

The trust of the innocent is the liar's most useful tool.

— Stephen King

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Some local Rogers Park residents are opposed to a local church tearing down this house [right] for a parking lot, and have undertaken a petition campaign to stop the plan.

City community safety meeting Sept. 28 at Truman College

The growing criminal activity and violence in Chicago are on many people's minds now, and the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability has scheduled a meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday- Sept. 28, at Truman College, located at 1145 W. Wilson Ave., to address some of these concerns.

The meeting will provide local residents an extended opportunity for public comment over policing, crime and other city security issues.

Those interested in speaking during the virtual public comment period may send a request to Commission staff by email-

CommunityCommissionPublicComment@cityofchicago.org. If the number of speakers exceeds the allocated time for public comment, they will select speakers through a random drawing.

In addition to security and budget discussion, the meeting will be hearing on the public safety for workers. Representatives from labor groups will present their issues, and concerns to the Commission, Chicago Police, and Mayor's Office. Anyone may submit written public comment by delivering it to the public meeting or by emailing it to CommunityCommissionPublicComment@cityofchicago.org.

Church wants more parking, but community wants existing home to remain

Like much of the North Side today, Mar Gewargis Cathedral Chicago - Assyrian Church of the East [ACOE], wants more off-street parking.

North Rogers Park has long been a difficult community to find on-street parking, making off-street parking a critical resource for any commercial entity, educational or social organization, or religious institution.

And the ACOE, 7201 N. Ashland, has identified a parcel it would like to convert into parking to serve their needs.

It's a vintage single family home, one of the oldest in the community, at 1530 W. Touhy Ave. It was built in 1905.

They own it, and are now hoping to tear down the house in order to expand their parking lot.

But some of the local residents are opposed to the idea, and have undertaken a petition campaign to stop the plan. Late last week they had already gathered about 200 signatures from nearby neighbors in opposition to the church's parking lot plans.

The petition says that "Demolishing this beautiful home to expand the parking lot will diminish the quality and character of our neighborhood, change the street scape and lead to more traffic congestion. It will not bring any benefit to the neighbors or neighborhood."

"The existing church parking lot is locked and mostly empty during the week (unless there are funerals). The parking lot does routinely fill up on Fridays or Saturdays for weddings and Sundays or holy holidays for services."

The neighbors say that the church has other options for additional parking, that include utilizing Field School and/or proposing building a multi-floor parking garage on their existing site.

They say that ACOE tried to do this same thing in 2006, but that they were blocked by former 49th Ward Ald. David Orr.

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Howard St. high density housing project stalls after not getting tax credits

A high density affordable housing project in Rogers Park has been put on hold after being rejected for highly lucrative 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit [LIHTC].

Housing for All [HFA] received word in late June that their application for the highly competitive tax credits was not one of the 18 selected by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

HFA hopes to develop a mixed-use housing development on Howard St. comprised of two lots, spanning 7603-7619 N. Paulina and 1646-1660 W. Howard. The historic Werner Building is part of the proposal and was included on Preservation Chicago's 2023 Most Endangered Buildings list.

The plan was to construct 104 units over two phases, 82 of which would be set aside for households earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income [AMI]. The remaining 22 would have been set aside for households earning at or below 30% AMI.

HFA now plans to switch phases - focusing first on rehabilitating the Werner Building and the

new construction to the north while leaving the one-story building alone.

Getting the tax credits are a critical part of funding projects like this, and keeping them profitable for the developers. LIHTC are a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit for affordable housing investments. It was created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and gives incentives for the utilization of private equity in the development of affordable, low-income housing.

The program is administered at the state level by state housing finance agencies. LIHTC accounts for the majority (approximately 90%) of all affordable rental housing created in the United States today.

These tax credits are very attractive to wealthy investors, and they are auctioned off in private transactions, where the buyers' identity is often hidden by the syndicate selling the credits. The credits provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in a taxpayer's federal income tax - whereas a tax deduction only provides a re-

duction in taxable income.

The development team says they plan to re-apply for the tax credits when the next round opens later this year. In the meantime,

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HFA says they are using this delay to rework their plans for site development. They plan to switch phases - focusing first on rehabilitating the Werner Building and the new construction to the north, while leaving the adjacent one-story building alone.

Neighbors may see work being done around the building as work crews clean the interior, repair windows and doors, add security and new lighting, and secure the site.

Boys, ages 14 and 16, charged with carjacking driver in Rogers Park, suspected in other crimes

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two boys, ages 14 and 16, carjacked a 66-year-old man in Rogers Park on Sept. 24, Chicago police said. The pair is suspected of participating in two other robberies in the area around the same time, but they have not been charged in those cases.

The hijacking occurred in the 7400 block of N. Rogers around 6:15 a.m. The victim told police that three male offenders armed with a gun arrived in a car driven by a woman. They took his black Honda at gunpoint, and both vehicles drove away.

Chicago police found the car shortly before 9 a.m. in the 2500 block of W. 79th St. and took the two boys into custody, according to a CPD press release. They are charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon and criminal trespass to a vehicle.

About five minutes before the carjacking, a 43-year-old man was physically attacked and robbed near the Jarvis Red Line CTA station. The robbers, who also had a gun, took the victim's

Apple Watch, wallet, and other items, then fled in a white Kia Soul driven by a woman, according to officers at the scene.

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A third victim called 911 around 6:20 a.m. to report that three young males tried to rob him of his wallet near Touhy and Paulina. But a woman driving the white car they arrived in told them to get back in the vehicle before getting his property. As of mid-morning Sunday, no report had been filed in the case.

Three Loyola students robbed outside residence hall

Three students were robbed at

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Extended road closure on Foster

Foster Ave. between Broadway and N. Winthrop Ave. will be closed to traffic starting Friday, Sept. 29 through Monday, Oct. 2, for viaduct demolition.

The work hours will be 9 p.m.-Friday to 5 a.m.-Monday. Continuous work will go on around the clock, while prep work will begin at least 30 minutes prior to start of shift.

The local impact will affect Foster between Broadway and

N. Winthrop Ave., which will be closed to vehicular traffic. The Argyle CTA Station entrance on Foster will intermittently close between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. with flagger assistance due to safety concerns.

Sidewalk closures within the work zone will alternate between the north and south sides of Foster. One sidewalk will remain open with flagger assistance when necessary.

Memories from our youth still have power to redeem us



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The things we survive can be amazing. We're lucky we ever reach adulthood intact. Maybe that's the wrong word, more like "in one piece." Not counting the psychological phobias and fears that haunt our personal belfries.

Have any phobias, like spiders? Spelling tests? Creepy uncles? Little League umpires with booze on their breath? Fish with bones in it? Grandmas who kiss you too much in public?

Maybe a fear you will wet your pants in a crowd? Or make a clown of yourself speaking in public?

Maybe you have carefully chosen to bury that fear deep in the forests of your past. Or disposed of that sticky glue from your childhood in a place it can no longer hurt you.

Don't bet on it.

Consider my impatience at age five, waiting for my September

matriculation to Visitation Kindergarten back in 1950-something. The school was quite a showplace. No converted classroom here, but a spacious purpose-built building in the late 1930s style of elegant white enamel brick. It was located across the street from Visitation elementary school with over 2500 students. And just across a small driveway from the parish all girls high school and a huge convent on Garfield Blvd. where more than 100 nuns lived when out of the classroom.

Visitation Kindergarten was a bold invention. Not everyone thought their kid was Albert Einstein or Pablo Picasso back in the 1950s. There are prep schools far less refined than this state-of-the-art educational facility, the talk of the Archdiocese. Staffed by glorious Sinsinawa Dominican nuns no less. It counted the latest everything, including a private playground, and was high on the artistic side. I think one of the nuns taught at Rosary College and had been long years in artsy Florence.

I say all of that so you can measure everyone's utter shock and dismay when I walked up there on the first day of school with my mother, to the very door of the school, and then said quietly that I'd prefer to sit the year out at home. Not ready for this whole school thing.

Extra nuns tried to intervene. Even Fr. O'Donnell, our senior priest, a nephew of then Chicago Mayor Ed Kelly at the time, tried to reason with me. To no avail.

He probably saw us as the "soft" Irish.

He'd been a chaplain with the paratroopers in World War II. And he was a Bridgeport boy, so we probably looked decadent to him. Or at least I appeared a "Mamma's boy." Gotta love the 1950s. I'm surprised no one called our Alderman (and nextdoor neighbor) Paul Sheridan. It was after all the 16th Ward.

But I was having none of it. The time just wasn't ripe. And my mother's gentle demeanor helped to create an atmosphere of reasoned intelligence rarely displayed on our neighborhood streets.

In the blink of an eye I became a "refusenik."

I pondered all those mid-morn-

ing mugs of tea I'd shared with my mother and two grandmothers who always seemed to have some hot buttered cinnamon toast tucked away nearby. I thought then to myself, "Well, that's as good as it gets. They'll be no toast and tea in Visitation Kindergarten. So why trade what I had back home, even for this spectacle of Catholic education."

I had just received a brilliant new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica back home, at my fingertips. And I was only up to volume D. I hadn't even gotten to Denmark yet. Little did I know I'd been home-schooling myself all along.

So before the eyes of horrified more compliant parents, a gaggle of supplicant nuns, and our annoyed and exasperated parish curate, my mother concluded that if I didn't want to go to kindergarten, I didn't have to go.

O'Gorman permissiveness struck a shocking blow for the rights of five year olds everywhere. In later years, of course, Oxford would be another thing.

I was not shocked. I had lived with this permissiveness as long as I could remember. And I thought, no wonder. Is this what happens when your parents let you order duck in lovely restaurants? Or order shrimp cocktail whenever you want? Or a cup of coffee? That's when I started adding up all the advantages that had come my way through my parents.

There was lots of opposition to my mother's decision of remarkable personal freedom for me. To which I disagreed. My grandmothers were less tolerant, as usual, of my behavior. One made the comment that it wasn't healthy to give me everything that I wanted.

I disagreed. And I was perfectly content to take the flack in return for the freedom I was granted.

That eventful episode has stayed with me my entire life. In fact it motivated me to pursue goals I might have declined had I been forced to loosen my grip on the parameters of my education.

Perhaps there was too much going on at Vis Kindergarten. Too much hoopla. My shopping list was short. I didn't want to split the atom, I just wanted to speak quality French. And make people laugh at

my witty French remarks. I wanted to play Bach on the piano. And get a 100 on a spelling test. At the time I would have had an easier go at splitting the atom. But spelling was eventually made manageable and changed learning for me forever.

When I learned to spell M-U-S-E-U-M, Grandma O'Connor said she could die happy. Instead we all went out for a drink. I was 22 years old.

What an arc that little bump in the road created. I laughed when I learned the Greek alphabet as a college freshman. I still can read it with accuracy and a slightly poetic Irish brogue. I love saying things to staff in Greek while eating at the Greek Islands restaurant. The staff usually looks totally puzzled. Because I speak actual classical Greek. Aristotle and Plato would kind of understand me. But not modern citizens of Athens.

The words more used in classical Greek are often 2000 years old in origin. So ordering a plate of Moussaka (Greek Lasagna) or Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) would just be speaking Spanish in a Chinese restaurant. But it does increase the poetry in life.

The memories we savor reflected in our youth still have the power to redeem us. Or at least give us a wider self understanding of ourselves. I find more of my contemporaries are taking great dives into the waters of their youth searching for clues like Miss Marple or Sherlock Holmes. Digging around to see if they repressed being bullied by classroom thugs. Or were emotionally discarded by a troubled parent.

Or maybe discovering the reason they had so many friends. Or no friends. Isn't that really what poor troubled Agatha Christie was trying to do after being so cruelly

treated by her cheating husband?

So my advice to all is keep looking. Ask the right questions. Lift up the right rocks. Dig up that dead cat you buried in the garden when you made your First Communion. Or admit you didn't trip and fall tearing the knee in your first suit from Saks. You were running and tripped. Maybe you were violently pushed. Not for the first time. Opa.

TOUGH CSO NOT FIDDLIN'? When Chicago Symphony's violinist, **Beatrice Chen**, asked for a week off from her

Ravinia gig, she didn't anticipate the response. NO. She could not travel to Taiwan to play the Mozart "Sinfonia." So she did the next best thing. She phoned in sick. When photos of her and her father, CSO Concert

Master **Bob Chen** appeared from her performance, she was summoned in upon her return. And fired. The CSO announced her dismissal for "disciplinary" reasons.

It's not over.

AWARD: Kevin J. Bell, the former CEO of Lincoln Park Zoo, received the R. Marlin Perkins Award for Professional Excellence at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Annual Conference. The award,

which has strict qualifications for potential recipients, acknowledges Bell's lifelong commitment to the zoo and aquarium profession and his outstanding contributions to the field. Nominees must demonstrate impeccable character; honorable

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Agreement with state means traffic obstacles coming to state roadways

Due to an agreement signed in January between the Illinois and Chicago departments of Transportation, city crews are working to construct concrete traffic obstacles at intersections of roadways designated as state routes within the City of Chicago.

The memorandum establishes pre-approval of certain infrastructure designs related to Chicago's urban streets hoping to improve safety. The memorandum applies to the approximately 400 miles of road that are under state jurisdiction in Chicago, excluding expressways. These include some of Chicago's most heavily traveled streets. On the North Side they include North Ave. (64), Sheridan (42), Irving Park (19), Peterson (14) and Foster and Lincoln (41).

These projects are considered "rapid delivery" due to the ability to install them quickly after design without much public input, direction or citizen feedback. The lack of citizen input means that quasi government-funded lobbyist and activist groups like the Metropolitan Planning Council, Active Transportation Alliance, Ride Illinois, Build Chicago and others will have much more input over changes coming to Chicago's streets than the people and businesses who may reside or work in areas undergoing changes.

The changes are underway at 22 areas the city says are High Crash Corridors city-wide. The city is also pursuing funding to make changes on another 21 corridors. Those 43 High Crash Corridors cover 70 miles of major streets.

One example of their successful lobbying would be the effort underway now to reduce traffic lanes to build raised crosswalks and privileged concrete bike lanes. The effort has been titled Vision Zero Chicago, which hopes to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries from traffic accidents.

While thousands of Chicagoans die each year from shootings, and drug overdoses, the City of Chicago believes that even one life lost in a traffic crash is unacceptable.

Two primary design features that people are seeing at road crossings adjacent to the new privileged concrete bike lanes are curb



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extensions and pedestrian refuge islands. Curb extensions are designed to decrease the length of the pedestrian crossing by blocking traffic approaching that crossing. The curb is extended into the intersection at the location of the crosswalk reducing the distance of the crosswalk.

Refuge islands are designed to give pedestrians a stopping point in the middle of the road they are crossing and bifurcating their crossing. The islands prevent pedestrians from needing to cross the entire roadway in one traffic signal cycle if at a signalized intersection, and they allow pedestrians to navigate the crossing one

direction of traffic at a time when placed mid-block or at non-signalized intersections.

Under the January agreement there will be less citizen input into these changes, with more decisions being made by bureaucrats with little public review or comment.

The policy changes include:

- A standardized list of traffic infrastructure designs routinely submitted by CDOT that will not be subject to comprehensive IDOT review prior to installation. This will allow the city to design and self-certify curb cuts and other sidewalk improvements to make streets more accommodating for non-vehicular traffic, establishes 10-foot-wide vehicular lanes as the minimum lane width.

- Clarified "Design Vehicle" standards to emphasize pedestrian safety at intersections. A design vehicle is the largest vehicle that is likely to use the facility with

considerable frequency and its selection can significantly impact a road's design and geometry.

- Certain state routes will now be able to add obstacle features, such as curb extensions and bump-outs that shorten crossing distances for pedestrians while blocking the flow of vehicles.

A working committee of city and state bureaucrats has been created to help come up with future agreements and collaborative efforts. For instance, on Irving Park Rd. crosswalks at the following intersections will receive additional vehicle obstacles: Irving Park and Hoyne; Irving Park and Bell, by Coonley Elementary and St Ben's; Irving Park and Greenview, by Lake View High School; Irving Park and Maplewood, by Revere Park; Irving Park and Claremont, by the North Center Senior Campus, and Irving Park and Hermitage.

Marathon coming Oct. 8

The 45th Chicago Marathon will be run on Sunday, Oct. 8. This year, there are more than 47,000 participants from around town and around the world.

No parking is allowed on the marathon course. Towing of vehicles on the course will begin at 1 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The Chicago Marathon will involve extensive street closures. Streets in neighborhoods all along the North Lakefront may be closed to traffic starting at 7 a.m. and

continuing to 4 p.m.

The start and finish line areas are both located in Grant Park on Columbus Dr. The 26.2-mile course runs through 29 Chicago neighborhoods. The route extends north to Sheridan Rd. At Irving Park, west to Damen Ave. and south to 35th St.

From the northern point, it will work south down Broadway, Clark St., Sedgwick and Wells St.

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Rogers Park/ West Ridge annual Historic House Walk Oct. 1

This year, the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is heading to the southwestern corner of West Ridge to visit the neighborhood of Peterson Woods bordering Legion Park on the bank of the North Shore Channel.

The walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 1, noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Walkers can meet two blocks off Peterson Woods north of the 3000 block of W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Guests can take a fresh look at the historic Chicago bungalows and landscaping of this tucked-away corner of the North Side. The Historic House Walk has become a community tradition where you'll tour open houses guided by homeowner-hosts who treasure their homes and neighborhoods.

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'Mansion Tax' push creating controversy in the Windy City



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

A 167% tax increase proposed

"Chicago's transfer-tax increase will impact your property, your alderperson wants to hear from you." Chicago's City Council is "considering an increase to the real estate transfer tax for properties valued over \$1 million," the Voter-Voice text announcement continued.

"This will impact your property. It also will make it more expensive for groceries, health care facilities, and small businesses to open in our neighborhoods."

That terse demand—obviously written and orchestrated by Chicago's real estate industry—popped up as a text on this writer's cell phone last week.

Dubbed the "Mansion Tax," the newly revised proposal created by Mayor Brandon Johnson would hike the buyer's transfer tax on properties valued between \$1-million and \$1.5 million to 2%—or the hefty \$20,000 to \$30,000 range. That's a 167% increase.

The current Chicago transfer tax calls for the buyer to pay a flat 0.75%, or \$7.50 per \$1,000 of sales price. Sellers pay \$3 per \$1,000 of the property's value, along with \$1.50 per \$1,000 to the state of Illinois, and 50 cents per \$1,000 to Cook County.

Under the new proposal, buyers of properties valued at more than \$1.5 million would pay a transfer tax of 3%—an over-the-moon quadrupling of the fee. So, if the property were valued at \$2 million, the tax would be a whopping \$60,000.

However, the new proposal, designed to appeal to the city's bungalow belt, would cut the transfer tax for properties valued at un-

der \$1 million to 0.60%. So if a home was valued at \$500,000 the buyer's transfer tax would only be \$3,000.

Under Mayor Johnson's "Bring Chicago Home" proposal, 100% of an estimated \$163 million in additional buyer taxes reportedly would be earmarked for the fight against homelessness over 12 months.

That's on top of the roughly \$62.6 million in transfer taxes on \$1-million-plus sales collected last year by the city under the existing tax structure.

"The proposed real estate transfer tax will jeopardize investment in the city, increasing transactions costs, decreasing funds for renovates, reducing return on investment, and will lead to apartment developers to do business elsewhere," said Michael Mini, executive vice president of the Chicagoland Apartment Assn.

Real estate experts predict that

tax hike appeal are unconcerned about the downtown office tower owners who are already grappling with a staggering market," noted former mayoral candidate Paul Vallas, and now an advisor for the Illinois Policy Institute. "Commercial property sales have plummeted 51% in the first half of 2023."

Vallas noted that Chicago already has the second highest commercial property tax in the nation, and downtown office vacancies have escalated to 22.6%.

According to the Kroll Bonding Rating Agency, Chicago tops a nationwide list for troubled office building loans at 22.7%.

Vallas proposed an alternative to increasing the proposed Mansion Tax, which he believes is at

ings really represent the middle-class owner's retirement nest egg. And with appreciation and inflation, over time, more and more properties will grow to slip above \$1 million in value.



Paul Vallas

Although the biggest chunk of the proposed tax would be paid by the buyer, it could lower the seller's net sales price by tens of thousands of dollars.

The Illinois Assoc. of Realtors, a trade association that represents agents across the state, believes that the luxury tax would

further lower prices and reduce sales volume, especially in lakefront neighborhoods—such as the Gold Coast, Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview and Edgewater.

"The proposed Mansion Tax violates the principal of uniformity," noted Gold Coast Realtor Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. "It creates separate classes of real estate ownership, and that concept likely will be tested in the courts."

Mayor Johnson's team has signaled it no longer will seek to enact its luxury-tax proposal as a state law through the Illinois General Assembly. Instead, Mayor Johnson's goal is for the luxury tax to be approved by the Chicago City Council this fall.

Then, in 2024 the proposal would be placed on the ballot for a voter referendum on the March Presidential primary ballot. So, the earliest the luxury tax could go into effect is spring of 2024.

If the City Council passes the Mansion Tax proposal, and it is approved via referendum next spring, experts say Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi may have to institute a new model for assessing \$1-million-plus homes to compensate for falling market values and the hefty burden of the added layer of taxes.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates Chicago's homeless population at about 5,300. Obviously, this does not include the 14,000 asylum-seekers shipped to Chicago from Texas and other places. Some 2,000 now are living temporarily in Chicago police stations, and may soon be housed in proposed "Base Camp" tent communities across the city.

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The Mansion Tax really is a Robin-Hood style plan to steal from the rich to give to the poor, some say. However, it could also hurt the city's middle-class property owners. But the truth in that famous fable is that Robin Hood did not rob the rich, he took money from the king and his tax collectors, and returned the money to those who earned it. Property owners would be OK with that scenario.

downtown commercial office buildings, some of which currently are 50% vacant, will drop in assessed value. Chicago office properties now have the highest vacancy rate in 75 years—enough space to fill 16 Willis Towers.

Here are facts offered on the impact of the proposed new transfer tax on commercial properties from the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Building Owners & Managers Assn. of Chicago, and the Chicagoland Associated General Contractors:

- Downtown office buildings could lose up to 50% of their market value.

- In 2022, downtown office buildings paid more than \$1-billion in property taxes.

- More than \$500 million in property-tax burden could be shifted to home and small apartment building owners, and force a residential property tax hike ranging from 10% to 20%. On a typical \$250,000 bungalow this would mean a tax bill increase of \$450 to \$900.

- The new transfer tax also will put upward pressure on apartment rents, which already are up 6.4% on new leases this year.

"The backers of the transfer

the top of Chicago's Democratic Socialist agenda:

"Create a City Housing Trust (CHT) funded annually with a share of developer fees, a share of the city's annual Tax-Increment Financing surplus, housing related fees and fines, and potential revenue from the legalization of gaming."

The Mansion Tax really is a Robin-Hood style plan to steal from the rich to give to the poor, some say. However, it could also hurt the city's middle-class property owners. But the truth in that famous fable is that Robin Hood did not rob the rich, he took money from the king and his tax collectors, and returned the money to those who earned it. Property owners would be OK with that scenario.

Mayor Johnson's proposed transfer-tax hike could eventually backfire to actually reduce the city's affordable housing stock, especially if the tax is not adjusted for inflation.

Thousands of North Side two, three, and four-unit apartment buildings are owned by "Ma and Pa" middle-class people and senior citizens, who frequently charge under-market affordable rents.

While a growing number of those properties may be valued at more than \$1-million, the build-

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People charged with robbery, punching Chicago cop in the face go home under cashless bail

BY CWBCHICAGO

The arrival of cashless bail in Illinois brought some interesting decisions by prosecutors and judges at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse at 26th and California.

Prosecutors didn't even ask a judge to hold two people charged with robbery in jail. And a guy accused of slugging a cop in the face went home, too. No ankle monitors for any of them.

Charlie Jones, 30, is one of the defendants who appeared for a detention hearing on Day 1, Sept. 18. Prosecutors said he punched a uniformed Chicago police officer in the face as the cop tried to disperse a large crowd in the 200 block of N. Wabash on Sept. 17.

Prosecutors didn't ask Judge Mary Marubio to hold him in jail. The judge told him to contact the court's pre-trial services office, show up for court dates, avoid contacting the victim, and follow other routine directions. He went home to wait for trial for felony aggravated battery of a peace officer and misdemeanor resisting.

Earlier in the same court session, Marubio set Esmeralda Aguilar free without any restrictions after prosecutors accused her of intentionally pepper spraying four cops in the Loop during the same "group incident" that Jones was allegedly involved in. According to Aguilar's arrest report, two of the officers were treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Again, prosecutors didn't ask

Marubio to keep her in jail. Illinois Senate Rep. Leader John Curran heard about Agui-

Cook County State's Attorney's Office didn't even bother to file a motion to seek detaining the

the safety of those police officers dedicated to protecting and serving our communities. Is there any wonder why police recruitment is at an all-time low in this state?"

In another courtroom, three women were accused of punching, kicking, pepper spraying, and robbing a 44-year-old woman of two gold necklaces and her iPhone on the West Side over the weekend.

Prosecutors didn't even try to have two of them jailed. However, they tried to have the third woman detained because she was given probation less than a month ago for battering a pregnant woman. Judge Susana Ortiz denied the "safety detention" request.

"This highlights the misplaced priorities of Illinois' criminal justice system when the prosecutor prioritizes the freedom of a violent offender over the safety of those police officers dedicated to protecting and serving our communities. Is there any wonder why police recruitment is at an all-time low in this state?" asked John Curran.

lar's court appearance.

"Reports that on the very first day of no cash bail, a violent offender arrested for attacking four Chicago Police Officers, sending two of them to the hospital, was immediately released because the

accused are problematic," Curran said in a written statement Tuesday. "This highlights the misplaced priorities of Illinois' criminal justice system when the prosecutor prioritizes the freedom of a violent offender over

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City's EV charging mandate will take effect Nov. 1

If you build a new home in Chicago, you're going to get an electronic vehicle [EV] charging station whether you want one or not. On Sept. 15, City Council approved an ordinance that will integrate expanded statewide requirements for EV readiness in new residential buildings with Chicago's existing requirements for EV readiness in multifamily and commercial buildings.

The expanded requirements will apply to building permits applied for on or after Nov. 1.

In 2020, the City Council adopted EV readiness requirements for new multifamily residential buildings with five or more units and parking areas with 30 or more spaces serving new nonresidential buildings.

Under Public Act 103-0053, which was signed by Gov. JB Pritzker in June, starting in early 2024 all new residential buildings in Illinois with onsite parking, including single-family homes, are required to be built with infrastructure to facilitate the future installation of EV charging equipment.

This ordinance will help to ensure building permit applicants in Chicago are aware of these requirements when they begin the permitting process this fall.

"City Council took another important step in ensuring that Chicagoans will have cleaner air to breathe and can conveniently charge EVs in Chicago buildings," said Mayor Brandon Johnson.

"In addition to strong support for public transit, walking and biking, transitioning from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles is a key step in combating

climate change," said Ald. Matt Martin [47th] who sponsored the ordinance.

The ordinance also contains minimum technical requirements for energy management systems. Energy management systems are a type of equipment that balances the distribution of power to several EV chargers in the same parking facility, allowing for more efficient electrical system design.

But just like eggs, gas, and now electric vehicles, inflation is hitting electricity rates, making EV home charging a more miserable

experience for some drivers at the absolute worst time, according to a study by J.D. Power, a data analytics, software, and consumer intelligence company.

A new study of EV owners who use home-charging stations found that overall satisfaction in the home charging experience has declined 12 points since last year.

A major factor in this decline in satisfaction was the inflationary rise in electricity prices, the study found.

This could pose a real problem for the EV market, as home

charging has often been held up as a solution to daily range-anxiety issues.

Without a robust public charging infrastructure, daily home charging is currently key to effective EV ownership, according to automotive executives, dealers, and analysts.

"Whether you're an automaker, dealer or utility company participating in the EV ecosystem, improving the EV owner experience with respect to home charging

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Police Beat...

Woman accused of pepper spraying four Chicago cops, first to be sent home under cashless bail system

A woman accused of pepper spraying four Chicago cops during Mexican Independence Day festivities in the Loop became the first person in the city to have a new felony criminal case handled under the state's new no-cash-bail law.

Esmeralda Aguilar, 24, of Cicero, was released from custody after appearing before Judge Mary Marubio at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse on Sept. 18. Prosecutors did not ask Marubio to hold Aguilar in the county jail.



Esmeralda Aguilar

Aguilar intentionally discharged pepper spray toward a group of Chicago cops in the 200 block of N. Wabash around 2:38 a.m. Sept. 17, according to her CPD arrest report. The incident was captured on police body cameras and resulted in two officers being treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, according to the report.

She is charged with four counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer.

Videos show serial burglar breaking into Wrigleyville bar



A burglar enters through a broken glass panel at Nisei Lounge.

Surveillance videos released last week show a serial burglar breaking into one of Wrigleyville's longest-running neighborhood bars. Chicago police have linked the case to three other break-ins at bars along the Wrigleyville entertainment strip.

The footage below, provided by Nisei Lounge, shows the burglar pacing outside the bar at 3439 N. Sheffield around 7:12 a.m. Sept. 15. As the cameras roll, he pushes through a glass panel and enters the bar.

Earlier this week, CPD said the crime was related to break-ins at two bars in the 3400 block of N. Clark on Sept. 13. A bar in the 1000 block of W. Addison was also burglarized about two hours before Nisei.

Anyone with information about the man can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263. The CPD crime pattern number is P23-3-071.

'Moneybag Uzi' gets six and a half years of federal time for carjacking Lyft driver in the Loop

A man who carjacked a Lyft driver in downtown Chicago after ordering a ride using the name "Moneybag Uzi" has been sentenced to 6½ years in prison by a federal judge.

Noah Ransom, 19, pleaded guilty to federal carjacking and firearms charges earlier this year. U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly handed down the sentence Sept. 21.

Around 4 a.m. April 9, 2022, "Moneybag Uzi" ordered a ride from the Embassy Suites hotel, 600 N. State, to 201 S. State in the Loop. The 37-year-

old Lyft driver told police that when he arrived to pick up "Moneybag Uzi," five men, including Ransom, got into his Lexus RX350, according to federal prosecutors.



Noah Ransom

Ransom allegedly pulled out a gun as they headed into the Loop and told the driver, "Don't try any funny business. Stop, put your seat back, and get out of the car."

The driver pulled over in front of the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, 12 S. Michigan, and got out. Ransom slid behind the wheel and drove away with the other four.

Illinois State Police troopers spotted the stolen SUV on the Dan Ryan Expy. and engaged in a lengthy pursuit that reached speeds over 120 MPH until they forced it to stop around 6:10 a.m. near Jackson and Aberdeen in the West Loop.

ISP, CPD, and UIC police officers took the car's occupants into custody. Ransom allegedly drove the vehicle, and police found a loaded handgun with an extended magazine lying outside the driver's door.

Ransom was initially charged in state court, but the feds picked up the case three months later.

12-year-old among four detained following Loop carjacking

Three boys, ages 12 to 16, face charges after a man was carjacked in the Loop on Sept. 21. Charges are pending against a fourth suspect, according to Chicago police.

At about 8:40 p.m., a 33-year-old man was walking in the 1100 block of S. State when three hijackers confronted him with a handgun, police said.

He gave them his property, and they left on foot. But they found the man's Honda Civic inside a nearby garage and drove it away.

Police who spoke with the victim said the robbers appeared to be 12 to 14 years old.

Investigators from the Joint Carjacking Task Force located the stolen car as it traveled on the outbound Dan Ryan Expy. near 33rd St. within 14 minutes.

Shortly before 11 p.m., the task force stopped the car and arrested its four occupants at the intersection of Monroe and Wabash in the Loop, not far from where it was taken.

A 16-year-old boy is charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, according to a CPD statement. The police spokesperson said a 12-year-old and a 15-year-old were charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Armed robbers strike three times in an hour in Boystown, Lakeview, Uptown

Armed robbers swept across Lakeview and Uptown Sept. 18, robbing three men in about an hour, according to Chicago police.

They began in Boystown on Roscoe St., just east of the Halsted St. bar district, around 10:30 p.m. A 25-year-old man told police he was walking on the sidewalk when three men got out of a black SUV with guns.

They pushed him, took his phone and wallet, and forced him to reveal the phone's PIN.

About 30 minutes later, three men got out of a black SUV with guns to rob a 51-year-old man in the 900 block of W. Lakeside in Uptown. They battered the man, took his phone and groceries, and fled.

Finally, around 11:36 p.m., a 24-year-old man was mugged as he walked in the 1500 block of W. Bertheau. Once again, three men exited a black SUV, took his phone and wallet at gunpoint, and fled.

Robbery suspect busted after jumping CTA turnstile while wearing a ski mask



Kavontay Davis, and surveillance images of the robber.

On Sept. 21, months after Chicago police released CTA surveillance images of a ski mask-wearing robbery offender, cops arrested the suspect after he allegedly hopped the Roosevelt CTA station turnstile while wearing a ski mask.

CPD's Mass Transit unit sent pictures of the robbery suspect to the media on June 14, asking for the public's help as they tried to track him down. The community alert said the

man threatened a 17-year-old girl and took her phone on the Red Line at 35th St. on May 26.

Police caught a break around 2:30 p.m. when Kavontay Davis, 18, allegedly jumped the turnstile at the Roosevelt station, 22 E. Roosevelt Rd., in the Loop.

A mass transit tactical team happened to be at the station, and they stopped Davis, who was wearing a black and red balaclava-style ski

mask, according to their report. The officers quickly linked Davis to the May robbery, writing in their report that he had been identified as the offender.

Davis was carrying 18 grams of suspected cannabis, eight ounces of a suspected liquid narcotic, and a Visa card issued to "SK2GONGE-TEM," the arrest report said. Officers seized the debit card "due to arrestee's name not coinciding with card owner's name."

He's charged with robbery, possession of a controlled substance, and two misdemeanors.

Judge Charles Beach ordered him jailed to await trial, citing community safety concerns.

Court records indicate that Davis was on bond for a felony narcotics and retail theft case at the time of the alleged robbery. He pleaded guilty to misdemeanor retail theft in that case on June 12 in exchange for six months of probation, according to the court clerk file.

Migrants arrested for fighting over mattress, storming TSA checkpoint, shoplifting at high-end Mag Mile stores

Two Venezuelan migrants living in a Chicago Police Dept. station lobby were apparently evicted from the facility after fighting over a mattress.

Joseph Vega, 28, and Cristian Diaz, 27, lived at the Central (1st) District station in the South Loop when Diaz "incited violence against Vega" regarding the mattress, officers wrote in an arrest report. The report said the men were "brawling" and "exchanging blows" in the middle of State St.

The officers referred to the men as fellow "household members" and accused them of putting "approximately 115 migrant shelter seekers/community members ... and peace officers in danger and risk of physical harm."

Both men were told they were "no longer welcome" at the station due to "reckless and precarious behavior."

They were charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct and released.

Two migrants from Venezuela who currently live in New York City are accused of shoplifting \$5,325 worth of clothing from a store on the Magnificent Mile.

William Lucena and Kevin Alvarez, both 23, are charged with felony retail theft.

"The defendant resides in New York, been here a month ... yet here he is at 26th and California," observed Judge Maryam Ahmad as she reviewed the allegations against Lucena. She made similar comments about Alvarez.

Prosecutors told Ahmad that both men entered Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan, around 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16. Store security officers detained the men after watching them stuff



Migrants living outside the 18th District police station on the Near North Side.

clothing into bags and walk out the door, according to their CPD arrest reports.

Alvarez was caught with clothing worth \$3,450, while Lucina had \$1,875 worth of the store's goods, according to prosecutors.

Lucina, who has lived in New York City for about a year and works as an Uber driver, has been in Chicago for a month, his defense attorney said. He has a 2-week-old child.

He also has a pending larceny case in New York, prosecutors said. Ahmad noted that for the record, too.

Both men appeared in court on Sept. 17, the last day of the cash bail system in Illinois. Lucina posted a \$300 bail deposit, and Alvarez posted a \$100 bail deposit to get out of jail. Ahmad ordered them to stay in Illinois until their cases are resolved.

Across the street at Neiman Marcus, Gilbert Valencia Ruiz, a 23-year-old migrant living at the Near West

12th District station, was arrested Sept. 15 for allegedly stealing a \$1,015 hoodie. Judge William Fahy released him from custody to await trial for felony retail theft.

Police say one of the migrants living at O'Hare International Airport forced his way through a TSA security checkpoint and stole a radio from a United Airlines employee.

Carlos Silva, 43, is charged with felony theft and felony criminal trespass in a restricted area of an airport.

Silva "pushed barricades" and ran past TSA agents after being told that he needed a boarding pass to enter the secure portion of Terminal 1, a CPD report said.

The report said he was arrested inside the security zone with a Motorola radio that he swiped from a United customer service supervisor at gate B19. Judge Barbara Dawkins released him from custody.

Four more DePaul students were mugged overnight, one was battered, another pistol-whipped

At least four more DePaul Univ. students were robbed on the school's Lincoln Park campus Sept. 23. It's the latest in a string of violent crimes on the campus.

In the first incident, an 18-year-old woman, an 18-year-old man, and a 16-year-old girl were robbed while seated inside on the 2300 block of N. Seminary, according to Chicago police.

The victims were seated when two men approached them around 10:10 p.m. One robber demanded property from the older victims, while the other battered and robbed the 16-year-old.

Both robbers fled in a silver sedan, a Chicago police spokesperson said. The 16-year-old declined medical attention.

The robbers in all three crimes were described as Black men in their late teens or early 20s wearing ski masks and dark clothing.

Robbery reports across Chicago are up 24% from last year and up 30% from 2019, according to CPD's latest statistics.

Many robberies involve more than one victim, and the city's data shows the number of people who've been robbed this year is up even more. As of Sept. 16, the city had 7,544 robbery victims this year, up from 5,206 at this point last year and 5,739 in 2019.

Group mugs man in River North as Chicago police warn of similar attacks in the Loop

A man was attacked and robbed by four men as he walked in River North Sept. 23, Chicago police said. Meanwhile, CPD has issued a community alert about a series of robberies in the Loop in which up to eight people forcefully robbed victims on the street.

The River North robbery occurred around 4 a.m. in the 500 block of N. Wells. Police said four offenders dressed in black jumped a 40-year-old man from behind and pushed him to the ground. Once he was down, the robbers went through the man's pockets and took valuables, ripping some of his clothing.

He declined medical attention.

In the Loop, police linked a group of people to three robberies that occurred within 20 minutes late on Sept. 15. Each time, between five and eight robbers confronted people on the street and used force to rob them.

Police said the robberies occurred in the first block of S. Wabash around 11 p.m. and in the 200 block of S. Canal at 11:15 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. They described the suspects as Black males and females between 13 and 18 years old who wore multi-colored hoodies.

Investigators are accepting tips about the crimes at 312-744-8263. The CPD crime pattern number is P23-3-074.

Police warn of commercial burglaries

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are warning business owners of commercial burglaries, where offenders break into businesses using unknown object. Offender enter commercial businesses looking for valuables. The offenders have broken into grocery stores, cellphone stores and bars.

Incidents include one on the 2500 block of N. Clybourn, 2 a.m. Sept. 15; 3900 block of W. Belmont, 2:30 a.m. Sep. 15, and on the 1200 block of W. Taylor 3:30 a.m. Sept. 15.

The offenders are described

as two-five unidentified males, wearing dark clothing and masks. One offender was observed on video with a handgun. Offenders are using a U-Haul truck.

Commercial burglaries in Wrigleyville

Police are warning businesses of recent related burglaries in Wrigleyville. An unknown offender broke through the windows and doors and took items from within. These incidents have occurred during the early morning hours.

Incidents include one on the 3400 Block of N. Clark St. 4 a.m.

Sept. 13; the 3400 Block of N. Clark St. 5:12 a.m. Sept. 13; 1000 Block of W. Addison St. 5:40 a.m. Sept. 15, and on the 3400 Block of N. Sheffield Ave. 7:12 a.m. Sept. 15.

The offender is described as a male African American, 20-30 years old, wearing grey hooded sweatshirts, black pants, surgical mask, black backpack. Anyone with information on these crimes may contact the Bureau of Detectives at 312-744-8263, and refer to pattern # P23-3-071, and alert P23-3-071 (BA).

Iowa man pleads guilty to a misdemeanor two years after Lightfoot accused him of having 'nefarious' plans for firearms found in his hotel room

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two years after Chicago's mayor and police superintendent said two guns found in a Streeterville hotel room were an "arsenal" brought to town by an Iowa man with "nefarious plans," that man has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor reckless conduct charge.

Neither Lori Lightfoot nor then-CPD top cop David Brown ever provided a shred of evidence to support the allegations they made against Keegan Casteel, and prosecutors never suggested that Casteel had any plan to use the weapons.

Instead, his lawyer argued, he drove his family to Chicago to propose to his girlfriend and watch Independence Day fireworks at Navy Pier with her and their children.

When Casteel was released from custody a couple of days after being arrested, he made a beeline for the Near North 18th District police station to claim the engagement ring police seized from his hotel room and then dropped to one knee and proposed as a phalanx of TV news cameras rolled nearby.

On Sept. 4, Casteel pleaded guilty to a single misdemeanor charge of reckless conduct. Judge Sutker-Dermer handed Casteel, 34, a sentence of 10 months conditional discharge. Prosecutors dropped four felony gun charges and reduced the fifth count to the misdemeanor.

Chicago police went to the W Hotel Lakeshore after a hotel employee reported seeing two fire-

arms in Casteel's room.

Lightfoot claimed Casteel came to Chicago "with an arsenal, an AR-15... Thank God for that hotel worker who saw something and said something, and I believe averted disaster."

In fact, the rifle police recov-

ered was a .308 caliber, not an AR-15, prosecutors said.

"This wasn't a firearm for personal protection. What he had was weapons of war," Lightfoot continued, saying the seized items represented "something more nefarious."

Brown told reporters, "Thank God for that hotel worker who saw something and said something, and I believe averted disaster." He said the police intervention "likely prevented a tragedy from happening."

Brown and Lightfoot made their statements after federal investigators walked away from the case without seeking charges. They offered no evidence to support their allegations that Casteel had evil intentions.

Casteel's plans, his attorney revealed, were to celebrate the Fourth of July with his family and propose at the Navy Pier Ferris wheel.

"In fact, when police responded to Mr. Casteel's hotel room, he was getting ready for the engage-

ment proposal and had a diamond ring hidden in the hotel room," lawyer Jonathan Brayman said in 2021.

Casteel's girlfriend answered the door for officers, and Casteel, licensed to own firearms and conceal carry in Iowa, freely ad-

mitted that there were guns in the room, prosecutors said. Police seized a handgun, a rifle, and five ammunition magazines.

Shortly after Casteel bailed out of jail, TV cameras recorded him claiming the diamond ring from the 18th District police station and getting down on one knee to propose to his girlfriend in the middle of the street outside.

Brayman said Brown and "other public officials" made Casteel a "scapegoat in the face of widespread violence and actual shootings in the city."

A source with knowledge of the investigation told this reporter in 2021 that it appeared Casteel forgot to take the guns and magazines out of his car before driving to Chicago, and he took them to his room rather than leave them in the vehicle.

But Brown said officers found a loaded rifle "in a very suspicious position" on the room's window sill overlooking Navy Pier.

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Chicago Exhibition weekend is now

Programming is now live for the inaugural Chicago Exhibition weekend, now through Oct. 1.

This weekend Expo Chicago will pull together over 50 galleries, institutions, and artist-run spaces to present free exhibitions that encourage everyone from seasoned collectors to those new to engaging with Chicago's visual arts scene to explore programs, extended hours, and exhibits

The weekend will also showcase some of the city's next generation of talented business, civic, and philanthropic leaders to engage with gallerists, artists, and curators through community dinners, programming, and a closing celebration that aims to cultivate the relationships. For more information visit <https://www.cwx23.co/about>.

New Lake Shore Dr. project now underway

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] has begun working on the N. Lake Shore Dr. Bridge and Viaduct Network. The work will be ongoing now through summer 2024 between Monroe St. to Ontario Ave.

This work will include removing and replacing link plates, stainless steel pins and Teflon bushings and expansion joint rehabilitation.

Upper Level Lake Shore Dr. will have one permanent lane closure in each direction and an additional lane closure during off peak hours starting on Oct. 2. In-

termediate Level Lake Shore Dr. now has two permanent lane closures in each direction.

CDOT is also now repairing expansion joints on Michigan Ave. at the intersection with Wacker Dr. as well as just north of the Chicago River. The project consists of replacing expansion joint glands at six joints just north of the river and replacing the expansion joint system for the joint at the south end of the Michigan and Wacker intersection. That work is targeted for completion by Oct. 6.

Former Clybourn Barnes & Noble next life as health care center

New Advocate Health Care at Webster Place

There was a time when the Barnes & Noble at Clybourn and Webster avenues was one of the most popular retail destinations in Lincoln Park. It was a beehive of activity with plenty of convenient off-street parking for shoppers, writers and literary heroes coming for special public events, and a variety of interesting programming.

Then came the Internet, and Amazon... Occupancy at the shopping center fell to 68.6% in 2021 during the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown. In 2019 one of its main tenants, Webster Place Athletic Club, vacated their space as well.

Renovations are now underway at the Webster Place shopping center, 1435 W. Webster Ave., for a new tenant, Advocate Health Care. The giant health system plans to fill the Barnes & Noble space with a new \$42 million, 41,000-square-foot outpatient facility.

Advocate hopes to deliver various clinical services, including primary and specialty care, urgent care, physical therapy, laboratory testing, and imaging. When it opens in April 2025, the new health care facility will join

Advocate's network of 250+ outpatient centers in the region.

As both owner and general contractor, Novak Construction acquired the property in late 2021 for \$29.3 million. Previously, RPT Realty owned the center and considered adding two residential buildings in 2018 before dropping those plans and putting the retail complex up for sale in 2021. Novak has not yet announced his plans for the rest of the property.

Stories behind 30 great hometown bites Oct. 21

Get a taste of Chicago's food history 2 to 4 p.m. starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 with authors Monica Eng and David Hammond talking about their book, *Made in Chicago Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites*

Guests will hear about the people and places behind the foods and how these flavors have helped shape the city we know and love today.

Tickets are \$15, and the talk will be held at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

Italian beef and hot dogs get the headlines. Cutting-edge cuisine and big-name chefs get the Michelin stars. But Chicago food shows its true depth in classic dishes conceived in the kitchens of immigrant innovators, neighborhood entrepreneurs, and mom-and-pop visionaries.

Eng and Hammond draw on decades of exploring the city's food landscape to serve up 30 can't-miss eats found in all corners of Chicago. From Mild Sauce to the Jibarito and from Taffy Grapes to Steak and Lemonade, the authors present stories of the people and places behind each dish while illuminating how these local favorites reflect the multifaceted history of the city and the people who live there.

Made in Chicago provides locals and visitors alike with profiles of a great food city's defining dishes.



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Deborah Lynn Karabin



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service; a strong commitment to learning, conservation, science, and animal welfare; dedication to advancing the field; and outstanding contributions to the profession through leadership.

Bell joins other Lincoln Park Zoo leaders who have received the Perkins Award. **Lester E. Fisher** won the award in 1996, following a remarkable 45-year career at the zoo culminating in 30 years as director. The award's namesake, **R. Marlin Perkins**, served as Lincoln Park Zoo's director for 18 years and received the inaugural award in 1978. Congrats to Kevin.

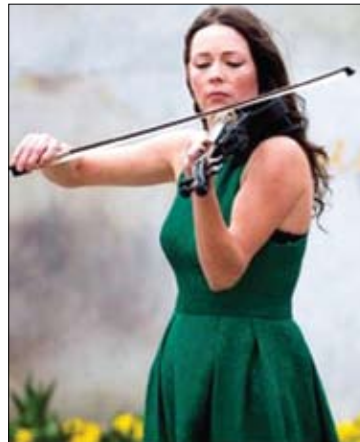
TRAGEDY ON DAMEN: Les Bouchon, one of Chicago's most substantive French bistros, is reporting it will be closed for restoring the kitchen after last week's terrible fire. Dinner there is always a trip to the Left Bank. Customers are devoted to the treasured bistro. Hope all goes well for **Oliver Poilevey** and bro **Nicolas Poilevey** who took over Les Bouchon after their father, **Jean Claude's** death. All should be back soon.

I DO, I DO, I REALLY DO: 300 guests at the Ritz-Carlton and five Circuit Court Judges **Angela Petrone**, **Peggy Chiampas** and **Elizabeth Budzinski** and retired judges **Kay Hanlon** and **Clare McWilliams** were all robed up when officiating at the nuptials of former State's Attorney #1, **Dan Kirk** and his green-thumbed love, **Brian Wolff**. Sounds like the perfect recipe. Former State's Attorney **Anita Alvarez** pronounced the Papal Blessing, I heard, over the happy gents.

UKRAINIAN SUPPORT: Skyline reader and fan, **Deborah Lynn Karabin's** latest children's



Ellie Sethness and John Walcher.



Patricia Anne Treacy



Rebecca Spectre

story/coloring book benefits Ukrainian refugees. Find it now at the Ukraine pop up store in Wrigley Building thru Oct. 15. What a wonderful gift for a child. Get one today.

GUINNESS BREW PUB: **Sir Arthur Guinness** founded his brewery in 1759 in St. James Gate, Dublin. And now they open here in Chicago. The 15,000-square-foot brewpub officially opens on Thursday at 901 W. Kinzie St. in the West Loop. There's even a 136-seat patio for the weeks left in Chicago's patio season.

Fans know it takes time to pour a proper pint of the super stout at the right temperature and in the correct glass. The staff at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery got a crash course in the brand's history and training in how to make sure their stout is properly dispensed. We only wish that his descendant, our late friend **Desmond Guinness**, who so loved Chicago, were here for the event with us.

Guinness's first American brewpub opened in 2015 in Baltimore. Just remember, "Pionta Leann Dubh," a pint of dark beer in Irish.

ANOTHER KEY: Adorable **Ellie Sethness** and **John Walcher** were caught up in the web of fragrant romance, the question got popped and the heart spoke loud and clear. Two finer folk there are not. Yes, I said yes.

THE MET: **James Levine**, former Maestro of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, a gifted conductor and pianist, died in Palm Springs, CA, on March 9. His death and subsequent obsequies weren't made public. After a lifetime of genius conducting and transformative opera achievement, his career and

professional life were tragically concluded due to the avalanche of disconcerting legal charges stemming from complaints of sexual harassment over the course of his career. Sadly many believe his American genius made him the true successor to Maestro **Leonard Bernstein**. He was 77 years old.

WHO'S WHERE: Happiest Birthday to our pal **Chuck Jordan** who gives everyone a boost... Famed Chicago attorney, **Pat Tuite**, and his fab wife, **Martha**, stood in the Tuscan summer breeze on the Ponte Vecchio spanning the River Arno in Florence for an out-of-body experience... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** says he is healing and getting better, and that's been the hope of all our prayers for his leg... dear **Cynthia Olson** has departed Venetian canals for Chicago streets... **Rose O'Neill** traveled to Champaign for her beloved sister, **Alice O'Neill Lamb's** birthday... **Cliona Buckley** led the clamor at the premiere at Brooks Hotel of the elegantly photographed exhibition by **Ishmael** at stately Russborough House... **Lois Dal Santo Harring** joined her sisters **Victoria Dal Santo** and **Colleen Dal Santo**, in welcoming her husband, Illini Alum President **Michael Harring**, to Pennabilli, Italia... **Bartholomew Hamish Montgomery** for his over-the-top humor in stately English homes... **Blase Foria** in St. Louis at Kate's Pizza and Pasta having dinner with daughter, **Natalie Marie**, on her birthday... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** at the Nederlander Theater for "Hamilton"... **Nikki Friar** and **Erin Raymer** at Riot Fest musically camped out in Douglas

Park... **Jim Kinney** lunching with **Maureen Duggan**, a pure delight... the **Cummins tribe** welcoming Dad back to Chicago from two months in Spain and Ireland with daughter **Dawn** and her husband **Alberto** in from Madrid... **Melanie O'Brien** doing half-way to St. Patrick's Day for "cousins night out" in the good seats cheering on the Sox... Attorney **Brendan O'Connor** with parents **Christina** and **Gerry O'Connor** are now on the pavements of Prague, Czech Republic... Mayor **Shelley Howard** is with Chicago's beloved Pump Room Maestro **Stanley Paul**, famed DJ **Robert Murphy** and wife, **Cheryl Larsen** in the showcase room, "the Alley," of **Billy Marovitz's** Carnivale... **Patricia Anne Treacy** (Mrs. **Mark O'Malley**), "Ireland's grandest violinist," invited by the U.S. Dept. of State to play at the "Art in Embassies" 60th anniversary gala at the Smithsonian Institution, the president was pleased... **Jim Kinney** writes: "Sorry to report that our local Goldcoast bookstore "Volumes" closed last Saturday. The business was not sustainable at the 900 N. Michigan location. There is something special about a bookstore and unfortunately they are going the way of the dinosaurs.

MAGIC: Magician **Rebecca Spectre** is putting on an Oct. 31 show at the cozy Inclusive Funeral Care, 4880 N. Clark St., for magic on Halloween night. Frightening!

BEER: The Guild of the Chicago History Museum invites us all to join them at Metropolitan Brewing to hear from **Liz Garibay**, executive director of the Chicago Brewseum, and **Laurin Mack**, owner of Seipp Brewing Company, as they discuss Chicago's rich beer history and brewery culture. Mack's great-great-great-grandfather, **Conrad Seipp**, founded this historic brand of beer, which was served during the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Drink it up.

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Edelman CEO presented with Lifetime Achievement Award

65th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards

The Publicity Club of Chicago [PCC] has announced its selection of Richard Edelman, CEO of Edelman, for the esteemed Lifetime Achievement Award, a crowning accolade to be presented at the 65th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards, on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Winter Garden within the Harold Washington Library.

Under Edelman's leadership, the Edelman firm ascended to the pinnacle of the communications landscape, earning the distinguished reputation of being the world's largest and most influential communications firm.

Edelman's transformative impact on the industry is a testament to his unparalleled innovation and remarkable creativity.

"Richard Edelman's enduring contributions to the communications field are truly exceptional. His pioneering spirit has not only propelled Edelman to unprecedented success but has also shaped the entire industry," said DeRondal Bevely, PCC President. "We [plan] to celebrate his remarkable achievements during the 65th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards."

"Receiving this award means the world to me," said Edelman. "I am a son of Chicago, a Bulls and Bears fan with Midwestern values of hard work and decency. I am so proud to continue the 71-year legacy of the family business with my sister Renée and brother

John, and now all three of my daughters at Edelman and Zeno."

This tribute holds a special significance as Edelman's affiliation with PCC trace back to the early days of his father Daniel J. Edelman. Their association with the organization, coinciding closely with the inception of both PCC and Daniel J.'s career. Notably, Edelman's corporate journey has been intertwined with the contributions of former PCC Presidents and members such as Betsy Plank. A poignant connection was established when the Publicity Club of Chicago bestowed its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award upon Daniel J. Edelman in 2003, a recognition that resonates with the ongoing legacy of excellence.

Since its establishment in 1941, the Publicity Club of Chicago has been the professional home for individuals in the communications, marketing, and public relations domains.

Fred Strauss also to be honored

PCC will also recognize the extraordinary career of Chicago PR giant Fred Strauss by bestowing on him posthumously, the club's first Presidential Legacy Award.

A past PCC president and recipient of the club's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, Strauss' vast PR portfolio included clients as diverse as bands, TV

game shows, night clubs and restaurants.

In addition, he was actively involved with numerous community, charitable and non-profit groups. Among them was the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, where Strauss served as executive director from 1978 to 1988. He is credited with helping to transform the chamber into a diverse, dynamic 400-plus membership organization.



Richard Edelman

"We would be hard pressed to find someone as deserving as Fred is to be named the first recipient of the Presidential Legacy Award," says Jane Canepa, who is a past PCC president, and is chairing this year's Golden Trumpet Awards. "Not only did Fred consistently hit the gold standard for his work but he successfully mentored and impacted the lives of hundreds of PR practitioners."

A native of Germany, Strauss migrated to the US after the Nazi Party came to power in the 1930s. However, he lost his parents and brother who all perished in the Nazi death camps.

Strauss would later help bring Nazi criminals to justice while serving as an intelligence officer for the US government.

Strauss' granddaughter, Tanja Appel, is flying from her home in Munich, Germany, to accept the award on his behalf on Oct. 4.

Common Pantry opens new North Center HQ

On Sept. 21 Common Pantry opened their new North Center headquarters to the public. Now, for the first time in their 56-year history, they own a building dedicated to providing emergency food services and poverty care. They purchased the property in 2021 for \$1.5 million, with the help of state taxpayer financed grants.

Their new location is in a single-story commercial property that previously housed two restaurants at 3900-3910 N. Lincoln Ave. The food pantry worked with Wheeler Kearns Architects to design their new headquarters.

The new space will be accessible for those with physical challenges or mobility issues, meeting ADA accessibility requirements. It will also feature a large communal and dining space, a commercial kitchen that will be used for the weekly hot lunch program, senior home delivery, and a grocery shopping area.

New additions in the space include an outdoor courtyard, a multi-purpose room, and a volunteer room. The new building provides Common Pantry the option to expand their reach for many years to come. The food pantry has offered assistance since 1967. Its new headquarters is about three blocks from its former home inside Epiphany United Church of Christ.

Common Pantry says they will also help their clients obtain government benefits and documents, services for the homeless, housing information, job searches and legal referrals.

The pantry distributes food on Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Produce day is the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Clients can come to the pantry for food once per month. Photo IDs are required, and they must include a current address. For more information call 773-327-0553.

Streeterville fall cleanup

Join your Streeterville neighbors and pitch in for the Streeterville Fall cleaning, 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Bring your family and friends, kids are also welcome, and the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents will provide gloves and all other supplies.

The rendezvous point is 465 N. McClurg Ct., at Ogden Slip behind the Target Store.

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Cookie innovation and candy bar R&D on State St.

Located in the landmark Marshall Field and Co. Building, 24 E. Washington St., Ferrero North America last week opened their new 45,000 square foot Innovation Lab and Research and Development division focusing on the company's major brands.

Famous Amos, Keebler, Fannie May, and other Ferrero brands will now call the historic seven-story building on State St. 'home.'

"Our new innovation center and R&D lab reflect Ferrero's rich heritage and will foster the creativity and culture that Ferrero is known for around the world," Alanna Cotton, president and chief business officer of Ferrero North America, told Food Industry News. "Investments like this help us create high-quality, innovative products that will become a special part of Americans' lives and further drive category growth in confections, cookies, and beyond."

Ferrero already manufactures Butterfinger and Baby Ruth products at its Franklin Park plant and makes Keebler products on 110th St. in Chicago. Ferrero also has a manufacturing campus in Bloomington, that manufactures products for other company brands, including CRUNCH and 100 Grand candy bars.

In 2021, the building underwent a significant restoration



Innovation Center at Marshall Field Building.

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and now offers 636,000 square feet of modern office space. The structure retains its notable 15-foot ceilings and large windows,

while updated features will help improve its energy efficiency.

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Ainslie St. to be closed for viaduct demo

Ainslie St. between N. Broadway and the alley east of the CTA Red Line tracks in Uptown will be closed to traffic from Monday, Oct. 2 through Friday, Oct. 6 for demolition of the CTA's viaduct. The work hours are 7 a.m. to

7 p.m., but the effort will require continuous 24/7 street closure. Access to South-East Asia Center School's drop-off and pick-up location will be maintained via the entrance on W. Ainslie St. just east of Broadway.

DePaul off-street parking program

DePaul Univ. is continuing to offer the Neighborhood Parking program to area residents beginning. Options include free parking on all the surface lots Monday - Friday from 4 p.m. - 8 a.m. and all day on weekends or 24/7 parking in the Clifton garage for a reduced amount for the year. Lincoln Park homeowners must reside within these boundaries to be considered eligible for the Neighborhood Parking Pro-

gram: Altgeld on the north, Armitage on the south, Halsted on the east and Wayne on the west. There are 300 permits available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a limit of one permit per household. Proof of residency is required on the application form. For more information call Parking Services at 773-325-7275 before Tuesday, Dec. 22, with any questions.

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Ortiz released Christine Longstreet, 29, and Sharon Moore, 36, with the usual instructions to stay in the state, avoid the crime scene, and refrain from contacting the victim.

The third woman, Daniella Robinson, was detained temporarily until the judge handling her probation could get up to speed on the new allegations. For the robbery case, Ortiz said she would need to go on electronic monitoring.

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DePaul offered a different version of events in an email to its community on Sept. 24:

"It was reported to Public Safety that was a strong robbery in the quad area off of Seminary and Belden occurred around 10:07 p.m. on [Sept. 23]. Two male offenders wearing black hoodies and gray pants approached several people sitting on the hill in the quad. The two male offenders demanded their cell phone property of two people sitting on the hill and fled southbound on Seminary."

Then, at 2:05 a.m., two 19-year-old women were robbed at gunpoint in the 2200 block of N. Racine.

Police said the women were walking when four men dressed in black clothing exited a vehicle and demanded their property while displaying a handgun.

MANDATE from p. 5

should be a common goal shared by all," Brent Gruber, executive director of the EV practice at J.D. Power, said in the study.

Reliability is a major concern with EV users today. Tales of the anxiety created over fears of being stuck on the road when the juice runs out are all over the media these days. And with good reason. According to the J.D. Power study, the number of failed charging attempts grew from 15% in the first quarter of 2021 to more

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The gunman struck one of the women in the forehead with his firearm after she initially refused to cooperate, according to CPD.

After getting valuables from both victims, the men escaped in the car they arrived in.

Police said the injured woman was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

Once again, DePaul provided a slightly different account of the incident in an email to its community:

"Three students were the victim of an Armed Robbery, and one was also the victim of Battery when she was struck in the face with a gun. The three students were approached by four offenders wearing dark colored clothes, hoodies and masks on the corner of Belden and Racine when the offenders jumped out of a vehicle and demanded the three students cell phones, wallets and purses. The of-

fenders then fled southbound on Racine in a silver-colored Toyota Prime."

On Sept. 17, two DePaul students were maced and robbed in the 1200 block of W. Belden. The victims, who are a couple, were on the sidewalk when five men pulled up in a gray SUV. According to the spokesperson, the men grabbed the woman's property and then pepper-sprayed both victims when the boyfriend intervened.

After punching the boyfriend, the group returned to the car and fled.

On Sept. 9, three robberies were reported in under 30 minutes on or near the school's campus.

Those incidents prompted the university's president to publish a long, public letter in which he acknowledged the "sad reality" of Chicago's crime problem.

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<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THIRD BIRCH, LLC Plaintiff, -v- PRINCE OROGBU, BELL TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 21 CH 5422 7324 N. BELL AVENUE, UNIT 2 CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 28, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 31, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7324 N. BELL AVENUE, UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-306-027-1002 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$220,444.05. 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RIDGE CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION Defendants 2023 CH 02229 5745 N RIDGE AVE APT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 13, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5745 N RIDGE AVE APT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-317-037-1015 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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If this property</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>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@ilclegal.com Attorney File No. 14-23-00720 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2023 CH 02229 TJSC#: 43-2399 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 02229 13228999</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF</p>
<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>RANULFO R CISNEROS, DECEASED, KENMORE CLUB CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RANULFO CISNEROS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, MARIO CISNEROS Defendants 22 CH 04691 5119 NORTH KENMORE AVENUE TERRACE UNIT CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 13, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5119 NORTH KENMORE AVENUE TERRACE UNIT, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-402-016-1031 The real estate is improved with a three story condominium. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay</p>	<p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>		

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<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v- DONALD NIGHT, FORTY EAST DELAWARE PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 00533 40 E DELAWARE PLACE UNIT 1303 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 23, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 40 E DELAWARE PLACE UNIT 1303, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-209-019-1056 The real estate is improved with a residence. 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RIESL; THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ONTARIO PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 23 CH 2427 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-10-111-014-1322; 17-10-111-014-1538. Commonly known as 10 East Ontario Street, Unit 2002 and P-S817, Chicago, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. 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Applications are due by 3 p.m. Oct. 12.

Candidates may submit hard copies of the nomination packet and 2 forms of ID to the principal at Peirce and email copies of the nomination packet to the Office of Local School Council Relations at lscrelations@cps.edu.

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Now, with upwards of 600 individual birds, the zoo's colony has grown to be the largest in the state, and has become a fixture of the zoo, nesting primarily over the red wolf habitat at the Children's Zoo.

For the last 12 years, Urban Wildlife Institute scientists have been monitoring the health, growth, and movement of this population and studying how these birds utilize the Chicagoland urban environment.

But their situation is still precarious and having such a large proportion of the state population in a single breeding colony could predispose the birds to further threats, such as an avian influenza outbreak or impacts of a severe storm. As a result, earlier this year, a team of researchers and volunteers came together to identify and develop techniques to encourage some birds to explore additional rookery locations.



Black-crowned Night-Herons are partial migrators that have long ranges, meaning some stay in town year-round whereas others seek warmer winter homes in places as far away as the Caribbean islands.

Over the past several weeks, four adult BCNH nesting at the Lincoln Park Zoo and three fully flighted juveniles that had hatched in the colony, were successfully captured and fitted with special satellite transmitter "backpacks" that will start revealing information about their movements.

Researchers from Dr. Michael Ward's lab at the Univ. of Illinois, the zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute, and the Illinois Dept.

of Natural Resources have started receiving data uploads from the birds' transmitters that will provide information about their daily movements across the Chicagoland area, and later this year will allow them to follow the birds on their migration to their wintering grounds. This information will help guide conservation efforts for this endangered species in Illinois, and beyond.

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Tracking these birds would not be possible without the support of the Chicago Black-crowned Night-Heron Project and the Bird Conservation Network who have helped gather critical intel about this population's behavior over the past few months.

Including the birds with transmitters, a total of 16 BCNH were banded this season. In addition to the standard federal silver band, each bird's leg is fitted with a white alphanumeric tag that can be used to visually identify it from a distance. The hope is to band as many birds as possible and work with the Chicago birding community to help track this endangered species throughout the city on a broader scale.

The Chicago Ornithological Society is asking residents to keep an eye out for BCNH throughout the Chicago area, and follow this link to report any heron sightings: <https://arcg.is/0vKHPW0>. You can also email them directly at urban.wildlife.institute@gmail.com.

Those who spot a banded bird, should look closely at its left leg for that alphanumeric tag and include it in your report.

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gunpoint outside a Loyola Univ. Chicago residence hall on Sept. 23, according to the school's police department.

The victims were on the sidewalk outside Marquette Hall, 6255 N. Kenmore, when a gray four-door sedan pulled up around 3:40 a.m. Saturday, Loyola University police said in an online statement.

Four people exited the car, one displayed a gun, and the group ordered the students to turn over their property. After collecting the students' phones, wallets, and other valuables, the men returned to the car and fled, according to Loyola police.

Chicago police officers who responded to the scene reported that the getaway car may have been a Nissan. They described the robbers as four Black males wearing black

hoodies and black and red ski masks.

It was a bad weekend for Chicago's university students. On Saturday night into Sunday morning, at least four DePaul students were robbed on the school's Lincoln Park campus.

DePaul leadership told the school community Sunday to take "extra steps" to be safe in light of an ongoing robbery problem on campus and in Chicago.

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ty meeting Sept. 26 on this issue, but it was after this newspaper's deadline. We contacted Ald. Maria Haden's office multiple times prior to deadline seeking their opinion on the plan and nobody responded.)

Originally, the church structure known as Mar Gewargis Cathedral was built in 1926, and it was called the 16th Church of Christ.

In 1979, the ACOE formed a committee to search for a new church building, and they did, the building they use today. The church was consecrated in 1981, and named "Mar Gewargis" or St. George.

The building was purchased for \$400,000

and a loan used to make the purchase was paid off in two years, with funds raised from the parishioners through various activities.

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