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—Lao Tzu

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Proposed affordable housing project earmarked for Edgewater

Would be the first 100% affordable building in community in 40-50 years

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB KITSOS

The scarcity of affordable housing is a city-wide problem that affects most Chicago neighborhoods. Edgewater is no exception. However, there may be good news for those who would like to move into the neighborhood.

At a Dec. 15 community meeting, Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] announced a 100% Affordable Housing Development proposal for the site of the city-owned Streets and Sanitation ward yard at 5853 N. Broadway, located adjacent to the Broadway Armory.

Initial plans call for construction of a 12-13-story building with



The city-owned ward yard at 5853 N. Broadway is the designated site for the proposed 12-13-story affordable housing complex. If approved, construction could begin in about a year.

one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and 35 parking spaces. Proposed rents are expected to run \$810-\$925 for a one-bedroom unit, \$972-\$1,200 for two bedrooms and \$1,125-\$1,300 for a three-bedroom apartment.

The U.S. Dept. of Housing

and Urban Development [HUD] designates housing as affordable if the gross costs to live in that housing unit, including utilities, do not exceed 30% of the gross income of the resident(s). Earlier

HOUSING see p. 12

Carjackings reported in Andersonville and Rogers Park, robbery cases hit four-year highs

Police are investigating after a man was carjacked at gunpoint in Andersonville on Dec. 31. The hijacking came about 20 minutes after a similar attempt to take a car failed in Edgewater.

The incidents are part of a sharp increase in hold-ups across the area, where robberies reached a four-year high in 2021.

First, a woman reported that she was targeted in a hijacking attempt at the corner of Lakewood and Rosemont around 1:20 p.m. She said a man displayed a handgun and tried to take her car, but he was apparently scared off. He was last seen running west on Rosemont. Police at the scene said

the suspect was a man who wore a dark gaiter on his face, a brown jacket, and blue jeans.

Then, around 1:40 p.m., a man was hijacked at gunpoint as he waited for his SUV to warm up outside his home on the 1400 block of W. Rascher, according to a CPD report. The victim said the gunman, described only as a man wearing a ski mask, emerged from an alley and ordered him to surrender his red Mazda CX-5 while displaying a gun.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

CPD handled 1,836 carjacking reports in 2021, up 30% from the year before and up 204% com-

pared to 2019, according to city records.

Robberies, which include carjackings, increased 29% last year in the Rogers Park (24th) Police District, according to CPD records. The 290 hold-ups reported as of Dec. 26 are up from 224 the year before, 226 in 2019, and 282 in 2018.

Just to the south, in the 20th (Lincoln) Police District, robberies were up 26% last year compared to 2020. There were 121 cases in the district as of Dec. 26, up from 96 the year before, 85 in 2019, and 119 in 2018, records show.

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New vaccine ID mandate is on, all those aged five and up must now prove it

As of Monday, a new unfunded mandate issued by Mayor Lori Lightfoot requires vaccinations for restaurant and bar workers, and their customers.

Hospitality employees, management and establishment owners are now mandated to enforce the mayor's new rules, putting them on the front lines of an effort to see that nobody without a vaccine ID can enter a public establishment that serves food and drinks.

Bar and restaurant employees will have an option to produce a

negative COVID-19 test weekly if they aren't vaccinated, but customers without vaccine ID's are expected to be denied entry.

During a Dec. 21 press conference, the mayor revealed that those as young as age five will have to be fully vaccinated, and be able to prove it. For those 16 and older, they will have to produce a government ID along with their proof of vaccination.

City Hall is providing no guidance, training or instructions on how to detect the use of false ID's, nor has anyone from the city ex-

plained what legal remedies private businesses may take if faced with customers who choose not to comply.

The list establishments that qualify for this new mandate covers essentially everywhere food and drink are served, Lightfoot said at the press conference. All bars, saloons, restaurants, gyms, bowling alleys, theaters, concert venues, and sports arenas are included. The order includes weddings and other private events.



Rogers Park's Howard Theater Building sold for \$7.5M

The historic Howard Theater Building, 1615-43 W. Howard, in Rogers Park has been purchased by Sal Becovic.

1967 photo courtesy Rogers Park West Ridge Historical Society

The historic Howard Theater Building, 1615-43 W. Howard, in Rogers Park has been sold.

The handsome century-old property was built in 1917 and has a rich history as being a destination for movies and live productions. The building was repurposed in 1999 by Cornerstone Investment Group with elements of the original theater being included in the redevelopment such as the facade and outer lobby. It was sold for \$7.5 million.

The building's 40 rental units are a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom floor plans. The property also includes 60 surface parking spaces and 15,000 square feet of fully leased ground-floor retail.

The Howard Theatre was designed by Henry L. Newhouse, whose other Chicago theaters

included the Metropolitan Theatre and Atlantic Theatre. It was equipped with a Kimball three manual nine ranks organ. It was acquired by the Balaban & Katz chain not long after it had opened.

"We are fortunate to add this iconic Rogers Park property," President Sal Becovic told RE-Journal of their purchase. "The Howard Theater is vital to the vibrance of the neighborhood and the success of the Howard St. Business District in attracting businesses along Howard. We look forward to continuing to provide quality apartment homes to our residents and do our part to attract restaurants, culture and retail that all Rogers Park residents will love and support."

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The pandemic created a big opportunity for private equity, but squeezed Chicago's independent landlords, page 6

Tricky burglars targeting senior citizens on North Side

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning North Siders about the return of so-called "ruse burglars" who distract senior citizens while accomplices steal valuables from the victims' homes.

The new crime pattern, which involves at least four cases since Dec. 15, is centered along California Ave. in West Rogers Park.

According to a community alert from Area Three detectives, one burglar poses as a city water department worker or tells victims that there is damage to their property to lure them out of the house.

At least one accomplice then

enters the victim's home to steal purses, cash, and jewelry.

Police linked four cases to the pattern: one on the 6100 block of N. Richmond at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15; another on the 2700 block of W. Lunt at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20; the 6500 block of N. Mozart at 2:25 p.m. on Dec. 24, and on the 5800 block of N. California at 4 p.m. on Dec. 26.

The burglaries are being committed by two or three White and Black men who are between 35- and 40-years-old, according to the CPD alert.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact detectives about crime pattern P21-3-141 at 312-744-8263.

Step into 2022 with some confidence and hope



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The start of the New Year should be roped in hope. Jampacked with the lessons of human experience and horizon-trusting expectations. I don't mean silly New Year's Eve parties, or running 'round the city in black tie, cramming into a watchword saloon or the Saddle and Cycle. Or popping corks on vintage Veuve Clicquot at midnight.

Nor the dystopian decision to launch the largest fireworks display in the history of the world. That was our mayor's description, not mine.

Yes, I sound like a "Crabby Appleton." I don't mean to rain on Chicagoans' New Year's expectations. You see, I've injured my knee while training. An old running injury, and aging I suspect. Coupled with the exhaustion of the holidays.

All those meals and dishes exacted a price.

My niece was sweet enough to give me a bottle of gummy bears with CBD in them. They're sup-

posed to calm you down and reduce inflammation. I don't think they are fast acting enough. I need a larger supply, at least to get me through the start of the new year.

Still, despite the fact that there were only four of us, Christmas was wonderful. It was supposed to be 12. Friends from Brooklyn canceled their flights cuz of Omicron.

Friend from Annapolis canceled for fear of staying in a downtown Chicago hotel. I can't blame them. Two beautiful young daughters gives any parent fears when coming to Chicago.

Another prized guest was under the weather and we could not take a chance on transmitting some plague.

So we sipped our delightful French Champagne, and then the Premier Growth Chablis, 2017 and a fabulous Gigondas, Saint Cosme, 2017. Gigondas is a superb, small wine growing hill in the Southern region of the Rhone in France. Many think it the younger brother of Chateau Neuf du Pape. People who drink it usually have a wine shop pro keep them aware of incoming treats. Check it out.

Lobster salads superb, the beef was rare, the Colcannon superb. The creme l'onions a la Julia, as if Mrs. Child were with us. The Haricot Vert with burnt walnut butter was sophisticated and most tasty. Roasted spiced pears a most welcome addition, served warm.

The Yorkshire pudding, re-

named Galway pudding, was the best ever, lots of eggs. Did individual puddings in muffin tins and they rose sky high.

Too bad we forgot about them.

Only discovering them after dinner all burnt. I still tasted them. Dreamy, like a Dutch pancake.

My sister's Hampton's Mascarpone Christmas Torte was heavenly but very rich. The Port and Stilton were my favorite part of dinner.

As I wait for my knee to heal in the dawn of 2022, I'm letting 2021 Christmas memories linger. Uplifted not so much by the memory of juicy red prime rib, or the piquant taste of truly lovely Stilton and the fruity Port as much as I am with the thought of all we did together to have a festive Christmas. I thought of my parents, Moss and Eileen, who would be delighted that we were together, enjoying sibling happiness after all these years.

The dramatic beauty of the tree, the paintings, Queen Victoria all festooned, the beauty of the table setting. I am pleased we take such aesthetics for granted. It's how we have always lived.

I thought of our table talk, the ability to make others laugh and express concerns with Chicago life. Remembering our mother, a Christmas birthday child like Jesus. We prayed for her, and our father, who was a New Year's baby. The warm Irish scones brought our granny, Nora Ryan O'Connor very near. We shared lots of stories, mishaps, curiosities and precious memories. We roared, and remembered all who could not be with us.

And for a brief moment, we let the mayor, the looters and the woke Art Institute President slip away to where they belong. Not at our table, but in our prayers. Not in our angers, but in our passion for justice. Not in our bitter thoughts, but in our knowledge that their hearts might be turned. Like innkeepers, shepherds, magi, stable boys and parents seeking

fresh refuge.

Perhaps we can step into 2022 with some confidence and hope. I watched the Pope in St. Peter's. And Cardinal Cupich in Holy Name. And Cardinal Tim Dolan at St. Patrick's New York. He really runs the greatest show on earth. Smart man. But a man of the streets whose big Irish smile is elastic. Like his handshake. He's a showman for the human spirit and he made me laugh.

So I am grateful to all who made Christmas 2021 one to savor and remember. It's memory filled like Hampton Torte or Cardinal Dolan's handshake. Or one of our father's feisty Irish tunes on the accordion, with our Aunt Mary banging out the bass notes on the piano. Happy New Year.

BEST WORKERS 2021: Props go out to Chicago's Dept. of Streets and Sanitation, and Cmsr. **Cole Stallard**, whose staffers worked their butts off in 2021 cleaning the streets and alleys of Chicago. They never stopped working, while many of their City Hall and Cook County colleagues snoozed at home, counting sheep until their next paycheck arrived at the bank.

SISTER GOODNESS: This wondrous nun, **Sister Rosemary Connolly, RSM**, is our proof that while we are forced to endure unimaginable crime in Chicago, pillaging and looting like the Middle Ages, carjackings too numerous to count. A mayor without the wits to resolve crime more heinous than the Capone era. And august institutions like the Art Institute of Chicago ransacking the genuine goodness of its docent volunteers fired for the shabby misguided convenience of Woke culture. Sister Rosemary stands as proof that human goodness and generosity are still living

in Chicago. Faith is still the best generator of good works. And that darkness and selfishness will not have the last word about humankind.

Sister Rosemary is now 90. Her lifelong service to the Church and those most fragile in our society has been as a devoted Sister of Mercy. A religious community that transformed Chicago in



Sister Rosemary Connolly, RSM


many generations. From operating the very first hospital in Chicago, to caring for cholera patients at great cost of their own lives, to assisted living for those most in need. Sister Rosemary has carved a

place in Chicago, establishing Misericordia. At first a care facility for infants born so disabled their deaths were predicted as imminent, Sister Rosemary turned the tables on death, giving such infants the attention and treatment to thrive and survive. Their continued living raised the issue of where they could live and who would care for them. Once again, Sister Rosemary and the Sister of Mercy were the solution. From that South Side facility 60 years ago, to their 31-acre North Side resident care homes today, all were the savvy brain child of Sister Rosemary's faith. She will, of course, continue her ministry of compassion. Her successor is the very popular Chicago priest, **Father Jack Clare**. We wish both of them bright days ahead.

PAX TIBI: James J. Casey, a dear friend for 40 years. True Irish curmudgeon of the very

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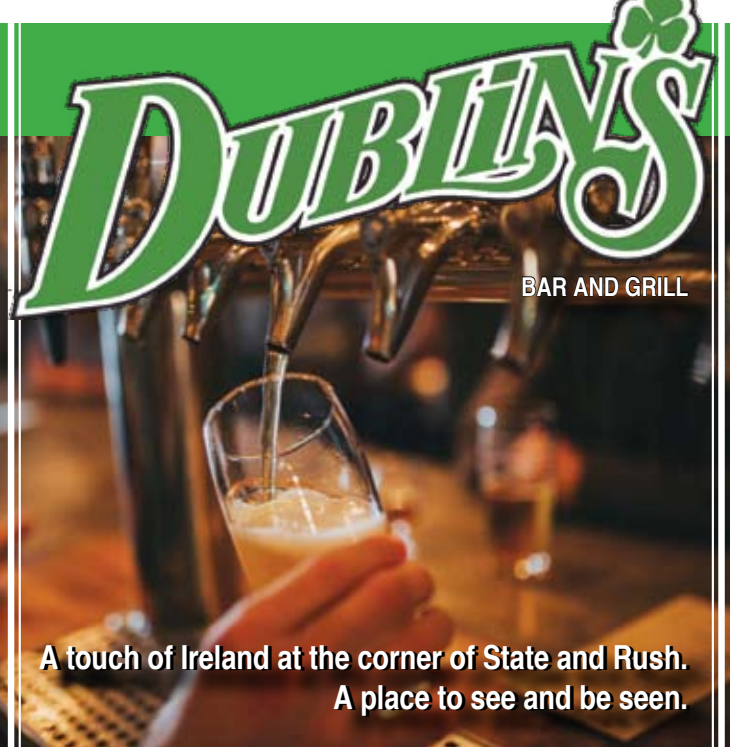
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Police Beat...

Group of teens beat and rob woman in Lakeview; same group tried to rob two other women on Red Line

A group of attackers who appeared to be teenagers beat and robbed a woman just a few steps from 44th Ward Ald. Tom Tunney's office on Dec. 29. Moments earlier, the same group assaulted and tried to rob two other women on a CTA Red Line train at the nearby Belmont station, according to CPD reports.

On the CTA, five offenders approached a 31-year-old woman as they rode a Red Line train toward Belmont around 7:19 p.m. The group tried to take the woman's property, but she fought back, and a physical altercation began, a CPD spokesperson said. They then attempted to rob a 35-year-old woman who intervened in the first robbery attempt.

Both women managed to maintain control of their property and the offenders fled through the Belmont station. Then, they set their sights on the third woman, a 22-year-old who was walking near Belmont and Sheffield.

About eight offenders reportedly knocked her to the ground, beat her, kicked her in the face, and stole her phone at 3221 N. Sheffield — that's the address directly south of Ald. Tunney's ward office. Then they all ran northbound on Sheffield Ave., witnesses said.

The group consisted of Black males in their early- to mid-teens. One of the primary attackers wore an orange winter cap with black clothing.

In his Dec. 23 email newsletter, Ald. Tunney said the local police district "has analyzed the recent crime patterns and has begun redeploying patrol units to different sections of the district at times where robberies are most likely to occur. Bike patrol units on residential side streets will mainly be deployed at night. Additionally, our Police Commander has also requested more helicopter coverage for our police district"

No arrests have been made in any of these robberies and shootings.

Three-time gun offender charged with Rogers Park murder

A three-time convicted gun offender was charged with shooting an acquaintance in the back of his head at point-blank range in Rogers Park last year — a murder that spread widely as a viral video.

Steven Hayer, 26, was arrested Dec. 28.

Surveillance video from a home on the 1400 block of W. Lunt captured the murder of Angelo Pullum, 36, around 7 a.m. June 28, 2020. In the footage, Pullum and another man mill about on the sidewalk before the second man moves behind Pullum, pulls out a gun, and shoots him directly in the back of the head.

Pullum was killed instantly.

Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said Pullum and Hayer exchanged 12 phone calls in the hour before the shooting. Witnesses allegedly told police that a black Jeep pulled up to Pullum and his companions, and Hayer got out of the SUV's passenger seat. He began talking with the group and Pullum, whom he has known for some time, Murphy said.

Other members of the group left, and Pullum and Hayer walked down the street to where the murder took

place, according to Murphy. A witness allegedly saw Hayer running to the Jeep and getting back inside with a gun in his hand. That witness then discovered Pullum's body.

Another witness allegedly provided investigators with screenshots of Hayer's Facebook page and said Hayer was the killer. Cellphone data put Hayer in the area of the murder when it happened, according to Murphy.

Pullum's mother contacted police two days after her son's death because she found Hayer's wallet, ID, and other property in her son's belongings, Murphy said.



Steven Hayer

On Dec. 27, CPD officers believed they saw a handgun sticking out of Hayer's pocket as they monitored surveillance cameras at a CHA project on the 500 block of W. Iowa, according to Murphy.

Hayer, carrying a black Nike bookbag, ran when police arrived and began knocking on doors as cops moved closer. One of the residents opened her front door because she thought her sister was the one knocking. Hayer pushed his way inside and ran to the second-floor, Murphy said.

From there, he yelled out to officers that he did not have a gun, according to Murphy. The occupants of the home, who do not know Hayer, allowed police inside to arrest him.

Near the window where Hayer yelled to police, cops found a plastic bag containing 79 smaller bags of suspected cocaine, Murphy said. Police found the black Nike bag under a mattress in the room. It allegedly held Hayer's birth certificate, other personal items, and a loaded handgun.

Prosecutors charged Hayer with first-degree murder, armed habitual criminal, criminal trespass to a residence, and possessing a controlled substance.

Murphy said Hayer was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm two times in 2017. He was also convicted of unlawful gun possession in a school in 2012.

Hayer's public defender said he holds down two jobs, including one in which he works for an attorney who is "doing restorative justice." The defense lawyer said that Hayer is engaged and has one child with another on the way.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Hayer to be held without bail on the murder case. Beach set bail at \$400,000 for the other charges.

Robbery victims were shot by hold-up crew that has been working the North Side for weeks

On Dec. 29 Chicago police confirmed that an armed robbery crew that shot two men during separate hold-ups in Lakeview East Dec. 28 and 29 is part of the same group that committed dozens of crimes across Lakeview and Lincoln Park in November and December.

A source suggested the shootings were an escalation of the group's already-violent behavior. Now, police have confirmed those suspicions.

Criminal activity is simply out of Control now in Chicago. CPD has repeatedly warned about the robbers, who are believed to be part of a group that often travels in two or three cars to commit bursts of robberies together. They have even targeted groups of people walking together on the street, including one group of eight people and another group of five.

The robberies went on a nearly two-week hiatus after Cook County Sheriff's Police chased one of the cars, which slammed into a CPD tactical unit, on Dec. 16. The hiatus apparently ended with the new Boystown

incidents.

Sadly, the list of the dozens of robberies in Lincoln Park and Lakeview are much to long and extensive to put in print. Suffice to say that no place is safe right now from these robbery crews.

The alert described the suspects as a group of two to five Black males between 13- and 25-years-old who wear dark hoodies and ski masks. They drove a gray sedan, possibly a Kia, during the latest robberies and shootings in Boystown. However, many different cars have been involved in the crime wave. They carjacked some of the vehicles.

Investigators who spoke with this reporter said they believe the offenders are committing the robberies for entertainment more than for profit. And that's what has some cops especially concerned.

"This is extremely dangerous," a source said Dec. 29. "One or two people [in the crew] are very violent. They shot two victims for thrills."

On Dec. 17, the same source said they were concerned that the robbery crews would become more violent: "It's a pretty quick trip from firing into the air and beating someone with a pistol to shooting someone in the leg, or worse." Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern #P21-3-136D.

Man on felony probation had gun on Red Line platform, but only charged with a misdemeanor

Even the judge couldn't believe that a man on probation for a felony would only face misdemeanor charges for allegedly having a loaded gun on a CTA platform. But that's exactly what happened.

Chicago police responded to the Sheridan Red Line CTA station around 9:15 a.m. Dec. 26 after someone reported that a man had a pistol on the platform. When officers arrived, they saw a man on the platform who matched the suspect's description. He was wearing a shiny black coat, and the cops asked him to show his hands, said Assistant State's Attorney Emin Drnovsek.

Instead, the man, identified as Isaiah Crawford, 21, ran down the stairs, fled from the station, and jumped a fence, Drnovsek said. Police ran after him and eventually arrested Crawford near Broadway and Irving Park Road. But his coat was missing.

Cops searched the nearby area and found Crawford's shiny black coat on the roof of a garage along with a loaded handgun, according to Drnovsek.

Crawford is on probation for felony criminal damage to property, and he has a pending misdemeanor case for obstructing identification, Drnovsek told Judge Susana Ortiz during a bond hearing Dec. 27.

"So, we have a felony conviction and allegedly in possession of a loaded firearm, but I'm setting bond on a misdemeanor," Ortiz summarized. "Is that correct?"

"Your honor, he has a misdemeanor [unlawful use of a weapon] on this pending matter," Drnovsek replied.

"Correct. And he has a felony conviction for criminal damage to property is what I'm being told," Ortiz reasserted. "I just want to verify that I heard everything correctly."

"Yes, your honor," Drnovsek confirmed. "Correct."

Ortiz then set Crawford's bail at \$5,000, meaning he must pay a \$500 deposit to get out of jail.

Armed carjacking in Streeterville

Armed carjackers targeted a family in Streeterville Dec. 29, according to a CPD report. The carjacking was reported around 5:45 p.m. on the corner of St. Clair and Superior.

A 22-year-old man told police

she was standing next to an orange Dodge Charger when three men took it at gunpoint.

Two of the carjackers drove toward Lake Shore Dr. with the Charger, which has Kansas license plates, while the third ran away from the scene.

The man and his family sought help at Lurie Children's Hospital. No description of the suspects was available.

Tourists robbed and carjacked at River North gas station — while CPD practices anti-looting drill downtown

Two tourists were robbed and carjacked at gunpoint as they filled their vehicle with gas at a River North service station Dec. 29. The hijacking took place while dozens of CPD units from across the city were conducting practice drills to seal off the downtown area in preparation for any future looting or "large group" events.

The victims, men ages 22 and 20, were preparing to fill their white Audi A6 with gas when two strangers walked up to them at BP, 750 N. Wells, around 12:58 a.m., according to a CPD report.

Both offenders displayed handguns and started going through the victims' pockets, taking their cash, said Kellie Bartoli, a police spokesperson.

One of the carjackers then climbed inside the victims' car and headed south on Franklin St. The other man ran from the scene on foot. He was last seen heading south through an alley, according to Bartoli.

Police searched the area for the car and the suspects, but they came up empty-handed. Bartoli said the suspects are Black males between 18- and 20-years-old who stand 5'-7" to 5'-9" tall. They wore black clothing and masks.

Officers gave the victims a ride back to their hotel in the Loop.

The carjacking unfolded less than 20 minutes after a large contingent of CPD units completed a test-run of the city's plan to seal off River North and the Mag Mile in the event of another major incident such as looting. A similar drill was still underway in the Loop when the carjackers struck.

Chicago police executives have launched similar drills over the past year, usually before major holidays or when their crystal ball tells them something bad might happen. The practice sessions draw police units from across the city to sit at specific locations throughout the central business district. After all of the units arrive and sit around for a while, they return to their home districts.

Police units that participate in the drills operate on a different radio frequency than the local police districts, so they would not have known about the hijacking. They also don't respond to calls for help.

Man is charged with trying to rob woman near Boystown grocery store

Prosecutors charged a North Side man with trying to rob a woman in the heart of Boystown on Dec. 27, less than a month after he was accused of battering a nearby synagogue's security director with a banana peel.

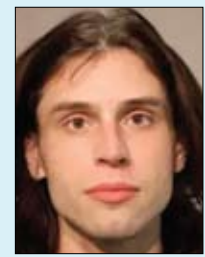
Prosecutors said a woman was walking with some companions to Whole Foods, 3640 N. Halsted, when Jacob Schmidt, 30, walked up to them and aggressively asked for money around 5:30 p.m.

The woman told Schmidt that she didn't have any cash and the group continued walking north on Halsted St. toward the store.

Moments later, Schmidt allegedly came up on the woman from behind and put a hard object to her head that he said was a gun. He ordered her to go to an ATM to withdraw money, but

the woman broke away, and she realized that the object he was holding to her head was really a cellular phone, prosecutors said.

The woman ran to Whole Foods, and a store security guard tried to detain Schmidt, but he got away, according to the allegations. Police arrested him around 6 p.m. at the Wilson CTA station in Uptown. Prosecutors said the victim and witnesses identified Schmidt as the person who tried to commit the robbery.



Jacob Schmidt

He is charged with attempted robbery and misdemeanor assault. Judge Charles Beach set bail at \$10,000.

Schmidt must pay 10% of that amount to go home on electronic monitoring.

Schmidt was on bail for a pending felony narcotics case at the time of Dec. 27's incident.

On Dec. 1, Schmidt went to Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, and asked to speak with the rabbi, prosecutors said. The head of security told Schmidt to make an appointment and sent him on his way.

The next day, Schmidt returned to the synagogue without an appointment and shoved a banana peel into the security guard's face and eyes, prosecutors said. Police arrested him at the scene and allegedly found about a gram of heroin in his possession during a custodial search.

Prosecutors charged him with misdemeanor battery and felony possession of a controlled substance. Judge Susana Ortiz released him on his own recognizance the next day.

On ritzy Oak St., a suspicious car leads cops to four-time convicted gun felon

Like their counterparts on Michigan Ave. and Rush St., high-end boutiques along ritzy Oak St. have been targeted time and time again by shoplifting crews this year.

So, when Chicago cops saw an unoccupied car parked in front of a hydrant on Oak St. with its flashers on Dec. 26, they looked a little closer.



Austin Collins

er. And that's when things got really interesting.

It turns out the car matched the description of a vehicle used in recent retail thefts, according to prosecutors.

Officers kept an eye on the car, parked within a stone's throw of luxury shops like Christian Louboutin, Dolce & Gabbana, and Chanel.

It wasn't long before a man and woman walked up to the car. The man, identified by prosecutors as Austin Collins, 29, tossed a satchel in the back seat and climbed behind the wheel. The woman entered the passenger seat.

Police stopped them before they could leave. And a cop opened one of the rear doors "for officer safety" because the windows were heavily tinted, Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said.

The officers noticed that the satchel Collins tossed into the back seat was "extremely bulky ... consistent with firearms," according to Kalliantasis. And it was heavy, too.

Cops looked inside and saw two handguns: a loaded 45-caliber with

CPD dispatcher fumes over lack of police resources

'CPD is short manpower and you are being lied to by the mayor'

BY CWBCHICAGO

Keith Thornton, who gained widespread praise for his handling of Chicago police dispatching duties in the minutes after a gunman fatally shot Officer Ella French and gravely wounded her partner during a traffic stop in August, is fed up.

"Keith is p*ssed. Keith is p*ssed right now," Thornton said as he opened a nearly 30-minute-long Facebook video rant about anemic staffing levels in a North Side police district.

Thornton, who grew up in Chicago, has worked as a police dispatcher since April 2018, according to his LinkedIn profile. He left the city for a few years to become an officer on the Los Angeles Police Dept. and, later, to work in emergency medical services in California and the Philippines.

While Thornton's video specifically discusses understaffing in the 16th (Jefferson Park) District, the issues he raises apply to every police district across the city because they have all lost police staffing under the stewardship of CPD Supt. David Brown.

"I'm really riled up right now," Thornton said, noting that it was about 11 p.m. "I had

a long day, and I'm riled up right now."

Thornton told viewers that the Jefferson Park district "is so shorthanded with officers that, when you call 911, you're not getting a quick response ... officers are not coming to you ... because we have very few officers within these neighborhoods."

Jefferson Park officers are responsible for 30 square miles of the city lying between Belmont and Cicero avenues, and the city limits, Thornton said.



Keith Thornton

"I'm talking about females being beaten. Shootings — a shooting came out a few days ago, and we couldn't even get the unit over there ... until 10-plus minutes later because there was no one," Thornton continued.

The Jefferson Park district was staffed by 268 officers when Brown became superintendent in April 2020.

There are 229 assigned to the district this month, according to the Chicago Office of Inspector General [OIG].

Since Brown joined CPD, 19 of the department's 22 police districts — including all of its most violent — have lost at least 12% of their cops, according to records provided by OIG.

On the North Side, CPD's Lakeview-

based Town Hall district has shed 16% of its officers under Brown, leaving it with a total force of 327 officers. That's among the lowest numbers recorded since we began tracking Town Hall's police headcount in 2013.

But the reality for most districts is even worse than the numbers appear. CPD brass continues to send units away from neigh-

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borhood patrol to sit in their cars on Michigan Ave., State St., and other downtown locations to maintain visibility since 2020's rioting and looting sprees.

"They don't replace the officers here that retire," Thornton said. "They don't replace the officers that get promoted."

"The biggest one that I love: When all hell breaks loose in downtown Chicago ... they're sending five, six cars from this district, just like all the rest, to go sit on a post to protect downtown. It's bull crap."

Thornton goes on to demonstrate how limited staffing affects police responses.

"Now, Sally's calling for the man who's beating on her. The kid's calling right here because he's shot. The paramedics are on the scene of a car accident and they're fighting. Here's another car accident up here. Here's a stabbing right here. Here's a domestic battery right here. And no one's coming," he says while holding up a quickly-sketched visual aid that he said demonstrated how many patrol cars were not staffed in the 16th District as he was making his presentation.

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"It's smoke and mirror, guys."

Thornton blamed Mayor Lori Lightfoot for CPD's staffing problems in his video, which he accompanied with a post that said, "CPD is short manpower and you are being lied to by the mayor and CPD upper management."

"All that lady cares about is her f**kin' self," Thornton said of Lightfoot. "And I pray you're watching this, 'cuz you're a disgrace, and I'm tired of it. And your city is tired of it. Matter of fact, it's not your city."

Fair Housing Program fights housing discrimination

Working on diverse fronts to resolve tenant cases

Since its start in 2017, the Northside Community Resources [NCR] Fair Housing Program in Rogers Park has established a solid record of fighting housing discrimination and resolving civil rights complaints including two recent cases.

Cases the Program handles demonstrate the diversity of rampant source of income and disability housing discrimination in Chicago. The Fair Housing Program [FHP] offers outreach, education, and legal help to people experiencing discrimination on the North Side.

The FHP works to respond to and prevent housing discrimination because of race, national origin, disability, familial status, gender, religion, source of income, and other protected classes by investigating allegations and assisting clients in filing and resolving complaints.

In April 2021, the FHP attorneys' advocacy resulted in a positive Chicago Commission on Human Relations [CCHR] decision, leading to settlement negotiations and compensation for a client. In 2020, the

FHP began representing a tenant who had filed her own source of income discrimination complaint with the CCHR, alleging that owners assisted by agents had refused to rent to her because she was a participant in the Chicago Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher [HCV] Program.

The HCV program provides a subsidy to tenants allowing them to move to opportunity areas with many amenities, hoping to reduce segregation in Chicago.

The property owners' agent, who is also their relative, denied discrimination. The CCHR found that the complaint was supported by substantial evidence against the owners and agents, in response to advocacy by NCR Fair Housing Program and Sidley Austin LLP pro bono attorneys. In Sept. 2021 the attorneys, tenant, and respondents negotiated a settlement with both realtors and owners, including money damages for the complainant, attorneys' fees, a victim impact meeting, a fair housing statement on the agent's email return address, and fair housing training for agency staff.

In May 2021, a woman who uses a wheelchair rented an Uptown apartment without seeing it. The agent told her that the build-

ing would meet her needs, but when she arrived in early July, she learned that both the unit and the building were inaccessible.

The management company then demanded that the tenant pay a \$6,735 buyout fee to get out of the lease.

When Fair Housing Attorney and Program Director, Betsy Shuman-Moore, confronted the management company with the facts and a likely Fair Housing Act disability discrimination complaint, they began negotiating.

Shuman-Moore was able to reach a settlement in which the company dropped the buyout fee demand and agreed to refund the rent that the tenant had paid them. This case exemplifies the expediency in which the FHP can assist clients, with the tenant first calling NCR in early July, an agreement reached in early August, and the refund received in early September. The client expressed sentiments that many FHP

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clients share with staff: "My words can't really express the depth of my gratitude to them. When you need someone, you want someone who is solid, that's knowledgeable, that has power, but that's also gracious and compassionate, and they were all of that to me."

For more information, or help in filing a housing discrimination complaint, contact NCR at 773-338-7722, ext. 16. Or visit NCR's website at: www.northsidecommunityresources.org.



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The pandemic created a big opportunity for private equity, but squeezed Chicago's independent landlords

BY AJ LATRACE
Illinois Real Estate Journal

For Chicago area multifamily property owners and operators, the pandemic has only been a part of the challenge that these last two years have represented. The stay at home orders, mass layoffs, eviction moratoriums and more, coincidentally come around the same time that rules have changed between the landlord and tenant relationship.

But despite it all, those who have been able to ride through the continuous waves of adversity may have found themselves in a very good situation.

"The silver linings, or at least the things that have re-energized me are these," says Sal Becovic, President of Becovic, a family-run property group headquartered in Uptown at 4520 N. Clarendon Ave., which owns and manages 2,000 units on the North Side. "First and foremost, what we do as housing providers is so important. And number two: multifamily is the place to be right now compared to other real estate asset classes."

Since 1973, the Becovic family has had deep Chicago roots and has contributed to the preservation of Chicago's North Side neighborhoods.

Becovic acknowledges the hardships from the last couple of years, but believes that the pandemic only reaffirmed how vital and somewhat insulated the apartment market can be during economic downturns or other challenges.

"Multifamily performed. And even though it got challenging for us, we per-

formed, and that's where I think multifamily is going to be ready to really take the next step as we move forward," he says. "And that's the reason why we're getting all this capital and why a lot of guys that were invested in offices, or invested in hotels, or in retail, are coming in here investing in multifamily."

Indeed, multifamily assets in the neighborhoods are trading at a fast clip and at big prices. And the capital being pumped into neighborhood apartment buildings is perhaps reflective of the larger economic recovery, or at least a testament that the "death of the major city" narrative at the height of the pandemic uncertainty last summer was overblown.

Even still, the multifamily sector has its challenges. Despite the news about a fully recovered Class A downtown apartment market from earlier this year, there are varying messages coming from neighborhood owners and operators. And while the asset class performed during the downturn, there is still an ongoing recovery.

"Some properties were more insulated, but overall, it was challenging. And now we're digging out. We're stabilizing. We're not downtown and back at record highs; no, we're not there yet. But we're trending up," Becovic says about the current situation.

However, news about a fully recovered downtown is still meaningful to neighborhood owners and operators, he adds.

"I take what's happening downtown as a great signal as to what's going to happen in the neighborhoods," Becovic explains. "Downtown is always the first to the party, and then leaves the party early."

A November report from Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance [NBOA] offers



A classic Chicago courtyard apartment building.

Photo courtesy of Becovic

a more detailed look into what independent landlords are experiencing outside of downtown. One note that is particularly positive is strong collections.

Over half of the members surveyed indicate that they have received 95% or higher collections for the month of September, suggesting improved stability of the housing market. Back in March, only 46% of

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respondents had greater than 95% collections, and then in June, that number only bumped up slightly to 49% of those surveyed.

But even with stronger collections, property owners are making fewer improvements or having to cut back on costs in other ways. Nearly 40% of respondents to the November report plan to reduce their maintenance and repairs budget. Roughly 20% are making personnel cuts, while six percent say that they're not likely to pay their property tax bills on time, or in full. Only 3% of NBOA property owners surveyed said that they're unable to pay their mortgage on time.

In terms of methodology, the report indicates that the NBOA members surveyed own 30,000 units collectively. Nearly half of the cohort own five or fewer properties in Chicago, suggesting that the makeup of the membership is largely small-time, independent landlords.

The market conditions have been ripe

for private equity to step in and scoop up vast numbers of units from struggling landlords. In other cities, particularly in Texas markets like Dallas, there isn't as robust of an independent, mom-and-pop landlord community. However, Chicago could be — and arguably already is — heading down the path of more corporate ownership of apartment properties.

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landlords are likely more willing to understand and address tenant needs, says Mike Glasser, owner of Magellen Properties and president of the NBOA.

"We favor situations where there's local ownership of local property. There's plenty of outside money that will come in and sweep up the property; this is a nationwide trend," he says about the theme. "Outside money doesn't have that connection to the property and with the individual tenants and instead just really looks at it as a numbers game."

And in many cases, a change in ownership from an independent, neighborhood landlord to a larger, outside corporate interest, can have ramifications for existing tenants.

"When [a private equity group] is buying an apartment building, they view it as a revenue stream, and not the 20 different individuals or so who happen to be dependent on that apartment," Glasser says. "That long-term elderly tenant who's been on a fixed income might find themselves priced out and dealing with a ruthless outside owner who isn't in a position to show any compassion."

Two- and three-flat ownership in Chicago is a tradition worth preserving, Glasser adds, giving families a means to build equity while also providing others with much-needed housing.

"It's a beautiful thing for an immigrant or hard-working postal worker, or anybody who's dedicated their life to building up a family asset, to be able to pass that asset on to their next generation," he says. "It's been happening for years and [multifamily home ownership] should be available to everybody who wants to put in the work and sweat equity."

Meeting on community policing

The Chicago Police Dept. Office of Community Policing will conduct another virtual meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19. The online meeting will be open to the general public and serve as an opportunity to provide input on the Human Rights policy and Prohibition of Profiling policy.

To attend the meeting a RSVP is required.

Due to capacity, the meeting will be limited to 200 participants. Registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. To reserve a spot contact Community@chicagopolice.org.



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Residents pursue creative endeavors during retirement at The Clare



(Left to right) Carol Feiser Laque at a poetry peading; Jack Jennings in Washington D.C.; and Susie Kealy, author of Miss Woollie's Wardrobe.

From plays and poetry to books and paintings, residents of The Clare continue to pursue creative endeavors and develop new passions during their retirement.

For resident Jack Jennings, inspiration for his play *Girlie* first struck in 1974, when he and his husband, Steve Molinari unearthed a series of letters at the home they purchased in Washington D.C. The letters dated back to the mid-1920s and depicted an affair between a married woman and her lover. It wasn't until he rediscovered the letters when he moved to The Clare that he felt compelled to convert the letters into a play.

Play writing was a brand-new practice for Jack, who spent his 50-year career as an expert in education policy for Congress and a think-tank in Washington, D.C. During that time, he became adept

at writing non-fiction, so *Girlie* was his first foray into fiction and playwriting.

"I am glad that I didn't receive training as a playwright, because that would have restricted me from presenting this story as I thought it should," Jack says. "When you don't know the rules, you don't know when you violated one."

His efforts in crafting the play throughout 2021 culminated with a reading at The Clare, in which nine fellow residents participated. The performance was a great success, with attendees clamoring with pride over their neighbor's creation.

Meanwhile, resident Susie Kealy authored a children's book, titled *Miss Woollie's Wardrobe*. Inspired by a dream in which her cat's fur was removable, Susie wrote a story where Miss Woollie tries on the fur of different animals. After finding an illustrator who perfectly portrayed the

vibrant images the story presents, Susie was determined to get the book published, which she did in 2021. She celebrated her achievement with a book signing at The Clare in December.

Another work released in 2021 is *Prisoner of the Light*, a collection of poetry by resident Carol Feiser Laque. Similarly, Carol conducted a poetry reading in April to share her art with others at The Clare.

Major accomplishments aside, there is ample opportunity to creatively explore through programming in the community. Regular watercolor painting lessons are offered, and a resident-led open bead-

ing studio provides the space and tools necessary to design original jewelry on a monthly basis. What's more, The Gallery at The Clare presents four exhibitions per year, each filled with original resident paintings, designs, photographs, sculptures and more.

Of course, this is only a sampling of the projects produced and artistic prospects available at The Clare over the last year. And if 2021 is any indication, then the residents of The Clare will most certainly continue to unleash their creativity in 2022 and beyond.

Music and memory in older adults

Chicago United Methodists Services will be holding a seminar at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 26, for seniors, titled *Music, Memory, and Older Adults*. There is a \$5 fee for this event.

The webinar will be hosted by Amanda Ziemba, of the Institute for Therapy Through Arts. Ziemba will show how music is processed in the brain, and will

be discussing how music can influence memory and accessing memories. She will explain how trauma can impact an individual's memory and how to recognize when trauma is resurfacing.

For questions, or to register for this webinar, call 847-462-0885 or write to events@elderwerks.org.

Documents you need now for estate planning

The trouble with estate planning is that you never know when the plan will need to be executed.

Everyone needs estate planning, regardless of income and assets, and Chicago United Methodists Services will be hosting a senior planning webinar 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The featured speaker will be Helen

Mesoloras from the law firm Dutton, Casey and Mesoloras.

Mesoloras has been practicing law since 2004 working in the field of elder law. She specializes in long-term care planning guardianship, probate and trust administrations and estate planning.

To register for this free meeting call 773-596-2286 or email mullin@cmsschicago.org.

Chicago ensemble launches 45th season with three local concerts

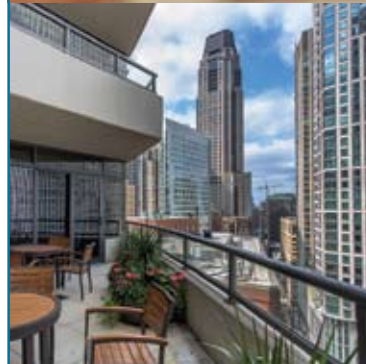
The Chicago Ensemble's 45th season brings a return to live performances in February, featuring the works of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St.; followed by a March program of Hindemith, Beethoven, Husa and Bruch, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, also at the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Single tickets are \$35 and include light hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages. There is a 45th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, March 12, at The Fortnightly Club, 120 E. Bellevue Pl. The celebration features a unique Classical Music Jukebox format inviting audience participation. Information, subscriptions and single tickets are available at TheChicagoEnsemble.org.



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highest caliber has returned to god. A long career as a successful Chicago attorney, Jim served in distinguished posts for the U.S. Attorney, the City of Chicago and a private law practice. Jim was devoted to the Irish Republic, a homeland he visited frequently over the course of his life. When Irish Head of State, the one-time rebel chief **Eamonn De Valera**, visited Chicago in the early days of independence, he stayed at Jim's family's home in Beverly. The Irish leader being a close personal friend of Jim's father. Jim was erudite and a consummate reader which gave him a leg up in the global knowledge department. It also perfected his Irish tongue, well beyond the gift of gab.



James J. Casey

The drum he beat was that of justice for all, fairness, human rights, and protected legal rights. From his youthful legal days living in the South Shore community through his golden years of grey hair and presenting before the U.S Supreme Court, Jim Casey was always ready, armed with legal grounds and feverous devotion to the law. And clients. His devoted wife, **Fran Norris Casey**, exercised a deep devotion to Jim's liberal causes, from **JFK, RFK**, to civil rights, and helping a long line of friends in their pursuit of public office. There was no home I enjoyed as much for dinner parties as Casey's. Fran's excellence in the

kitchen, the superb cocktails from Marshall Field's brand liquor, artichoke hearts in our salads, to conversations of extraordinary power, humor, insight and friendship. My heart is broken at the departing of this great man of life and learning. Love to Fran, **Katie, Tim, Nell** and all his family.

WHO'S WHERE: **Sherry Lea Fox** in New York... real estate mogul **Thad Wong** with **BB Wong** out West to snowboard the rich powder... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** at the Hotel Bristol, Paris with **Meg Risher Tallon** and **Dale Tallon**, former GM of the Blackhawks, and celebrating 16 years of marriage, tres bon... **Tino Antonacci** celebrating with all his 'lil angels' around him... Hamptons Social Life Mag's boss **Martin Mogielski** happy with family

tots all about... **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Tom Cavanaugh** at Harry Caray's with son, **Andrew Santos**, and daughter **Andreath Violet Santos**... **Patricia Daley Martino** (my very favorite Daley) and her grandson, **Ritchie Thompson** at family Christmas dinner... **Chris Grimshaw** in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico... **Nancy Kelley** with **Faith** and **Grace**... **Maria Pappas** sunning herself in sunny Florida, healing from knee surgery... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiser** getting some downtime at a spa in Farmington, PA... **Brian Roddy** and **Karsten Stelars** had a Canadian Christmas in Kelowna BC... **Sean Eshaghy** with **Allie Duneech** in Acapulco... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenas** in Tepoztlan, Mexico, after their gala dinner with **Victoria Izadi**, **Pilar Ibarlucea**, **Ana Cristina**, **Everardo Gomez E**, **Mariana Terrazas**, **Hector Terrazas** and **Itxaropen Ibarlucea** at Puerta del Lobo, in El Marquez, Mexico... **Lydia de Chanov** and Chicago scribe, **Lucia Adams**, celebrating 10 years of delicious friendship, never better than outdoors at the Peninsula for lunch... **Eamonn Cummins** always well-appointed out with lads for **Peter Malnekoff's** birthday... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** looking fab chic in Chanel sipping champagne... nothing like the life you get from a mother's hug, just ask **Toni Di Meola**... Old Town's



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Dennis Grant with granddaughter, Katie and Mary Kay.



Hector Gustavo Cardenas with Victoria Izadi, Pilar Ibarlucea, Ana Cristina, Evarado Gomez E, Mariana Terrazas, Hector Terrazas and Itxaropen Ibarlucea.

Lord Mayor, **Shelley Howard** birthdaying with master drummer **Larry Beers**, with **Rafe Bradford** and **Dan Navarro**... Eamon Cummins, **Pennie Taylor**, **Jim Morality** have breakfast at Kitty O'Shea's... **Jan McAdam**, **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Nikki Friar** had a festive time... **Mark Olley**, **Chili Pepper** and **Jim Elsworth** at Mon Ami Gabi... Maestro **Rich Daniels** and the family, bigger than ever... Lobster was on

the menu at **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White's** LSD pad... former Tribune boss **Dennis** and wife **Mary Kay Grant** in Minnesota with daughter **Katie** and grandkids enjoying hot chocolate... **Anne Kavanaugh** hanging out in her pj's in West Loop.

THE HORSEY SET: Word is a book deal is in place for the equine Butlers for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Oakbrook Polo Club in Fall 2022. Young **Reute Butler** should have her skilled hands in that blue blood pie. Helping her mom, **Jorie Butler Kent** sort fact from fiction and identify thousands of photos. Can we expect a gilded edged soiree to be held? Any chance **Charles, Prince of Wales**, might be on the top of the guest list with

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall? I'm brushing off my Stubbs and Wootens with embroidered horses on the toe.

KNIGHTHOODS: It's **Sir Tony Blair**, now that **Her Majesty, the Queen**, has so honored the former prime minister in the New Year's 2022 Honors List.

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CTA signs promise “fullest” prosecution of crimes against passengers, employees... Don't bet on it

BY CWBCHICAGO

Anyone who has ridden a CTA bus or train has seen the signs:

“For your protection,” the signs say, “anyone who commits a crime against a customer or employee of CTA will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

And under Illinois law, physically assaulting a transit passenger or transit employee automatically qualifies as a felony.

Add in those commuters who still fear riding trains and buses due to pandemic fears, and you have a steep uphill climb ahead for public transportation to earn by former riders.

Contrary to the signs, the Cook County State's Attorney's office is not prosecuting CTA attacks to the fullest extent of the law, this reporter has learned. In fact, prosecutors have filed nothing more than misdemeanor charges even when CTA passengers and employees have been stabbed on the transit system.

On Dec. 27, a man named Michael Williamson appeared in misdemeanor bond court for violently kicking a CTA bus passenger in the face for no reason, according to prosecutors.

Police went to a bus turnaround on the 7900 block of S. Halsted shortly after 3 p.m. on Christmas Day to handle a battery in progress call, prosecutors said. When cops arrived, they saw a 42-year-old man with a bloody mouth and “very swollen lip.”

The bus driver and witnesses all told cops that the bloodied man was “sitting on the bus, minding his own business” when another passenger kicked him in the face so hard, it caused the victim to fly into the bus windows, an assistant state's attorney said.

When cops asked them who kicked the victim, they all pointed at Williamson, prosecutors said.

By all appearances, the allegations check the boxes for felony aggravated battery of a transit passenger. But Williamson is only



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charged with a misdemeanor.

“The court finds it particularly aggravating that this occurred to a random person simply trying to ride public transit,” Judge Susana Ortiz said before setting Williamson's bail at \$5,000. He must post a 10% deposit to go home on electronic monitoring.

In August, a 27-year-old Red Line passenger was stabbed in the hand by a man who was arguing with another passenger at the Belmont CTA station. According to prosecutors, the victim was not involved in the dispute and was simply trying to get off the train.

Police found a knife at the scene and arrested Maurice Holmes, 49, for the attack. He was charged with a misdemeanor and went home on a recognizance bond. Holmes never showed up for court and there is a warrant out for his arrest, according to court records.

According to the data from a recent nationwide study by the Urban Institute, CTA is still struggling to attract passengers. According to reporting in the Chicago Tribune, the Institute looked at train station boardings in 2019 and 2020 and neighborhood demographics for some of the country's largest public transit systems. It found key differences in how ridership dropped during the pandemic, with smaller drops in neighborhoods with more Black and Latino residents,

more lower-wage jobs and lower incomes. The largest drops were near job centers.

“Rail systems are not just for wealthy white people,” the Urban Institute's researcher Yonah Freemark told the Trib. “We need to make sure we understand the dynamics that are occurring in ridership around rail systems.”

Through Nov. 2021, some 576 violent crimes had been reported on CTA property. And of course some criminal activity is never reported, when victims just go home, lick their wounds without reporting them to the police.

They found an unequal drop in public transportation ridership that has been documented for much of the pandemic, as essential and low-income workers continued to go to work while many office commuters stayed home. The findings could also provide clues to transit's future, as Chicago's transportation agencies look to draw back riders and adapt to changing habits.

According to Freemark, the stations that saw the sharpest drops in average daily riders are the Brown Line's Merchandise Mart (74%), Monroe on the Blue Line, Monroe and Grand on the Red Line, and the Quincy stop in the Loop. All are downtown, and all lost about 73% of riders.

The Addison Red Line CTA station also lost among the highest shares of riders at 74%, but the station was also closed for construction two weekends in October 2020.

The trends in Chicago were mirrored across the other systems examined: New York City, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. And preliminary data indicate the pattern has stayed the same in Chicago for 2021, even as some riders have returned to the CTA.

According to CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., daily rider-

ship in 2021 has consistently been at or above 50% of pre-pandemic levels. “As our customers evolve and adapt to the realities of their new schedules and routines, so too will the CTA.”

In Jan. 2021, the CTA averaged a little more than 400,000 rides on weekdays and roughly 10.8 million rides for the month. Since then, CTA's system-wide ridership has essentially doubled, with more than 21 million monthly and nearly 800,000 average weekday rides provided.

To try and lure riders back, in October the CTA announced that prices of multi-day passes would be permanently reduced an average of 34% and transfer fees eliminated under their 2022 budget plan. While one-way fares would be unchanged, the cost of a single-day unlimited ticket would be halved to \$5. Unlimited monthly passes would be reduced from \$105 to \$75.

Still fear over the ever-present criminal activity going on in buses and trains is a major impediment to getting riders back on the CTA.

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You may remember our reporting on Quinton Joiner. She allegedly stabbed a CTA worker in the neck after he accidentally sprayed her with water as he washed the State-Lake train platform in July.

Prosecutors only charged her with a misdemeanor, and Joiner pleaded guilty less than a month later in exchange for a probation sentence. In October, she was arrested again after she allegedly brandished a knife and took a purse from a woman who was attending a wedding in Millennium Park. Prosecutors again charged her with only misdemeanors.

Joiner is now jailed in Florida where she allegedly stabbed two people in separate random attacks last month.

It seems that the CTA too is now a victim on Cook County's lack of interest in prosecuting or jailing violent criminals.

Secretary of State offices closed

Due an increase in COVID-19 cases, all Secretary of State departments, including Driver Services facilities statewide, will be closed now through Jan. 17, for in-person transactions. All departments and Driver Services facilities will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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by Felicia Dechter will return next week.

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an extended ammunition magazine and a loaded 9-millimeter, Kalliantasis said.

Collins, a four-time convicted felon, was on bond for a pending armed habitual criminal case that he picked up last year while on parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

His previous convictions include another unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 2013, aggravated battery by discharging a firearm in 2011, aggravated robbery in 2011, and two juvenile adjudications for burglary, Kalliantasis said.

Collins' private defense attorney

said he lives in Olympia Fields and suggested that Collins was guilty of nothing more than carrying his female passenger's purse.

Judge Susana Ortiz denied a state request to hold Collins without bail on the new charges. Instead, she set bail at \$350,000 and ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post 10% of that amount.

But he won't be eligible to bail out right away. Ortiz also ordered him held without bail until the judge overseeing his armed habitual criminal case can consider the new developments.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. PHONG KHOUNVISETH; NORTH SHORE MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 19 CH 9924 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 7, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-32-312-024-1012. Commonly known as 1327 West North Shore Avenue, Unit 3S, Chicago, IL 60626. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and

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the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0752 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13184340 050505 ----- 292929 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-WMC3 Plaintiff, -v- PARMOD K. BAGAI A/K/A PROMOD K. BAGAI, CITY OF CHICAGO, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

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NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OC-CUPANTS Defendants 20 CH 3699 6705 North Rockwell Street CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 25, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 19, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6705 North Rockwell Street, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-404-014-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$222,557.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-

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tion thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common

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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-091724. 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. LOGS Legal Group LLP

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2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 19-091724 Case Code: 42168 Case Number: 20 CH 3699 TJS# #: 41-3259 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 20 CH 3699 13183806 222222 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION STERLING NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff, -v- JULIE NAUMAN, TODD NAUMAN, ASTORIA FEDERAL MORTGAGE CORP., PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC ASF WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Defendants 18 CH 2377 2441 N. GREENVIEW AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 28, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2441 N. GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-29-319-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$811,206.22. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, 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 17-01769. 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. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 17-01769 Attorney Code: 18837 Case Number: 18 CH 2377 TJS# #: 41-2954 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 18 CH 2377 050505 ----- 292929 -----

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELENE FINANCE LP Plaintiff, -v- TIMOTHY M GILKISON, BYRON-GREYSTONE I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LTD Defendants 19 CH 07287 3838 N. SHEFFIELD AVE., UNIT 101 CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 18, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3838 N. SHEFFIELD AVE., UNIT 101, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-211-034-1001 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$429,535.15. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the pur-

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chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 383219. 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. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 383219 Attorney Code: 40387 Case Number: 19 CH 07287 TJS# #: 41-3248 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 19 CH 07287 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff, -v- THOMAS E. CONDON, NORTH SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD F. CON-

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DON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RICHARD F. CONDON (DECEASED) Defendants 2019CH13815 6334 N SHERIDAN RD, 6E CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 18, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6334 N SHERIDAN RD, 6E, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-202-018-1020 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property

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is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-19-10691 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2019CH13815 TJS# #: 41-2024 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2019CH13815 13183670 222222 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. LAWRENCE P. HAMEL JR.; MYRA AMANDA BARRETT- HAMEL; FORTY EAST CEDAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 21 CH 2369 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 40 East Cedar, Unit 12A, Chicago, IL 60611. P.I.N. 17-03-201-069-1010. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512. ILF2103001 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13184422 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v- CARRIE CARMICHAEL A/K/A CARRIE E CARMICHAEL, RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PNC BANK,

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 14 CH 07229 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1074 The real estate is improved with a high rise condominium; parking garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mort-

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gaged, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. 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. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 255797 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 14 CH 07229 TJS# #: 41-3286 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 14 CH 07229 13184523 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff,

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vs. ROCHELLE L. CALOF; THE 55 EAST ERIE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; LEWIS CARPETS, INC. DBA LEWIS FLOOR AND HOME INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 19 CH 10425 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 7, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-10-112-011-1161 & 17-10-112-011-1555. Commonly known as 55 East Erie Street, Unit 1906, Chicago, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0776 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13184332 050505 ----- 292929 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v- DEAN RAHM AKIA DEAN R RAHM, ASHLEIGH RAHM, SHEFFIELD PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 16 CH 09975

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The Repair Cafe meetings at Sulzer Library will re-open starting at 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 8. Repair Cafe meets the second Saturday of the month. Repair Coaches for sewing and jewelry will be dusting off their tool kits in preparation for their first meeting with two general fixers attending. In prior years, the repairs most in demand involved rewiring lamps, decluttering vacuum cleaners, and reattaching pieces of broken fixtures. If you're generally handy with such types of repairs, please reach out. Repair Cafe would like to hear from you if you're interested in being a repair coach, email darasalk24@gmail.com.

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Chicago's Christmas tree recycling program runs from Jan. 8 through Jan. 22 at 26 parks across the City. Trees can be dropped off anytime during normal business hours. Drop off locations include Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell St., Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Dr., Lincoln Park, Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Ave. (East side of Cannon Dr.), Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr., North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., Norwood Park, 5800 N. Avondale (service yard), Walsh Park, 1722 N. Ashland Ave. and Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave. Only live/natural trees without flocking are accepted (no garland or wreaths). Because the trees are mulched, all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and stands must be removed. Plastic bags used for transport should also be removed before putting trees in the stalls. Six locations will also provide free mulch on a first-come, first-served basis, starting Jan. 10. The closest location in our area is in Lincoln Park, Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Ave.

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Three teens arrested after crashing hijacked SUV in West Rogers Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police arrested three juveniles after witnesses reported seeing them waving handguns while circling West Rogers Park in a hijacked SUV on Dec. 31. A fourth suspect managed to get away, police said.

Witnesses in two different locations called 911 about the teens, who were reportedly wearing ski masks and pointing guns from the car. Police found the black Chevy Equinox at a gas station on the corner of Peterson and Campbell around 7:15 p.m. They tried to pull the vehicle

over, but the driver reportedly tried to ram one of the CPD units and sped away.

Four teenage males ran from the car when it crashed on the 6000 block of N. Oakley a few minutes later. Cops searched the area and arrested three of them, all between 16- and 17-years-old, according to a CPD statement. One of the teens received minor injuries in the crash and was taken to St. Francis Hospital in good condition, according to police.

According to initial information, the Equinox was taken in an armed hijacking and may be linked to at least one shooting.

The 17-year-old who was driving the SUV is charged with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle. A 17-year-old male passenger is charged with misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass to vehicle and reckless conduct while a 16-year-old male passenger is charged with criminal trespass to vehicle.

A CPD spokesperson said the incident report did not mention any firearm recoveries.



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this year, Chicago Dept. of Housing Cmsr. Marisa Novara said the city is encouraging developers to submit proposals for new affordable housing in parts of the city that are higher-income and amenity rich.

But the city's own data shows Novara's desire to expand Transit Oriented Development [TOD] affordable housing on the North Side provides mixed results. City data shows that TODs built on the wealthy North Side, so far, have not yet benefited Black, Indigenous or Hispanic communities, but rather mostly attracted White tenants. In fact, city data shows that minority populations typically fell after construction of TODs on the North Side.

This proposal for an Equitable Transit-Oriented building [ETOD] is being spearheaded by controversial Chicago-based Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. Bickerdike is a nonprofit community development corporation working for the development of communities on the Northwest side of Chicago.

Included in its portfolio of properties are more than 1,000 affordable housing units and rehabbed affordable apartment buildings in West Town, Humboldt Park, and Logan Square. "It's one development at a time that really makes a huge difference," said Bickerdike CEO Joy Aruguete.

But not everyone is please with their work.

Bickerdike recently finished building the controversial Emmett Street Apartments in the Logan Square neighborhood. That project was greeted by extended protests by area residents and businesses over the loss of a city-owned commercial parking lot and eventually a lawsuit filed against the city over the project. In the lawsuit, a group called Neighbors for Responsible Development claimed the project, located next to the Logan Square Blue Line CTA station, would have a "substantial ... negative impact" on the neighborhood by eliminating parking spaces. The city and Bickerdike eventually won that legal battle.

Ald. Osterman, who chairs the mayor's Committee on Housing and Real Estate, said, "I believe strongly in this project. This will be an asset to our community and a solid development that will provide needed housing for our community."

Among the many hurdles before approval, the bureaucratic gauntlet includes negotiating the sales process, zoning approval, and financing. If green-lighted, however, it would be at least a year before the first shovel is turned. Construction is estimated to take about a year to 18 months.

Regards to Broadway

The proposed apartment complex could be the linchpin for a Renaissance of a portion of Broadway in the Edgewater. "Broadway has been the cornerstone of our neighborhood for the last 10-15 years," Osterman said. "We have really tried to work to improve it for our neighbors."

Upcoming community meetings will

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address improving the commercial, affordable housing and infrastructure of the street and how to envision it over the next five to 10 years. Traffic flow is another issue that will be reviewed.

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The January, February and March community meetings will be held via Zoom and in-person. The alderman said the

purpose of the meetings is to get a consensus on the path forward. To attend the meetings in-person, attendees must pre-register, wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination. Meeting dates and locations will be forthcoming.

Originally called Evanston Avenue, the name of the street was changed to Broadway in 1913. The new name was taken from New York City's famous theatre district. It is the only street in the city that does not have a suffix. It is not a street, avenue, road, boulevard, or parkway. It is known simply as Broadway.

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Notable was the theater's ornate Neo-Classical style façade, complete with sculpted masks of comedy and tragedy, and the theatre's name inscribed above the arch-shaped window over the marquee.

The Howard Theatre continued to show first run films until it was shuttered around Thanksgiving 1975. In 1999, the long-vacant Howard Theatre's auditorium was razed but its beautiful façade and outer lobby were saved and integrated into the apartments and retail structure which was built on the site. Today the Howard Theater Building commercial spaces include well known businesses like Sol Cafe, Factory Theater and P & J Footwear.

MANDATE from p. 1

Religious facilities, soup kitchens, and places where charity is the primary mission are exempt, for now, as are Midway and O'Hare international airports, where the city profits from the sale of food and liquor.

Mayor Lightfoot gave private operators only two weeks notice to ramp up for these new set of rules. Those private enterprises who do not execute the mayor's mandates are being threatened with fines of \$2,000 to \$10,000.

On Dec. 28, a group of restaurant and bar owners under the name the Chicago Restaurants Coalition [CRC], petitioned the Mayor's Office to postpone the new unfunded mandate that would put their private businesses on the front lines enforcing the mayor's new rules, and checking patrons' vaccination status.

The members of the CRC said that many of them do not have enough employees to ensure someone is checking customers for their ID cards, and that the short two week deadline does not provide the needed time to train employees on the new policies. The establishment operators also say that the Mayor's Office has not issued any guidance on how to deal with customers who refuse to comply with the new mandates.

In a letter sent to the Mayors Office, and released to the media, they are asking to push the deadline back to Jan. 15 to meet the mayor's new requirement, and they are requesting more public dollars to help pay for the expenses related to the mandate.

Mary Kay Tuzi, the owner of Twin Anchors, 1655 N. Sedgwick St., in Old Town, told Block Club Chicago, "I don't have any people on staff to do this. It's not something that I had in my budget when trying to figure out how to cover my operating expenses. I think the restaurants have been in the crosshairs this entire pandemic." She said, and she cannot afford another full-time staffer to check vaccine cards at the door.

Mayor Lightfoot did not offer any timeline for how long the new unfunded mandates will be in place.