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— Paul Erdos

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More density for North Center, Old Town ... but where's the parking?

The city continues to allow more density to be added to Chicago's North Side neighborhoods while handcuffing current residents with projects that do not provide enough off-street parking for its future residents, commercial tenants and their customers.

The latest example of the city's war on cars and parking comes with the issuing of full building permits for a mixed-use development at 3914-3930 N. Lincoln Ave. in the heart of North Center.

The new \$17 million building going up will create 68 residential units in 97,773 square feet, and 7,500 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, but the developers say they will provide only 28 off-street parking spaces to served the residents, retail tenants, their employees and customers.



Proposed building for 3914-30 N. Lincoln Ave.

Image courtesy SPACE Architects + Planners

Not including commercial demand, that means the city is allowing only .41 parking spaces per new residential unit.

An even more egregious situation is being created in Old Town where a new 36-story, 500-unit high-rise is being proposed by Fern Hill for North Ave. and La-

Salle Dr. That project plans to create only 150 off-street parking spots, a ridiculous .30 parking spaces per residential unit in an area even more densely populated than North Center.

Until the onslaught of high den-

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Chicago approves \$6M funding for Lakeview Landing

The City of Chicago and City Council, has approved an ordinance that will allocate up to \$6,000,000 in a combination of STSC grant funds and Multi-Family Loan financing to support the construction of Lakeview Landing, at 835 W. Addison St., in Lakeview.

Lakeview Landing is a six-story elevator building that will comprise 37 fully accessible one-bedroom units, designed for residents with mobility challenges. All of the units are 575-square-foot, fully accessible one-bedrooms, with each floor having between five and six units. The development will serve residents at or below 30% of the area's median income with accessibility needs, providing affordable and permanent supportive housing.

Sponsored by the Over the Rainbow Assoc. and located on a site donated by the Lakeview Lutheran Church, the development will feature space for on-site supportive services as well as easy access to transportation and healthcare amenities. All 37 units will be supported by rental assistance from the Chicago Housing Authority. This project is specifically designed to be affordable to tenants.

The site will have 12 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces, a loading area, and an exterior paved patio with a landscaped lawn. Ten parking spaces are covered with direct access to the building, and all landscaping will be regionally appropriate. The development scope includes improving both land-

scaping and lighting to increase safety around the site.

All of the units at Lakeview Landing will be subsidized with project-based vouchers, ensuring that those with mobility needs can find quality, accessible housing in the community. Additionally, the developer has pledged to allocate five percent of the units (two units) as Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals on the Continuum of Care waiting list.

Lakeview Landing represents an investment of \$18,392,665 of taxpayer funds in the city's affordable housing infrastructure. A significant portion of the funding was being provided by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

Phillips heading to Chicago Prep Bowl with 16-0 win over Lane

BY JEFF ZIMMERMAN

The Chicago Public League football season is divided up into three stages. The first is the regular nine game schedule, and if a school is lucky enough to have a winning season, that would qualify them for the Illinois State Playoffs.

The second stage is the State Playoff system, which has not been very kind to the Public League teams since it began in 1974.

The Public League had only

one state champion and that was Phillips 10 years ago. The Phillips High Wildcats and Lane Tech didn't fare very well last weekend losing their first-round games.

The third stage for those two teams means they are now paired against each other in the eight-team mini tournament for the right to participate on Friday, Nov. 24, at Lane Stadium against the Catholic League champion in the Chicago Prep Bowl.

On Nov. 4, Lane (6-4) and Phillips (5-5) matched up at Winemac Stadium. Fans in the stands

saw Phillips potent running attack prevail by shutting out Lane 16-0 to advance to the second-round next weekend.

The rugged Wildcat defense limited Lane to 89 total yards, most of those yards occurred in the second half. Phillips, in the victory, scored all their 16 points in the first quarter.

On the opening kickoff, Lane attempted to surprise Phillips with an onside kick. Phillips recovered the loose football on the

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On this Veterans Day, we say "thank you" for the service, and remember the massive Chicago welcome home parade of 1986.

Photo courtesy John Podlaski

Remembering 1986 Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade

Veteran's Day is Nov. 11, it's never to late to say "Welcome Home"

BY ERIK GODVIK

On land or sea or in the air, we thank our veterans everywhere.

They served our nation, they answered the call, a history of service, we thank them all.

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the organizer, who has given us the freedom to assemble and demonstrate.

On this Veterans Day, we say "thank you" for your service. But is that enough?

You only have to look at the world today to see what might have been if soldiers over the years had not answered the call. Some volunteered. Some were called to service with a letter starting with "Greetings."

Those of you old enough, might remember. To others, it is how you were notified that you were drafted.

The draft is over now, but we still have the volunteers. They served in Iraq and Afghanistan and other wars and police actions. Some came back. Some didn't. Some had visible scars. All had invisible scars.

The Vietnam War and the Vietnam era was a time of great change in America.

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The Sun, bold and bright, blasted across the Lakefront on a recent afternoon, and hordes of people were out to take advantage of one of the last marvelous days of Fall. Among those was local artist Hugh Nicholson, whose painting seen here blends in seamlessly with the reality that he has perfectly captured. Time in a bottle becomes a painting for the wall.

Photo by Jim Matusik



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Let's find a more reasonable location to honor Mother Jones



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

At the wedding of a Chicago pal from a pre-Great Chicago Fire pioneer family, I sat in the church next to my buddy Potter Palmer IV, awaiting the delayed bride. He wasn't my plus one. Just a Chicago neighbor in a huge crowd of genuine celebrity Chicagoans.

The historic pedigreed kind. I later told someone I was one of the few wedding guests who didn't seem to have an arterial Chicago street named in honor of some family member.

Correct nomenclature, the art of naming something to commemorate the historic contribution of a particular individual to our history and life is a long tradition in America, and particularly Chicago.

Hence Lincoln Park. Daley Plaza. The Dan Ryan Expy. The John F. Kennedy Expy. O'Hare Airport. The Thompson Center. Comiskey Park. Wrigley Field. McCormick Place. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. The Field Museum. Grant Park. Washington Blvd.

But for any real Chicagoan, the city's most demonstrative and historic commemoration remains the Chicago Water Tower.

Like the city itself, it is an everyday reminder that the Great Fire of 1871 did not vanquish Chicago.

Jane Byrne was, of course, Chicago's first female mayor. She wore that political mantle with all the drama and political panache possible. She governed wisely and with skilled politics. She is memorialized with a subtle garden park at the Water Tower.

Mary Harris "Mother" Jones was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1837, later immigrating to Canada with her family.

Her fiery oratory and fearless organizing for American Mine Workers during the first two de-

cadecades of the 20th century made her a valued asset.

Her voice had great organizing power. Her energy and passion were inspiring. Calling men half her age into action on behalf of labor.

Plans are afoot at the moment, bolstered by a \$36,000 grant from the Irish government, for a statue honoring Mother Jones to be created. A further \$175,000 has been raised for the completing of the work. With an additional goal of \$25,000 still to be raised. So, it's full steam ahead.

The panic surrounding the statue rests with the city of Chicago green lighting placement of the statue at the Water Tower. A decision that disregards both the sacredness of the Water Tower and the memorial to Byrne already in place there.

Mother Jones lost her husband and their four children, (all under the age of five), in 1867, during a Yellow Fever epidemic in Memphis, TN. It marked a turning point in her life.



Mary Harris "Mother" Jones

After that tragedy, she moved to Chicago creating fashions for the upper class in the 1870s. In the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 she lost her home, shop, and possessions.

The inferno leveled many homes and shops. Like many residents, she would help rebuild the city.

But no citizen has ever been memorialized on their own from the Great Fire. Doing so now, demonstrates a failure to understand both the Great Fire and the Recovery.



Jane Byrne Park, 108 E. Pearson St., adjacent to the Chicago Water Tower along Michigan Ave. was dedicated in 2014 to the former mayor.



Disregarding generations of valued history symbolized by the Water Tower.

The late Byrne was as Irish as you could get. She came from an elegant North Shore family of substance and means. Much commercial success.

Elected Chicago's 50th mayor in 1979, no woman led a larger U.S. city.

Widowed young in life following the air crash death of her Naval military husband, she joined the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy in 1960 and was helpful here in Chicago getting him elected America's first Catholic president.

She was a close ally and political pupil of Mayor Richard J. Daley. He was instrumental in grooming her in the inner-workings of City Hall.

Although he never really tamed her vibrant and challenging political personality.

Byrne was never one to back down from a fight. She could be confrontative and menacing to those she believed were in the wrong. She was no political pushover.

Instead, like Daley, himself, she was emphatically unbendable on many urban issues.

At the time of Daley's death, in 1976, she was Chicago's Commissioner of Consumer Services. A deeply significant post tailor-made for her and her brand of Irish leadership and authority. She was the chief protector of the public facing the vast array of fraudsters and charlatans conducting business in Chicago. From taxi cabs to grocery stores.

Byrne also "locked horns" at times in her career with Daley

son, Mayor Richard M. Daley.

They often vied for the same political office. Byrne often appearing as a "confounding critique" of Daley's, causing mayhem and political recalibration.



Mayor Jane Byrne

So I am suspicious of the alliance that appears hell-bent on placing the Mother Jones monument on land somewhere near the fabled Water Tower.

While I am personally a supporter of organized labor, I am horrified at the thought of so many non-Chicagoans who feel it is appropriate to place the statue of the Irish-American labor leader in this sacred space. No other geography in Chicago is so tied to the drama and survival of the Chicago Fire.

Mother Jones has no hands-on connection, historically, to the everyday lives of regular Chicagoans.

There are some folk in town who believe any Irish credential is sufficient to spotlight relevance or importance. Such endeavors are usu-

ally misguided and deluded.

Don't get me wrong, I am not saying Mother Jones is not worthy of a Chicago monument. I just object to placing it at the Water Tower and the Jane Byrne Park.

I am also suspicious of the heavy-handed support of the Irish government, especially the Irish Ambassador in Washington, D.C., and the Irish Government's grant of \$36,000 to create the statue.

Who arranged such financial support? Follow the money.

Placing the statue at the Water Tower is an ill-advised move. Chicago has vast spaces more appropriate.

Jones' supporters cannot be aware of the singular importance of the Water Tower in the lives of Chicagoans. And the careful remembrance of Mayor Byrne in the surrounding gardens is already monument enough to an outstanding Chicago Irish leader.

The honorary co-chairs of the Mother Jones project are Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States, Cecil Roberts, President of the United Mine

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Retail theft 'not taken seriously in Chicago'

Chicago among worst areas of the country for retail theft, industry group says

BY THE CENTER SQUARED

A new National Retail Federation study finds that Chicago now ranks among the worst cities in the country for retail thefts at a time when robberies have also skyrocketed across the region.

With retail theft numbers in big cities from Los Angeles to New York and Atlanta on the upswing, researchers say that retail crime is now sharply on the rise across the country, costing businesses that took part in the Retail Security Survey upwards of \$112 billion in losses in 2022. Most of that comes in the area of external thefts, which include merchandise lifted by organized theft rings.

"We're not surprised. We've been fo-

cused on the trend in Chicago for quite some time," Illinois Retail Merchants Assoc. CEO Rob Karr told The Center Square. "I think in part what's fueling it is that there is a practice and a message that it's not taken seriously here in Chicago, that retail theft is not a serious crime, and it is a victimless crime, both of which are complete falsehoods."

Karr said he is now working with Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to change that perception, including recently passing an organized retail crime bill that



Illinois Retail Merchants Assoc. President and CEO Rob Karr. Photo courtesy Greg Bishop/Watchdog.org

makes the offense a felony.

The so-called INFORM Act also makes anyone working with a group to steal merchandise valued at over \$300 or more subject to a Class 3 felony charge punishable by up to five years of imprisonment. It gives the state's attorney the power to prosecute the entirety of such crimes instead of just what occurs in their jurisdiction.

"We know that whoever comes in as Cook County State's Attorney is certainly going to have to message and practice in a different way," Karr added. "Criminals have to know that there will be a consequence to be paid for what they do in the city, and currently they don't believe that consequence will occur."

At the same time, Karr wants all of the many business owners feeling the pinch to know that they're not alone.

"We're fighting to change the environment here," he added. "Many people be-

lieve retailers have insurance for these items and that's just patently false. There is no insurance for loss due to theft. We need to remind customers every day that every item that goes out of the store, there is no sales tax collected on that item. That means that every service we rely upon from local government and the state is hurt."

On the robbery front, a recent WBEZ analysis of the city's Violence Reduction Dashboard finds that reported victimizations across the city are at a six-year high and up 43% compared to the same time last year.

With the city still seeking to fully recover from the effects of the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, small business owners across the city have increasingly been targeted in coordinated assaults.

You may now be forced to pay sales tax on the transaction

BY CHRIS AMUNDSON

Gov. JB Pritzker recently signed a new law dubbed the Leveling the Playing Field for Illinois Retail Act. This mandate expands the reach of the Illinois Dept. of Revenue to collect sales taxes from out-of-state retailers.

This means that if you purchase something on the internet from a shipping location outside of Illinois, you may now be forced to pay sales tax on the transaction.

The minimum combined 2023 sales tax rate for Chicago, Illinois is 10.25%. This is the total of state, county and city sales tax rates. The Illinois sales tax rate is currently 6.25%. The County sales tax rate is 1.75%.

Designed to promote fairness among remote and local retailers, the Act is reshaping the retail sector in Illinois.

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their own laws on the collection of sales tax from retailers who don't have a presence, or what we call "nexus," inside the individual state. This has caused an absurd amount of confusion, because the laws aren't uniform throughout all 50 states, on either their limits, requirements, or enforcement.

The new Illinois law requires remote retailers, or sellers of tangible only goods without nexus inside our state, to collect and remit Illinois Sales Tax if the

following criteria are met:

- \$100,000 or more in cumulative gross sales are completed inside Illinois over the past year
- 200 or more transactions for the sale of tangible personal property are consummated inside Illinois
- The sales tax rate to be collected will be based on the end point or delivery address
- The law was passed retroactively and begins with a sales transaction date of Jan. 1, 2021

How that last part can be done legally is questionable. The way I read the law, it says that if you met the threshold at any date going back to the beginning of 2021, you must now remit sales taxes to Illinois on

sales where no sales tax was collected in the first place.

This opens the door for a major legal challenge to this legislation in the near future.

The Supreme Court's actions in allowing states to do whatever they want has created a hodgepodge of laws that are almost impossible to comprehend.

In some states, when a remote retailer delivers to a consumer in their state, they rely on their Use Taxes to collect an appropriate sales tax on the transaction. Adding to the confusion, there are five states that don't charge any sales taxes in the first place.

Other states use a set of circumstances

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Property-tax hikes still hit North Side neighborhoods



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Many North Side Chicago homeowners may be surprised to see hefty real estate tax hikes ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars with the late Nov. 1 arrival of the second installment of the 2022 property tax bills.

According to an analysis of second-installment bills sent by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, taxes across the county increased more than \$909 million—an annual increase of 5.4%. Chicago property owners were slapped with an increase of \$410.4 million—a boost of 5.3%.

The total taxes homeowners must pay account for about two-thirds of the overall tax increase, Pappas said.

Tax-dollar increases typically were higher if the property is located in the wealthier lakefront neighborhoods of Old Town, Lincoln Park, Buena Park and West

Uptown, according to an analysis by The Home Front column.

Property owners can view, download and pay their bills online at the Cook County Treasurer's website: www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

Taxpayers—including homeowners and apartment landlords—also can pay their bills at Chase Bank branches, or, in person, at Pappas' office downtown. Property tax payments are due on Dec. 1.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi has blamed the Cook County Board of Review for creating higher residential tax bills this year due to its appeal decisions that reduced assessment valuations of some large downtown commercial properties, leaving many homeowners to unexpectedly bear more of the tax burden.

A spot survey by the Home Front column generally found modest 2022 tax increases ranging from 2.1% to 5% on an assortment of North Side homes and small apartment buildings. Here is our analysis:

• **Hollywood Park.** A newer frame single-family home received a \$13,829 tax bill, a whopping 60% increase over the \$8,641 paid in 2021 by a prior homeowner. If the new homeowner would have filed for his Homeowner Exemption, he would have cut the bill by \$703. The prior owner had three exemptions—Homeowner, Senior and Senior Freeze, which saved him \$4,943 in 2021.

• **Ravenswood.** The tax bill on a greystone 3-flat rose 5%, or \$246, to \$5,132 from \$4,886. The

tax bill is still low for the neighborhood because the owner has three exemptions—Homeowner, Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze, which saved him \$6,271 in 2022.

• **Buena Park.** The owner of a large historic single-family home on a wide lot was billed a whopping \$35,125, up \$784, or 2.2%, from \$34,341 in 2021.

• **Old Town.** The owner of a brownstone 6-flat in the Old Town Historic District received a bill of \$24,456, up \$528, or 2.2%, over the \$23,929 paid in 2021.

• **Lincoln Park.** Taxes on a brownstone 3-flat rose \$567, or 2.2%, to \$26,229 from \$25,662. The increase would have been more if it were not for the owner's Homestead Exemption, which saved \$703.

• **West Uptown.** The owner of a historic greystone 2-flat received a \$20,565 tax bill, up \$442, or 2.2%, over the \$20,143 paid in 2021.

• **Old Irving Park.** The investor-owner of a red-brick 6-flat south of Irving Park Rd. was billed \$16,522, up \$373, or 2.3% over the \$16,149 paid in 2021.

• **Logan Square.** The owner of a greystone 4-flat north of Logan Blvd. was billed \$13,704, up \$289, or 2.1%, over the \$13,414 paid in 2021.

• **North Lincoln Square.** The owner of a yellow-brick 4-flat building was billed \$9,926, an increase of 2.2%, or \$222, over the \$9,704 paid in 2021.

• **South Avondale.** The owner of a greystone 3-flat just north of Diversey Pkwy. was billed \$10,380, up \$215, or 2.1% over the \$10,165 paid in 2021.

Not all North Side homeowners received real estate tax hikes. A few actually saw their bills go lower.

• **Irving Park Villa.** Based on a successful assessment appeal, the owner of a stucco bungalow in the Villa Historic District was billed \$9,862—a decline of \$657, or 6%—from the \$10,519 she paid in 2021.

"The property-tax bill is determined by four factors: the assessment, the equalization factor, or 'multiplier,' the tax rate, and the exemptions," said Michael Griffin, a Chicago real estate tax appeal attorney.

The three primary exemptions

are the Homeowner's, Senior Citizen, and Senior Freeze. The Homeowner's exemption recently was increased to \$10,000 from \$7,000, and the Senior Exemption was hiked to \$8,000 from \$5,000.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi has blamed the Cook County Board of Review for creating higher residential tax bills this year due to its appeal decisions that reduced assessment valuations of some large downtown commercial properties, leaving many homeowners to unexpectedly bear more of the tax burden.

Those exemption amounts are deducted from the tax bill, which is the result of the assessment multiplied by the tax rate and by the multiplier.

Also, more seniors can qualify for the Senior Freeze because the Illinois Legislature recently increased the maximum annual income to receive the freeze to less than \$65,000 from less than \$55,000.

"Every homeowner should review their tax bill to see if they received the proper exemptions, and contact the assessor if the exemptions are incorrect," Griffin advised. "If there is an error on the bill, the homeowner can get a corrected bill and pay the lower amount before December 1."

Out tax bills are based on government spending. The more the various taxing bodies spend the more taxes you'll pay.

However, predicting a hefty future property tax increase really centers on two wild cards—the tax rate and the state equalization factor, which can't be challenged by taxpayers.

The equalization factor, or "multiplier," is established each year for Cook County to bring property tax assessments in line with other parts of Illinois. The factor is determined by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue.

The 2022 tax rate in Chicago rose to \$7.035% from 6.723% per \$100 of assessed valuation a year earlier. And, the 2022 state equal-

ization factor, designed to make assessments uniform statewide, declined to 2.9237% per \$100 of assessed valuation from 3.0027% a year earlier.

Yes, the main engine that drives up property-tax bills is the amount of money spent by local governments and funding for government pensions and benefits. For example, homeowners who read their 2022 tax bills will see continued increased spending for schools and police, firefighter and teacher pensions. Chicago, Cook County and the State of Illinois have massive unfunded pension liabilities. Depending on who's numbers you trust, combined the total liability now rests somewhere between \$194 to \$250 billion. Fiscally speaking, we are one of the worst in the nation in funding government pension liabilities. And those benefits that are now guaranteed in the state's constitution. That means you, dear citizens, are on the hook for that bar tab.

Few think the problem is that Chicago and Illinois residents don't pay enough in taxes, the problem is where and how that money is being spent.

Property owners who think they are over assessed should appeal now, Griffin advises.

Visit the assessor's website: www.cookcountyassessor.com, or call 312-443-7550 to find comparable properties or start the appeal process. The Assessor is now working through the appeals process for 2023 where the south suburbs are being reassessed.

A taxpayer can file with the Cook County Board of Review (312-603-5542) or www.cookcountyboardofreview.com and later with the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board (217-785-6076), or www.ptab.illinois.gov. Or, call Michael Griffin, an expert tax-assessment lawyer, at 312-943-1789.

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in order to create nexus. Iowa just handed down a decision from their Supreme Court. In the case, a liquor distributor located in Illinois, sent a beer truck across the Mississippi River every Tuesday to service a few of their customers in Iowa.

The decision reasoned that because the distributor had employees inside the state on a regular basis (every Tuesday) that this act constituted nexus. This is ridiculous.

States like Illinois now have a threshold. Idaho, as an example, has a threshold of \$100,000 in sales to begin remitting sales tax.

Other states like New York, California, and Texas don't have any threshold at all. If you're a remote retailer and deliver anything inside any of those states, they want your money whether you collect any sales tax or not.

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City Council vote delayed on ballot measure for hike in transfer taxes

North Side would be harder hit under new tax scheme

North Side property owners got a reprieve of sorts on a new tax scheme that will target property owners as the source of new tax dollars to be used deal with the city's decades-long problem with homelessness.

While details are sketchy over exactly what the money will actually be used for, a City Council vote Nov. 1 on whether to approve Mayor Brandon Johnson's proposal to hike the real estate transfer tax by adding it to the March ballot has been delayed.

The move comes a day after the Bring Chicago Home proposal passed by a 32 to 16 vote, setting up what seemed to be a certain victory for the Johnson administration.

Three North Side aldermen who support the tax increase - Maria Hadden [49th], and Matt Martin [47th], and Carlos Ramirez-Rosa [35th] used a parliamentary measure to postpone the vote until a City Council meeting scheduled for this week. This tactic was used to prevent opponents from doing the same, with little light shed on the backroom politics on each side in the tax increase.

Assuming it gets final approval, the campaign surrounding the March referendum will likely feature a fiery battle between Chicago progressives who feel the additional taxes could help curb homelessness, and a real estate community worried about the long term adverse effects of raising property transfer taxes.

The Bring Chicago Home tax plan will

burden a real estate industry that's already grappling with high interest rates, slowing sales and sky-high commercial vacancy rates in the office and retail sectors.

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The new tax would also hit Chicago's North Side hardest. The North Side is presently home to more million-dollar real estate transactions than any other part of the city. But in time, the effects of growing real estate values and inflation mean much of Chicago will be penalized by the new tax. At some point in the future, all properties in Chicago will be worth \$1 million or more, and as yet, there is no sign the city plans to index the new tax for inflation.

The revised proposal, unveiled in August, abandons the initial plan to raise the flat transfer tax rate from 0.75% to 2.65% for all property sales valued at \$1 million and up. Instead, it introduces a tiered system that would lower the rate for sales under \$1 million to 0.60%, while increasing it to 2% for transactions between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. Furthermore, the rate would climb to 3% for all sales exceeding \$1.5 million.

Transfer taxes tend to be regressive, meaning that they disproportionately

Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony

Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who have served honorably in the military in wartime and peacetime. Originally known as Armistice Day and so declared by President Woodrow Wilson, it was created to mark the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I. Following World War II, it was declared a day to honor all veterans and in 1954, re-named Veterans Day by Congress.

On Nov. 11, residents of Chicago, veterans, Mayor Brandon Johnson, the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, and the City will honor local and national veterans who have proudly served our nation during this year's Veterans Day Ceremony 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Soldier Field. Doors open at 10 a.m., visitors may enter at Gate O.

This year's program includes an honor guard, live music from Navy Band Great Lakes, and keynote remarks. Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Cecil D. Haney will deliver the keynote address, and members from each branch of the United States military and civic leaders will be represented.

The event is free and open to the public, and reservations are recommended. Busi-



Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Cecil D. Haney

ness attire or service dress uniform is requested. Complimentary parking is available at the Waldron Deck Parking Structure; exit at 18th Street from Lake Shore Dr. The City's Veterans Day event will be livestreamed on various social media. Admiral Haney retired in Jan. 2017 after completing 38 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Navy. As a 4-star Admiral, he commanded the US Strategic Command (2013-2016) responsible for strategic capabilities involving nuclear weapons, missile defense, space and cyberspace and the US Pacific Fleet (2012-2013) responsible for the manning, operations and maintenance of the US Navy fleet located in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

impact lower income households in the market for property, and seemingly small increases in transfer taxes can result in substantial decreases in housing affordability. This has an outsized impact on first-time homebuyers.

A sizable transfer tax increase, like those proposed for Chicago, can also render large commercial transactions infeasible.

This new structure offers a tax break

for the majority of homeowners, potentially pitting them against those who will immediately be penalized by the proposal's appeal to referendum voters.

If the referendum is approved, a subsequent City Council ordinance next spring will determine how the estimated \$100 million in added tax revenue is allocated for more affordable housing and anti-homelessness initiatives.

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Police Beat...

River North crash-and-grab burglary was recorded by city cameras



Images taken from City of Chicago surveillance video show a truck loaded with merchandise looted from a River North store on Oct. 24.

Newly acquired city of Chicago surveillance camera footage shows a "crash and grab" burglary crew casing two River North stores, driving a car through the storefronts, and hauling away a pickup truck full of merchandise on Oct. 23.

The break-ins at Little Black Dress and Endless Supply Sneaker Boutique were the first in a series of similar crimes that have targeted stores, mostly downtown and in Wicker Park.

Since then, Chicago police have managed to arrest two men who allegedly burglarized a West Side store after a truck crashed into the showroom on Nov. 1. Both men were released from custody after appearing for detention hearings on Nov. 2.

For several minutes before the River North stores were burglarized last month, two city surveillance cameras recorded the crew circling the block in at least three cars and an orange pickup truck. At about 5:50 a.m., one of the cameras caught a glimpse of the Charger plowing into the storefront.

Moments later, a Chicago police surveillance officer spun one of the cameras around to catch footage of the burglars hauling merchandise out of the stores.

After a couple of minutes, the men pile back into the vehicles and speed away. Chicago cops arrived about 20 seconds later.

Similar burglary attempts, often targeting sneaker shops, have been made since then, with mixed results.

Would-be burglars slammed a stolen Jeep Grand Cherokee into a display window at Louis Vuitton, 919 N. Michigan, around 6 a.m. Oct. 25. The store's reinforced glass was severely damaged, but the burglars failed to get inside.

On Oct. 26, crews drove stolen SUVs into Boneyard Chicago, 1102 N. Ashland, and Unique Chicago, 1839 S. State. The Boneyard break-in appeared unsuccessful, but the South Loop store suffered significant losses.

Burglars drove another stolen Jeep through the front glass at Urban Jungle, 1369 N. Milwaukee, on Oct. 28. They hauled away merchandise and left the SUV sitting on the display floor.

On Halloween morning, another stolen Jeep was used as a battering ram at Round Two, 1501 N. Milwaukee. Unfortunately for the burglars, the SUV plowed into a structural beam within the storefront. The vehicle's airbags deployed, and the crew ran away, leaving the Jeep lodged in the side of the store.

Chicago police have not announced any arrests in connection with the incidents.

But cops had better luck Wednesday at Tops and Bottoms, a sneaker and sporting goods store at 3960 W. Madison.

Officers responding to a burglary in progress at the store discovered that someone had driven a Ford

Ranger through the front glass. As cops arrived around 12:40 a.m., Damarvin Blandin, 33, and Israel Maisonet, 26, "dropped the items they were carrying and were then placed into custody," according to a Cook County state's attorney's office case summary.

Blandin's CPD arrest report said the store's owner showed the officers a video of him trying to take merchandise and damaging cash registers.

During detention hearings on Wednesday afternoon, Judge Barbara Dawkins released Blandin on electronic monitoring and released Maisonet with a nighttime curfew, according to court records.

Man stabbed on Lincoln Ave.

Atta Msari, 21, of the 2500 block of W. Touhy Ave., was arrested on one felony count - Aggravated Battery/Use Deadly Weapon Nov. 1, in the 1200 block of W. Devon Ave.

He was identified as one of the offenders who, at 6 p.m. on Sept. 7, stabbed and seriously injured a 20-year-old male victim in the 5900 block of N. Lincoln Ave. The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Three men indicted on Racketeering Charge for alleged gang murder in Lakeview

Three men have been indicted on a federal racketeering charge for allegedly murdering a man to maintain and increase their positions in a violent Chicago street gang.

Cameron Callison, 24, Juan Alcaraz, 23, and Victor Ramirez, 24, all of Chicago, are charged with one count of murder in aid of racketeering.

Callison, a previously convicted felon, is also charged with illegally possessing a handgun.

The indictment was unsealed Nov. 2 in U.S. District Court in Chicago. It accuses the trio of murdering Victor Ochoa on June 17, 2019. Ochoa was fatally shot while riding in a vehicle in the 2900 block of N. Broadway in Lakeview.

The gang killing was for the purpose of maintaining and increasing their positions in the Ambrose street gang, a criminal organization based on the South Side of Chicago whose members engaged in violence and trafficked narcotics.

The U.S. Attorney's Office sought to have the defendants detained pending trial.

CTA asks for help finding thieves



images captured from CTA security cameras

Mass Transit Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying two suspects responsible for a theft that occurred at 12:45 p.m. Oct. 26 in the 0-100 block of N. Dearborn St. on the CTA Blue Line Platform.

The victim related that someone fell into him and later realized his wallet was missing.

The offender is described as an African American Male - age 40-50-year-old and a White Male - age 40-50-year-old

Those who may have any information, can contact the Bureau of Detectives - Transit at 312-745-4706 and refer to JG479572.

Two teens arrested for robbery

An 15-year old male juvenile was arrested on one felony count robbery on Nov. 1.

On Oct. 31 the offenders were arrested in the 1100 block of S. Hamilton Ave. They were identified as two of the offenders who at 6:31 p.m. August 13, entered a business in the 4500 block of N. Broadway and took an unknown amount of U.S. currency from the register. The offenders were placed into custody and charged accordingly.

The second teen arrested was also a 15 year old Male juvenile. He was charged with one felony count robbery armed with gun.

He was arrested on Oct. 31, in the 5100 block of N. Damen. He was identified as one of the offenders who robbed an 18-year-old male at gunpoint on Oct. 27, in the 2100 block of W. Norwood in Rogers Park. The offender was placed into custody without incident and charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

Three gangbangers killed a man on a busy Lakeview street to boost their position in a rival gang

Federal prosecutors charged three men on Thursday with murdering a rival gang member as he drove in Lakeview East more than four years ago. The accused men killed 30-year-old Victor Ochoa to maintain and increase their positions in the Ambrose street gang, officials said in a press release announcing the charges.

At the time of the shooting, Chicago police said Ochoa and other occupants of a Chevy Tahoe got into an "altercation" with a group of people in a Dodge Magnum in the 3200 block of N. Sheffield around 2:30 a.m. on June 17, 2019.

A portion of the argument was captured on CPD surveillance video as the cars rolled south through the intersection of Belmont and Sheffield, and someone in the Magnum pointed a gun at the SUV. Both vehicles then sped off, with the Magnum chasing the Tahoe, police said.

Minutes later, as the vehicles headed south in the 2900 block of N. Broadway, someone in the Magnum fired shots at the Tahoe, striking Ochoa in the head and shoulder, officials said. Investigators found shell casings along a stretch of Broadway that, during daytime hours, is a bustling retail, restaurant, and residential corridor.

The driver of Ochoa's vehicle took him to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died. Chicago police said the driver was uncooperative with investigators at the hospital. Ochoa is identified as a Latin King gang member online.

Today, federal prosecutors accused Chicago men, all of whom have significant criminal histories, of carrying out the murder.

Juan Alcaraz, 23, and 24-year-olds Victor Ramirez and Cameron Callison were scheduled to appear for a detention hearing in federal court Thursday afternoon after being arrested earlier in the day.

They are charged with murder in the aid of racketeering, a crime that carries a mandatory life sentence upon conviction and could result in the death penalty, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said. Callison is also charged with illegally possessing a handgun.

In the two weeks following the murder, Chicago police arrested all three men separately for firearms violations, CPD records show. All three were eventually convicted in those cases.

Ramirez was on bail for a felony gun charge and fleeing and eluding at the time of Ochoa's murder. He is the 19th person we have identified as someone charged with shooting, killing, or trying to shoot or kill someone in Chicago during 2019 while awaiting trial for a felony.

Six years for man who flashed a gun during road rage incident; while on parole for his third gun conviction

While on parole for his third felony gun conviction in Aug. 2021, Angel Esparza was accused of flashing a gun at another driver during a road rage confrontation near Grant Park. Esparza is back in prison today after being handed a six-year sentence in the case.



Angel Esparza

Court records show he received the sentence from Judge Michael Hood after pleading guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon on Oct. 23. Hood gave him an additional year for a felony criminal damage charge he picked up while in jail.

Esparza, 33, was riding in a car when his driver got into a dispute with another driver on Lake Shore Dr. near Balbo on Aug. 8, 2021. After Esparza flashed a gun, the other driver called 911, reported that the passenger in a white Chevy flashed a gun, and provided the car's license plate number, officials said.

Chicago police used the city's extensive network of surveillance cameras and license plate readers to locate the Chevy. One of the cameras even recorded video of Esparza flashing the gun, prosecutors alleged.

CPD patrol units found the Chevy within minutes in the 4700 block of N. Simonds, a road that runs through the park near Montrose Harbor. Once Esparza and the driver were removed from the car, police found a loaded handgun with a laser sight behind the car's glove box, prosecutors said. They arrested Esparza.

As part of his plea deal in the case, the state dropped a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to court records. That's a charge he has been convicted of three times before.

He was on parole for it at the time of the Lake Shore Dr. incident. He previously received three years for being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2016. Before that, he received a three-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2014. He also has a 2009 conviction for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

His current sentences will be reduced by 50% for good behavior. After factoring in credits earned while in jail, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections expects him to be paroled on Feb. 25, 2025.

Man with seven pending cases robbed Loop sporting goods store

Officials say an 18-year-old Chicago man robbed a sporting goods store



Jaquan Bush

in the Loop while he was on pretrial release with seven cases pending. Jaquan Bush managed to pick up yet another felony case after he allegedly committed the robbery in

September, but before police arrested him for it last week, officials said. During a detention hearing in the robbery case last week, prosecutors and Judge Kelly McCarthy noted that Bush was on bond for an adult charge of possessing a stolen motor vehicle plus six juvenile cases when he walked into Champs, 112 S. State, on Sept. 17.

He grabbed a Nike jacket from a display and bolted for the door, prosecutors said. A store manager recognized him from a previous theft and intervened, taking the jacket back before he got away.

Bush pulled out a knife, "lunged" at the manager, snatched the jacket from her hands, and ran away, according to prosecutors.

Police were still investigating the robbery the next day when Bush got arrested for allegedly possessing a

firearm near his South Side home. Cops responding to a ShotSpotter gunfire alert and reports of a person shot said they saw Bush walking down a street with one side of his hoodie weighted down.

The officers chased him into his back yard, where he ditched the gun under the porch, police said. Once he was cuffed, Bush's family members surrounded the cops, who called for backup because they were "outnumber[ed]" and the crowd [was] being irate." He is not accused of firing the weapon.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to be detained for violating pretrial release conditions in still another case that he had pending at the time of the gun incident.

In that matter, Chicago police said he bailed out of a stolen Kia Optima when officers saw him parking it in the 8900 block of S. Jeffery on June 30. Prosecutors said he didn't put the car into park before trying to run away, and it crashed into another vehicle.

CPD officers said the Kia's steering column was stripped and a USB cord was on the driver's floorboard. For well over a year, so-called "Kia boys" have been exploiting a design flaw in some Kia models that allows the vehicles to be operated by using a USB plug as the key.

Bush posted a \$500 bail deposit to go home after court on July 1. During the hearing, prosecutors did not tell Judge Ankur Srivastava about the six juvenile cases that prosecutors now say are pending. Details about the juvenile cases are not available in public court records.

Venezuelan migrant has been arrested four times since May, Prosecutors have dropped every case

A Venezuelan migrant who has been arrested four times since May is getting a real taste of Chicago-style justice: every single one of the cases has been dropped.



Harold Garcia Chirino

Harold Garcia Chirino, 19, first crossed paths with friendly Chicago police officers on May 17 in the Loop. A Nordstrom Rack employee told police Garcia tried to walk out with a jumpsuit and a jacket worth \$138 from the store's 24 N. State location, prosecutors said during his bond hearing the next day. He was released on his own recognizance. Prosecutors dropped the case on July 3 because the store's representative didn't attend court.

A few weeks later, on the morning of Aug. 17, police arrested Chirino across the street from the Standard Club migrant shelter. Officers said he got into a fistfight inside Pritzker Park "that could reasonably cause bodily injury to or endanger [the] safety of another."

They charged him with reckless conduct and released him on his own recognizance.

He got arrested again while that case was pending. Employees at Ulta Beauty, 430 N. Michigan, accused him of trying to shoplift merchandise worth \$115. Once again, he was released from the station on his own recognizance.

Prosecutors dropped the Ulta Beauty case on its first day in court, Oct. 18.

Six days later, on Oct. 24, Chicago cops said they saw Garcia pop open the handicapped access gate at the Jackson Red Line CTA station and head to the platform without paying the fare. They arrested him.

On Oct. 26, he appeared before a judge who was scheduled to consider whether his pretrial release

Letters to the Editor

Two types of looters

This past summer and now into the fall the media including Inside Publications have reported on the increasing and often violent looting happening in downtown Chicago.

In the past few days the national media have been full of reports on looting by Palestinians in Gaza.

Contrasting these realities the looters I see in photographs in Gaza look desperate, hungry, often teary-eyed, and indeed they appear very serious.

While the the looters I have seen in downtown Chicago are of-

ten singing, shouting happily, and are often ready to attack anyone they don't know who gets in their way. When in groups they break into stores grabbing expensive clothes, shoes, jewelry and other items.

Meanwhile the looters in Gaza are on a determined mission to find flour and basic hygiene items for survival. They do not appear to be having much fun.

*Fred Case
Lake View*

A Prayer For Veterans

Lord, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the men and women, in the thousands, coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray.

We ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor the sacrifices of all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Viet-

nam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the men and women who have served in non-combatative posts; may their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us, Lord, the vision to see the world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Submitted by Maria Bappert and the Queen of Angels

Parking and property taxes

You're going to read and hear a lot about "parking" in the next few weeks.

No, not the Lincoln Square parking lot that Ald. Matt Martin stole from the people of Chicago and gave to his "friends," along with tens and tens of millions of tax dollars that could have fed and housed Chicagoans or paid for the needs of special ed students, had they at least sold the property and made the developer pay their own construction expenses instead of giving it all away for free.

This "parking" problem is worse. Even worse than Martin (who got his political start with the Madigans).

This "parking" involves millions of dollars of dirty campaign money that is moved around "to clean it" -- and "park" it.

The Health Care Council of Illinois, the outfit that fronts for nursing home operators, gave millions of dollars to legislative leaders.

But they couldn't find the time or money to clean grandma's room, or change the bed linens?

And the leaders passed it around to North Side legislators and aldermen to buy influence (and votes).

Don Harmon got \$1.9 million, who then gave to Toni Preckwin-

kle, Kim Foxx and JB for Governor.

Over \$1.6 million went to Chris Welch and House Democrats, who gave to Brandon Johnson, Joe Berrios, Supreme Court Judges and Cicero boss Larry Dominick. Mike Madigan even got \$906,000.

John Mulroe got \$120,000. Didn't he become a judge?

And even money to Sen. Sara Feigenholtz and State Rep. Robyn Gabel, who gave money to Supreme Court justices, aldermen, state legislators, Kim Foxx, Lori Lightfoot, Rahm Emmanuel (no doubt for charm lessons), and Chuy Garcia respectively.

How do you think these legislators will vote on nursing home legislation?

How do you think these justices and judges will rule on cases concerning nursing homes?

So when your state legislators and aldermen vote for some innocuous little feel good bill, check to see if it also cuts the property taxes for nursing home operators.

Your Chicago Machine elected official might have already driven (to the bank) and "parked."

*Mike Sullivan
Avondale*

Citizens, speak up!

I am a current property owner in the Old Town neighborhood. I bought my home because of the warmth and charm of the mixed architecture and small shops, as well as proximity to the parks, lake and zoo.

Now, Fern Hill is proposing to thrust 500 units in a 36-story tower into our midst at 1600 W. North Ave. Additionally, there appears to be only 150 stalls for these units to park their cars. I think that this situation poses many problems as yet unaddressed by either the developers or our alderman, Mr. Brian Hopkins, far as I have heard.

The first and most important, as anyone living in the area could tell you, is the traffic congestion. The intersection of N. Wells and W. North, as well as W. North and N. LaSalle Drive are among the most congested in the city. Add to these the mega-intersection at N. Clark, W. Eugenie and LaSalle at the approaching entrance/exit to DuSable Lake Shore Drive just a block north of this tower and you have a formula for disaster. Where is the traffic study?

Then, let's consider where the residents of this tower will park their vehicles if only 150 spaces are available in the building. That means 350 cars parked in public space. Do not tell me these automobiles will be parked on LaSalle or on Wells. Those of us who live here know how crowded these streets already are. Are the cars going to have to go into the Carl Sandburg complex? Tell us, Fern Hill, exactly what are your plans to provide for this segment of your clientele.

And finally, what will the impact of 500 new units have on the already overwhelmed infrastructure of this neighborhood? It is already incapable of handling the existing demand, especially during times of heavy use. We, the residents, do not care about the facade of a new building. We care about keeping a neighborhood that works.

Old Towners, please let your voices be heard.

*Michael E. Schnur, Ph.D.
Old Town*

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City Council meeting decorum

BY ALD. SCOTT WAGUESPACK [32ND]

Regarding disturbing incidents that took place at City Hall Nov. 3 during a call to quorum for a special meeting, a quorum of the 50 City Council members is 26, enough to officially start a meeting. Over the years, I have seen meetings called that did not have enough aldermen present to begin the proceedings, much like on Nov. 3.

We have heated debates in Council, and there are moments when tensions over ordinances and opinions ride high. Sometimes tempers flare, and words are traded that require us to take a step back and apologize or check the tone of the debate. But physical threats, or verbal threats that included blocking any future zoning legislation of members cannot be tolerated. Roberts Rules of Order, which are similar to our City Council Rules speak to issues of decorum. Acts of intimidation cannot be allowed if we want to ensure civil debate.

What I had not experienced until Nov. 3 was an alderman, Ald. Carlos Ramirez Rosa [35th], physically and verbally threatening members in order to prevent their presence at the meeting, and stopping a meeting from moving forward. It has happened in recent years in Congress, and although not to the same level here in City Hall, the toxicity and threats in

recent times have increased.

Over my years as alderman, I've voted differently from the mayors and allies on particular issues. These were often tough votes for me, sometimes not so tough. But, they never prevented me from coming into the council chambers to cast votes.

A constituent pointed out to me that their student couldn't act like this in a classroom and it is highly disappointing to see adults setting such a low standard. It also weakens the public's opinion about our elected officials as a whole. Great points we should all take heed of each day, and work to do better.

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Workers of America, and Sarah Nelson, President, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA.

Is it possible none of these individuals understand the significance of our city's Water Tower?

How are they not able to understand how shabby the process of placement has been? Placing the Mother Jones monument there is a deeply disturbing action. Not many Chicagoans are even aware that such plans were underway.

The Mother Jones monument is becoming a Chicago issue of real significance.

Maybe it needs more than the cursory "railroading" of some labor unions and ill-informed out of touch supporters. We haven't done very well of late keeping statues in place.

Perhaps Chicago voters need to have their say about the visual changes at the Water Tower.

Jane Byrne Park deserves its chance to quietly bloom, surrounding the epic tower, to remind Chicagoans of the worst urban disaster in our history. And our ability to rise above the ashes. An event proudly commemorated on Chicago's flag.

Let's find a more reasonable location to honor Mother Jones. Let's open the backroom doors to the discussion of such a sensitive Chicago issue.

Let the well-meaning Irish government know that they are now at the center of a political controversy that needs wise resolution. Let's honor the life and memory of Mayor Jane Byrne in the manner already agreed to.

And let's find a new space for Mother Jones. Washington Square?

Let's get the nomenclature right.
ART MUSEUM FLUX: The Dallas Art Museum has laid off 20 employees and announced they will no longer be open on Tuesdays in an attempt to regain their economic equilibrium and realign staff and programs. But the \$150 million expansion is still a go.

40 YEARS: 40th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival, the first Academy Award qualifying international children's film festival in the world, opened last Friday and runs through Nov. 19. As part of the celebration, filmmaker **Matthew A. Cherry** will be presented with a special award, The CICFF Inspire Award, opening night at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. The award is given to a filmmaker who influences and inspires filmmakers to create empowering and positive messages for young audiences. Cherry's Oscar-winning project "Hair Love," about an African American father attempting to do his daughter's hair for the first time, won the 2020 Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film and has an accompanying bestselling picture book.

47 YEARS: The acclaimed Black Ensemble Theater [BET], led by Founder **Jackie Taylor**, celebrated 47 years of theater excellence in Chicago with its Legacy Gala 2023: An Evening of Elegance to Support Excellence. Approximately 250 supporters and

friends of Black Ensemble Theater attended the fun-filled event with a special performance by the stars of the BET. The gala was held Oct. 19, at the BET Cultural Center, 4450 N. Clark St. The event raised \$300,000 for the company. Proceeds will fund BET's award-winning programming including the Black Ensemble Four Play Season of Excellence which annually serves approximately 55,000 theater goers and six educational outreach programs annually impacting almost 10,000 underserved youth. Through its programming, BET is helping to create a world that is free and healed from the devastating disease of racism.

48 YEARS: After 48 years, **Blair Milton**, a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's first violin section, retired on Nov. 1. Across his tenure with the CSO, he performed under music directors **Sir Georg Solti**, **Daniel Barenboim** and **Riccardo Muti**, as well as former Principal Conductor **Bernard Haitink** and Principal Guest Conductor **Pierre Boulez**, and participated in 44 international tours, including the CSO's first tours to Asia, Australia and South America. Milton, who was appointed to the CSO by Solti, performed with the CSO for the first time at the opening concert of the 1975 Ravinia Festival season. He went on to perform regularly on the chamber music series of the CSO and the Ravinia Festival. Farewell good friend and fiddler for the ages.

REST WELL: Friends and loved ones were out in force for the splendid memorial that **Bob Dobnick** celebrated following the death of his love, **Chadwick Godfrey**. His words touched everyone. "You, our surrogate family, make our mosaic or tapestry that holds us in love and remembrance of silver times past and the golden ones yet to come."

GETTY BOUND: Chicago's esteemed **Richard Howard Hunt** is one of the most prolific and important artists of 21st century. A Chicagoan. A true sculptor mentor to many artists. Now great news, his archive has just been acquired by The Getty Archive.

UNSADDLED: The bronze statue of Confederate **General Robert E. Lee** that was central to the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, VA, in 2017 and removed from public view in 2021, has now been melted down. The bronze is being repurposed to create ingots with the message "Swords into Plowshares."

LES CREVETTES ETAIENT EXCELLENTE: The Prawn starter with chervil, brown butter and toasted capers at Mon Ami Gabi in the Belden-Stratford is one of the finest foods I've eaten in a restaurant in many years.

THE LANGHAM: The Drake's **Antoinette Cahill** enjoying an exquisite evening at The Langham Hotel's Catering Executive Dinner hosted by **Shaun Rajah** and the lovely **Sonam Ramani Khatau**, meeting up with best friends. **Anthony Gowder**, **Stephanie Kokott Gowder**, **Chris Schmidt**, **Ann Salas** and **Steve Thompson**, plus **Nicole Elyash** of Yanni Design Studio and **Jenifer Herranz**.

WHO'S WHERE: **Heather Farley** at



Bob Dobnick and Chad Godfrey.



Vickie Doyle Hofstetter with Luis.



Inaugural "Back the Blue Italian Style" at the Morgan Arts Complex.



Liz Teasley (far right) with St. Luke Soccer champs.



CPD Supt. Larry Snelling with Jennifer Sutton Brieva.

the Chicago Library Foundation dinner, always inspiring and a favorite fundraiser... **Eamonn Cummins** in Greektown with favorite Greek Goddesses **Athena Farmakis**, and **Pamela Ann**... Christie's **Steven Zick** in Louisville, KY, doing architecture tour of antebellum designs mansions... **Tom Hackett** at Manny's Deli, look out pastrami... **Todd S. Davies** looking chic dog walking in double breasted camel hair topcoat... **Vickie Doyle Hofstetter** at the Kensington Hotel, South Kensington, London before heading off to Yorkshire for High Tea at historic Highclere, the real Downton Abbey, where the "real" butler, **Luis**, personally pushed her wheelchair around... **Al Menotti** cutting the locks of a lady visiting from Denmark who came to the World Hair Institute to donate her long hair to Wigs for Kids... **Cheri James** checking in from beautiful Fontainebleau Miami Beach... **Stephanie Emrich** frightening folk on Halloween's Eve is convenient when your Roosevelt U. wine and spirits class appropriately falls on the celebratory holiday and mercy beaucoup to guest speaker/wine pro, **Danielle Lindow**, lead judge of costume contest... **Irene Michaels** is still elated over her Grand Ole Opry Best Song Award which qualifies her for a Grammy nomination... **Sherry Lea Fox** in Pacific Palisades, CA... **Rodney Alex** won the pizza challenge at Loyola U. basketball... **Al** and **Virginia Shorey** ogling the ocean sunsets on the way to Princess Cays, Bahamas... Birthday joy to the great **Ed Lester** and up in North Center the same to **Frank Crescenzi**... **Joey** and **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** with **Bunny Frum** at Northbrook's Francesco's Hole in the Wall... **Katie Lamb-Heinz** and husband **Bill Heinz** having dinner in Athens overlooking the Acropolis.

FAMILY VALUE: Judge-to-be **Dan Balanoff** loving time with family and having a wonderful afternoon with the **Balanoffs** and **Hanleys** celebrating my cousin **James Shahada** and his new spiritual journey.

SOCCER CHAMPS: **Liz Teasley** writes... "St. Luke, River Forest placed 3rd in the Gold Division for the Classic League Soccer Division. We were missing six of our

players and due to not having the required three girls on the field, we also had to play only 10 players during the game. What was even more impressive, we were the 6th seed in this Gold Division and beat the 3rd place team and nearly beat the 2nd place team if they hadn't scored a goal in the last 50 seconds of the game. Out of 12 teams, we finished this season in the Gold Division in 3rd Place which is amazing."

CHICAGO POLICE: **Dr. Joaquin** and **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, and **Paul R. Iacono** had a great time attending the inaugural "Back the Blue Italian Style" at the Morgan Arts Complex. Several fellow board members and friends enjoyed yummy Italian food from various restaurants in Chicago with a chance to meet the new Chicago Police Superintendent **Larry Snelling** and hear him speak about his plans.

NOTRE DAME: **Kylee Kazenski**, a Univ. of Notre Dame senior, fan and now a name forever in the school's history. As she's the first female to portray its mascot in Notre Dame Stadium for the game. First female Leprechaun at last football game.

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. —Jose Narosky

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It's been 37 years since supporters organized a Veteran's parade and some of the scars from the Vietnam War started to heal. The Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade was held on June 13, 1986. The parade eventually swelled to well over 200,000 vets. Some estimated the crowd at 300,000 to 500,000.

Photos courtesy John Podlaski

VETERANS from p. 1

The military advisors in Vietnam, sent by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson were gradually supplanted by soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen, that at one point numbered over 500,000.

While fighting in the trenches of Vietnam, many young Americans saw things they didn't want to see and did things they didn't want to do.

I was one of those soldiers, serving as a combat medic with the First Infantry Division from May 1966 to May 1967, fully 12 months in Vietnam... 365 days to the day. But at least I got a 40 day early out from the Army. They weren't going to reassign you with that little time left to serve.

I was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey. I wanted to go back to Oakland and see San Francisco again.

I had seen Rod McKuen at the Hungry I, a nightclub in San Francisco, in 1966 before I went over. I wondered if the Hungry I was still there.

They were processing returning veterans around the clock at Oakland. You would be in and out in less than 24 hours.

But my home town of Chicago was east of the Mississippi so they sent me to Fort Dix, N.J. We got there on Thursday and they took the weekends off. I didn't get out until Monday. Ah, the Army.

But the war in Vietnam was still going on and the Viet Cong launched the Tet Offensive in Jan. 1968. The battlefield deaths increased day by day, week by week and month by month, while protesters took to the street, saying this is enough, bring our boys home, stop the war, end the bloodshed. The war was in our living room. We saw it on the news on our televisions. We read about it in the newspapers.

It brought down a President. Lyndon Johnson went on television and said, "I will not seek and I will not accept the nomination of my party for another term."

Still, the war went on. Veterans served their tour of duty, mostly 12 months, and came home and were rewarded for their service with protests at the airports and on the streets. Some were spit upon, some were called 'baby killers,' few were honored.

We were advised not to wear our uniforms on the streets of New York or Los Angeles or San Francisco. Get on with your life.

And we did.

But the invisible scars remained.

Then in June 1986, in Chicago, someone organized a parade

and some of the scars started to heal. It was the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade held on June 13, 1986. Friday the 13th.

As a veteran marching in that parade, I can say that it was an unbelievable experience.

After years of not talking about our experiences, we walked on the street and people were clapping. It was unreal. It really was. It filled me with emotion I have rarely experienced.

We kept walking down LaSalle with the crowds clapping and sometimes cheering. Marchers yelled to some in the buildings on either side, come on down. And other vets left their offices and sidelines and joined the parade.

We started out of Navy Pier, expecting 50,000 marchers. We were to step off at 10 a.m. but the number of vets had swelled so we headed up Grand Ave. a little earlier. People were on the sidewalks clapping as we walked by. Traffic stopped the parade and people stopped clapping. The parade started up again and people started clapping again. They shouted "Welcome Home" and they continued clapping. It was surreal, the parade zigzagged a little through the North Loop, along Michigan Ave., and Wacker Dr. and as we



came down LaSalle St. That's when veterans in coats and ties joined the parade.

It's been a long time, 37 years, since that parade and memory fades with history, but emotions remain.

I still remember coming down LaSalle and seeing my wife and daughter on the sidewalk in front of City Hall clapping and waving and holding signs that said "Welcome Home." My heart was filled with emotion.

I wanted to join them there but I had to finish the parade.

We kept walking down LaSalle with the crowds clapping and sometimes cheering. Marchers yelled to some in the buildings on either side, come on down. And other vets left their offices and sidelines and joined the parade.

We continued on LaSalle, past the viewing stand that included Mayor Harold Washington, Gov. James Thompson and General William Westmoreland, who was the Grand Marshal of the parade. General Westmoreland com-

manded MACV (Military Assistance Command Vietnam) when I was there.

The parade continued south to Jackson Blvd. and then turned east toward Grant Park.

The people on Jackson continued clapping and cheering as the parade crossed Michigan Ave. into Grant Park.

In Grant Park, the parade finally broke up and participants started talking to one another and offered hugs to one another. We were in amazement at the tents and entertainment centers set up and the beer tents, which were welcome because it had been a long and dusty road to Grant Park.

But I didn't linger. I wanted to get back to City Hall where my wife and daughter were, clapping and cheering the veterans as they marched down LaSalle. I ran to get back there, just filled with emotion.

The parade eventually swelled to over 200,000 vets. Some estimated the crowd at 300,000 to 500,000.

Over a Barrel

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is offering discounted rain barrels that are available to local residents while supplies last.

By keeping this water out of the sewer system, rain barrels can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding. You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn,

or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it.

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I found my wife and daughter, and we stood there for hours, welcoming the troops home and clapping the whole time.

There was an older policeman standing near us and every now and then, a trooper would leave the parade and come over and hug me. I was dressed in my short sleeve khakis, since the shirt at least sort of still fit and it had my campaign ribbons still on it as well as my combat medical badge.

I think the marcher saw that and remembered their own medic, for whatever reason, and their emotion caused them to come over and hug me. That happened four or five times and the policeman next to me looked confused and couldn't seem to understand it because I always said "welcome home guy" because I didn't know them.

The parade lasted four hours or more and people were clapping the entire time.

Finally, it was 3, 4 or 5 p.m., I don't remember, and I bid farewell to my wife and daughter, who took the "L" home and I headed back to Grant Park to be with my comrades.

The entertainment tent featured girls in short skirts with great voices and great songs of the period.

There was plenty of beer and a lot of camaraderie and lots of talk. I met people from the 2nd Battalion and from the 1st Infantry Division but no one I actually knew.

A lot of people had served in Vietnam and it was a big country, some parts scarier than others.

It was an emotional and inspirational day designed to be a healing celebration. If you were there you will never forget it. It was an unbelievable and long past due welcome home experience that I still hold dear, now 37 years later.

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City recognizes local industrial firms

Seven Chicago businesses were recently honored for their exemplary and innovative work in their fields at the inaugural Chicago Manufacturing Awards. Three of them are located on the North Side.

One of them is Horween Leather Co., 2015 N. Elston Ave. was named a Legacy Business. Located on the West Bank of the Chicago River, they are a Lincoln Park-area leather producer founded in 1905 that utilizes old-world craftsmanship with modern updates to produce leather prod-

ucts for some of the world's leading consumer and sporting goods manufacturers.

Cited for Connected To The Community was Begyle Brewing, 1800 W. Cuyler Ave. Bergyle is a premier craft manufacturer in North Center's "malt row." Begyle brews a variety of ales, lagers and ciders, which are available at their taproom, community events, retailers, and through its monthly subscription service.

West Ridge/Rogers Park's S&C Electric Co., 6601 N. Ridge Ave., has been awarded as the recipient

of one of the inaugural Workforce Development and Productivity Award. Specializing in the manufacture of high-voltage power interrupter switches, fuses and control devices, S&C employs more than 1,700 people at its 51-acre campus.

The awards are given to Chicago manufacturing businesses for exemplary and innovative work in their field and recognize the importance of manufacturing businesses and advocates within the local and regional economy.



DePaul hosts community meeting on Athletic Center

DePaul Univ. is hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, to discuss the proposal for their new DePaul Athletic Center at the North East corner of Belden and Sheffield.

DePaul is seeking an amendment to their Planned Development from the Chicago Plan Commission and the City Council Commission on Zoning prior to a vote by the full City Council to allow for the construction of a new basketball practice facility.

This meeting will be held in-person at McGrath Arena, 2323

N. Sheffield Ave.

Designed by HNTB and Antunovich Associates, the new \$60 million facility will feature a brick façade, with a pitched roof that pays homage to DePaul's former Lincoln Park arena, Alumni Hall. Floor-to-ceiling glass around the basketball gyms will offer views of the surrounding neighborhood and city.

If approved, construction of the new facility would begin after demolition is done and is expected to be completed by Fall 2026.

TIF uses for Sister Agencies

The City Council budget hearings are available for online viewing at the City Clerk website.

One question city officials often receive regards budgeting for sister agency projects, and how much of the Tax Increment Financing [TIF] funds may be utilized for a project that is actually located in a TIF district.

Most school, CTA, parks, and CHA housing sites are not locat-

ed in TIF districts. Those that are utilize available TIF funds.

The subject of the questions now are frequently 'how much the Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Transit Authority used in 2022 and part of 2023?'

The TIF amount spent in 2022/23 was roughly \$1.245 Billion in TIF funds for about \$4.002 Billion in total project costs.

Clark St. Cookie Crawl

Put on your favorite holiday ugly sweater and get set for a day visiting businesses along Clark St. to collect a variety of delicious holiday cookies.

The Clark St. Cookie Crawl will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 on Clark St. between Fullerton and Diversey.

Enjoy surprises along the way including carolers, hot chocolate, and the chance to snap photos with Santa.

No ticket or reservations are required.

CTA hosts virtual public meeting on next phase of RPM

The CTA is hosting a virtual public meetings 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, about the next phase of the future modernization of the Red and Purple Lines [RPM]. They are hosting one meeting focused on the Chicago project area and one meeting focused on the Purple Line Evanston Branch. Similar information will be shared at both the meetings.

Those who are not able to join in person may visit <https://www.transitchicago.com/rpm/next-phases/> to view a recording.

The focus of this meeting will be Thorndale to Howard, and Addison to Sheridan.

The RPM Phase One is currently underway at the Belmont station and approximately between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr stations. The phases will complete the improvements along the remaining areas within the 9.6-mile corridor.

For more information about the next phase, write to rpnnext-phases@transitchicago.com.

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

should be revoked because he allegedly committed a new offense while the reckless conduct case was still pending.

He need not have worried. Rather than argue for him to be detained, prosecutors dropped the reckless conduct case and the CTA fare infraction.

As of this writing, he has a clean record and no active court cases.

Homeless man stabbed while sleeping near Kennedy Expy. ramp

A homeless man was stabbed while sleeping near an expressway ramp near Cortland and Ashland on Nov. 3. Chicago police say he's going

to be okay, but the assailant remains at large.

The 50-year-old victim told police he was sleeping on a sidewalk when the offender woke him up and started stabbing him with a knife around 2:05 a.m., a CPD media statement said. After the attacker fled, the victim walked to a nearby gas station for help.

Police said he is in good condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with stab wounds under his left arm and in the ribs and a laceration on his nose.

CPD surveillance cameras caught footage of the assailant ditching a jacket near the crime scene before making his getaway. Police did not release a description of the offender.

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Art supply drive for survivors of sexual violence

Awakenings, 4001 N. Ravenswood Ave. Suite 204-C, provides survivors of sexual violence with a trauma-informed, inclusive art-making experience that encourages healing. They are now seeking donations of new or gently used art supplies.

Donation are being accepted now through Dec. 15 at their offices, and also with the Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, 1770 W. Berteau Ave. #101, and in the 32nd Ward Office, 2657 N. Clybourn.

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-v- DAVID A. SCHEELE, 710-14 WEST CORNELIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 23 CH 3545 712 W. CORNELIA AVE., UNIT 3 CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 14, 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 712 W. CORNELIA AVE., UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-21-302-029-1006 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$174,262.08.

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purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 23-00955. 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.

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Case # 23 CH 3545

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LOAN FUNDER LLC, SERIES 18513; Plaintiff, vs. DISTINCTIVE DWELLINGS, LLC, ROBERT STEVEN BAYLESS, MARY ANN SKWERES; Defendants, 23 CH 1750 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-06-408-012-0000. Commonly known as 1676 WEST EDGEWATER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60660. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the

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purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 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 Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 23-00401 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com 13232070

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, -v- SKANDER DJERAL, ABBOTT COURT CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION III, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 03365 2828 N ORCHARD ST #2 CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 6, 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:

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9878 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.

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Defendants 2022 CH 11725 1810 N LINCOLN PARK W UNIT 2 CHICAGO, IL 60614

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The return of Blue Bayou set for spring 2024

After over a decade of being dark, a company that operates bars across the North Side is set to revive the Blue Bayou Bar & Grill on the Southport Corridor after it originally closed its doors in 2011.

The new incarnation of the Blue Bayou, 3734 N. Southport Ave., is scheduled to open in the spring of 2024, proving that the Southport corridor remains a strong entertainment market for investors. The long-time Lakeview cajun-themed restaurant will reoccupy a vacant storefront across from the Music Box Theatre.

Alex Zupancic, the owner and CEO of Last Call Tavern Group, expressed his excitement about bringing back the beloved establishment. He reminisced about his years as a patron when the Blue Bayou first opened and how he wants to recapture the lively atmosphere it brought to the neighborhood.

Zupancic said the Blue Bayou will undergo renovations to take on an updated look that mixes its old style with new elements, but the bar and restaurant will keep much of its original feel, he said.

Last Call Tavern Group also owns the Butcher's Tap, located a couple of blocks south at 3553 N. Southport Ave., along with other establishments including the Reveler in Roscoe Village, Rebel & Rye, Clover Sports & Leisure in the Fulton River District, Trace in Wrigleyville, and Willie Lill's in Lincoln Park.

Zupancic's approach to resurrecting the bar is rooted in his personal experiences as a regular customer during its heyday in the early 2000s. The business will continue to serve its signature sports bar-style cuisine with a Southern country twist.

Lakeview Boston Market shuttered, being investigated for wage theft

Two Chicago branches of Boston Market, a prominent fast-casual chain, located in Lakeview and Hyde Park, are facing closure amongst ongoing difficulties and a Labor Dept. wage theft investigation, as first reported by Eater Chicago.

Many restaurants and cafes in the city have experienced temporary or permanent closures similar to Boston Market's. The status of some establishments remains uncertain, leaving customers and the Lakeview community in the dark.

Boston Market's site shares this ambiguity. Is it temporarily closed, permanently closed, or are they keeping sporadic hours?

As of Sunday, the restaurant at 3020 N. Ashland Ave. remains locked and customer-free.

These closures might also be a result of Boston Market's ongoing financial struggles. Food vendor US Foods has sued Boston Market for over \$11 million in claimed debt this year, according to Restaurant News.

The chain debuted in 1985 as Boston Chicken, a rival to KFC in the short burst when rotisserie chicken was trendy as Americans were shunning fried foods.

Eventually, the fast-casual chain changed names and added meatloaf and turkey to the menu. In Lakeview, the location was known as one of the few fast-food chains with sunrooms, a relic of the '80s and '90s, something done at chains like Wendy's to make customers feel like they were dining in a more upscale location.

PARKING from p. 1

sity housing, and the Transit Oriented and Pedestrian Oriented Development changes in the zoning code, the city used to demand one off-street parking space be created for each new residential unit created. That is no longer the case.

The usual trope offered by developers and city planners, is that those living in Transit and Pedestrian Oriented zoned properties will not own cars. And that may be true. But what many city residents understand, and many city planners and bureaucrats refuse to recognize, is that those residents who do not own their own cars create an incredible amount of extra vehicle traffic in their communities.

Those living without a car are frequent enablers of shared car services and delivery vehicles. No North Side neighborhood today is free from the menace of the double-parked Amazon, FedEx, UPS and

U.S. Postal Service delivery truck, or the Ubers and Lyft drivers with their sudden stops mid-block, to deliver groceries or dinner, or when waiting for the non-car-owning passengers to show up for a ride downtown.

Many of these developers do not even create rear loading zones, driveways, porte cochere or porticos where vehicles servicing their building can get off the street and not block traffic. Chicago's city planners seem oblivious to the congestion they're helping to create by allowing this policy to continue, and not requiring accommodations be made for the carless resident's high demand for vehicles that come to them.

In both North Center and Old Town, new retail spaces will be added to their commercial street frontages, and where the business owners, their employees and customers will park is a mystery.

Exacerbating the problem is that commercial street parking throughout the

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North Side continues to be culled with the addition of privileged bike lanes that wall off parts of streets, and eliminating commercial parking, for the exclusive use on one class of privileged commuter.

Add in the ubiquitous Residents Only Permit Parking [RPP] zones on residential streets, and you have a mix that makes it very difficult for commercial and retail entities to draw-in customers from outside of their direct neighborhoods.

Open and free - or metered - street parking grows increasingly difficult to find for those who travel outside of their own RPP zones. The end result is a pitting of Chicago resident against Chicago resident in

a mad search for legal parking spots when out doing chores, shopping or for parents picking up children from schools or other activities.

In North Center, the five-story, 61-foot tall, wedge-shaped property is located in an area that already suffers from an overall lack of parking. And the developer is bragging about a Divvy Bike station being installed along N. Damen Ave. adjacent to the site. In the real world, renters and commercial tenants know it will be difficult to load-in a couch, giant flat-screen TV or two-tons of commercial products on a rented Divvy Bike.

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Lane 46. Wildcat quarterback Joe Winslow Jr. directed an 8-play 46-yards scoring drive entirely on the ground. Hershal Wooley busted into the end zone from the one. Wooley then ran it in for the two point conversion to give Phillips an 8-0 lead.

Lane, in the first half, had four possessions punting twice and giving it up twice with two turnovers. The Lane Champions first turnover fumble led to Phillips second touchdown.

The Wildcats recovered the football on the Lane 32. Phillips needed nine plays to

increase their lead to 16-0 when Jordan Jones cracked over the goal line from the one. Lane second turnover of the first half occurred when on the final play of the first half, Champion quarterback Noah Mayra was intercepted by Isaac Metchie at mid-field.

In the second half, Phillips was their own worst enemy when they had a number of opportunities to increase their lead, but penalties hurt their drives.

"We were flagged for way too many penalties" said Phillips head coach Joe Winslow Sr. "I think we had over 10 holding penalties for over 100-yards, a lot of which

was due to some injuries to our offensive line. I had to use some inexperienced players against Lane. We must clean up those holding calls in practice this week" for them to advance further.

In the fourth quarter, Lane had two opportunities to cut into the Phillips lead. With six minutes left in the final quarter, Lane's Wesley Nunez intercepted a Winslow pass and returned it 30-yards to the Phillips 40. The Lane drive stalled when Mayra fumbled away on a run that was recovered by the Wildcats on their 28-yard line. With 3:15 left to play, and Phillips in punt formation, the center snap was fum-

bled by the punter, who picked up the ball and then slipped, and his knee touched the ground on the Wildcat 12.

Lane once again failed to provide points when Mayra tossed 4 incomplete passes to clinch the victory for Phillips.

"We couldn't compete against Phillips size and speed," said Lane coach Dedrick DeWalt. "This year [we had] a young team, and [next season] we will be losing four seniors, the rest of the team will return. I can see better days are ahead for us to come."

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