicago Pride Parade festivities

Chicago police say they arrested 25 people in connection with the 2023 Pride Parade and its unofficial "after-party," which stretched into the overnight hours on June 26. That number is in line with other recent parade totals.

A Chicago police spokesperson said four juveniles were among those arrested: one for aggravated battery to a police officer, two for resisting arrest, and one for reckless conduct.

Cops arrested three adults for aggravated battery to a peace officer, a felony.

Seven adults were arrested for reckless conduct, six for misdemeanor battery, two for criminal damage to property, and one was taken in on a warrant, according to the CPD spokesperson.

Two adults were charged with unlawful use of a weapon.

One of the people charged with illegal gun possession is William Bond, 29, a concealed carry license holder. Prosecutors said cops on foot patrol near the intersection of Halsted and Aldine saw the handle of a firearm sticking out of Bond's pants pocket around 9:40 p.m. June 25.

The weapon was unholstered, loaded, and "immediately accessible to the defendant and the rest of the public," Assistant State's Attorney Jim Papa said during Bond's bail hearing. He's charged with a misdemeanor violation of the concealed carry act. Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered him to pay a \$50 bail deposit.

Also appearing in misdemeanor bond court was Ahmari Baldwin, 21. Papa said she threw a glass bottle that shattered near officers who were trying to disperse a "large and unruly crowd" near Belmont and Sheffield around 2:30 a.m. June 26. No injuries were reported. She is held in lieu of a \$100 bail deposit on a charge of reckless conduct. Judge McCarthy also held her on two outstanding warrants.

The large group takeover resulted in at least two arrests as Chicago police corralled the crowd near the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview into the morning of June 27.

Belmont Ave. was shut down for several hours as people danced on cars and blocked the road. At one point, a Chicago police supervisor estimated that 300 people were in the crowd.

Cops seemed to be expecting the gathering as police supervisors assigned extra units to keep an eye on the area. But the situation quickly escalated, and other city departments seemed unwilling or unable to help police manage the situation.

A 16-year-old boy and 21-year-old Dominique Ray were also charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct in connection with the same incident. Ray bonded out of the police station without making a court appearance.

Video shared on the Citizen app showed police making at least one arrest after someone unleashed pepper spray during a fight in the 800 block

of W. Belmont.

Other videos posted to the app showed people twerking on moving cars, a tow truck, and in front of an ambulance that had its lights and sirens activated.

By 9:15 p.m. June 26, an officer said about 100 people were in the street under the L tracks. About 15 minutes later, a police dispatcher reported that the CTA refused to have trains bypass the Belmont station.

Another police request was denied around 9:45 p.m. when a supervisor requested that the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation deliver barricades to keep people out of the street.

Streets and San denied the request, saying barricades needed to be "special ordered" through a police commander to a street "commissioner or whoever," a dispatcher reported.

The group popped up one night after the Chicago Pride Parade, much like a similar gathering formed on the night after last year's parade.

Additional police units from surrounding districts were brought to the scene as the crowd swelled to 300 people around 10 p.m. Surveillance camera operators radioed that the group was fueled by the CTA, which delivered more parties with every train.

Belmont Ave. remained closed down to traffic until about 3 a.m.

victim's gold chain and biked away with the gunman, Aberdeen said.

Possibly sick of bicycling, the pair rolled up on a 22-year-old man sitting in a car in an alley behind the 1100 block of S. Wabash. They knocked on the man's window, and the accomplice ordered him out of the vehicle at gunpoint, said Aberdeen. With Gonzales allegedly behind the wheel, they drove off with the man's gray Honda.

Chicago police officers spotted the car around 11:30 a.m. near Chicago Ave. and the Kennedy Expy. Gonzales was behind the wheel when they pulled it over, Aberdeen alleged. No one else was in the car, but Gonzales had the fourth victim's gold chain, and he was wearing the same clothes that one of the robbers was seen wearing on surveillance videos, according to Aberdeen.

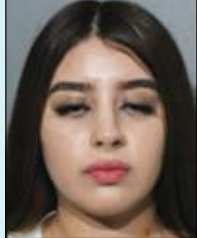
Gonzales' defense attorney during Tuesday's bail hearing said he is a native of Colombia who has lived here with his family for about five months.

Judge William Fahy set bail at \$250,000. Gonzales can go home on electronic monitoring by posting 10% of the bail amount.

He is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, and two counts of attempted armed robbery with a firearm.

Offenders charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking

Heidi Ramirez Reyes, 20, has been charged with one felony count of vehicular hijacking



Heidi Ramirez Reyes

aggravated battery, while her accomplice Omar Pasquier, 21, of the 2200 block of N. Kildare Ave., has been charged with felony count - vehicular hijacking aggravated firearm after they were arrested 2:12 a.m. June 27, in the 400 block of E. Ohio.

They two were identified as the offenders who, less than two hours earlier, took a vehicle by force at gunpoint

from a 20-year-old male in the 2200 block of S. Kedzie. Officers later located the offenders inside the victim's vehicle, which crashed in the 400 block of E. Ohio. The offenders were then taken into custody and charged accordingly.



Omar Pasquier

Charges filed in apparently random West Ridge murder on restaurant rooftop

Prosecutors on July 1 accused a man of murdering a heating and cooling contractor on the roof of a West Rogers Park restaurant in May. The baffling, apparently random attack was part of an hours-long string of crimes and bizarre behavior by 33-year-old Brandon Sanders, officials said.

Brandon Sanders

Rasim Katanic, 69, was working on a cooler compressor on the roof of Tahoor restaurant, 2345 W. Devon, when someone attacked him at 4:25 p.m. May 12, officials said. The Cook County medical examiner's office determined that he died from injuries suffered in an assault, including multiple stab wounds.

During Sanders' bail hearing on Saturday, prosecutor Kathryn Morrissey detailed Sanders' movements before and after the murder, citing eyewitness accounts and extensive video records.

About two hours before the murder, Sanders entered Hanmi Bank, 6335 N. Western, which is directly behind the eventual crime scene, Morrissey said. Bank employees asked him to leave because he was acting erratically. Instead, he called the FBI's national threat center, gave his name, birthdate, and phone number, and claimed a plot was afoot to overthrow the U.S. government. He left before the police arrived.

A few minutes later, he walked through a shoe store adjacent to

Tahoor and exited the back door into a courtyard area, Morrissey said. The shoe store employee locked the back door, leaving Sanders outside.

Morrissey said the only way out of the courtyard was through the stairwell of an adjacent mixed-use building. Two Loyola students who live there returned from graduation on May 12 to find their apartment burglarized, she said. A skylight had been removed.

The students told police that someone had shaved in their bathroom and discarded some clothing and a Hanmi Bank flyer. The burglar also stole some of their clothes, left a pair of boots in the oven, and dropped Katanic's wallet on their computer table. Morrissey said investigators found a discarded water bottle in the apartment that preliminarily tested positive for Sanders' DNA.

Video showed Sanders leaving the building about 90 minutes after the murder wearing the Loyola students' clothing with Katanic's keys hanging from his waist, Morrissey continued.

Sanders proceeded to a nearby furniture store where he used to work. He told a manager there that the store did not have to pay rent anymore because their landlord was "dead on the roof" and he "took care of it," Morrissey said. Two store employees agreed to drive Sanders home, but they kicked him out of the car in the 6400 block of N. California because he was acting erratically. Police found Katanic's wallet, phone, and keys on that block.

Late that night, allegedly wearing the Loyola students' clothing, Sanders flagged down an Evanston police officer and asked to be taken to a hospital.

Investigators arrested Sanders on June 29. He's charged with first-degree murder, murder during the commission of a forcible felony, armed robbery, and residential burglary. Judge Ankur Srivastava held him without bail.

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Two charged after feds seize fentanyl, cocaine worth \$1.56 million on North Side

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two men face felony charges after prosecutors accused them of possessing more than four pounds of fentanyl on the North Side. And one of them is also charged with possessing 27½ pounds of cocaine.

The men walked out of a home that Drug Enforcement Administration agents had under surveillance in the 4700 block of N. Kennicott on June 27, Assistant State's Attorney John Kyle said.

Agents saw Noe Cabrera-Hernandez hand a large box to Enrique Garcia-Alvarez, Kyle said. Garcia-Alvarez put the box in his vehicle and drove to the 3900 block of W. Lawrence. The feds approached him there and asked what he was up to.

He told the agents that he had a box in his vehicle that he thought might contain drugs, Kyle alleged. His hunch was apparently correct. Kyle said agents found 2,000 grams of fentanyl worth \$311,100 inside the box. He said they also found a loaded ghost gun with an extended magazine inside a backpack that was inside the vehicle.

Back at the house, agents stopped Cabrera-Hernandez as he walked out of the home with a bag containing a kilo of cocaine, Kyle alleged. He said agents searched the house with Cabrera-Hernandez's permission and found another 12,500 grams of cocaine.

Altogether, the cocaine had a street value of \$1,562,500, according to Kyle.

Their attorney said both men are 33 and



Mugshots of Noe Cabrera-Hernandez (left) and Enrique Garcia-Alvarez.

work as restaurant cooks, and only Cabrera-Hernandez has any criminal background. He's on probation for DUI and had an earlier DUI in 2015.

Judge William Fahy set bail for Cabrera-Hernandez at \$500,000 cash on charges of manufacture-delivery of fentanyl and possession of cocaine.

Garcia-Alvarez is charged with armed violence, manufacture-delivery of fentanyl, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. Armed violence is a state charge that essentially means someone is accused of possessing a firearm and narcotics at the same time.

Fahy set Garcia-Alvarez's bail at \$200,000 cash.

Cash bail amounts must be posted in full, unlike the more common deposit bond, which requires a 10% deposit.

DePaul student among four victims in Lincoln Park robbery, carjacking spree

BY CWBCHICAGO

Another wave of robberies and carjackings rolled through Lincoln Park June 29, repeating a pattern that first emerged several weeks ago. And once again, a DePaul Univ. student is among the victims. Chicago police have announced no arrests in the growing crime pattern.

The crime spree began around 12:10 a.m. when a woman was driving in the 600 block of W. Belden, and a dark SUV passed her to block her path, according to a CPD spokesperson.

A gunman exited the SUV and confronted the woman. After robbing her of her belongings, he drove away with her car, police said.

Another woman was robbed around 12:35 a.m. in the 1000 block of W. Armitage, according to preliminary information.

Then, at 12:43 a.m., two vehicles pulled up next to a man sitting in his car in the 1400 block of W. Fullerton. He said two men got out of each vehicle and displayed a firearm.

The group "began to damage the victim's vehicle from the outside," a CPD spokes-

person said, and a fight broke out when the victim's friend showed up to help him.

An officer at the scene said the men broke out all of the victim's car windows but didn't get anything from him.

They fled in one of the vehicles they drove to the scene, leaving behind a Nissan Rogue that had been carjacked from the 300 block of W. 24th St. The Rogue may have also been used in the robbery on Belden.

Moments later, a DePaul student was robbed in the 900 block of W. Webster. She was walking when a man demanded her property while armed with a weapon. She said she thinks the weapon may have been a Tazer because she heard a crackling noise, the school's public safety office said in an email to the DePaul community.

At least two more robberies may have occurred June 28. One victim was robbed by three masked men near the intersection of Barry and Leavitt in Lakeview.

At 10:11 p.m., a man called 911 after being robbed at gunpoint by a man near LaSalle and Chestnut on the Near North Side. But dispatchers did not assign the call until 10:48 p.m., and officers said they

could not find a victim when they arrived.

The Lincoln Park robbery pattern has been growing, despite repeated assurances from CPD leaders and Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] that the city would be on top of the issue.

Five people were robbed in the area June 22, including a 76-year-old man and a 55-year-old woman who were standing outside when two robbers walked up and said they had a gun around 11:30 p.m. They demanded the victims' property but ran away after the man swung his briefcase at them, a CPD spokesperson said.

About five minutes later, a man and woman were robbed in the 400 block of W. Grant. They told police they were walking when two male robbers confronted them and implied they had a firearm, police said. The victims handed over their property to the offenders, who ran eastbound.

Three people were robbed in the neighborhood on June 12: A 19-year-old DePaul student was walking in the 2200 block of N. Lincoln when a robber came up behind him around 4:30 p.m., according to CPD. He told police that the robber implied that he had a gun and demanded his property,

which the victim turned over.

A 26-year-old woman told police she was robbed while walking in the 600 block of W. Armitage around 4:23 p.m., and a 30-year-old woman was targeted in the 2200 block of N. Geneva Terrace around 4:32 p.m., according to police.

Nearly four weeks ago, Ald. Knudsen reassured his constituents in an email that the city had everything well in hand.

"Our police are sending additional patrol vehicles and tactical missions to the area," the freshman alder wrote. "We will continue to advocate for strategies including consistent police presence in the 43rd Ward and a robust community policing approach."

But this reporter learned that much of Knudsen's ward sometimes went without any active beat cars. Knudsen again promised residents that police were beefing up patrols. We reported on June 21 that the area again went without any beat cars on the night that five people were shot outside Lincoln Park Zoo.

NASCAR from p. 5

Dan Ryan, Kennedy and Eisenhower expressways (Interstate-90/Interstate 94 and Interstate-290) would be an exciting site for NASCAR 2024. Imagine race cars flying around those cloverleaves at 130 miles an hour! There is nothing like that in racing today.

The "NASCAR Flyover" course could be set up to run two miles west to Ashland Ave., then loop back to downtown. Of course, temporary bleachers and skyboxes would have to be set up on the south and north sides of the Eisenhower, and choice

seating could be provided on the CTA platforms in the middle.

Sight lines would be sensational because the expressway is sunken in a valley. The Byrne Interchange would only have to be closed for a few hours on race day.

When the inevitable crashes happen, the injured could be whisked for treatment to Rush University Hospital, only a hub-cap's throw from the race course.

In 2004, the interchange was rated as the nation's third-worst traffic bottleneck. That led to an \$800-million reconfiguration that was begun in 2013 and completed in 2022.

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation

expects a 50% reduction in traffic delays as a result of the project's conclusion.

• If the in-city NASCAR sites don't pan out, the next suggested choice is Arlington Park Race Course in northwest suburban Arlington Heights. After all, this 326-acre horse-racing track, which recently was purchased by the Chicago Bears for \$197.2 million, really is a deeded race track.

We already have an experienced Chicago Bears QB to serve as the Grand Marshall.

Only minor rezoning and asphalt paving installation would be required to get the

engines revving on this perfect oval. Too bad the Bears received demolition permits to remove the beautiful stands.

Bears loyal season ticket holders should get reduced ticket prices for the NASCAR races.

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correctly measured for him by his lifelong commitment to lifting the burden of others. He knew by his familial commitment to the details of the Shoah, the horror of the Holocaust, that human recovery is long and empty without fresh commitment to all human life. It shaped him to be a person for others, always willing to go further to bring a survivor back. His humanity did change the world. His early departure from it pure human heartbreak. He brought such sensitivity to Chicago commerce and international diplomacy always brightening wider understanding. He knew as the Irish bards sang, "There is risk and truth to yourself and the world before you." Peace always. And forever.

TROUBLES: Yes we have troubles, right here in River City. Teens in abundance are boarding trains once more to ride North to incite felonious behavior while the CTA looks the other way. Police can do nothing when Cook County refuses to prosecute. The new missing mayor only offers excuses. A fresh summer rampage is off and running. If you have the wherewithal, hire Israeli security.

ARCHITECTURAL: Last week guests gathered at The Arts Club of Chicago for a sold out event, the Streeterville Organization of Active Resident's Blueprints Vision into Reality celebration honoring **Lucien Lagrange** for his architectural achievements and heritage. **Natalie Martinez** of NBC5 Chicago served as the emcee and **Robert Sharoff** and **Bill Zbaren**, author and photographer for the book they published about Lucien, gave a presentation on his career. The program concluded with **Michael Reschke Sr.** and SOAR President **Deborah Gershbein** presenting the award to Lagrange. **Dr. Joaquim Brieva**, **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, **Todd Hatoff**, **J. Frank Jeffery** and **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange** all there for the honoring. The atmosphere was filled with energy, love and appreciation for all that Lagrange has contributed to Chicago's iconic architecture.

SHUTTERED: The Bristol, Bucktown's farm-to-table pioneer, is now closed after 14 years... **Dos Urban Cantina** has closed after eight years in Logan Square... **Pearl's Southern Comfort**, an Ode to New Orleans in Edgewater, has closed after eight years... On Division St. at **Damen Modern Asian Kitchen** shut after 13 years and a fire, not to reopen.

BYE BYE: Chicago Board of Education President **Miguel del Valle** has left his post. Tapped as president by then-Mayor **Lori Lightfoot** in 2019, del Valle announced at last week's Board of Education meeting that it will be his last.

A TOAST: Gov. **J.B. Pritzker** signed a bill into law that will allow bars and restaurants to continue serving cocktails to-go for another five years. **Andy Deloney**, a big cheese with the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, said the pandemic-era law was a lifesaver for many businesses. The cocktails to-go movement is spreading around the country, now in 14 states. So buy more booze!

ART UNDERFOOT: Join the unique exploration of the hidden artwork along Edgewater's lakefront with **Bill Swislow** 11 a.m.



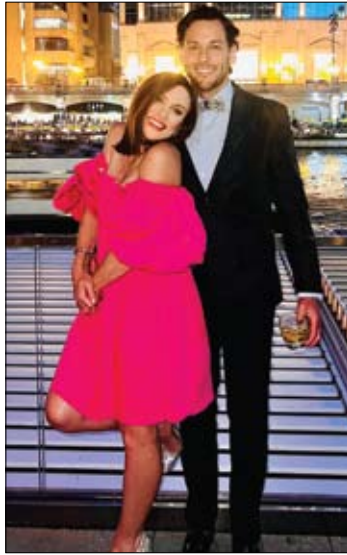
Lucien Lagrange (center) receives the Vision into Reality Award from Michael Reschke, Blueprints Honorary Chair and SOAR President Deborah Gershbein.



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July 22 in the walk along the shore. The tour begins at the foot of the pier at Kathy Osterman Beach (Hollywood Ave. Breakwater).

LYRIC REMEMBRANCE: Remembering their friend **Mary Pat Gannon** at the Lyric Opera, three of her most frequent companions of the past couple of decades, **DePaul Fr. Dennis Holtschneider**, **Mark Mroz** and **Rich Daniels** gathered to watch a wonderful production of "West Side Story," gratefully recalling the many nights she had them as her guests at this place she loved so dearly and supported so generously.

BISCOTTI FROM HEAVEN: **Debi Catenacci** has created the finest homemade Italian biscotti I have ever tasted. She recent-

ly shared some with me and knocked me over the flavor and quality. The whole story is in her book, "Divine Biscotti," that contains the whole story and many recipes for the sweet Italian treats. Lots of great photos too. Had a lunch with the author, **Susan Gohl** and **Lucia Adams** at RL, filled with superb food.

AT AUCTION: **Gustav Klimt's** 'Lady With a Fan' sets a new auction record in Europe, making \$108.4 million at Sotheby's Mini-Marathon of London sales.

CANDLE GLOW: The **Katz Family** was out in adorable force at Erie Cafe to celebrate Auntie **Rachel Katz'** 40th birthday with a Sweet Mandy B's Buttercream torte and two graceful restaurant friendly tots. Niece, **Toni**, and nephew, **Mason**, plus Mommy, **Marnie**, and Daddy Katz, aka bro **Alex**, plus Grandma **Toby Katz** looking chic and urbane in a fab straw summer hat. No lie, lovely Rachel looks 30.

WHO'S WHERE: **Nick Hahn** hand-somely presiding at the bar at elegant MartAnthony's at 1200 W. Hubbard, looking like young **Gianni Versace** pre-South Beach, the Nick's more of a Hampton's lad... Local boy **Tim Bales** after a lifetime, playing with Rich Daniels' City Lights Orchestra... Former British Consulate **Caroline Cracraft** arranging lectures at her lovely new residence, Admiral on the Lake apartments... **Nicola Diego dell'erba** in Monopoli, Italy... **Denise McGowan Tracy** doing birthday cake... **Stephanie** and **Geoffrey Emrich** viewing an actor's art work and sending good fortune to Maine East classmate of sorts, **Harrison Ford**, the star of "The Dial of Destiny"...

Ken and Mary Claire Scorsone Moll with **Charlie** celebrating 20 years... Illinois Secretary of State **Alexi Giannoulias** doing Pride walk in a downpour to the delight of the crowds... **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooney** christening the summer roof deck and their recent marriage... **Dr. Glenn** and **Mary Constable** with the Lord Mayor **Shelley Howard**... **Sherry Lea Fox** pretty in pink... Doing the White Sox game, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiner** on a social media break... **Heather Farley** and **Mamie Walton** cheered at NASCAR... Tea at the Drake for Mama **Georgia Leese** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** and family.

WEDDING OF THE SUMMER: The emotions and devotions of the summer and a lifetime unfolded at **Bethany Florek** and **Andrew Kitick's** nuptials. They uncovered beauty and truth beyond the tulle and Champagne. The social army of friends made sure all the traditions, new and old, were embraced. **Denise Tomasello**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Julia Jacobs** and **Tina Gravel** surrounded their pal with love, fashion, humor and hope. The bride was fabled in beauty, some supplied by **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** in layers.

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Lookingglass looking sad, going dark on July 16

The downtown arts scene took a hit late last week when Lookingglass Theater announced plans to lay off most of their staff and go dark once the current run of "Lucy and Charlie's Honey-moon" ends on July 16.

The ranks of the Michigan Ave. theater group will be thinned from 24 to 10 as they announced a pause in programming until sometime next spring.

The show "Sunset 1919" was set to premier at Lookingglass on Thursday, July 27, while "What to Send Up When It Goes Down" was scheduled to run from Sept. 24 to Oct. 16.

The ensemble-driven theater at 821 N. Michigan Ave. has produced live works for over 35 years, winning the 2011 Tony Award for excellence in regional theater.

Despite benefitting from a rent-free home stage in the city-owned Water Tower, the fannies are just not in the seats these days. Like many other Chicago theaters, audience attendance at Lookingglass has not recovered from the government-imposed pandemic economic shutdown.

While the formerly popular theater once had an annual budget of about \$6 million, they are now undertaking an urgent fundraising campaign hoping to raise

\$2.5 million.

"None of our recent shows have hit our box-office goals, even after we have reduced our goals," artistic director Heidi Stillman told Chris Jones of the Chicago Tribune. She told Jones that the theater's surveys revealed some audience members were reluctant to come downtown this season and that they have experienced a drop-off in subscription and single-ticket sales, as have other non-profit theaters companies across the country.

Nationwide, audiences and income are down from pre-pandemic levels by anywhere from 20% to 50%. That means a great deal of America's theatre industry's future hangs in the balance. Profitability still matters in the arts.

It's not that trend lines are all heading in the wrong direction. According to Jill Robinson, CEO and owner of TRG Arts, which collects data on performing arts organizations in the U.S. and U.K., the gap is closing. Using 2019 as a pre-pandemic benchmark, TRG data shows June 2022 theaters reporting admissions down by 51% from 2019 levels, and income down by 50%. By Dec. 2022, those numbers had shrunk to 33% and 35%, respec-

tively.

"Overall, I think 99% of us are back now only because of the federal funds that we received, the extraordinary fundraising we did, the generosity of our communities, and decisions that are a bit of a slippery slope, like additional draws from an endowment," said Jennifer Bielstein, executive director of San Francisco's American Conservatory Theater.

By and large most all of those relief funds have dried up or been been used up. Crain's Chicago reported that the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Goodman Theatre and Steppenwolf Theatre say ticket sales rebounded from 2021, but not enough to restore their financial health, as federal dollars that got them through the worst of the pandemic are drying up.

Other North Side theaters that have also gone dark, or reduced programming, including Eclipse Theatre Co., 4001 N. Ravenswood Ave., Victory Gardens Theater with two Lincoln Ave. locations in Lincoln Park, House Theatre of Chicago, 1543 W. Division St., BoHo, 7016 N. Glenwood Ave., and Underscore Theatre Company, 4609 N. Clark St.



Tickets to the Rogers Park Taco Crawl are \$20 per route, visit www.RPBA.org.

Rogers Park Taco Crawl July 20

The Rogers Park Business Alliance [RPBA] has announced the return of its Taco Crawl, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July. Fourteen restaurants along Clark St. between Devon and Touhy will offer their signature tacos to ticket buyers, rain or shine.

New this year are tequila tastings included for all ticket buyers 21 and older, as well as two taco routes to choose from, each offering seven restaurants, including options of vegetarian and desert tacos in addition to al pastor, chicken, steak, and fish.

Rogers Park is considered one of the most diverse community

in the city, and the strip of Clark St. north of Devon Ave. has a distinctly Mexican flavor to it, thanks to the Mexican food scene. Located there are many Mexican restaurants, taco stands, tamale carts and grocery stores.

Tickets are \$20 per route and are available at www.RPBA.org. The number of tickets is limited, and online registration is now live.

Each ticket warrants one signature taco or dish from each participating restaurant on their respective routes. Restaurants will stop serving at 7 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Chicago parents have homework this summer

Parents of Chicago schoolchildren have homework assignments. More accurately, the homework is for all Chicago property taxpayers and residents.

Your reward could be thousands of dollars in lower taxes and tax write-offs.

Gov. Pritzker and our lackey legislators are about to degrade your children's education by destroying your options. By taking away your choice.

They are about to let the "Invest in Kids Act" expire.

Why would they want to hurt the kids?

The "Invest in Kids Act" gives donors a tax deduction for endowing school scholarships for poor and special needs students. Those are our kids.

The governor and our legislators want to shove these poor and special needs children into failing schools.

How bad are these schools?

Over 90% of these students cannot read or do math at grade level. And we are paying dearly

for this failure. Most modern societies know that it is a cross-cultural moral imperative that an advanced society educate its children. And Chicago is broadly failing.

The State of Illinois' own education website shows that from 2017 through 2023, taxpayers funded an 85% increase in Chicago Public Schools spending, going from over \$15,000 up to over \$23,000 per student.

Did test scores go up 85%??

We all know the answer.

So here is your summer homework. Get on the horn and call our Lakefront lackey legislators and tell them to re-start the "Invest in Kids Act." It won't cost taxpayers a dime. And it will change thousands of school children's lives for the better.

So call now, statehouse operators are standing by. Be nice to the office staffers, but be tough on the lackeys.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Thank goodness

Now that the Chicago Tribune is a shell of its former self, and now that the City of Chicago no longer publishes its annual booklet of all the Millennium Park events, thank goodness for The Skyline - the only place I can find out what's happening.

P.S. Don't even try the City of Chicago website unless you've got all day.

Hallie Metzger
Gold Coast

Have something on your mind about your community?
Write a Letter To The Editor at insidepublicationschicago@gmail.com

Pricing your writing for profit

For some, pricing one's own work can feel arbitrary and out of your control. Writers have a chance to examine their work's worth 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, during the Independent Writers Of Illinois [IWOC] meeting in room 4G at the Gratz Center, 126 E. Chestnut St. / 115 E. Delaware, adjacent to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Pricing one's work appropriately is key to being able to pay bills and provide for a future. It also contributes to healthy boundaries with clients, and puts the worker at the controls of their career.

IWOC is hosting a live, hands-on workshop from Jessica Abel who will explain how to use one's own needs, strengths, and capacity to set prices that can make a writing business profitable and sustainable. (Bring your laptop

to be able to interact fully in this presentation.)

Discounted parking (after 5 p.m., with validation) is located at the 900 N. Michigan Ave. garage. Networking at 5 p.m. Main program, 6 p.m.

Members do not need to register. Non-members, pay \$10 if pre-registered at <https://www.iwoc.org/event-5086599>, \$15 at the door.



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

-v- GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS- CARDONA A/K/A GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS, SUSUKI ARELLANO GONZALEZ, THE 680 SOUTH RESIDENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 18 CH 0088 680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515 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 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 7, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-202-062-1028 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$542,005.85.

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/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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiffs Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 34197-78702. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Chicago IL, 60602 312-431-1455 E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com Attorney File No. 34197-78702 Attorney Code. 38245 Case Number: 18 CH 0088 TJS/C#: 43-2591

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO HARRIS BANK NA, Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES S. ODDO; AMY C. ODDO; RBC MORTGAGE COMPANY; WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; THE BRISTOL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 7689

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 Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-03-217-015-1019; 17-03-217-015-1334. Commonly known as 57 E. Delaware Place Unit 1206 and Parking Space P155, Chicago, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925, 6180-181122 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13222632**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIZENS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- KAREN M. PETERSON, KAREN M. PETERSON AS TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN M. PETERSON DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2014, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 11725 1810 N LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 2 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 19, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 31, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Real Estate For Sale

Commonly known as 1810 N LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-407-050-1002 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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POLICE BEAT from p. 6

Cops find woman dead in refrigerator while executing search warrant in West Rogers Park

Chicago police officers found a woman's body stuffed in a refrigerator inside a West Rogers Park apartment while executing a search warrant on July 1, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

CPD released a brief media statement on Saturday evening: "a female Jane Doe was discovered deceased inside a residence. There are no offenders in custody at this time. Detectives are investigating this incident as a death investigation."

On Sunday afternoon, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office ruled her death a homicide from multiple injuries suffered during

an assault.

But this reporter has learned that detectives secured the search warrant hoping to find evidence related to other crimes, including a murder that the man has already been charged with. One source said the man told investigators they would find a body in the refrigerator. We are not identifying the man by name because he has not been charged with the woman's death. He is currently held without bail in Cook County jail on an unrelated murder charge.

Violent crime detectives went to the apartment in the 6100 block of N. Campbell shortly after 3 p.m. and made the discovery.

Officials have not publicly identified the deceased woman. She is believed to be an acquaintance of the man, possibly his girlfriend.

— *Compiled by CWBChicago.com*

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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

vs. THOMAS E. MATHIS AKA THOMAS MATHIS; 5757 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS NAD NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 8453

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, August 8, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-407-016-1090. Commonly known as 5757 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 15J, Chicago, IL 60660-8709. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925, 1446-185775 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13223653**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- SHARON VOLKOVITZ, ZIPORAH LEAH HERBST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, PAULINA COURTYARD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 08445 4611 NORTH PAULINA STREET, APARTMENT 1B 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 May 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 10, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4611 NORTH PAULINA STREET, APARTMENT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-18-211-033-1013 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$167,145.89. 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.

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For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700.

Real Estate For Sale

Please refer to file number 22-027101. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALI E. LOPEZ, 5100 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALI E. LOPEZ (DECEASED) Defendants 2022 CH 00975 5100 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 509 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 April 18, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5100 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 509, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-402-013-1119; 14-08-402-013-1133

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

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-011557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- GIULIO PALMA, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002363886 Defendants 2022 CH 08250 3851 NORTH HERMITAGE AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3851 NORTH HERMITAGE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-19-214-003-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$1,059,050.17. 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.

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-v- JILLIAN R. LESNIEWSKI, SHERIDAN FARGO BY THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2021 CH 03025 7423 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, APT. 3E CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 4, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7423 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, APT. 3E, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-312-019-1003

The real estate is improved with a townhouse. The judgment amount was \$193,393.56. 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMBINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BANTAM FUNDING TRUST 2018-1 Plaintiff,

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This sale is to be held on Tuesday July 25, 2023, at 2:00PM.
Cash payments only.

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only the second in-person meeting hosted by Martin's office. The first occurred in Nov. 2019 at the American Legion's Tattler Post, 4355 N. Western Ave. It was a meeting held exclusively for the privilege of just one organization which was co-founded by Ald. Martin, that broadly supports the 47th Ward's politics.

Upon completion, the new building's first floor will have 5,000 square feet of commercial space, with retail fronts on Leland and a residential entrance on Western. Despite planning to be built in 2023-2024, the developers did not take into account that a building with more than 100 residents and commercial tenants will have around-the-clock deliveries from Amazon, Uber, DoorDash etc., as well as mail and parcel trucks. There is no driveway, delivery bay or porte-cochere that will get those vehicles off the street, and shelter passengers or delivery drivers as they enter or exit the building. So double-parked vehicles will menace this busy intersection for decades ahead once the building is fully occupied.

The new building will have five parking spaces in the rear, with two being ADA compliant. There will also be 18 public spots in the building's parking garage for public use, and 13 residential spots on the second parking level.

When Woodley was asked by this newspaper who would be responsible for paying CPM for the parking-meter revenue, he provided a blunt response.

"We are not paying for it, the city is," said Woodley. Asked to confirm what Woodley had just said, Mark reluctantly said "yes," that city taxpayers will have to pay CPM for the lost revenue from the existing surface parking lot over the next 61-years.

The City's payment would be equivalent to the lot's "utilization rate," Mark said. In an email exchange Woodley had with city officials in 2022 and obtained via a Freedom of Information request, he conceded the surface parking lot had been well-utilized. TCB, he said, wanted to use parking lot revenue from the building's future public-parking spaces to finance its construction.

(In 2008, the city of Chicago signed a 75-year lease with CPM to lease its 36,000 metered parking spaces for little more than a billion dollars and which has already been recouped by the company.)

Also present at the meeting were representatives from Leopardo Construction, the company hired by the developers and who answered some of the questions from local business owners and residents

about logistical disruptions that will occur during what should be a one to two-year construction period.

The site is just south of the intersection of Lincoln, Lawrence and Western avenues., one of the North Side's busiest intersections.

"Construction projects are sometimes problematic, and we want to be good partners, and to give the community advance notice. We're going to try and be as forthright as we can telling neighbors about the street-closings," said Michael Lumell, project executive at Hoffman Estates-based Leopardo Construction.

According to Lumell, construction will begin this month. "Construction begins on July 17 and initial work will include below-ground work," which includes the foundation and footings. "Work at the site will take place from eight in the morning until eight at night," said Lumell.

Beginning in December, the Lincoln Square mall's busiest shopping season, work will begin on the apartment building's superstructure. This work will last until March, 2024. Afterwards, construction will occur within the enclosed building. The project is slated for completion in fall 2024.

Throughout construction, the Leland Ave. sidewalk will be closed from the alley to Western Ave. and north on Western to the U.S. Bank drive-through at 4733 N. Western Ave. A new crosswalk will be created at Leland and the alley.

In addition, the eastern parking lane and one of the two moving lanes of northbound Western Ave. will be closed for an entire year. During construction, a concrete 'Jersey' barrier will be placed on Western to protect that lane. Only one northbound lane will be open during this time period.

During the meeting, one of the local retailers poignantly described the upcoming lane closures to this reporter as being "horrendous" for both local retailers and their shoppers.

Trucks coming to the work site will move west up Leland and then right turn onto Western for access to the work site. According to Lumell, trucks will be staged someplace else and will only approach the site when they are needed to off-load materials. These materials will be brought in and stored on flatbed trailers at the southeast corner of the site. The goal, added Lumell, is to keep the alley open (which serves various residents, retailers, and a Northwestern Hospital clinic) as much as possible.

"The alley will remain open, unless (there are) temporarily closures for the

project," said Lumell.

While Lumell was able to answer question about vehicle staging, he conceded his company has not thought about where their construction workers will park.

"No, we haven't [thought of that] and that's a fair question," Lumell said. It was a question that never made the cut during the highly stage-crafted and censored Zoom meetings.

The busy Lincoln Square shopping district has limited street-parking available and it is estimated that 30-40 onsite construction workers per day will avail themselves of the nearby public parking spaces in the Lincoln Square mall, if no alternate off-street parking is found.

Many of the nearby residential side-streets have permit-parking.

Construction workers drive to work-sites in their own trucks and bring their own tools in job-boxes. They also bring their own expensive, power-equipment. Most construction workers rightly want secured parking within sight of their work-site as their livelihoods depend on the tools they carry.

During the meeting, Lumell also conceded to Monica Jurik, executive of the DANKHaus German-American Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., the privately-owned six-story building will block a portion of the eastern views from the cultural institution's sixth floor terrace. Not only has DANKHaus used the terrace for its own events, it has also been a popular rental location for weddings and other private events and which helps fund the cultural institution's programming.

Other business owners present expressed concerns the construction will cause foot traffic to bypass their stores. The owners of Gallimaufry Gallery and International Fashions by Ingrid, 4712 and 4714 N. Lincoln Ave, both said they are very worried about how their customers will be able to get to their stores. In addition, if the alley is blocked, businesses with a large mail-order clientele, such as Merz Apothecary, 4716 N. Lincoln Ave., may have a difficult time getting merchandise into the store or onto delivery trucks in a timely fashion.

According to a written statement from the administration of former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the city authorized up to \$12 million Tax-Increment Financing [TIF] funds and approximately \$12 million in multi-family loans and grant funds, including federal COVID-19 relief funds set aside for projects described as affordable housing, which includes 4715 N. Western Ave.

Certain salt in the community's wound

is that those TIF funds are generated by property taxes paid by nearby neighbors. The majority of that Western Ave. North TIF money is now being gifted to TCB, the entity that will soon - in the short term - threaten the commercial viability of their neighbors' properties by creating a congestion disincentive for conducting commercial activity in Lincoln Square.

The project has been gifted the parking lot business and real estate, and also qualified for a \$4 million first mortgage, a \$142,415 ComEd grant, and was given \$356,392 in deferred developer fees.

In addition, the city has designated \$1.56 million in Low-Income Housing Tax-Credits, which are supposed to generate roughly \$14.6 million in equity for the project, and \$2.46 million in Donation Tax Credits, which are expected to generate another roughly \$2.24 million in equity for the project.

The parking lot itself was created in the mid-1970s using federal Transportation Funds, that were used to payoff the private property owners who lost their properties in eminent domain in order to create the parking lot, a critical piece of commercial infrastructure that served as a community asset for nearly 50 years. Those 43 public parking spaces are now gone for the next year or two, to be replaced by just 18 spaces at some point in the future.

Now more salt to the wound, city taxpayers are on the hook \$18 to \$20 million to buy out CPM so that those assets may be gifted to TCB.

In the whole, this sweetheart deal provides an incredible haul of public funds that are being transferred to TCB, a private company, to build a privately owned building. Once completed, there is nothing to stop TCB from selling off the building, liquidating those taxpayer benefits and converting that money to company profits.

Their partner, Boar Development will also benefit. Boar is owned by City Hall insider, Gabriel Ignacio Dziekiewicz, vice chair of the city's Landmarks Commission. He was appointed to that position by the former Mayor Lori Lightfoot and was confirmed by the city council, including Ald. Martin. TCB's board of directors includes Patrick Nash, a former official with the Chicago Housing Authority and whose grandfather was one of the two founders of Chicago's Democratic Machine.

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