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that you just have too many hits?

— Prince

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Improving hotel occupancy leads Loop recovery indicators

Old Navy set to sail-away from State St.

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Lower COVID-19 positivity rates, lifting of international testing requirements, opening of new hotels, and the beginning of the summer travel season have given hotels in the Loop their highest occupancy rates since the pandemic began.

Chicago Loop Alliance [CLA] says the recovery of hotels in the Loop, last measured in June, “shows great promise,” with hotel occupancy at 86.4% of what it was in 2019.

One of the new hotels is The LaSalle Chicago, a 232-room hotel on S. LaSalle St. General Manager Stefan Gruvberger, who is also on the CLA board of directors, says the timing of the hotel opening, in late June, was “great.”

“With the demand for corporate group travel continuing to grow and a steadfast demand for leisure travel, we foresee a positive trend in bookings as conferences and festivals return to Chicago this summer,” said Gruvberger.

CLA’s June report on downtown activity tracks a variety of recovery indicators, such as pedestrian activity, parking volumes, and COVID-19 positivity rates.

Pedestrian activity in the Loop in June was 80% of 2019 levels, according to the report. Along State St. in particular, between Wacker Dr. and Ida B. Wells Drive, CLA says it counts more than one million pedestrians each week.

Office occupancy, says CLA, is rising steadily toward 50% of 2019 levels. CTA ridership, last measured in May, was 55% of normal, and Metra ridership in May was 30%.

“As data for July becomes available in key industries like



Crain’s Chicago reports that Old Navy said it will close its 32,000-square-foot store at the corner of State and Randolph streets at the end of the year.

transportation and hotels, there is an expectation that recovery rates will improve dramatically with

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Howard Brown Clinic demands concerted action to stop local spread of Monkeypox

BY PETER VON BUOL

Citing the rapid increase in confirmed cases of Monkeypox [MPV] in the United States, with nearly 10% of them in Illinois, the head of a local health organization which serves the LGBTQ+ community is urging a stronger response from local and national health authorities.

“We are very concerned that this MPV outbreak will become endemic unless urgent and effective action is taken by city, state and federal public health agencies,” said David Ernesto Munar, president and chief executive officer of Howard Brown Health, which operates 11 health facilities throughout the city of Chicago and six on the North Side.

On July 27, officials from the Chicago Dept. of Public Health announced 326 Chicago residents had already tested positive for MPV.

Days earlier, Munar described how his organization has been at the front lines of stopping the spread of MPV and he called on government public health officials to provide more help. Those demands came shortly after Gay Pride month and the Gay Pride Parade, as Chicago saw its uptick in cases following

the celebrations.

“Between July 1 and July 20, we provided 925 vaccine doses to high-risk patients. Demand for vaccines continues to grow, and we do not have adequate supply to meet this demand. Our providers are hearing concerns from the community regarding inadequate information on prevention and harm reduction. Patients and health care providers also struggle with regulatory burden in accessing [the antiviral medication Tecovirimat],” said Munar.

Munar urged public health officials to improve their coordination so the most vulnerable populations could be helped.

“We urge you to work with state and federal partners to rapidly mobilize existing vaccine storage and increase orders for additional doses. We are grateful for your work to increase vaccine allotments in recent weeks. Even with this, demand far exceeds supply. We have over 2,000 vaccination appointments scheduled through mid-August, and another 1,300 vaccination inquiries needing a response from this week alone,” said Munar.

Spread most often by intimate skin-to-skin contact, the most

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Thompson Center going to Google

Internet titan to be building’s lone occupant

BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

After years of failed efforts, the state has finalized the sale of the controversial James R. Thompson Center in Chicago to a company that will make it the new Chicago home of tech giant Google.

Gov. JB Pritzker made the announcement July 27 during a news conference at the building, along with officials from the development company and Google. Pritzker claims the sale will save the state millions on deferred maintenance costs.

“When the project is done, the first Googlers will be walking into this atrium for an entirely redeveloped and truly magnificent experience, one that comes as Google continues to dramatically expand its footprint in Illinois,” Pritzker said.

Designed by architect Helmut Jahn, the 17-story structure first opened in 1985, featuring a large atrium, food court and 1.2 million square feet of office space that currently houses offices of 50 state agencies.



Google will be taking over the Thompson Center.

Photo courtesy of Curbed

But its unique, postmodern design, which some have compared to a spaceship, has long been the subject of both praise and criticism, and its high cost of maintenance and operations, estimated at \$17 million a year, has been a drain on state resources.

In 2003, then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed selling the building, but that deal never went through and with state funding cuts and under poor maintenance, it began to fall into disrepair.

Former Gov. Bruce Rauner, a

Republican, also proposed selling it in 2015 and again in 2017, but Democrat lawmakers at that time shut him down, which led to further deferred maintenance on the building.

A 2016 cost study estimated it would take \$300 million to bring the building into good repair, and the governor’s office said that cost is projected to increase to over \$525 million if maintenance needs are not addressed by 2026.

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New real estate transfer tax would hit North Side hardest
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Grand Avenue Bridge repair project will hinder traffic until November

In early August, the City is expected to finally undertake repairs to the Grand Avenue Bascule Bridge over the Chicago River that will tie up traffic in the community for at least four months.

This project will make concrete repairs on the Grand Ave. viaduct and on the bridge itself, and replace steel decking and some support structure.

The project will occur in two phases and drag on until sometime in November if things go well.

During phase 1, westbound vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the bridge over the Chicago River will be prohibited. Phase 1 will be completed mid-September and then Phase 2 will begin immediately after.

Throughout the duration of Phase 1, westbound traffic on Grand Ave. will be detoured northbound on LaSalle St., westbound on Chicago Ave., southbound on Ashland Ave., back to westbound on Grand Ave.



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Yes, revenge is a dish best served cold



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"Hello. You've reached the Art Institute of Chicago. All our dining services are currently paused," said the message when calling the Art Institute.

"Paused." That's art-speak for closed.

Yes. All the food services at the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC] have been halted. Even Terza Piano, the upscale, contemporary Italian-Mediterranean restaurant and bar on the third floor with the fabulous pizza.

"Unfortunately, this restaurant is not on the OpenTable reservation network," states Open Table online. "We are not accepting any external bookings at this time."

Terza Piano was among the finest restaurants for lunch in the city, in the AIC's newish Modern Wing. Developed by Spiaggia's chef Tony Mantuano, later adding chef Carolin Diaz as chef di cucina. A serious succulent place with views to die for. First place I'd take visitors.

After annihilating AIC's docent volunteers, cleaning out any remaining hot beds of woke displeasure was sure to follow. So restaurants are now shuttered. Not to mention the snack shops.

That's not all. (Phone message from President's office) "Welcome to the Art Institute of Chicago. We are open Thursday through Monday, and closed Tuesday and Wednesday."

Someone get me a brandy. Oh yeah. Were you part of the crowds outside the AIC last week when the lions were being de-

livered from the beauty parlor? Tuesday or Wednesday, I believe, when the throngs discovered the AIC would no longer be open to the public on those days? New schedule unannounced. Now all the x-rays have been doctored.

AIC President James Rondeau must have discovered some pre-2022 kitchen workers still exposing pre-woke philosophy, attempting to leverage some revenge comeuppance on behalf of those trampled in his latest racist propaganda.

Where's former AIC president Doug Druick when you need him?

Perhaps all the topsy-turvy conditions at the AIC were the result of the anticipation of nearby Lollapalooza. All those bands. All those pockets to pick. Suburbanites to ripoff.

Or perhaps there really is a cosmic justice in the universe relentlessly pursuing those who commit mayhem against the innocent. That's one way of looking at the heinous assault on the AIC docents earlier in the year. A moment of pure Rooseveltian "infamy."

When cosmic justice lays its paw upon you, you don't just crash the car. The screws themselves untwist. The bumpers fall away. The windows crack. The seatbelts won't unlock. And you get two moving violations.

Cosmic justice is a series of self-inflicted woundings. High Shakespearean drama, like when you go to Taste of Chicago and get shot. Or stabbed. And then go to Northwestern's ER only to get robbed and assaulted by fellow patients riding on a gurney.

There's no truth to the rumor that some AIC board members were spotted stacking sand bags in front of their leaded windows in their stately North Shore homes. Or that the doormen in certain palatial East Lake Shore Dr. vintage co-ops were strapping bandoliers of bullets to their chests at the request of AIC board members who live in their building.

Funny, but when cosmic justice seems to be getting even, everyone gets into a panic. Like a ballet dancer in Kiev. Or a Chicago voter hearing former Illinois governor Pat Quinn may be running for mayor.

Institutions are funny beasts. Especially ones dedicated to the acquisition, cataloging and display of public cultural treasures. Like the Viennese Museum "minding" those Klimts stolen from wealthy Jewish families by the Nazis.

The AIC has spent three lifetimes bragging on the flatland of the Prairie that it's a "world-class" institution. You know, a public museum we can all be proud of in Chicago. Something beyond the measure of the decks aboard the U505, Hitler's submarine at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Fair enough to such bragging rights on behalf of all the French Impressionists in the AIC's collection. So many of them the bequest of Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Sad to say the AIC has never shown so much loyalty to the English Impressionist painters. Were it not for his lifetime of championing these artists while he was on the AIC board, Marshall Field V may never have gotten to showcase them in an AIC exhibition. They never receive the respect they deserve from the AIC's crowd of French devotees. When they did sit up and notice it was usually in the familiar piper and tune scenario.

But stronger than the AIC's collections are the institution's attitudes about itself. Very self-righteous. Libertine, but middle-class, academic and urgently sophisticated. In that Chicago 'get rich quick' style. And since the AIC could lasso a fortune and heavily spend, we must be a "world-class" stop along the art trail. Squint and you're at the Louvre or MOMA or the MET. No way. Never. Not then. Not now.

But there sure is a lot of self-created propaganda around the AIC. For instance, all the church-

toned whispers when you do manage to get inside. Or the receptive appeals in AIC fund-raising. Or the reverential protocols when engaging AIC administrators. Or the attention paid to acquiring the special art knowledge helpful moving through the galleries. Or the need to embrace the latest racist philosophy, as the bankrupt theory of woke liberalism is known, now so ensconced around the institution.

All these elements are more than enough to recalibrate Chicago's neighborhood oriented Prairie vision. In a way no New Yorker would ever consider for the Guggenheim, the Cloisters, the Frick or the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

It's like bragging about the Cubs, deep dish pizza or Italian beef sandwiches. Or your favorite indicted alderman.

But if you are embracing a World Series winning team you can lift your head highborn on the Prairie. For Chicagoans that's Fifth Avenue living. That's New York cocktail society fare. That's elbow rubbing in Central Park. That's getting a boost up into a big chair in the Second City. That's where we measure a century between World Series wins.

I think that's the difference. There will always be those attempts by Chicago institutions to reach for a higher branch on the American urban tree. In the social shadow of Brooks Astor, Peggy Guggenheim, Leonard Bernstein, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Graydon Carter, Ed Koch, Fran Lebowitz and Eloise.

But I'm too much a reader of mysteries to buy the whole enterprise of current AIC antics as well-planned and thought out.

What's really behind the sud-

den changes at the AIC? What's the real culinary purpose of restructuring the restaurants?

Are the tectonic shifts in the S. Michigan Ave. pavements friendly? Or has cosmic justice really commenced to haunt the lives of the bosses and workers there, after-all, for their docent-ocide in the past?

What's next? Getting rid of the Gift Shop? The coat check? Perhaps re-gendering the toilets?

Just think about it. No bathrooms. Sorry Mrs. Potter Palmer. No tinkle, today. Now that's world-class.

GREAT SOUL: Vonita Reescer

was a great soul. Beloved. Esteemed. Genteel. Tough. Elegant and hilarious. I'd say she had all the gifts. Especially the ones that make a treasured friend and a coveted ally.

I never was with her that she didn't make me realize I was a lucky boy. She had a Chicago army of friends who cherished their times with her.

She has returned to God, proud of her generosity and willingness to always be of service to others. Vonita's imprint rests on many Chicago hearts, following her death last week. She will continue lighting the pathway for others. That is our eternal luck.

SHUTTERED: The fallout from the angry and toxic relationship between the partners at Maple and Ash has spilled over into the



Vonita Reescer

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“Enough” pays tribute to those who died in the July 4th Highland Park shooting. Its goal is to help heal. Jacqueline von Edelberg (center) stands among “Enough,” her emotionally-moving art installation in Highland Park. Photos by Lynn Fleishman Photography

Healing Highland Park through art



Heart of the ‘Hood
by Felicia Dechter

On July 4, former longtime Lakeview artist and resident Jacqueline von Edelberg was celebrating Independence Day in Highland Park for the first time. After 25 years of living in Chicago, COVID had forced her to move out for a while and she had decided to relocate to the tony, usually-safe suburb.

“I moved up to Highland Park with the understanding that we would just call it unclamping and see how it went,” said von Edelberg, who was extremely active in her community while living in the city. “That was nine months ago.”

It doesn’t surprise me that right away, von Edelberg got busy in her new neighborhood. She “fell in” with the Art Center Highland Park, where she used her artistic prowess to decorate the somewhat whimsical, “Limo Cow,” in front of the center, all the while displaying the activism she had so generously dished out in Lakeview.

“I decorated it for women’s rights, and Ukraine and then after the Texas shooting, we decided to bring up my gun violence piece which had been down in Inglewood -- 30,000 pieces of orange fabric that represent all the kids who’ve been killed since Sandy Hook and when it’s all out it stretches an entire city block,” said von Edelberg.

Von Edelberg’s impressive and emotion-evoking gun violence installation, called “Enough,” has traveled the country, at peace marches and rallies and vigils, including three installations on the U.S. Capitol lawn.

At an event with politicians and advocacy groups, at the conclusion, speakers read the names of the Uvalde, TX, victims and tied them on the fence, “and we concluded our speeches saying this could just as easily be our own children,” recalled von Edelberg.

“A week later, in fact it was,” she added.

Von Edelberg had taken her children to the Highland Park parade, where they missed the onslaught of the mass shooting gunfire that killed seven people by “seconds.” She then decided to create a new version of “Enough.”

“I brought notched fabric to all of the four vigils immediately afterwards and community members ripped up all that fabric, tied it on to new line, wrote thousands of messages and that now second piece, in addition to what’s at the Art Center, also stretches a city block,” said von Edelberg.

She then went to visit one of the spontaneous memorials that has cropped up near the scene at the corner of St John’s and Central. “It seemed to me that people were leaving in sadness and silence and arriving in sadness and silence and maybe that was perhaps more sad or less productive than it needed to be at that vigil site where there are these seven photographic altars for each one of the victims,” she said.

Von Edelberg decided right then and there, “that I should try to yarn bomb the site and try to create a space that was warm and welcoming and gave people the tools that they needed to amplify their voices in such a time of tremendous grief and sorrow and anger.”

“So I tied a ball of yarn at each one of the posts,” she said. “And after people had their moment at one of those seven altars, I just invited them to start wrapping posts and people just did it immediately---instinctively.”

“I think they were so keen to help be-

cause it was just in the moment of profound grief,” she added. “If someone says to you, do you want to wrap this piece? Do you want to wrap this post and people were like ‘Yes, yes, I do.’ It’s easy. It’s effective. You can’t mess it up. And it feels purposeful and relaxing and tactile, and I think actually very therapeutic.”

The “whole enormous installation” was up within four days, with thousands of people helping make it by wrapping yarn and writing notes. “And it really is now I think, just an incredibly evolving magical installation and a real testament to the love and kindness and sheer joy and positivity of the Highland Park community, which I’ve really come to embrace since being here.”

Von Edelberg said she’d like all of the cards -- from those in Highland Park and around the country -- to be read on the Senate floor now that the House bill on assault weapons has passed. She would love to see a filibuster in the Senate “where they read sort of Dr. Seuss, conga line and style.” She believes we’re on the cusp of systemic change, and I really hope she’s right. Something has got to give here.

Because according to CDC data, 28,229 children were killed by firearms between 2012, which is when Sandy Hook took place, and 2020. There is no data available yet for 2021 and 2022, but just imagine how much higher that number would be now.

Nothing will be done until action is taken at the top, by our politicians obviously. At von Edelberg’s installation is a QR code and if people hold their phones up to it, it immediately calls the Senate, she said.

“People can talk to whoever they like

but it’s very important at this moment that we actually don’t move on and that we turn our anguish into action,” she said. “And the way that’s going to happen is through pressuring our representatives to make our voice heard and the community in Highland Park is speaking in one clear, consistent voice that is demanding sane gun control. We are on our hands and knees armed with the humblest of materials -- yarn, chalk, strips of up-cycled fabric and we are down on our knees begging for change.”

She said the one real takeaway from this piece is that she hopes to really draw the connection between the violence on the South and West sides of Chicago to the North Side of Chicago, “and this is the actual literal thread that connects them all.”

“You know that the pain that a mother feels in Inglewood when she loses her child is exactly the same pain that a mother on the North Side feels when she loses her child obviously, there’s a disparity in that,” said von Edelberg. “One shooting in Highland Park hardly compares to the ubiquitous of shootings in Black and Brown communities every single day but I’d really like to focus on the similarities that tie all of this pain together. And the culprit for that pain that connects that thread is gotten by the epidemic of gun violence that plagues our country.”

Von Edelberg, who I’ve known for many years thanks to her cool Lakeview projects, said she’s become a little obsessed about this project, “maybe dangerously so but deeply obsess in joining with my community and making this really powerful,

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House hunters still have a chance for affordable mortgage



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With mortgage rates bouncing up and down like a ping-pong ball, Chicago's beleaguered house hunters still have a slim chance to lock in an affordable home loan during this crazy summer market, experts say.

A hefty 0.75% interest-rate hike by the Federal Reserve Board on July 27 pushed the benchmark target rate to a range of 2.25% to 2.5%—its highest level since 2018.

However, after the Fed rate hike, mortgage rates surprisingly declined nationwide. On July 28, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that average 30-year fixed home loans fell to 5.30% from 5.54% a week earlier.

At the beginning of July, the 30-year rate floated as high as 5.7%, and experts forecasted that 6%-plus rates were on the horizon. A year ago the fixed loan averaged 2.80%.

On July 28, rates on 15-year fixed loans averaged 4.58%, down from last week when it averaged 4.75%. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loan averaged 2.10%.

The Freddie Mac survey focuses on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who put 20% down and have excellent credit.

On July 28, the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—declined slightly to 2.74% from 2.79%. That action likely caused home-loan rates to inch lower.

The Fed now is tightening credit even while the economy has begun to slow. Economists say that risky action could cause a recession this year or next.

The Fed's move follows a whopping 9.1% jump in inflation in June—the fastest annual rate in 41 years. By increasing bor-

rowing charges, the Fed makes it more costly to take out a mortgage, auto or business loan.

The Fed's game plan is to force Americans to borrow and spend less, thereby slowing inflation and cooling the economy. And, the plan appears to be working.

New-home sales nationwide dropped 8.1% in June, compared with May, reported the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. However, the median price of a new home sold in June skyrocketed to \$402,400, compared with \$374,700 median price in June of 2021.

"Purchase demand continues to tumble as the cumulative impact of higher rates, elevated home prices, increased recession risk, and declining consumer confidence are taking a toll on home buyers," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"It's clear that over the past two years, the combination of the pandemic, record low mortgage rates, and the opportunity to work re-

motely spurred greater demand," Khater said. "Now, as the market adjusts to a higher rate environment, we are seeing a period of deflated sales activity until the market normalizes."

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Experts say the July 28 mortgage rate drop likely is going to be short-lived, so it represents a narrow window for would-be home buyers who move quickly to lock in a mortgage in the low-5% range.

Another worry for summer home shoppers in Chicago is ris-

ing asking prices sparked by a shortage of resale home listings. That is creating multiple-bid scenarios which could drive offers even higher.

Affordable loans available

Chicago-area borrowers who move quickly still have a faint chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of July 28, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 4.853% on 30-year loans and 4.2% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

- Mutual of Omaha was quoting 4.933% on 30-year loans with a 20% down payment and 4.625% on 15-year mortgages with a 5% down payment and a \$850 loan fee.

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WWII vet getting first posthumous Citizen Soldier Award

The Pritzker Military Museum and Library, 104 S. Michigan Ave., announced that they will bestow its first posthumous Citizen Soldier Award to Hershel "Woody" Williams.

"Woody," who died on June 29, 2022, at the age of 98, was the last living WWII Medal of Honor recipient. His family has accepted his nomination and the invitation to receive his honor at the 2022 Liberty Gala: "Honoring Strength Through Diversity" on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Hilton Chicago Hotel.

Woody graciously donated his Medal of Honor to the Pritzker Military Museum and Library in 2009. Today it plays an integral role in their permanent Medal of Honor gallery, which explores his heroic actions during the Battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater of WWII. Woody will be honored for his bravery and leadership on the battlefields of World War II, as well as his tireless work on behalf of Gold Star families.

"Woody was a true American hero, and we are honored to preserve his legacy and hold his

Medal of Honor for all to see," said Jennifer N. Pritzker. "He was a shining example of the spirit and ideals of the citizen soldier tradition. Adding Woody to the prestigious list of those with the

"Woody was a true American hero, and we are honored to preserve his legacy and hold his Medal of Honor for all to see," said Jennifer N. Pritzker.

Citizen Soldier designation is really an honor for us."

Williams served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a year and a half during the 1930s before enlisting with the Marine Corps in 1943, where he served for 26 years. Until recently, Williams had been active in honoring and remembering the sacrifices of Gold Star Families - the immediate family member(s) of service members who died in the line of duty - through his foundation, the Woody Williams Foundation, established in 2010.

William, who grew up and lived in West Virginia, died on on June 29. The West Virginia state legislature has included Williams in the Hall of Fame for the state named him a Distinguished West Virginian in 1980 and in 2013.

The Citizen Soldier Award stands to honor a person who ex-



Hershel "Woody" Williams

emplifies the traditions of the citizen soldier set by George Washington, a person who served the nation as a leader in war and in peace, for the betterment of the common good. The recipients must have a national or international reputation and have served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, active, guard or reserves, and is either active or honorably discharged. The honorees must also display a commitment to non-partisan issues and demonstrate the ability to bridge political divides.

Award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors and non-Board volunteers of the Museum and by Jennifer N. Pritzker, Chair and Founder of the Museum and Library.



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The North Side has plenty of million dollar homes, just look around.

And every year, due in part to demand and partly to inflation, more and more North Side homes join the million-dollar club.

And those homes now have targets on their backs, bricks and mortar thanks to the transfer tax. There are more million-dollar homes downtown and on the North Side than there are on the West and South Sides.

Yes, a push now is underway to slap a huge surcharge on buyers of upper-bracket homes, boosting the so-called mansion tax to a whopping \$26,500 from \$7,500 on the purchase of a home priced at \$1 million.

This tax will not be indexed to inflation, so at some point in the distant future, every home in Chicago will fall into the higher tax bracket.

The new tax plan is intended to create an additional revenue stream hoping to provide affordable housing to people living in shelters or homeless who are living on the streets.

It is in the truest sense a transfer tax, in that it transfers one person's wealth to wealthy affordable housing developers who will receive these tax funds to preserve existing housing or build new housing, like single-room-occupancy buildings, and apartments whose landlords accept government rent vouchers.

The campaign is led by housing activist groups like ONE Northside, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Communities United, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana, and United Working Families.

"This 353% transfer tax increase would drive more wealthy

home buyers out of the city," said Chicago Realtor Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. "There also may be unforeseen legal consequences because the proposed transfer tax change would, in effect, create two separate classes of ownership. This likely would violate one of the basic tenets of taxation — namely the principle of uniformity."

You heard that right, currently a buyer pays \$7,500 for every \$1 million paid in the purchase price. Under the new proposal, that would increase to \$26,000.

The proposal — called Bring Chicago Home — would create a non-binding referendum that would ask the Chicago City Council to increase real estate transfer taxes to 2.65% from 0.75%. The city claims that the extra taxes would go toward helping the homeless.

While the industry is so far

mostly silent on the proposal, Kris Anderson, the Chicago Assoc. of Realtors' vice president of government affairs, said they're waiting until the City Council takes up the proposal to express their opposition. Anderson told Crain's Chicago he's prepared to "activate our 17,000 members against this" whenever the measure comes to the council's agenda.

Should it pass, the measure would generate \$158 million in new property transfer taxes, according to an analysis of 2021 taxes by Crain's.

"The idea that if a building is large and expensive, there must be someone sitting there who has a lot of cash is incorrect," Farzin Parang, executive director of the Building Owners & Managers Assoc. in Chicago, told Crain's. "There's a difference between asset cost and personal income."

Parang said the increase could create more challenges for the already struggling commercial real estate industry. Similar taxes are being considered in Los Angeles and New York.

In 2021, some 2,535 Chicago homes sold for \$1 million or more, reported Midwest Real Estate Data, up 19% from 2020.

In general, the buyer is responsible for \$3.75; and the seller is responsible for \$1.50, of the \$5.25 per \$500 of the transfer price.

Consult a tax lawyer because some exemptions are allowed, such as transfers of real property acquired by or from a governmental body and certain transfers by or from certain non-profit organizations; transfers in which the instrument secures debt or other obligations; those without additional consideration to correct,

TAX see p. 12

How I spent four years fighting my landlord's retaliation for being a journalist

Glaciers have moved quicker than some cases in Cook County Circuit Court and one of those cases is mine

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

After being kicked out of my apartment in 2015 by a landlord who was enraged by news stories I wrote about a troubled company co-owned by the president of our building's condo board, I took a deep dive into the court system.

I was no stranger to Circuit Court, having covered numerous trials and hearings, and successfully defending myself against two new owners of old credit card debt. Since my goal was a quick settlement, I figured I'd write one complaint and attend a hearing or two. I have an attorney, one of the best in Chicago, but I wanted to do this myself. Follow in the footsteps of litigants I've written about and gain empathy for them.

Fortunately, I did not know what I did not know.

My first complaint was awful, but at least no one saw it for more than a year because the landlord, Michael Michalak, was able to dodge his summons five times, which is actually kind of impressive.

I was thinking of giving up but then one Thursday afternoon, a Cook County process server got his man. Or, actually, his wife. Suddenly, my case had other litigants besides me. It was very exciting.

In a nutshell, I was accusing my former landlord of unlawfully retaliating against me by refusing to renew my lease because I wrote and published news stories that, according to him, had resulted in what was surely a stress-

ful meeting between him and the condo board president at the time, Ellen Chessick.

He told me Ms. Chessick had approached him in the lobby of our building, Chicago's Marina City, and asked to meet with him at a later date. He had asked me what news stories I had written that she might be concerned about, and we discussed a few stories but agreed they were truthful and relevant to the audience of my website, of which he was a sponsor.

The stories included coverage of problems at Restaurant.com, a Chicago-based company doing business nationwide and dealing, at the time, with a seemingly large number of consumer complaints and at least one class action lawsuit. This wouldn't have been so bad except Ms. Chessick,

arguably, got elected to the condo board, and elected president of Marina Towers Condominium Assoc., by boasting of her business experience as a founder and co-owner of Restaurant.com.

However, when I spoke with the actual founders of Restaurant.com, who felt they were pushed out by Ellen Chessick and her husband, attorney Kenneth Chessick, the company's CEO, they insisted that Ellen's role in the company was barely even minimal.


"Junko [his wife] and I are wondering if you are in town this weekend or next week to discuss the meeting that I had with the condo association president," Michael wrote in an email to me and my wife on July 8, 2015. "We just want to discuss the meeting with both of you and decide how best

to proceed. Let us know. Thanks, Michael."


Besides being my landlord at the time, Michael was a real estate broker for RE/MAX and a real estate investor. He rented a studio apartment to me from 2008 to 2014 and a one-bedroom apartment from 2010 to 2015. I had trouble paying rent for the studio apartment and moved out voluntarily, but in the one-bedroom apartment, there had been no tenancy issues.

I can only speculate what must have happened between July 8,

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Letter to the Editor

Black Gentry attack Lincoln Square

contractors. Pay to play. You know it when you see it.

They use all the right code words. All the right dog whistles. They will feast at the public trough. Housing tax credits. TIF funds. Subsidies and give-aways. It's dinner time.

But you're not invited to dine. Just pay the check.

They will use the poor, the homeless and families of color as props, as mascots, as showpieces to distract you from the steal of public funds.

Poor families can't live in small one bedroom apartments. But that is what will be built on the parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave.

The parents of the infants and

toddlers who attend the daycares and pre-schools don't want a Highland Park-like fiasco. But that might be coming to the marijuana dispensary at Lawrence and Oakley avenues.

Both businesses are in the plans of the Black Gentry.

What else will they take?

Because if they give even a half bullcrap reason, Ald. Matt Martin will give away any property, public or private, to the Black Gentry to flip for a profit.

Will they take the the bank buildings at 4725 N. Western Ave. and 2400 W. Lawrence?

Will they take the DANK Haus, the Davis Theater, or part of Welles Park?

Will they take one of the buildings from the Old Town School of Folk Music or the playground at Waters School?

Will they take Saint Matthias Church and build a six-story high-rise?

Will they take the Levy Senior Citizen Center on Lawrence Ave.?

Their appetite for your tax money is insatiable. And Lincoln Square has Ald. Matt Martin who wants to feed them. The Black Gentry is here in Lincoln Square.

Ald. Martin wants them here. Do you?

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

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2015, when he wrote that email, and July 10, 2015, when he angrily served in person a 60-day notice that he was not renewing my lease and threatened to come back and "burn the place down," but my best guess is he may have realized I was not going to take down the news stories or ease up on coverage because someone was embarrassed.

For two months, things sucked, followed by a stressful and expensive move to another apartment a few blocks away.

I filed my lawsuit on July 11, 2018 – yes, three years later. I kept thinking I would get an explanation, perhaps even an apology, but frankly, it took three years before I could talk about the incident without screaming.

A couple of things to note in the ordinance section. It protects the tenant if he or she does something covered in one of the seven paragraphs – and then less than one year later, the landlord terminates tenancy, increases rent, decreases services, brings or threatens to bring a lawsuit against the tenant for possession, or – in my case – refuses to renew a lease or tenancy.

If that happens, the tenant has a defense in court that could block the landlord from kicking out the tenant. And the tenant is entitled to remedies, up to two times the rent amount or twice the amount of actual damages sustained. In my case, I am suing for two months' rent, \$5,000 for moving expenses,

\$15,000 in punitive damages, and anything else the court deems just and proper.

But what the ordinance is also saying is that the tenant does not have the burden of proof to show that the landlord is retaliating. The landlord has the burden of proof to show that he or she is not retaliating. As long as the alleged retaliation happened no more than a year after the protected conduct.

My case, however, was not perfectly cut and dry.

Shortly after pointing out to him that he was breaking the law, Mr. Michalak sent to me a "Surrender and Release Agreement" that covered such issues as turnover of keys, right of landlord to enter premises, and hold me harmless from liability should some catastrophe happen with the unit after I moved out.

Feeling stressed and pressured and fearing he would slander me to other landlords, I did sign the agreement, and if I could offer one piece of advice to anyone in the same situation, I would implore you to not sign anything. This was the basis of defendant motions for the next four years, as he claimed the agreement settled our dispute.

The lawsuit was filed in the Municipal Dept. of Circuit Court and had two counts at first, retaliatory conduct by landlord and intentional infliction of emotional distress [IIED]. At a hearing on Dec. 16, 2019, Judge Joel Buikema patiently explained that Count 2 of the complaint, intentional



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infliction of emotional distress, could not be heard in the Municipal Dept. Without commenting on the merit of the second count, he allowed me to re-file my complaint without the IIED claim.

I did exactly that on Jan. 2, 2020, just before the pandemic hit and I was no longer walking into the Loop and standing before a judge but getting Zoom figured out. On Feb. 24, 2021, following the COVID-19 continuance, Judge Eileen O'Connor dismissed the complaint over how it was structured but allowed me to file an amended complaint.

This time I asked my attorney, Thomas Rosenwein, to write the Second Amended Complaint, and it had all the structure and legalese that I could only dream about. I handled responding to motions

and defended my case, arguing that the Surrender and Release Agreement was not enforceable due to duress and other reasons.

By July 29, 2021, when we were before our third judge in the case, Lorraine Mary Murphy, I was starting to get things figured out, just in time for the judge to dismiss my case once more. However, the reason for the dismissal surprised me and probably surprised defense counsel as well.

In dismissing the case, Judge Murphy quoted from my opposition memo to the defendant's motion to dismiss, where I stated that the defendant, Mr. Michalak, did not provide a clear reason, legitimate or otherwise, for not renewing my lease, though

providing what a reasonable jury could find as circumstantial evidence of retaliation. Judge Murphy said that because the defendant did not provide a reason for not renewing my lease, there was no evidence that the reason was retaliatory. She said it was her experience that landlords accused of retaliation often tell their tenants that action being taken against them is retaliatory. She seemed to suggest that the tenant has the burden of proof to provide evidence of landlord retaliation, examples of which include the landlord clearly stating that he or she is retaliating.

The thing is, that is contrary to the The City of Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance [RLTO] that puts the burden of proof on the landlord to show the conduct was not retaliatory.

I filed a motion for reconsideration, which was denied, and on Sept. 15, 2021, I was officially out of options, other than to file a notice of appeal to the Appellate Court of Illinois.

As you can imagine, the appellant brief has to be organized in a very specific way. It has to reference documents in an official record that contained 309 pages. Each argument has to be

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Meth labs in the city, what would Mayor Daley do?

The author of this story was a part-time stringer for this newspaper, and continues her fight to address an environmental hazard that she discovered in her former North Side apartment that crippled her, and almost cost her life. This is a follow up to her previous story in these pages of living in a home where a neighbor was using several apartments in the same building to cook up meth.

BY MICHELLE DIGIACOMO

How do we live without fear in a city that does nothing to protect us from crime and violent criminals?

Long gone are the days of Mayor Richard M. Daley, who worked incredibly hard to keep Chicago safe. He grew up on these streets and knew that evil existed here. He was hands-on, and regularly held meet and greets with ordinary citizens.

Today, we are a lawless and dangerous city, one that none of us feel safe in anymore, not even in our beds.

Last January, I shared my story with the world through this newspaper. I was living a real life version of Breaking Bad, but it was not nearly as entertaining. Drugs were being cooked in apartments adjacent to mine, causing me severe pain and respiratory issues. I became 100% disabled, to the point where I was bedbound and in need of a great deal of assistance.

I was, in essence, trapped.

Countless doctors could not figure out what was wrong with me. It would only come to light when I escaped the building, after seven years of living there. Only upon leaving did all the pieces begin to fall into place, with the stark realization that the cooking drugs were silently killing me while I slept.

My disabilities started to retreat and since that time, I've worked on kicking my two habits... one, the doctor-prescribed steroids for the extreme inflammation throughout my body; and the meth, unknowingly provided for me by my neighbor, the meth cooker.

While the city claims to be investigating, to this very day the building remains a danger to the neighborhood and no one in power has taken any steps to remediate the problem. Out of fear I stay clear of it, but sources tell me that the property is still being used to cook drugs. Even if it has subsided, the building is highly contaminated, which is the secondary problem.

I have provided extensive credible information to numerous members of the Chicago Police and Fire departments, as well as federal DEA agents, all to no avail. Maybe they are waiting for somebody to die, perhaps a child or an innocent fireman, should a cook go bad some day?

The apartment building itself is highly contaminated, and remains a hazard to anyone who comes in contact with it. I fear

that my old unit may have been rented out to somebody new and they will be the next victims.

I lost a great deal of my life as a result of living in this toxic building. It almost killed me and could kill other innocent people and I refuse to sit by and watch that happen.

There is a reason why the actors in Breaking Bad wore respirators. Imagine the toxic chemicals that are being dumped into the sewers, seeping into the water supply all around it. Meth cookers are not known for the care they take in proper disposal of toxic waste.

The building needs to be condemned, carefully torn down and the refuse hauled away to a proper, secure toxic waste dump. If there's a fire, the chemicals that saturate the walls, floors and contents could be released into the air for neighbors to breathe, including those in the nearby nursing home and school.

Unlike the current administration, former Mayor Daley's schedule was public, so anyone who wanted face time with him could do so. You would simply show up, and wait for him to work the room. You knew instantly when he arrived because his entourage was with him and he would walk through the space, stopping to speak to whoever wanted his ear. There was always a photographer, and if you desired, they would take your picture with him and send you a signed print. This is perhaps why so many people have pictures of themselves with him, because he made himself incredibly accessible.

The former mayor would then task his very capable staff, mostly women, to follow up and help you solve your issue. Daley had heart and soul and was masterful when it came to his vision of Chicago. His strength was that he knew his weaknesses and he surrounded himself with a highly skilled staff. If he could help you make Chicago a better place, he did so.

There is a reason why the actors in Breaking Bad wore respirators. Imagine the toxic chemicals that are being dumped into the sewers, seeping into the water supply all around it.

For now, the city ignores a solid tip from a longtime respected resident. The same city that used a known drug dealer informant in the botched Anjanette Young raid, which cost taxpayers \$2.9 million. To make matters worse, the drug dealer informant had ties to top police brass.

How did the city respond to this? By putting his arresting police officers on desk duty, for simply doing their job.

The police are no longer allowed to pursue crime or criminals as a result of the stranglehold that has been put upon them by City Hall and the Dept. of Justice's Consent Decree. We are losing dedicated, hard-working officers every day, while the criminals are allowed to roam free and continue their reign of terror without fear of prosecution or jail time. I bet former Mayor Daley is not at all happy.

Lollapalooza phone theft crew busted by undercover Chicago cops

BY CWBCHICAGO

Covert Chicago police officers busted a phone theft ring at Lollapalooza, leading to the filing of felony charges against four people, all of whom are from out of state, according to officials.

At around 5:30 p.m. July 29, a man told officers at the festival that his phone had been stolen. Prosecutors said he took covert cops into the crowd and pointed to the three people who took it.

The cops watched as the trio stole another man's phone right in front of their eyes.

Prosecutors said one woman began grinding on a man in his late teens or early twenties in front of the Perry Stage while a man took the victim's phone and passed it to a second woman. She, in turn, placed it inside a fanny pack.

Cops arrested the threesome a short time later.

Prosecutors said one woman had three iPhones inside a fanny pack when they arrested her. Another bag had an ID and credit cards of a victim.

Arceli Quinones, 32, Ximena Rodriguez, 24, and Juan Ramirez, 25, all of Los Angeles, face felony theft charges. Judge Mary Marubio ordered the women to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to be released from jail and refused to let them leave the state until their next court appearance on August 8.

Ramirez appeared before Judge Barbara Dawkins, who permitted him to return to California upon posting a \$200 bail deposit.

On Aug. 1, a fourth man, 41-year-old Antony Bardales of Denver, was charged with eight counts of felony theft.

During Bardales' bond hearing, prosecutor Steven Haamid said Chicago police arrested three people for stealing phones on Friday and learned where the group was being dropped off and picked up. It's unclear whether Quinones, Rodriguez, and Ramirez are the three individuals.

Police set up surveillance at the rendezvous location on Saturday and saw three men and a woman get into a van that pulled

up. According to Haamid, the officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver, who said he was transporting Lollapalooza attendees and gave police permission to search the van.

Cops recovered a bag that they allegedly saw Bardales, who was in the back seat, kick under the driver's seat. It was a Faraday bag, designed to block cellphone transmissions, containing ten phones, Haamid said. Investigators were able to track down six of the phones' owners.

Last year police recovered more than 120 stolen phones stolen at Lollapalooza.

Police arrested Bardales, who allegedly told them he bought the phones for \$50 each on the festival grounds and planned to sell them for parts in Denver.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered Bardales to pay a \$500 bail deposit to be released.

The judges ordered the four defendants to attend every court date.

For several years, organized phone theft teams have plagued major events in Chicago. They typically target dancefloors and outdoor music performances where victims are less likely to notice touching as their phones are taken. Last year police recovered more than 120 stolen phones stolen at Lollapalooza, and seven people, all from out of state, were charged. Six of those cases are still pending.

Chicago police took reports for 22 stolen phones during last month's Pride Fest in Boystown. There were more than 40 pocket-pickings and similar thefts reported in Boystown over the Pride Parade weekend, the vast majority of those took place in Halsted St. bars and clubs, according to CPD records.

The actual number of phones stolen is likely much higher than police reports suggest. Unless a person is certain that their phone was stolen and not simply misplaced, police will code the report as "lost property."

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Food assistance spending at Illinois farmers markets soars

BY TIMOTHY EGGERT
FarmWeek

There are farmers markets in almost every North Side neighborhood. Indeed, the more access to locally grown produce means more food sold.

That was Farmers Market manager Virginia Filicetti's reasoning when she opted to allow people to buy vendors' fruits and vegetables with federal food assistance. The market received authorization to do so under LINK — Illinois' version of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP].

"The bulk of our customers at the market are LINK users, which is a huge incentive for the market and our vendors," Filicetti told FarmWeek in a recent interview. "Vendors get LINK customers and customers get fresh vegetables and fruit from local farmers."

The every-Thursday market is the only one in her DeKalb County that accepts LINK dollars and matches those dollars through LINK Up Illinois. The matching program allows LINK card holders who spend \$25 at farmers markets to receive a matching \$25 that can be spent on market fruits and vegetables.

The program has become so popular that on the first day of the 2022 season, the market ran out of vouchers for the extra benefits. It's also popular with vendors.

With America now suffering from high inflation and deep into a recession, that kind of extra value for food shoppers mean more money is left over for other home economic demands. When the economy falters and prices go up at the same time, it drives more people into food assistance programs.



Many farmers markets offer food assistance programs to shoppers through LINK Up Illinois and other programs. Photo by Illinois Farm Bureau photographer Catrina Rawson

"It's an incentive for vendors to come back each year — a big chunk of their revenue from the market comes from LINK spending," Filicetti said, noting average LINK dollars spent each week at the market totals around \$400.

The experience largely aligns with a statewide trend.

A FarmWeek analysis of USDA Food and Nutrition Service [FNS] data found both the number of Illinois direct marketing farmers and farmers markets accepting LINK have soared since the policy was first established nearly 15 years ago. So have the amount of LINK benefits spent on food sold directly by those farmers and at those markets.

In fiscal year 2010 — the first full market season when vendors could accept

LINK dollars — just over \$41,000 in benefits were redeemed at 22 markets across Illinois, accounting for 0.14% of the \$2.78 million in total benefits redeemed.

By fiscal year 2020, more than \$371,000 in benefits were spent at 94 Illinois farmers markets, representing 1.1% of the \$3.37 million in total benefits redeemed.

"Quite frankly, it has huge economic and health benefits to the community," Janie Maxwell, executive director of the Illinois Farmers Market Association, told FarmWeek. It "means a regular stream of income to a farmer at the market, increased sales and a larger customer base that can utilize the farmers market and bring them more profits."

For every \$1 of LINK benefits redeemed at a farmers market, about \$1.71 is reinvested back into the community hosting the market, according to Maxwell. "If you're a LINK user, you could go to a local big-box store, but that's still supporting a large corporation. Here you're supporting a local producer and their products."

The rules for using LINK dollars at farmers markets or in a direct sale with a farmer, like at a roadside produce stand, are simple: The money can be used for most any fresh food product, except hot ready-to-go meals.

The policy gets more complicated, however, for the individual vendor or the market itself, which must use electronic benefits transfer [EBT] equipment for LINK transactions.

Maxwell said buying EBT equipment has been a minor barrier preventing some markets or farmers from participating in the program, but grants are available to offset some of the cost.

Some market organizers attempted to ease the equipment burden by implementing an EBT token system, wherein LINK customers charge their LINK card in exchange for dollar-equivalent tokens. Customers give vendors the tokens, which are returned to market officials, who reimburse the vendors.

"It really streamlines the process and there's no confusion between vendors and customers," Filicetti said.

The larger hurdle is faced by volunteer-run markets, which often don't have the staff or the capital to administer the LINK program at their market, Maxwell said.

That was the case at the twice-a-week Macomb Farmers Market, where specialty grower and market manager John Greenwood in 2021 first applied as an individual direct marketing farmer because the larger market didn't have the resources to implement LINK acceptance for every vendor.

"We're all volunteer managers and members. You know, we rarely have the time to get everything else done let alone the administrative work to run SNAP mar-

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Aloha from Lincoln Square and Elvis



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ketwide," Greenwood said.

He estimated it would take 12 hours a week plus other costs to facilitate the program for each vendor. Despite other markets' and individual farmers' success, Greenwood himself doesn't plan to renew his own authorization to accept the benefits.

"I thought it would kind of take off for our market," Greenwood said. "Unfortunately, I did not get the response I was hoping for. It did not work out as planned."

Greenwood estimated no more than 10 customers with LINK benefits bought his produce during the 2021 market season.

Filicetti said she attributes part of their success to word of mouth and relationship building between customers and vendors, who "see a lot of the same faces each week. We even have non-LINK customers asking about the program. And a lot of vendors are totally supportive of the program; and those who can't are bummed out they can't accept those dollars."



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Top eight advantages of five-star fine dining in Chicago at The Clare



The Clare provides its residents everyday access to fine dining, and top-notch menus crafted by an esteemed culinary team.



The Clare Lounge.

Living at The Clare means everyday access to fine dining in Chicago. That's because top-notch menus crafted by an esteemed culinary team are available within the community itself. Here are the top eight advantages of 5-star fine dining in Chicago at The Clare.

• **The Clare Dining Venues**

Fine dining in Chicago at The Clare provides the luxury of choice. There are four dining venues within the community, each with something unique to offer. Opt for traditional elegance at The Grafton, or casual and cozy at The Bistro. Special occasions call for meals in The Abbey on 53, where sweeping views of the skyline and Lake Michigan complement exquisite cuisine. Finally, residents can wind down with drinks and small bites in The Ambassador Lounge.

• **Award-Winning Chef and Exceptional Culinary Team**

Executive Chef Hagop Hagopian boasts more than 20 years of culinary experience and many accomplishments,

including winning the first-ever LCS Chef of the Year award in 2019 and various other American Culinary Federation competitions over the years. Hagop brings his talents to the kitchens at The Clare each day, and he is committed to educating, training and empowering the chefs he works alongside. He and his team take pride in the innovative dishes they create and serve to residents.

• **Varied Menu Options**

The Clare takes a holistic approach to menu offerings, focusing on choice. Each dining venue has its own menu, with options updated daily and seasonally. What's more, the majority of menu items are made to order, so residents can ask for their food to be prepared according to their preferences and dietary needs.

• **High-Quality Ingredients**

When it comes to food, quality is key. For that reason, The Clare sources local beef, free-range poultry and sustainable seafood. The community also partners with the finest purveyors in Chicago for various other ingredients so that residents consume only the best of the best.

• **Creative Dining Experiences**

Often, dining in Chicago at The Clare is about more than food. It's about an experience. That's why Francesco Tardio, Director of Dining Services and his team constantly strive to develop unique events for the residents. Whether it's a summer barbeque, a Spanish tapas night with flamenco dancing or a gourmet meal with expert wine pairings, fine dining in Chicago at The Clare is unparalleled.

• **Resident Input**

It's rare that guests have direct influence over fine dining in Chicago, but at The Clare, that is the norm. Resident feedback is essential to the overall success of The Clare dining program. Sometimes, resident recipes are even incorporated into the menus!

• **Top-Tier Service**

Service is a major component of fine dining in Chicago that can set one experience

apart from another. Residents expect nothing less than top-tier service when dining at The Clare, and the team delivers. What's more, the servers at The Clare get to know the residents, and therefore can anticipate their wants and needs over time.

• **Ultimate Convenience**

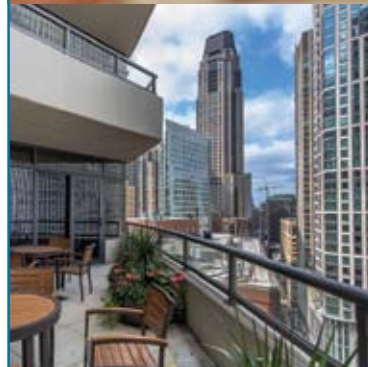
At The Clare, residents don't have to

venture out of the building to enjoy fine dining in Chicago. While there is an abundance of Chicago's best-known restaurants within walking distance of the community, all of the aforementioned advantages of The Clare dining are just an elevator ride away.



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You don't need a silver fork to eat good food.— Paul Prudhomme

Police Beat...

Two armed robberies reported in 15 minutes in Lakeview

A group of armed robbers struck twice in about 15 minutes July 29 and 30 in Lakeview, according to Chicago police. Cops tracked the group to the Lawndale neighborhood and recovered their getaway car, but the suspects themselves slipped away.

The first victim, a 20-year-old man, was targeted as he walked in the 2900 block of N. Pine Grove around 11:50 p.m. A CPD spokesperson said three men confronted him with a handgun, demanded his property, and forced him to give up his phone password. The group escaped in a car.

Then, just after midnight, three robbers stepped out of a dark-colored car and put a gun to a 31-year-old man's head as he stood in an alley behind the 1000 block of W. Barry.

CPD's helicopter tracked the getaway car to a McDonald's in Cicero, but the offenders slipped away from the suburb's cops and fled into the city, where they crashed the vehicle in the 4100 block of W. 16th St. and ran into a building, according to police radio transmissions.

The suspects are all Black males who appeared to be in their teens, according to officers. They wore dark hoodies and jeans.

Robberies continue to be a problem in the Lakeview-based Town Hall 19th Police District. There were 237 hold-ups in the district through last Sunday, according to CPD's latest CompStat report. That's up 72% compared to the same period last year and 30% compared to 2018.

Robber stabs woman in Uptown

A woman was stabbed during a robbery in Uptown Aug. 1, according to Chicago police. She is in fair condition, and the attacker is still at large.

The 25-year-old victim was standing outside her parked car in the 900 block of W. Leland when the robber approached her around 2:30 a.m., according to police.

When she asked the man if he needed help, he responded by pulling out a knife and stabbing the woman in the abdomen and leg, according to police. He stole the woman's purse and fled.

Officers on the scene described the suspect as a Black male in his late teens or early twenties, standing 5'-6" tall and weighing 130 lbs. He was described as having a small Afro and wearing a dark hoodie with dark gray jogging pants. He was last seen on Sheridan heading north.

The victim is being treated at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Shots fired near Wrigley Field

No injuries were reported after shots were fired on Clark St. near Wrigley Field early July 31. Video

from a nearby webcam showed people running across the ballpark's plaza and looking back toward the gunfire.

Surveillance video from a nearby business shows two groups of people crossing paths on the sidewalk in front of Shake Shack, 3519 N. Clark St. A fight broke out for a few seconds, and then the group suddenly broke up as individuals quickly scattered in various directions. The footage, which does not have audio, was provided to this reporter by a source.

The footage shows a CPD squad car sitting in the southbound lane of Clark St. near the group. After the crowd scattered, the squad's blue lights activated and its driver made a U-turn in front of Shake Shack.

A Chicago police officer reported hearing shots fired near Clark and Addison around 2:25 a.m.

Earthcam's 24-hour feed from the corner of Clark and Addison captured a loud noise followed by people running away and a woman taunting people who were apparently fleeing the confrontation.

Cops said they found two shell casings and a live bullet on Clark St. A window was also broken, they said.

Police arrested two men, a 26-year-old and a 27-year-old, but a CPD spokesperson said no charges had been filed.

Robbery in Ravenswood Gardens

Chicago police are warning the residents of Lincoln Square of an armed robbery and home invasion incident 12:10 a.m. July 23. In this incident an armed robbery attempt turned into a home invasion and kidnapping case after the victims told the offender that they didn't have any money to give him, according to a new community alert from Chicago police.

Police said the robber displayed a silver handgun and demanded money from the victims. But they showed him that they didn't have any cash.

When the victims showed the robber an empty wallet, the robber demanded victims to enter their residence and continued to demand money.

With no money in residence or on the victims, the robber forced the victims into their vehicle and forced them to drive to an ATM to withdraw cash. The residence is on the 4600 block of N. Campbell St. in Ravenswood Gardens.

After the cash withdrawal the armed robber forced their victims to return to their home at which time the offender fled.

The offender is described as an unknown male, 25-27 years of age wearing a black ski mask and white shirt.

Anyone who may have information on this crime may contact the Bureau of Detectives Area 3 Detective Division at 312-744-8263 and reference JF328050, 21-3-052 CA, and alert #22-3-052 CA.

More North Side robberies

Chicago police are warning North Side residents of recent reported armed robberies. In the each incident, the offenders exit vehicles and approach victims on the street. The robbers will produce handguns and announce a robbery. They then order the victims to give up personal property before fleeing in a white Chevy

Malibu vehicle. These incidents have occurred on the 500 block of N. Lake Shore Dr., Sunday July 17, in the evening hours; 200 block of East Grand Ave., Monday July 18, in the morning hours; 400 block of E. Grand Ave., Monday July 18, in the morning hours; 300 block of W. Goethe St., Tuesday July 19, in the evening hours; 400 block of E. Ohio St., Tuesday July 19, in the evening hours, and on the 1700 block of N. Clybourn Ave., Wednesday July 20 in the morning.

The offenders are described as two to five Black males, 5'-8"- 6' tall, 18-25 years of age, wearing dark clothing, armed with handguns and driving a white Chevy Malibu.

Those who may have any information about these crimes may contact the Bureau of Detectives - Area 3 at 312-744-8263 and refer to case numbers JF321304, JF321326, JF321349, JF324129, JF324148, JF324156 and P22-3-046 (CA) (B).

Man hit River North bouncer in the face with a hammer

A man faces felony charges for allegedly hitting a River North bouncer in the face with a hammer.

The alleged attack occurred while the victim was working security at Mother Hubbard's, 5 W. Hubbard, around 10:30 p.m. on June 16. The bouncer was speaking with customers when Anthony Strozier, 31, walked



Anthony Strozier

up and sprayed him with pepper spray, Assistant State's Attorney Steven Haamid said during a bail hearing on Friday. He said some of the customers were also affected by the pepper spray.

Strozier then swung a hammer two or three times, striking the victim in the forehead once, according to Haamid. A wound on the bouncer's forehead was sewn up with 11 stitches. A cut on his nose needed two more stitches.

The victim told police that he had seen Strozier a couple of days before the attack. Strozier "confronted him" while the bouncer was assisting someone who worked nearby, according to Haamid, who did not provide further details about the previous encounter.

He said the victim and a witness who chased Strozier after the alleged attack identified him in separate photo line-ups. Police arrested Strozier last week after he was seen outside Mother Hubbard's again.

Prosecutors charged him with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

His private defense attorney, Jeff Kent, said he is from Flint, MI, and has a degree in hospitality. Kent said Strozier had been a restaurant manager for a couple of years.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered Strozier to pay a \$2,000 bail deposit to go home on electronic monitoring.

Catalytic converter thieves shoot North Center man; he shoots one of them

A thief shot a man who intervened as they tried to steal the catalytic converter from his car July 28 in North Center, according to Chicago police. And the victim, who is a concealed carry holder, shot one of the thieves, too.

Police say that charges are being pursued against the 16-year-old who showed up with gunshot wounds at Humboldt Park Health.

It's the second time in less than a year that shots have been fired in the same neighborhood between catalytic converter thieves and concealed carry holders. In the previous incident,



Curtis Tyler is led into the Town Hall (19th) District station after he was allegedly found carrying this hammer at the Belmont Red Line station.

Man with a history of CTA crimes gets four years for CTA Red Line hammer attack

A man with a history of violent attacks on the CTA has pleaded guilty to attacking a man with a hammer on the CTA Red Line near Clark-Division one year ago. He was suspected of committing several similar attacks but was never charged.

Curtis Tyler, 30, was sentenced to four years in prison by Judge William Raines after pleading guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Tyler's sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior, and he will receive 290 days of credit for time spent in jail. He is scheduled to be released from prison in Aug. 2023.

Tyler pleaded guilty to using a hammer to attack a 50-year-old man as they prepared to exit a Red Line train at Clark-Division around 5:30 a.m. Aug. 24, 2021.

Prosecutors said he mumbled as he stood next to the victim on the train, then suddenly struck the victim in the forehead with a hammer and ran from the station. Prosecutors alleged that Tyler was masturbating as he carried out the attack.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where doctors closed the wound on his head with four staples.

Chicago police officers found Tyler at the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview

one of the thieves was killed.

Around 4:25 p.m., police received reports of a two-man catalytic converter theft crew operating in the North Center neighborhood in a black Jeep.

While officers were looking for the thieves, a 57-year-old man in the 2200 block of W. Oakdale heard noises outside his home around 4:46 p.m. When he went outside to investigate, he discovered thieves trying to take his car's catalytic converter.

One of the thieves pulled out a gun and shot the victim, who was hit twice in the abdomen. According to officers on the scene, the victim returned fire, and witnesses saw a young man wearing a black hoodie get into a black SUV while holding his left forearm.

About 20 minutes after the shooting, a juvenile with an arrest record arrived at Humboldt Park Health, formerly Norwegian Hospital, wearing a black hoodie for treatment of two gunshot wounds to his left forearm.

Meanwhile, an ambulance transported the North Center victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition.

Armed robber who duct-taped Walgreens employee still had gun and duct tape in his car 2 weeks later

Prosecutors say the man who duct-taped a Lincoln Square Walgreens employee to a chair during a robbery earlier this month is the boyfriend of one of the store's employees—and he had duct tape and other evidence in his car when cops spotted him leaving the same Walgreens this week.

Marquise Causey, 27, faces armed robbery with a firearm, aggravated

view a short time later and realized he looked like the hammer attack suspect. Tyler allegedly told the officers he "just got into it with someone on the train."

Police found a hammer, a folding knife, and someone else's Venocard in Tyler's possession, prosecutors said.

Police were continuing to investigate Tyler in connection with "at least 11" similar attacks on the city's trains, buses, and L platforms, an assistant state's attorney said during Tyler's bail hearing last year. But he was never charged with any other incidents.

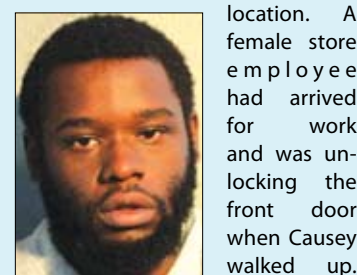
Prosecutors said Tyler received a nine-year sentence for choking and robbing a victim at a CTA bus stop in 2012. Tyler allegedly walked up to the victim, asked him for a cigarette, and then grabbed him by his throat and choked him when he refused.

Tyler allegedly demanded, "Give me your sh*t," as he took the victim's wallet.

Tyler was also found guilty of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm in 2014 after attacking another victim at a CTA station. He has ten misdemeanor convictions and a juvenile robbery conviction from 2007.

unlawful use of a weapon, and unlawful restraint charges. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him held without bail.

The robbery happened around 7 a.m. July 18 at the 4801 N. Lincoln



Marquise Causey

location. A female store employee had arrived for work and was unlocking the front door when Causey walked up. She mistook him for a customer and informed him that the store had not yet opened.

He told her that he knew it was closed, then pulled out a gun and led her to the office, prosecutor Tishesh Jackson said. He held the woman at gunpoint while she opened the safe, then duct taped her waist and arms to an office chair and taped her mouth closed, Jackson continued.

Causey filled a distinctive blue backpack with cash, then took the woman's lunch bag and stuffed more money into it before escaping in a car, Jackson said. The entire incident was captured on video, but because the robber was wearing a mask, the store employee was unable to identify him, according to Jackson.

The woman eventually freed herself and called 911.

But police caught a break when they discovered that a nearby doorbell camera captured footage of the getaway car's license plate, which

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This story has it all

Murder, electronic monitoring, Chicago's top cop, an acquittal, guns, pot, a viral video, Lollapalooza, questions about prosecutorial decisions, and a dumbfounded judge

BY CWBCHICAGO

It's difficult to imagine a story that better captures the state of law enforcement in Chicago than this one.

A man who was singled out by the Chicago police superintendent as an example of an alleged murderer who should not have been released on electronic monitoring, only to be found not guilty six months later, allegedly ran from a crashed car in the Loop on Thursday evening, leaving behind a bag containing \$8,000 in marijuana and a loaded handgun with an auto-fire switch and an extended magazine attached.

Chicago police posted pictures of the crash scene and contraband on Twitter. A witness recorded now-viral video of the man being tripped and tackled by a bystander as Chicago cops moved in to make the arrest near Lollapalooza.

And prosecutors charged him with the pot that was in the bag. But they did not charge him with the gun that allegedly had an auto-switch and extended magazine attached, leaving a Cook County judge dumbfounded.

"I'm having a hard time understanding how he's charged with some contents of the bag but not all," Judge Mary Marubio said during a July 29 bail hearing.

A prosecutor told her that the Cook County State's Attorney's Office considered filing



Torrence Reese (inset), a CPD photo of the alleged contraband, and a frame from a viral video showing Reese being tackled near Lollapalooza.

gun charges but "decisions were made."

Torrence Reese, then 18, was charged in March 2017 with killing two people and injuring a third during a shootout that authorities said was the result of an attempt to steal marijuana. Reese was also shot during the incident.

A judge initially held him without bail, but he was later released on electronic monitoring to await trial on 140 felony counts.

Almost exactly one year ago, after July ended with more than 100 people murdered in Chicago, CPD Supt. David Brown identified Reese by name as an example of someone who should not be on electronic monitoring.

"If you release Mr. Reese, who was charged with two murders and an attempted murder, and continued to commit crime while

in jail, we're going to run in place as a city," said Brown on WBBM-AM on Aug. 2, 2021. "Too many violent, repeat offenders are being released back into these communities, creating a sense of lawlessness and no consequences for their behavior, making for a dangerous environment."

Prosecutors dropped 110 of the 140 charges against Reese in January, a routine move to focus the allegations for trial.

After the state put on its case in February, Reese's attorney, Michael Clancy, ripped their entire presentation in a memorandum to Judge Diana Kenworthy.

"To be blunt, the civilian witnesses called by the State were all liars," Clancy wrote in the Feb. 22 filing. They "all took an oath to tell the truth, then proceeded to prevaricate time and again. They

contradicted each other on details big and small ... It is plain that a murder scene was tampered with by two and likely three individuals in this case."

On Feb. 28, Kenworthy found Reese not guilty on every charge, including eight counts of murder.

Then on July 28, Chicago police tried to pull over a white Jeep in the Loop. Prosecutors say the Jeep drove onto the sidewalk and ran red lights before it crashed into two cars that were stopped for a traffic signal near Michigan Ave. and Harrison St., not far from the Lollapalooza festival.

The Jeep's driver bailed out and Reese ran from its front passenger seat, said Assistant State's Attorney Steven Haamid.

A video shows what happened next. A man wearing a tie-dye shirt stuck his leg out and tripped Reese, who fell to the sidewalk. He got back up and started running, only to be pushed into a pole by the same bystander as cops approached.

Cops found a blue bookbag on the front passenger seat where Reese had been, Haamid said. Inside, officers found the loaded handgun with the auto-fire switch and extended magazine along with three bottles of promethazine and \$8,100 worth of pot, according to Haamid. Another bag, located behind the driver's seat, contained another \$8,100 worth of marijuana.

The Chicago Police Dept. posted photos of the crash scene and the alleged contraband on Twitter.

Prosecutors charged the driver, Darius Sanford, with aggravated fleeing, possession of cannabis,

and driving on a suspended license. The cannabis charge is linked to the bag that police allegedly found behind the driver's seat.

They charged Reese with possession of cannabis and possessing a controlled substance for the pot and promethazine that was allegedly inside the blue bag.

"Why isn't this gun charged?" asked Judge Marubio. "40-caliber handgun with an extended magazine and auto switch."

"The gun charge was reviewed, and decisions were made at that time to not charge that gun," Haamid replied.

"But is he then charged with the drugs in that bag?" Marubio countered.

"That is my understanding," Haamid affirmed.

After a long silence, Marubio offered a con-

founder, "Okay." Reese only has two misdemeanor convictions in his background, including a mob action charge, which Brown was apparently referring to when he said Reese "continued to commit crime while in jail."

Marubio ordered him to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to go home, where he must observe a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew.

Sanford, convicted of two gun felonies and felony misuse of a credit card in 2011, according to Haamid, was ordered to pay a \$2,500 deposit and then observe the same curfew. Marubio said his bail is higher because of the fleeing allegations.

According to the sheriff's office online inmate search, neither man was in custody as of July 30.



Darius Sanford

17-time felon stole rare collector cards during Lincoln Square store burglary

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 17-time convicted felon stole rare collector cards worth tens of thousands of dollars from a Lincoln Square business in May, then sold some of them for a fraction of their actual value, according to prosecutors.

After the theft, the owner of Elite Sports Cards & Comics, 2028 W. Montrose, went on a media campaign to raise awareness of the theft, hoping that collectors would be on the lookout for anyone attempting to sell the stolen cards. Prosecutors say that the owner's efforts paid off.

A burglar removed bricks and security bars from the store's rear window and went inside around 3:45 a.m. May 31, Block Club reported at the time. Prosecutor Steven Haamid said 32 cards worth \$50,000 were taken.

Owner Ronnie Holloway discovered the burglary when he arrived around 9:30 a.m. He pulled up the store's surveillance video, which showed a man wearing long sleeves, gloves, and a mask clearing out display cases and shelves.

According to Haamid, the owner recognized the figure as a man who had visited the store about five times in recent weeks. The man wore a hoodie and a baseball cap and talked for about 15 min-



Elite Sports Cards & Comics, 2028 W. Montrose, went on a media blitz to raise awareness of the theft of valuable collectibles, hoping that collectors would be on the lookout for anyone attempting to sell the stolen cards. That effort paid off.

utes before leaving each time.

But by the time the owner arrived at work, some of his stolen cards had already been sold, Haamid said.

Someone contacted a collec-

tor about selling high-value cards just two hours after the break-in, and they met at a Dunkin' Donuts around 8 a.m. to make a

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expressed clearly and convincingly, include case citations, the standard of review, and state exactly what you want the court to do. On Jan. 3, I filed a brief that contained 26 pages, not including cover (which has to be a specific color), table of contents, statement of points and authorities, the certificate of compliance saying my brief contains 26 pages, and the certificate of service.

My brief had three main points: Whether the trial court made a mistake by not following the RLTO section that states that protected conduct of a tenant less than one year before an alleged retaliation creates a rebuttable presumption that the landlord's action, in this case non-renewal of the lease,

was retaliatory. Whether the Surrender and Release Agreement negates my claim of landlord violation of the RLTO and whether the agreement is unenforceable due to duress and other reasons. And whether there are freedom of speech consequences, harmful to the public, resulting from retaliation by a landlord against a tenant, who is a journalist, over news stories the tenant has written.

The responding brief by defense counsel looked like someone had really put a lot of expensive time into it, at least enough to tear apart my case citations and give me the distinct impression that he had written more briefs than I have.

On the plus side, besides expert advice from my attorney, I found enough information online to get me through this, and I got the last word with the appellate court before we settled in for what could be several months of waiting.

Do I have any advice for anyone who has been retaliated against by their landlord? Yes, I believe I do.

1. Don't sign anything. You're not going to make your situation any better. Even if you feel pressured or threatened, remember that the law is on your side and you do not have to sign anything.

2. If the landlord knows he or she is breaking the law and still will not budge, file in Circuit Court sooner rather than later. A lawyer is worth the expense but if you are, like me, a glutton for punishment, you can represent yourself and though it is far from easy, the online systems like Odyssey File & Serve are much easier and quicker than filing at the courthouse in person. I filed



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Chicago ordinance prohibits landlord retaliation

In Chicago, and many other cities, there is an ordinance that prohibits retaliatory conduct by a landlord. The City of Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance [RLTO], Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 12, Section 150, states as follows:

It is declared to be against public policy of the City of Chicago for a landlord to take retaliatory action against a tenant, except for violation of a rental agreement or violation of a law or ordinance. A landlord may not knowingly terminate a tenancy, increase rent, decrease services, bring or threaten to bring a lawsuit against a tenant for possession or refuse to renew a lease or tenancy because the tenant has in good faith:

(a) Complained of code violations applicable to the premises to a competent governmental agency, elected representative or public official charged with responsibility for enforcement

of a building, housing, health or similar code; or

(b) Complained of a building, housing, health or similar code violation or an illegal landlord practice to a community organization or the news media; or

(c) Sought the assistance of a community organization or the news media to remedy a code violation or illegal landlord practice; or

(d) Requested the landlord to make repairs to the premises as required by a building code, health ordinance, other regulation, or the residential rental agreement; or

(e) Became a member of a tenant's union or similar organization; or

(f) Testified in any court or administrative proceeding concerning the condition of the premises; or

(g) Exercised any right or remedy provided by law.

If the landlord acts in violation of this section, the tenant has a

defense in any retaliatory action against him for possession and is entitled to the following remedies: he shall recover possession or terminate the rental agreement and, in either case, recover an amount equal to and not more than two months' rent or twice the damages sustained by him, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees.

If the rental agreement is terminated, the landlord shall return all security and interest recoverable under Section 5-12-080 and all prepaid rent.

In an action by or against the tenant, if there is evidence of tenant conduct protected herein within one year prior to the alleged act of retaliation, that evidence shall create a rebuttable presumption that the landlord's conduct was retaliatory. The presumption shall not arise if the protected tenant activity was initiated for the alleged act of retaliation.

in Municipal Court, seeking compensation for my landlord's violation of city ordinance, but there are other options.

3. If your landlord threatens you with physical harm, report it to the police. It's easy to decide that the landlord is just blowing off steam and won't really harm anyone. However, he or she will deny making the threat, and a

police report could help dispute that.

The goal now is to get the case remanded back to Circuit Court so I may continue on this merry journey.

If I win, I win. If I lose, I got to file a lawsuit and push it through Circuit Court and into an appellate court. I learned more about the nuts and bolts of law in the

past four years than I ever did in all the years before. And if I'm ever writing about a case and trying to win the trust of a litigant, I can always tell them about the time I was in their shoes.

Mr. Michalak's attorney did not respond to an invitation to comment for this article.

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magical, warm and inviting and also poignant space," she said. "So it's been just as therapeutic."

Her own kids marched in the parade and missed the shooter by seconds. "So even though I've done this work and gun violence since Sandy Hook, as empathetic as I think I've always been, this kind of particular pain that I'm feeling now, of when it really comes to your own front yard, obviously is like off the charts."

Everyone is working through a lot of emotions still as they try and heal, von Edelberg said.

"I guess the last thing is that this isn't just about healing," she said. "And it's particularly not about healing and moving on. It's about healing and becoming whole and turning art into action. Because if we can't get this right now, I don't know that we're ever going to get it right and we're at the cusp of systemic change so whatever folks can do to reach their representatives and not just here in Illinois."

"People should feel just as empowered to call senators from all over the country and make their voice heard and people can just do that as their daily activity over

breakfast and that would be enormously helpful," said von Edelberg. "I invite everybody from my delicious corner on Broadway and Melrose to head up to Highland Park to now another wonderful corner of St. John's and Central... It's very much taken from the playbook we had with a fabric fence for LGBTQ rights.

"The goal is to really bring our community together and push for systemic change," von Edelberg added.

It's determined people like von Edelberg who make that happen. We thank her from afar and miss her in Lakeview.

TAX from p. 5

modify, confirm, or supplement a deed previously recorded; transfers in which the deed is a tax deed, or in which the instrument releases property which secures debt, when the sale is under bankruptcy or where the deed is a deed of partition.

Transfers between a parent and its subsidiary or between subsidiaries with the same parent because of merger, consolidation or the sale of substantially all of the seller's assets are also exempted.

Also when the property is in an Enterprise Zone where property is used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes, or a prop-

erty in foreclosure proceedings or sale made in lieu of foreclosure.

A transfer of title to or a beneficial interest in the primary residence of a legally recognized couple, from one member of the couple to the other, by order of court resulting from a legal separation or divorce proceeding, is also exempt.

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deal, according to Haamid. The buyer gave the seller \$11,500 in cash and a collectible card worth \$7,000 for 10 cards that had been stolen from Elite hours before.

Days later, the buyer saw media coverage of the break-in and contacted Elite to report that he had already resold five of the store's cards but still had five others he purchased during the transaction.

He turned the remaining items over to police: two Mickey Mantle cards and one each of Babe Ruth, Yogi Berra, and Jim Brown,

according to court records. None of the other cards were found. Haamid said Elite's owner confirmed that the recovered cards were taken from his store.

Police license plate readers and other evidence led investigators to Scott Meherg, 41. According to Haamid, Elite's owner also confirmed that Meherg was the man who had visited the store several times before the break-in.

During an interview with police, Meherg admitted to selling the cards to the man at Dunkin', but he denied breaking into the store, Haamid said. His 17 felony

convictions include burglaries, forgery, theft, and ID theft, according to Haamid.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said Meherg lives in Oak Lawn with his wife and three children.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to get out of jail on the burglary case. She also held him without bail for an arrest warrant out of Indiana. Meherg told her in court that the warrant has been outstanding since 2008.



(L-R) Artist Claes Oldenburg. Batcolumn, the 101-foot-tall outdoor sculpture in Chicago, takes the shape of a baseball bat standing on its knob.

Robin Baumgartner, Larry Potash, Lauren Jiggetts and Dan Ponce. Denise Tomasello

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daily life of their offshoot Cafe Sophie, 847 N. State. Hardly off the ground last month, the bright, cozy delicious cafe was a gift to Gold Coast hungry customers. Business partners **David Pisor** and **James Lasky** are the powerhouse behind glitzy Maple & Ash and Etta's meteoric rise. And now Sophie's short life span.

The tragic bad blood currently being aired in court at the moment made the closure of Sophie's unstoppable. So sad.

FAREWELL: He's really leaving... yep, **Ken Griffin** is leaving. When the penthouse goes up for sale you know it's over. The billionaire announced last month that he was relocating the firm to Miami due to Chicago's high crime rate and high taxes. He has listed his two full-floor penthouse condominiums in Park Tower. The 66th- and 67th-floor units, starting price: \$13.25 million and \$15.75 million.

Griffin paid \$6.9 million for the top floor of the 67-story building in 2000. About 12 years later, he paid \$15 million for the unit on the floor below. While Griffin paid a high premium for the units, it's not the priciest deal in the building. In 2015, filmmaker **George Lucas** and his wife, **Melody Hobson**, paid \$18.75 million for the penthouse on the 65th floor, just below Griffin's units.

NASCAR: It's almost impossible to believe, but **Mayor Lightfingers** has announced that Chicago may solidify its standing as a cultural capital with the addition of annual racing by NASCAR over our city streets.

Just as the City Council was attempting to get to the bottom of the city's latest obsession with drag racing.

Ironically, **Potter** and **Bertha Palmer** once placed their fortune at the city's disposal hoping to rinse off our uneducated, rough, corn-cob persona for a cosmopolitan urban character delighting in the theater, the opera, French Impressionism, America's best restaurants, the World's Columbian Exposition, the first splitting of an atom and more literary awards to local prairie writers than any other American city.

Alas, since the era of great philanthropists, Chicago has rivaled cities everywhere for their sophistication, elegant architecture

and botanical wonder. So I guess if you're the mayor, NASCAR racing around our streets is the next natural progression. I'm just glad **Bertha Palmer**, **Edith Rockefeller McCormick** and **Eleanor "Sis" Daley** aren't around for the start of the race.

Why not make it really exciting and hold it the same weekend as Lollapalooza? Built in crowds and entertainment with hair-pin turns around the stages.

MRS. SPEAKER: Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell** was startled last Saturday evening to discover she was seated next to Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi** at the Four Seasons. Not one for social high-jinx, Diane offered the speaker an easy Chicago welcome but did not pry into the reason for her visit. Though she said she had great hair and good skin.

POP ART MASTER: The death of 93-year-old Swedish-American sculptor **Claes Oldenburg**, who grew up in Chicago, brings an end to an artistic career that ripened at just the right moment in America. Oldenburg's style was the true Pop Art crescendo of the times. His enormous "Batcolumn" at 600 W. Madison St., served up a giant piece of MLB lore.

Pop Art enjoyed a massive celebrity in the 1960s and challenged the aesthetics of modern excessive realism. Around the world gigantic versions of ordinary implements of everyday life seems to have been a liberating self-absorption with everything from a cheery and a spoon, a wedge of pie, or a giant chair revealing art's dynamic affect upon the ordinary. Oldenburg's giant baseball bat is just such an object.

FINAL DEADLINE: Reporter **Hank De Zutter** has died at 80 after a tragic fall. He was a classic Chicago journalist who was as refined as he was quirky, like the city itself. True blend of hard headed, self-righteous passion (the backbone of American journalism) and that 'dig your heels in till you discover what's true' immobility.

A jazz-loving Clark Kent with

little time for false bravado or political shenanigans. He worked for the Chicago Daily News, the Chicago Reader, the Chicago Journalism Review (as a founder), the Chicago Journal (strictly as a poet), both the City and Columbia Colleges, as well as a founder of Community Media Workshop (helping to strengthen press coverage of neighborhood issues). Exposing the FBI in the 1960s for spying on campus activists at U of I, he went on to survive the Democratic National Convention of 1968. But he shall be remembered most for his unusual golf putts.



Hank DeZutter

ALMA MATER: The ranking of American universities for 2022-2023 based on tuition cost finds two local Chicago universities at the high end of the top 10 list. Northwestern University in Evanston was ranked eighth at \$76, 317. And the Univ. of Chicago ranked ninth with costs running \$76, 302. Just for tuition. Just for one year.

AU REVOIR: Chef **Dominique Tougne**, 56, who did so much to irrigate French culture and cuisine for Chicagoans, died of a heart attack last week. You'll remember him from Bistro 110 and Chez Moi. He was beloved and will be missed.

WALDORF ASTORIA: The Peacock Lounge & Patio, Chicago's newest watering hole of note in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 11 E. Walton, has finally opened. It pays tribute to the fame Peacock Lounge at the Waldorf in New York. The natural feather wall panels in the room's book shelves is reminiscent of the famed New York meeting spot so favored by the **Duke and Duchess of Windsor**. Cozy meets elegance.

MANGE, MANGE: Get ready for the treat of a lifetime. **Denise Tomasello** and her 16 piece orchestra live on stage, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, on the main stage for Little Italy Festa on Taylor St. Be there.

YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS: When chanteuse **Barb Bailey** had her cabaret show at Marchesa on Wells, she was truly blessed to have great

friends **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Irene Mohica** as hosts in the dining area and talented **Julia Jacobs** tinkled the ivories for more than an hour during cocktails.

ARS GRATIA ARTIS: **Tom Kapsalis** was an American hero and a noted artist. His death at 97 last week brings a career of stunning artistry to a conclusion. He was a longtime professor at the Art Institute of Chicago. During World War II he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. His work was on display at Corbett vs. Dempsey Gallery on N. Ashland Ave. His wife of 66 years, **Stella**, mourns his passing.

WHO'S WHERE: **Jeff** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** at the Biltmore in Asheville, NC... birthday joy to our dear friend, **Shaun Rajah**, a great talent at the Langham Hotel... U of I Alumni Chief, **Michael** and **Lois dal Santo Harring**, touching the sun during the solstis at Stonehenge no

less... **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Darby Hills** at Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest, with friends **Shannon Nourish**, **Angelica Archos**, **Avani Ray Patel** and **Erica Rachel**... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** at Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, France... **Jane Yount** loving Cat Island in Beaufort, SC... **Tim Egan** in NYC on Broadway with musical Irishman **George M. Cohan**... **Candace Jordan** leading Happy birthdays for restaurateur **Joey Mondelli**... At Pizzeria Portofino was **Eamonn Cummins** and **Penie Taylor** with her daughter and son, **Isabel Taylor** and **Sam Taylor**... twirling the good pasta at Tufano's **Brian Bernadoni** with **Stacey Arnos Cullerton** and **Lisa Dress** and pals from Strategia Consulting... **Todd** and



Shaun Rajah

Liam Justic at Dodgers Stadium, Chavez Ravine, in Los Angeles...

Tina Gravel having a birthday with **Whynnis Mackie** out on the town... Lake Forest's **Jim** and **Anne McNulty** catching up to three of their five daughters, **Annie McNulty Friday**, **Peggy McNulty O'Brien** (who turned 35), and **Therese McNulty Euerle** in California... **Sheila Swann** busting her knuckles cleaning graffiti off Bailey her Horse of Honor in Andersonville... **Ken Norgan** with friends from Switzerland visiting Chicago, **Jan** and **Thomas** and neighbor, **Mara** on the patio Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... belated best wishes to **Cathy Bell Bartholmay**... Winnetka's **DJ Riley** and **Aidan Rodriguez Nolan** having a great summer... **Julia Jacobs** doing her birthday in lovely Santa Barbara, CA... WGN'S **Dan Ponce** and **Lauren Jiggetts** sipping with **Larry Potash** and **Robin Baumgartner** at the WGN Morning News get-together... Toomey auctioneer **John Walcher** with his A-team at their lakefront net for a volley or two... **Grantland** and **Kristen Druchtas** meandering through Greece... **Janet** and **Rodger Owen** at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac

for the 2022 race at the finish. **Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Nobody uses somebody else's resources as carefully as he uses his own. So, if you want efficiency and effectiveness, if you want knowledge to be properly utilized, you have to do it through the means of private property.**

-- Milton Friedman

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Man shot, beaten to death during drug deal in South Loop apartment

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Roseland woman and an accomplice killed a 57-year-old man in his South Loop apartment during a drug deal in January, prosecutors said July 28.

Chrystal Martin and her accomplice were arrested less than two weeks after the murder, but the Cook County State's Attorney's Office initially declined to file charges based on their self-defense claims, according to Assistant State's Attorney Danny Hanichak. An arrest warrant has been issued for the man accused of murder.

Chicago police found Timothy Vallianatos dead inside his apartment in the 2100 block of S. Michigan around 9:15 p.m. Jan. 4 after his neighbors reported hearing a disturbance in his unit.

Hanichak said Martin and the accomplice contacted Vallianatos about a drug transaction and set

a meeting time. Martin and the man traveled to the South Loop in Martin's car and stopped at a restaurant along the way to order food with her Link card, Hanichak said.

Surveillance video from Vallianatos' building shows Martin and the accomplice entering shortly before the murder, and the accomplice signed a sign-in sheet at the front desk, according to Hanichak.

Just after 9 p.m., the front desk attendant received a noise complaint from a resident on Vallianatos' floor, and she went upstairs to investigate. As she stepped off the elevator, a nearby stairwell door closed, and video showed Martin and the accomplice exiting the lobby, Hanichak continued.

Police responded to reports of a person calling for help around the same time and discovered Vallianatos in his unlocked apartment with a gunshot wound to his face



On Jan. 16, Chicago police arrested Chrystal Martin (pictured above) and a man, after they both admitted to having a physical altercation at Timothy Vallianatos' (standing next to horse) apartment during a drug transaction.

and blunt force trauma throughout his body.

Meanwhile, Martin and the man returned to the restaurant to pick up their food.

On Jan. 16, Chicago police arrested Martin and the man, and they both admitted to having a physical altercation at Vallianatos' apartment during a drug trans-

action, according to Hanichak. However, the couple claimed self-defense, and the state's attorney's felony review unit declined charges and told investigators to return with more evidence.

Police located one of Vallianatos' neighbors who said they heard a woman screaming about money and Vallianatos' saying he

had credit cards, which the female voice rejected, Hanichak said. The witness heard the woman's voice say, "put him to sleep," followed by the sound of choking.

Another neighbor reported hearing scuffling and arguing as Vallianatos screamed for help.

Martin's public defender told Judge Charles Beach that she thought she would be a witness in CPD's case against the man who remains at large. Instead, Martin is charged with first-degree murder. The attorney argued that Martin didn't run away after learning that police were investigating her, which suggests that she is not a flight risk.

Beach agreed and turned down the state's request to keep Martin in jail without bail. Instead, she will be required to post a \$30,000 deposit toward bail to be released from jail.

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was "uniquely affixed" to the front grill, Jackson said. Using the plate information, investigators learned that the getaway car was registered to Causey's girlfriend, who works at the store, according to Jackson.

On July 27, store employees noticed the getaway car with the "uniquely affixed" license plate outside. They called police, and officers pulled the car over as it pulled out of the parking lot and detained Causey.

Jackson said police found the distinctive blue backpack, duct tape, and a loaded handgun in the car. Causey was wearing black Croc-style shoes similar to those worn by the robber, and khaki pants similar to the robber's were also in his car, she said.

He is scheduled to appear in court again on Aug. 5.

Sexual assault in West Ridge

A criminal sexual assault was re-

ported in West Ridge July 19. A 15-year old girl was in a Green Briar Park when she was sexually assaulted.

In an attempt to avoid suspicion, the offender portrayed himself as the victim's father.

The victim was eventually able to escape from the offender.

The offender is described as a male, Hispanic, 38 years old, wearing purple Crocs shoes, a white shirt, and shorts.

The police are asking anyone with information on this attack to contact the Bureau of Detectives - Area Three at 312-744-8261 and reference- RD# JF-323721 and JF323721.

Robber may have accidentally shot himself in Lincoln Park

Chicago police are investigating reports that a robber took a victim's gun and then unintentionally shot himself with it in Lincoln Park on July 26. Police did not find anyone shot in the immediate area, but they did find a shell casing and blood at the rob-

bery scene.

It happened at the BP station, 1607 W. Fullerton, around 8:23 p.m.

The 21-year-old victim was at the station when the robber saw that he had a gun in his waistband, according to a CPD statement. Police said the robber reached for the victim's gun, which apparently discharged as the robber took it. The victim told police he believed the robber shot himself, a claim that might be supported by the presence of blood and a shell casing.

Committed to completing his mission, the robber carried on with the hold-up by demanding the victim's phone before leaving the scene in a car.

Officers said the robber is a Black male with tattoos on his chest who weighs more than 200 lbs and has short twists in his hair.

Area Three detectives are investigating the incident.

Rash of downtown thefts from cars

Police are warning downtown parkers of a rash of thefts from motor vehicle, and criminal damage to vehicle related incidents which have occurred during the month of July at multiple parking garages.

In each of these incidents, the offender(s) are targeting unattended vehicles located in a parking structure. In a vast majority of occurrences, the offender(s) are entering locked vehicles by breaking the driver or passenger side windows with an unknown object and taking possession of personal property from inside the vehicles.

A vehicle was taken in one of the incidents to date. Robbery locations include one on the 200 block of N. Wells St. on July 12, at 12:30 p.m.; 100 block of W. Lake St. on July 15, from 6 p.m. - 10:30 a.m.; 100 block of N. Wells St. on July 16, at 9 a.m.; 100 block of W. Madison St. on July 17, from 11:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.; 100 block of W. Wacker Dr.

on July 17, at 3:30 p.m.; 100 block of N. Wells St. on July 17, at 3:39 p.m.; 100 block of W. Wacker Dr. on July 17, at 5:12 p.m.; 100 block of W. Wacker Dr. on July 17, from 6:05 p.m. - 7:05 p.m.; 100 block of N. Wells St. on July 17, at 11:36 p.m.; 100 block of W. Madison St. on July 18, from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; 200 block of S. Wells St. on July 23, at 9:30 p.m.; 200 block of N. Clark St. on July 25, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 200 block of N. Clark St. on July 25, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 100 block of N. Wells St. on July 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 100 block of N. Wells St. on July 25, from 11:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.; 200 block of W. Washington Street on July 28, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; 100 block of W. Madison St. on July 28, at 11:00 a.m., and the 100 block of W. Madison St. on July 28, at 5 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK, NA Plaintiff, -v- JAMES NAZAROWSKI, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 2626 LAKEVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 01181 2626 N LAKEVIEW AVE UNIT 2712-10 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 May 27, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 7, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2626 N LAKEVIEW AVE UNIT 2712-10, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-318-064-1288, Property Index No. 14-28-318-064-1286 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws

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the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-01001 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 01181 TJS# #: 42-2129 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 01181 **13199177**

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Plaintiff, -v- JAMES EDWARD ROJEWSKI A/K/A JIMMY ROJEWSKI, CITY OF CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY TREASURER, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CARL SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 7, SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WARE ADAMS A/K/A ARTHUR WARE ADAMS A/K/A A WARE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 21 CH 05283 1560 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 3315J CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 16, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1560 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 3315J, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-207-087-1509 The real estate is improved with a condominium with garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRICIA M. RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 20 CH 05652 3950 N LAKE SHORE DR. #2208 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 November 2, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 1, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3950 N LAKE SHORE DR. #2208, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-21-101-034-1196 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$89,733.76. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity 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

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after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue Mundelein IL, 60060 847-537-0500 E-Mail: tolson@ksnlaw.com Attorney Code: 38862 Case Number: 20 CH 05652 TJSC#: 42-2751 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 20 CH 05652

Real Estate For Sale

272727 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB ("WFSF") NOT INDIVIDUALLY OR PERSONALLY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE OF BUNKER HILL LOAN DEPOSITARY TRUST 2019-3; Plaintiff, vs. TLCD DEVELOPMENT, INC., THE BARRY CONDOMINIUM INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 21 CH 3592 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 Monday, August 29, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-28-105-072-1053. Commonly known as 3100 N Sheridan Rd Unit 2E, Chicago, IL 60657. 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 Ms. MyXuan Koski at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 940-8580. 21-02124 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13199020** 202020 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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030303 ----- 272727 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC Plaintiff, -v- MELODEE L. MANN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, RIVIERA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 00395 1125 W. LUNT AVENUE APT. 102 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 26, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 26, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1125 W. LUNT AVENUE APT. 102, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-200-034-1002 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor

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upcoming events, including Sundays on State and Lollapalooza,” says the alliance, a membership organization that creates and manages programs to attract people to the Loop and accelerate its economic recovery.

Michael Edwards, President/CEO of CLA, says the Loop is “thriving again” and “remains in a strong position for a successful recovery centered around a live, work, and play model.”

But there is also bad news out there for

GOOGLE from p. 1

In 2019, Pritzker signed legislation that had originally passed the General Assembly two years earlier authorizing a new process of trying to sell the building through a competitive bidding process. And in January 2021 officials announce plans to begin moving employees out of the Thompson Center into another building the state had purchased for \$73.5 million at 555 W. Monroe.

Then in Dec. 2021, officials announced tentative plans to sell the building for \$70 million to JRTC Holdings LLC, a firm managed by real estate developer Michael W. Reschke and the Capri Investment Group.

Under that deal, the state would have purchased back 425,000 square feet of newly renovated office space and it would have contributed \$148 million for its share of the renovations.

Under the new agreement, however, the state will sell the entire building for \$105

million and use \$75 million of that to buy another building nearby in the central Loop area, at 115 S. LaSalle, currently the headquarters of BMO Harris Bank which plans to relocate.

JRTC Holdings will perform the renovations on the LaSalle building to accommodate the state’s operations after BMO Harris Bank vacates the building. The improvements there are expected to take 18 months with partial occupancy expected within eight months from the closing, the governor’s office said in a news release

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Karen Sauder, Google’s president of global clients and agency solutions, said the company eventually plans to buy the building itself in order to bring its employees into the downtown area.

by Gap, and has not said if it would open a smaller store somewhere nearby or leave the area altogether. The decision to exit comes after DSW announced in June that it too is leaving its store at 35 S. State St.

Gap also closed its flagship store at 555 N. Michigan Ave. last year. Gap occupied a three-story, 46,000 square foot space from 2000 until its lease expired in Nov. 2020. The store closed in Jan. 2021.

The soon-to-be-vacant Old Navy space has 7,300 square feet at street level and the remaining 24,700 square feet spans the second, third and lower levels. According

to CBRE, which is marketing the space, a new tenant would probably pay a lower rent than Old Navy because of the Loop’s weak state. Disney, New York & Co. and Urban Outfitters closed retail outlets on State St. during the pandemic.

In the Central Loop, which includes State St., the vacancy rate fell to 23.1% at the end of 2021, from 26.1% six months earlier, brokerage Stone Real Estate found. Vacancies in the Loop hit a record 27.4% earlier this year.

hoods in the city, we have the opportunity to do it all over again here,” she said.

The moves by the state are part of a larger effort to optimize its real estate holdings in downtown Chicago.

Prior to those efforts, the state owned three buildings in the area, including the Thompson Center, and leased office space in seven other buildings. Together, according to the Dept. of Central Management Services, those properties exceeded 2.3 million square feet.

Cathy Kwiatkowski, deputy director of CMS, said in an email that the state only needs about 1.7 million square feet, a need that could be met by buying two buildings, terminating six private leases and maintaining leases only in publicly owned buildings.

The governor’s office claims the consolidation will save the state nearly \$1 billion over 30 years.

“This trade was a huge win-win for everyone,” Michael W. Reschke said. “Google was able to secure 100% of this iconic building for future headquarters and the state will now own 50% more space on LaSalle St. at 50% less cost.”

“The way we see it, the Thompson Center is more than just a building. Establishing a presence here in the loop allows us to get in on the ground floor of revitalizing and breathing new life into the very heart of the city. Just as we’re proud of the role we played in turning Fulton Market into one of the most vibrant and energetic neighbor-

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common symptoms of MPV are a rash or sores that appear to be pimples or blisters that can appear anywhere on the body. Some experience flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, fatigue, and swollen lymph nodes.

Some working in the medical field of infection disease are likening it to Shingles, which is also very contagious by touch.

On July 27, the World Health Organization recommended that men who have sex with men should consider limiting their sexual partners to lower their risk of infection and reduce the spread.

Currently, the virus is affecting and spreading among gay men who have sex with men, and men who have intimate or sexual contact with other men in social or sexual venues, or who have multiple or anonymous partners, according to a written statement from the city’s Dept. of Public Health. About 99% of all known cases are among men, and at least 95% of those patients are men who have sex with men.

Munar expressed concerns regarding the

nation’s limited supply of MPV vaccines and to where they have already been sent. He is worried the current distribution system has not been targeting the most vulnerable.

“While vaccine supply remains limited, it is imperative to ensure the distribution is prioritized to heavily impacted jurisdictions and communities. We are concerned that current vaccine rollout will prioritize those who are well-resourced and connected, and thus better able to secure the very limited number of available appointments,” Munar said.

The virus first appeared in Chicago in June. Its appearance was linked to the city’s annual International Mr. Leather conference that had been held at the end of May and which is popular among a segment of the LGBTQ+ community.

“MPV is not a “gay disease. There is nothing inherent in the biology of the virus that limits it to men who have sex with men. The virus spreads through tight-knit social networks; it does not discriminate,” said Dr. Allison Arwady, the city’s public health [CDPH] commissioner on July 27.

Arwady noted that most casual contact and day-to-day activities, such as shopping in crowded stores, going to a bar or coffee house, riding public transportation, or using gym equipment or public restrooms, pose little to no risk for contracting MPV.

“Settings where there is a likelihood of spreading MPV include enclosed spaces such as backrooms of bars, saunas, or sex clubs, where there is minimal or no clothing and where intimate sexual contact occurs. If your partner has MPV, the best way to protect oneself and others is to avoid any kind of intimate contact; do not share things like towels, bedding, clothing, fetish gear, sex toys and toothbrushes,” according to the written statement from the CDPH.

This newspaper has asked officials from the city’s Dept. of Public Health if bars, clubs, or public bathhouse facilities associated with the MPV outbreak will be temporarily closed as a precaution to flatten the curve but so far there has been no response.

According to officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control [CDC], MPV is caused by infection with the monkey-

pox virus. MPV belongs to the same family of viruses as variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox. Symptoms are like smallpox symptoms, but milder, and MPV is rarely fatal.

The virus was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. Despite being named “monkeypox,” the actual source of the disease remains unknown. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people.

The first human case of MPV was recorded in 1970. Prior to 2022, MPV had been reported in people in several central and western African countries, but the current outbreak is not linked to a current African outbreak.

“We must build on the lessons learned from our public health response to HIV, and more recently to COVID-19, so that we can avoid repeating the same mistakes. We must act now before it is too late to implement equitable and evidence-based strategies to improve access to testing, treatment, vaccination, and education,” said Munar.