

Without changes to law, local businesses face looming legal threat

BY PETER VON BUOL

Without an update of a law enacted in 2008, small businesses throughout Illinois will continue to face the threat of a costly lawsuit which could put them out of business.

According to the wording of the Illinois Biometric Privacy Act [BIPA], it regulates the "collection, use, safeguarding, handling, storage, retention, and destruction of biometric identifiers and information."

This information may include the scan of an employee's retina or iris scans, fingerprints or a portion of a fingerprint, voiceprints, hand scans or face scans. Many businesses began to use biometrics in place of traditional time clocks for their employees. They also were adopted for security reasons.

Created 14 years ago, the leg-

islation's damaging effect began to be felt in 2019 after the Illinois Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiff in *Rosenbach v. Six Flags Entertainment Corp.* With that ruling, the court found a plaintiff may be awarded damages, even if they were not actually harmed by a BIPA violation.

Those laws and regulations are now making some law firms quite wealthy at the expense of area businesses. This decision has unleashed a flurry of class-action lawsuits throughout the state. From 2008 to 2019, there were 173 BIPA class action lawsuits filed. Since then, approximately 1,000 class action lawsuits have been filed.

Local employers already targeted include Navy Pier, Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises Inc., Walmart, Topgolf, Marriott Chicago O'Hare, Family Dollar and Dollar Tree, the Mariano's gro-

cery store chain, Saint Anthony Hospital and Macy's.

Last year, State Rep. Jim Durkin [82nd] introduced legislation which would amend the wording on BIPA and limit damages.

Currently in the Rules Committee, HB 0559 would amend the Biometric Information Privacy Act by changing the language "written release" to "written consent" and, "Provides that the written policy that is developed by a private entity in possession of biometric identifiers shall be made available to the person from whom biometric information is to be collected or was collected (rather than to the public). Provides that an action brought under the Act shall be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrued if, prior to initiating any action against a private

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No rent concessions is the new normal on North Side

**Studios, one-bedrooms
seen dominating demand
in recovery;**

rent hikes coming soon

BY SAM LOUNSBERRY
TheRealDeal.com

Young renters are coming back to Chicago, lifting demand for studios and one-bedrooms that lost out to larger units during the pandemic.

As demand for larger units with multiple bedrooms grew, landlords offered rent concessions for

as long as three months on smaller apartments. Now those breaks are disappearing across the city, fueling some recent rent increases.

"I imagine people will soon want studios and one-bedrooms," said Kate Varde, principal of Essex Realty Group, a multifamily brokerage in Chicago that handled its company-best 91 transactions last year. "It's just a matter of time until we have young college kids and recent grads who don't want to go home and want to rent their first apartment and feel secure in a job."

In 2019 and 2020, about 80% of apartment leases included some kind of rent concessions, and last year that number had fallen to 20%, according to Tony Hardy, who leads a Keller Williams multifamily brokerage in Chicago. This year, he expects rent increases as demand for smaller units grows.

Last weekend, 33Realty, a Chicago multifamily brokerage and property manager with 4,000 units under management, leased

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Gold Coast watch thief's partner sped away in a Maserati, leaving him to fend for himself

BY CWBCHICAGO

Shortly after noon on Dec. 11, two men rolled up to Gold Coast Exotic Motor Cars, 834 N. Rush, in a Maserati and stepped inside the showroom. They weren't shopping.

Instead, prosecutors said Feb. 4, one of them kept an eye on the door while the other smashed a display case and stole five luxury wristwatches worth \$862,500. That's a lot, but much less than the initial estimated loss of \$2 million.

When the dealership's staff, some of whom were armed as licensed concealed carry holders, chased after the thieves, the offender who grabbed the watches hopped back into the Maserati



Carlos Valliant (inset) is accused of watching the door (left) while an accomplice stole over \$800,000 worth of luxury watches (right).

and drove away, leaving his lookout behind.

And that's the tiny break CPD's Organized Retail Crime Task Force needed to crack the case over a month later. Details about how they did it were revealed Feb.

4 during a bond hearing for the alleged lookout and in discussions with sources.

After the Maserati sped away with the stolen watches, Carlos

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Streeterville public safety meeting March 1

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] is hosting a public virtual safety webinar starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 1.

He is holding it with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.

During the webinar, Sheriff Dart's team will discuss their crime reduction initiatives, Carjacking Task Force, and answer pre-submitted questions.

The meeting is limited to 1,000 attendees, to reserve a spot visit https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MS538my2Quqbbg-PGDpGz8g.

In an unfortunate trend that has become all too common these days, the two public officials refuse to take open questions during the webinar, only questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

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Teach your children, and yourself, well

**Pandemic amplifies
opioid use, rage**

BY FELICIA DECHTER

Lindsey C., was a soccer mom, and a computer software saleswoman who earned a hefty six figures a year. Lindsey grew up on the North Side of Chicago before moving to one of the very ritzy western suburbs, where she and her husband and their teenage daughter settled into a content, activity-filled life.

Lindsey had grown up during the 1970s, a time when leisurely but intense drug use was all the rage. She'd had a bit of a problem, ... OK maybe a big problem. Yet after marrying a guy named Steve and becoming a mother, all of that had changed for Lindsey.

Then one day, Lindsey decided she wanted to feel extra special for her husband as their daughter was spending the evening with a friend. She and Steve would have a quiet dinner at home, and then hopefully, a little nookie to top things off.

That afternoon, Lindsey got into her shiny black BMW and drove from her far west, very tony suburb into Chicago, a city she knew like the back of her hand.

Somewhere along the way, she picked herself up a little something to get high on, a throwback to her younger days.

That night Lindsey became ex-

tremely ill.

She decided to take a bath, and in the tub, Lindsey began vomiting and convulsing, with Steve having no idea what was happening as he helplessly worked to save her life.

That night, Lindsey died of an accidental opioid overdose, leaving a stunned and alone daughter and husband.

Lindsey and Steve -- who I'd known since I was a teen at Lake View High School -- were very close friends of my family's. They were at my house every Thanksgiving and were the last to leave as they helped with clean up.

Yes, Lindsey was that good a friend.

There are lots of stories of loss from drugs... I know I have plenty more.

It's kind of like cancer, everybody knows someone affected. Many of us have horror stories.

How would you like to be 17-years-old and flip out completely because you walked into your big brother's bedroom and there was a needle sticking out of his arm, pumping heroin into his veins?

My own personal experiences are part of why I jumped at the chance to speak to Deni Carise, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and part of the recovery community for more than 30 years who is now Chief Science Officer at Re-

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February carols are better than a federal indictment



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The holiday season for me has ended, I am removing all my extended Christmas array of decorative designs.

Farewell holly and ivy. I know. I'm tardy. Christmas lasted longer here than even at St. Peter's in Rome.

It's nostalgia more than laziness.

With the ghostly pandemic always lurking, and our strict obsession of the quarantine, that provides a reluctance to box it all up and throw away the tree.

There is real comfort in the glow of the festive lights shining bright reflected in the gold beads hanging on the pine branches. Something poetic, healthy and reassuring.

That's the best formula to embrace in our winter wonderland of high snow and low temps. Like turning the thermostat up. Or concocting a boeuf bourguignon. Or a stunning pheasant pie for a cozy dinner with a Chateauf de Pape.

Enduring is expanded by the confidence that coziness reveals. Especially in the glow of the can-

dleight on the dining table and the sparkle of a full wine glass.

The feeling is much more akin for me to having some writing tasks to start or finish each day, or getting to use all those tubes of new paints and canvas from holiday gift giving. Or further complete the tasks of cooking and cataloguing narratives and recipes for my cookery book which my editor, Sugar Rautbord, is anxious to receive. Such artistic deadlines are important. Daily expressions of meaning and purpose. Just like a mug of hot cocoa at the end of the freezing day. Or a loaf of sourdough challah bread on a Friday.

It's a sturdy way to begin 2022, despite fears of war in Ukraine, or Irish fishermen chasing the Russian Navy from its coastal seas, the emotional merging and renaming of parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago, or Rocky Wirtz's untimely meltdown.

Or the sheer nightmare of imaging another term for Mayor Lightfingers.

Now that my tree is being "untrimmed," it seems like the new year is finally beginning to unfold. Perhaps there's a metaphor there for us all.

What is there that needs "untrimming," here in Chicago? Perhaps a catalogue of such things will put life in better order.

What needs trimming at City Hall might be a good place to start. A suggestion: Let's break away from the "frozen in time" proportions surrounding the Chicago City Council. How about a smaller, more manageable size than the 50 aldermen we are used to.

Back around the turn of the 20th century there were two aldermen in each ward. That was in the days of Hinky Dink Kenna and Bathhouse John Coughlin. They ran operations in the 1st Ward, aka the "Levee" district. They thrived on shady saloons, and shadier houses of "ill repute."

The aldermen 'regulated' trade

as it were. You couldn't serve a Micky Finn, rob a tourist or steal a vote without the aldermen's express permission. They were the landed gentry's worst nightmare.

But they got things done. Kept looting to a minimum, and made sure the cops were happy.

It is my understanding that only the State Legislature can regulate the necessary authority to reduce the size of the Chicago City Council. In the past, political leaders from Chicago easily prevented any reduction in the council's

size. But now that those people are no longer in Springfield, this might be the perfect time to try to have a council, say, of 25 aldermen. Larger, more efficient wards might be the place to start. Less aldermen might erase the need for a constant war every 10 years when 50 individuals are all trying to protect themselves from redundancy with remaps.

Perhaps this is the time to also introduce term limits?

That's a phenomenon that strikes fear into the heart of anyone wanting to feed at the public trough for their entire natural life. Term limits would certainly reduce the number of political potentates who cling to office by more than pep talks.

Chicago was for a century immune to the reality of what happens to a city's life when political divas are in office for 50 years.

Shorter terms, say two elected 4-year terms per person, might mean a lesser chance that skullduggery will unfold in those elected to public offices. Term limits is another aspect of election legislation controlled by the state's government. And which would never be discussed as long as Chicago politicians could influence in Springfield how long they could serve in the City Council.

Ironically, there is another legal force that can govern the length of an alderman's term in office. One in full use now. That's the U.S. Attorney's Office. Over the past 25 years they have generously brought the careers of many hubris-infused elected aldermen to a sad end with guilty verdicts and prison terms.

That number is well into double digits. You know that because the headlines about such politicians have been so large.

So now that the new year is off to a good start with me finally packing up Christmas in February, can we not look for even

larger political relief reconfiguring the size of the Chicago City Council by an "aldermanic reduction?"

Can we now, once and for all, redraw the ward map of Chicago into larger areas of political representation? That would be more historic than reversing the flow of the Chicago River back in 1900.

Can we not propose that the women and men who are elected to such a smaller council might be focused more critically on local needs rather than on lifetime

careers as big shots, ward bosses and Democratic party stalwarts with their fingers in every pie? And every pocket and purse?

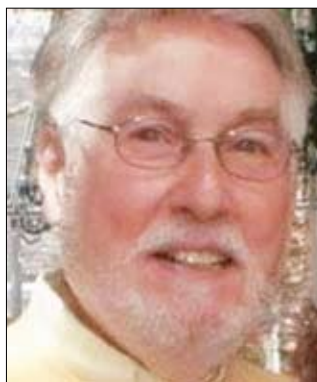
Who knows where that could lead? Maybe Chicago could actually emerge with a police force less political. Less troubles with public education. Less waste in the

operation of urban government. Better parks. Better streetscapes. Better baseball, north and south. Better hockey. And even better use for Soldier Field.

Who knows? Maybe we will even want to celebrate the holidays for a longer season. Singing a few February carols.

Something poetic. Healthy and reassuring. Better than a federal indictment.

PLATINUM JUBILEE: Her measure in history has few equals, 70 years on the throne of Britain, **H.M. Queen Elizabeth II** has impacted the nature and culture of governance. Effective and wise. Unusual components of long reigns. God Save the Queen.



Jack Spatafora

PAX TIBI: Jack Spatafora had a huge family. A loving family of deep and long kinships and a vast family of hungry Facebook pals, always eager

to know what was in his noggin. Or discover something new, triggered by his curiosity, inventive search of history and culture, or shifting through the evidence for what passes for culture here in Chicago. His favorite spot, where the Prairie meets the lake. Jack had an old soul, you know, one comfortably at home throughout the ages of human civilization. That's why so many of us were drawn to his search for understanding and fulfillment. His memorable postings and analysis. Jack died last week. His passing marks a powerful moment in the passage of all our lives to be all we can. Jack's simple kindness and advanced human decency said it all. He knew the strength

that human virtue and goodness brought not only to himself, but to everyone around him.

I like to think of him today as the true Chicagoan. The real Chicagoan. A gentleman of this capitol of the American heartland. We must now channel his example of human wonder that led to great discoveries for him. And for all he shared with us. Chicago and Chicagoans are better for his living among us. Offering us alternatives to the usual self-centered obsessions we inflict on ourselves and others. He will be deeply mourned and celebrated. This column extends our love and sorrow at his death to all his family and friends.

CLOSURES: Verve Wine Bar, a high-end, big investment New York import has closed its doors on Lincoln Ave. in Lincoln Park and on Bryn Mawr, Mama K's Cafe closed for good in Edgewater.

OPENINGS: A fresh bar/restaurant from the guys at Lardon, "Union," is opening near the Blue Line stop at California and Milwaukee. **Steve Lewis** and **Chris Thompson** are excited. In River North, **Alpana Singh** plans to launch "Eponymous," a new River North restaurant sometime in the early spring. Chicago's most popular sommelier and former host of "Check, Please!" has some great surprises ahead.

EVERSIGHT: Candace Jordan just announced Eversight's 2022 Woman of Vision, everyone's beautiful friend, Gibson's **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**. Plan on getting your tickets early, this one will be a sellout. Save the date for Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Peninsula.

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City alleges that DoorDash, Grubhub deceived consumers, shortchanged restaurants during government lockdown

The City of Chicago has filed two lawsuits against meal delivery giants Grubhub and DoorDash. These lawsuits are the first comprehensive law enforcement actions against meal delivery companies in the United States.

The lawsuits assert claims under the Chicago Municipal Code for engaging in deceptive and unfair business practices that harm restaurants and mislead consumers.

They seek injunctive relief in the form of greater transparency and other key conduct modifications, restitution for restaurants and consumers hurt by these predatory tactics, and civil penalties for violations of the law.

After the government-imposed economic lockdown, the two meal delivery giants' apps became a primary way for people to feed themselves and their families, as well

as support local restaurants.

At the height of the 2020 government lockdown, approximately half of Chicago's 7,500 restaurants had closed either temporarily or permanently.

"It is unfortunate that these companies broke the law during these incredibly difficult times, using unfair and deceptive tactics to take advantage of restaurants and consumers who were struggling to stay afloat," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The complaints allege that DoorDash and Grubhub has for years and continues to this day, advertised order and delivery services from unaffiliated restaurants without their consent, leaving restaurants to repair their reputations and resolve consumer complaints caused by DoorDash and Grubhub.

The city claims that DoorDash and Grubhub lured consumers into a bait-and-switch with deceptively small delivery fees

upfront, only to charge misleading fees at the end of the transaction.

This increases the total cost of delivery by as much as six times the amount initially advertised.

DoorDash and Grubhub also hide that menu prices on their platforms, and often offered significantly higher prices than those found by ordering directly from the restaurant.

The city also says that Grubhub's exploitative tactics such as publishing deceptive "routing" telephone numbers that Grubhub represented as the restaurant's direct number, and regularly charging commissions even when calls to these numbers did not result in an order. Creating and maintaining "impostor websites" for restaurants, which look like the restaurant's actual website but route unsuspecting consumers to Grubhub.

Grubhub also launched deceptive, promotional campaigns to "save restaurants" during the pandemic, while forcing participating restaurants to extend their contracts, cover the cost of the promotions, and pay Grubhub its full commission on all orders. The city claims they also violated the emergency cap of a 15% on restaurant commissions.

DoorDash's specific misconduct has included misleading consumers to believe they were tipping drivers directly, when in fact the customer "tip" was used to subsidize DoorDash's own payment to its drivers. Imposing a misleading "Chicago Fee" of \$1.50 on every order in the City, deceptively implying the fee was required by, or paid to, Chicago—when in fact DoorDash was the sole beneficiary.

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covery Centers of America [RCA]. RCA is dedicated to creating neighborhood-based treatment and recovery campuses that include detoxification, residential, partial hospital, intensive and traditional outpatient, and family services. Its goal is to get a million Americans into meaningful recovery. I would love to see them meet that goal.

The opioid crisis has been a problem, it's nothing new. However, with COVID, "so many things have been affected," said Dr. Carise.



Heart of the 'Hood by Felicia Dechter

"There's more drug use and sub-use disorders," said Dr. Carise, who has done international consulting on the issue, including being a consultant on the

Scorsese-directed movie, "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Violence has increased, as has road rage, among other things obviously. "People are frustrated, overwhelmed and doing all sorts of things to mitigate those feelings," said Dr. Carise. "They're profoundly angry, frustrated, and sad or depressed."

Those using opioids -- whether prescription or non -- have a tolerance, but when they're laced with Fentanyl is when overdoses occur, said Dr. Carise. For those who

don't know what Fentanyl is, it's a synthetic opioid developed for cancer pain management that's 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine, according to dea.gov.

Manufactured in China, massive amounts are being smuggled over our wide open southern border every day. Enough to kill millions of people. Dealers are using it to lace barbiturates, cocaine, amphetamines and heroin.

The bigger problem is with amphetamines and cocaine, said Dr. Carise.

"The real issue is, they don't even know they're taking it until they take it," said Dr. Carise. Once addicted, people will "do anything to avoid withdrawal," she said.

I was impressed talking to Dr. Carise, whose resume is lengthy and filled with decades of experience. She developed national standards for clinical care, Clinical Toolkits for more than 30 evidence-based practices, and helped the company to successfully address changes secondary to healthcare reform. She was also chief clinical advisor for Sierra Tucson, which treats substance abuse, pain, mood, eating and trauma disorders. Dr. Carise was also a National Institutes of Health-funded [NIH] scientist and director of the Treatment Systems Section at Treatment Research Institute [TRI].

During her 16 years at TRI, Dr. Carise made significant advances in substance abuse treatment through the development, application, and research of new interventions, systems, and technologies thanks to receiving numerous NIH and other federal grants.

She has published more than 100 articles, books, and chapters, and has worked exten-

sively with treatment providers in Nigeria, Mexico, Thailand, Egypt, Greece, Singapore, Brazil, and China and other countries to help develop national systems that integrate scientifically-validated tools into clinical treatment delivery.



Deni Carise Ph.D.

actors on depicting characters abusing and recovering from cocaine and other drugs. She has been featured on "Nightline," "MSNBC," "Access Hollywood," and many other shows and numerous federally-funded Web-casts. Dr. Carise has also been quoted in "US News and World Report," "Wall Street Journal," "Alcohol and Drug Abuse Weekly" and others. So she is a well-respected expert.

She is also a stellar person to ask for info on this increasingly alarming issue. Just an FYI: The CDC's National Center for Health Statistics reported in November that there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during the 12-month period ending in April 2021. That was a whopping increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before. In Cook County, twice

as many people died from opioid overdose than homicides last year, even though the county had recorded more homicides than it had in decades.

Right now, we don't have a grip on this, said Dr. Carise. "It has spread into all kinds of different neighborhoods," she said. Pandemic frustrations and the ability to lash out has "greatly increased." Added to the situation is that our police are told to "Stand Down," she said.

"It's a difficult time to be a cop right now, law enforcement gets mixed messages," said Dr. Carise.

"Everything during COVID -- drugs, child abuse, drinking, domestic abuse, it's tested everything," Dr. Carise added. "If you had a propensity to depression, anxiety, rage, it's magnified it."

It's happening in every neighborhood, class and socio-economic segment of our nation. So it's happening on your block too.

Genetics play a big part in substance abuse, as do unhappiness in life and self-lacking, said Dr. Carise. She works to help "great parents, sisters, moms, teachers," and everyone else in this world fighting addiction achieve something they can't while using drugs and alcohol. If you know someone struggling, talk to them in a non-judgmental way and let them know that you notice tasks once easy to them are difficult now.

Let them know also, that there is hope. "People need to know that people get well all the time, no matter how far their addiction," said Dr. Carise, a Mag Mile and Chicago Bulls fan. "People go on and do great things all the time."



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Pandemic deals are over, home-loan rates headed for 4%+



The Home Front by Don DeBat

As the mortgage-rate roller coaster heads uphill, the record-low home-loan deals in the upper 2%-range that kept the housing market pumping over the past two years are a distant memory.

On Feb. 10, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans hit 3.69%, up from 3.55% a week earlier. A year ago, the popular 30-year fixed mortgage averaged 2.73%.

"The normalization of the economy continues as mortgage rates jumped to the highest level since the emergence of the pandemic," noted Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "Rate increases are expected to continue due to a strong labor market and high inflation, which likely will have an adverse impact on home-buyer demand."

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.93% on Feb. 10, up from 2.77% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed-rate loans averaged 2.19%.

On Feb. 11, the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—rose to 2.04% from 1.93%.

This means that benchmark 4%-plus mortgage rates are on the near horizon.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and has excellent credit.

While mortgage rates floated near—or below—the 3% bargain range for most of 2021, thousands of Chicago-area homeowners refinanced their loans. Those who sat on the dock missed the boat.

To rein in inflation, which ran at a 7.5%



It appears as if the 4%-level could be reached in March for home loans. If the Fed hikes its rates three more times in 2022, mortgage rates could easily rise to 5% or higher by the end of the year. Higher interest rates in the past have had a dampening effect on real estate values.

clip in 2021—the highest level in four decades—the Federal Reserve Board said in mid-December it plans to shift from a relaxed monetary policy that has supported the economic rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession toward a tighter policy.

Earlier, the National Assoc. of Home Builders forecast that the federal-funds target rate will likely undergo three 25-basis-point interest hikes in 2022, and three more similar increases in 2023. However, some economists now are predicting a 50-basis-point Fed rate hike in March.

An earlier forecast by the Mortgage Bankers Assoc. projected 30-year fixed home-loan rates rising to 4% by the end of 2022.

Now it looks as if the 4%-level could be reached in March. If the Fed hikes its rates three more times in 2022, mortgage rates could easily rise to 4.5% or higher by the end of the year.

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.66%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey

history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows for an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

"Rate increases are expected to continue due to a strong labor market and high inflation, which likely will have an adverse impact on home-buyer demand," said Sam Khater.

However, Chicago-area borrowers who move quickly still have a chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of Feb. 10, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 3.087% on 30-year loans and 2.45% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

- Liberty Bank was quoting 3.361% on a 30-year loan and 2.625% on a 15-year mortgage with 20% down and a loan fee of \$846.

- Gateway Capital Mortgage in Chicago was quoting 3.4% on 30-year loans and 2.75% on 15-year mortgages with a 3% down payment and a \$595 loan fee.

Mortgage-rate history

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression, when lenders were charging 5% on five-year balloon loans.

Nearly six decades ago, between 1963 and 1965 you could get a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

In the early 1980s, run-away inflation caused home-loan rates to skyrocket over the moon. According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a jaw-dropping 18.45% in October of 1981 during that Great Recession.

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Assessor launches affordable housing property tax relief program

Cook County, state legislators and affordable housing advocates on Feb. 6 launched the Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program, a new form of property tax relief that was recently signed into law.

Created by state statute, this program provides property tax relief to incentivize the creation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of affordable housing units in Cook County for eligible applicants, beginning with the 2022 assessment year.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi was joined in the effort by those who worked to pass the law last spring, including State Sens. Sara Feigenholtz, Ann Gillespie, and Mattie Hunter and State Reps. Will Guzzardi and Delia Ramirez.

Kaegi, legislators, and advocates discussed how affordable housing property

owners could apply for this new type of property tax relief and how they, as well as tenants, may benefit from it. Potential applicants must apply by March 31.

A series of webinars about the program will take place in February and March for those who provide and utilize affordable housing. The first webinar will focus on properties that have previously taken advantage of Cook County's Class 9 incentive program. Attendees can sign up, or access the application and read more information by emailing assessor.affordablehousing@cookcountyil.gov.

Future webinars will focus on institutional-grade properties, naturally occurring affordable housing, and low-affordability communities.

"Without this coalition of leaders and

organizers, we would not have been able to take this important step toward encouraging more affordable housing in Cook County," said Assessor Kaegi. "The implementation of this law by my office will clear the way for property tax relief for developers who create and maintain this valuable housing category, and will expand the availability of rental units for low-income households."

One of the biggest challenges to living on Chicago's North Side has always been finding affordable housing. That problem was amplified during the pandemic, and government-imposed economic shutdown. "Providing incentives to local mom-and-pop landlords and new developments to keep rent affordable for future and existing tenants was the goal of this legislation," said Sen. Feigenholtz. "I encourage local developers to apply for this program so we can build an equitable future of housing" in Illinois.

"Assessor Kaegi's implementation of our legislation in Springfield will incentivize developers and housing providers to keep units affordable at a time when renters desperately need it," said Rep. Guzzardi. "I'm grateful for their leadership on equity and affordability. This program [is] for those who develop and maintain affordable housing. [It] was a key component of our comprehensive affordable housing legislation."

While similar to existing housing incentives, this new program provides improved benefits for housing providers as well as low-income households by providing more expansive property tax benefits, more ways to qualify, and by encouraging the development of affordable housing.

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Dozens were arrested during 2020 riots, protests, looting... here's what happened in court

BY CWBCHICAGO

Whatever happened to those people who got arrested after the attack on police at the Columbus Statue riot in Grant Park?

And what about the people who were charged with felonies during riots and looting downtown during May and June 2020?

And what about those protesters who were arrested because they decided to voice their opinion outside Lori Lightfoot's house in violation of an obscure state law that the city decided to start enforcing in the summer of 2020?

Good questions. We decided to get the answers.

Columbus statue

Police announced 12 arrests after a violent, angry mob clashed

with Chicago cops, injuring 18 officers, at the Christopher Columbus statue in Grant Park on July 17, 2020. We were able to find 11 of those cases in court records.

The only conviction went to Martin Wivott, 23, of Skokie.

Wivott, accused of "continuously and violently" striking cops with a flag pole during the clash, was charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct causing bodily harm, according to a CPD report.

According to court records, he pleaded guilty on May 13, 2021, and received a sentence of 18 months of social service probation.

All of the other cases, also all misdemeanors, were dropped — some within weeks, one as recently as last month.

Lori's protesters

On Aug. 23, 2020, six protesters from other states were arrested and charged with misdemeanor residential picketing for demonstrating outside Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Logan Square home.

The arrests, which relied on an obscure and constitutionally-questionable state law, came after CPD leaders were ordered to prevent protests on Lightfoot's street.

Prosecutors dropped all charges against the six defendants in Nov. 2021.

The residential picketing law is based on the premise that even public officials are entitled to enjoy peace in their own homes.

But the protesters' defense attorneys presented vigorous arguments against the charges in court.

For one thing, the lawyers argued, there was no evidence that Lightfoot or her family were even home to be "disturbed" at the time of the protest. And, they pointed out, a Chicago police officer signed the six criminal complaints — not Lightfoot or her wife.

Lootings and guns and more

For this report, we identified 34 felony-level arrests made during looting and riots in CPD's two downtown police districts and the Lakeview-based 19th District during the May-June 2020 uprising.

Of those cases, prosecutors have dropped all charges in only one case. It involved a man accused of firing a handgun in a Loop parking lot. Cook County offi-

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Concerns — and campaign plans — mount as Chicago remap battle drags on

City may pay \$40 million over fate of just one seat

BY RACHEL HINTON

Better Government Assoc.

Chicago's once-per-decade fight to redraw its ward boundaries has lasted months and there's still no agreement, sparking preliminary referendum plans and fears about a costly court battle.

As Black and Latino politicians continue to struggle for power on the Chicago City Council, the likelihood of a citywide referendum — followed by an expensive and lengthy court battle — grows along with political tensions.

New boundaries for the city's 50 wards are being redrawn based on the 2020 census, leaving the potential for political winners and losers who could change the city's political dynamic. They are also planting the seeds for what one powerful alderwoman says could be a \$40 million legal fight over the fate of just one seat.

"Forty million dollars is a bunch of money," said Ald. Michelle Harris [8th], a member of the Black Caucus and head of the council's Rules Committee. It "is a citywide facade program, not a citywide legal battle (fund). A fraction of this would give every citizen in Chicago PPE. ... Every citizen in Chicago could have one mask free.

"But we're going to give it to attorneys to fight over the fact that you won't be able to get one ward?"

While remaps happen every 10 years, this redrawing of council boundaries has the potential to be one of the most significant in recent memory because it is happening at a critical juncture in Chicago's political history. The decades-old political machine dominated by the Daley family and powerful white aldermen, such as now-indicted Ald.

Ed Burke [14th], is slipping away, leaving the decisions this year to have even more potential impact.

"The Latino Caucus is trying to get the power they think they deserve now," said Dick Simpson, a former alderman, columnist for this newspaper and political science professor at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago.

"It's always easier to go up from a number than to go down," Simpson added. "The more seats you have now, the better positioned you are for battle" during the next remap fight.

One seat but not two

Every decade, the national census count prompts council members to rejigger the ward map, and a boom over the past decade in the Latino population is at the center of the debate. By contrast, the number of Black residents calling the city home has fallen. The two council caucuses representing Black and Latino residents are digging in their heels.

A group of Latino council members and their allies say the number of wards represented by a majority of voters who identify as Latino should rise to 15 from 13, enough to match the more than 40,000 additional Latinos living in Chicago compared to 10 years ago.

Most of the city's Black council members are willing to concede one seat — but not two.

In the middle are the 18 white council members, who expect the number of seats they control to stay the same. The only thing on which all three sides agree is the need for the city's first-ever ward with a majority of voters of Asian descent.

The two entrenched sides have been bickering over their proposals for months, and if they don't reach an agreement by mid May, the issue is scheduled to go to the city's voters in a referendum.

"We're still continuing to try to negotiate," said Ald. Gilbert Villegas [36th], chair of the Latino Caucus. "But a negotiation has to have two sides that are willing to compromise. ... Right now, we feel that compromise has only been one-sided."

Villegas and others in the caucus insist the census supports their proposed map.

Census figures released in 2020 show the Latino population jumped from 778,862 in 2010 to 819,518, and now comprise a little over 30% of Chicago's 2.7 million residents, which would equal 15 seats.

The Latino Caucus crafted a map that creates those 15 majority-Latino wards, and its leaders say they won't budge for anything less.

The alternative is a map crafted by Harris' Rules Committee, which supports 14 majority-Latino wards, up one from the current map.

Readying for a referendum fight, the Latino Caucus filed its map with the city's clerk in early December. A third group, the independent Chicago Advisory Redistricting Commission, also submitted its version of a map that creates 15 majority-African American wards, 14 majority-Latino wards, as well as two wards with a Latino population over 45%. That independent map would need the support of 10 aldermen to be part of the referendum question.

Simpson was an adviser to that independent advisory group.

Villegas said it likely would cost more than \$100,000 for his side to wage a political campaign to persuade voters. He's skeptical of the Rules Committee process since Harris' failed attempt to defeat opponents of her map by lowering the number of votes needed to pass it.

Harris insists her process is a

fair one, and most council members who've gone through it have "not been offended."

"I just kind of resent the fact that I feel like the Latinos are being the crybabies," she said. "I'm not messing with folks, I'm not saying, 'Kill your project.' ... I'm not the crybaby in the group."

"If 15 people can hold 35 people hostage because they simply aren't getting 100% of what they want, they're having a temper tantrum — and the taxpayers are going to be the ones paying for it," Harris said.

While the Latino population has increased, the city's Black residents have declined by more than 84,000 to 788,000, compared to more than 872,000 in 2010. The

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Amundsen heads into Blue Division title championship game on winning streak

BY JEFF ZIMMERMAN

The Public League playoffs are in the process of winding down, and the powerful Red Division teams are about to tip-off in the championship game, but basketball continues on outside of the top conferences.

The Blue Division title is at the semi final stage, it's made up of 16 teams that didn't qualify for the main bracket. On Feb. 11, Amundsen High School knocked

off Steinmetz 50-34 to advance to the championship game against Ogden High, Tuesday night after our deadline.

The week began for the Vikings with a Feb. 7 win over North Grand 48-34 and followed up on Feb. 9 with a win over Phoenix Military 70-31.

The Amundsen Vikings [15-8] broke open their win over the Steinmetz Silver Streaks by outscoring them by 25-10 in the second half. Since early January the Vikings have gone undefeated in the North Blue at 9-0. They have won 10 of their last 11 games but it wasn't like that in November.

"We started out the season losing our first five games," said Viking head coach Nickolas White. "The team was sluggish in those loses were all played at the Northridge Prep Thanksgiving

Tournament. The outside shooting was way off but for our defense kept us in those games. I stress team defense and for us to win we have to play a complete game on defense and we also need team scoring balance."

The Vikings trailed Steinmetz 21-18 with three minutes left in the second quarter. Amundsen at that point tightened up their man-to-man defense forcing the streaks into three straight turnovers. Amundsen went on a 7-0 run behind the scoring from Adam Muench, Russel Anglada and Alex Walker to put the Viking ahead 25-21. Steinmetz closed out the first half on their lone three-pointer of the game by Mike Rolon to cut the Amundsen lead 25-24 at the break.

"We made some important adjustments at the half by switching

from a man-to-man defense to a 2-3 zone," White said. "It seemed to work immediately because we shut down their scoring threats the entire second half."

Amundsen went on a 5-0 run just one minute into the third quarter led by the outside shooting from Anglada and the strong inside scoring from Ethan Kataba. Amundsen opened up a 41-29 lead in the final quarter to seal up the victory.

"You can see in our play in the second half that we play now with confidence and enthusiasm," admitted White, "this is due to winning. It was a different story in back in November and December because we did not have a set line-up. I'm now playing three juniors and two seniors and now it's working out in our winning of games. I hope it continues on

when the State playoffs begin."

The Vikings did what White wanted with three players posting double figures.

Kataba, a senior, had an off night from the field but was really aggressive on defense blocking shots and rebounding. "He had been scouted by some division 3 schools and junior colleges and perhaps some division 2 colleges depending on his play in the State Tournament," said White.

Amundsen's regular season closes out Thursday night on "Senior Night" by hosting Francis Parker in a non conference game. The State Playoffs begin next week for Amundsen in Class 3A competition at the Payton College Prep Regional. The Vikings will be paired against the host school Payton Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23.

Jim Crow South topic for book talk

The "Black Boy," by Richard Wright, will be the subject of a book talk 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Edgewater Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Wright's once controversial, now celebrated autobiography measures the raw brutality of the Jim Crow South against the sheer desperate will it took to survive as a black boy.

To attend this program will be in-person, go to the library's event calendar bit.ly/ehsbook3 to register, or call the library at 312-742-1945.

North Side beer news

Things are brewing in the local craft beer scene with the announcement of two upcoming openings.

In Wrigleyville, the Austin, Texas-based Alamo Drafthouse Cinema chain is coming to Wrigleyville this fall.

While in Lincoln Square, Hop Butcher For The World's owners still want to open up in the former Half Acre taproom at 4257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Half Acre announced in May 2021 it would leave Lincoln Ave. and consolidate all operations at its Bowmanville facility at 2050 W. Balmoral Ave.

It's former 13,000-square-foot brewery and taproom was sold to Hop Butcher owners Jeremiah Zimmer and Jude La Rose who hoped to open the taproom by the end of this year. Hop Butcher formerly relied on other breweries to make its beer.

Back in Wrigleyville, the new Alamo Drafthouse brewery will include entertainment, and their plans include a movie theater complex as well.

They are also operating theaters in Texas; Denver; Arlington, VA; St. Louis; Birmingham, AL, and New York City. But fair warning to drinking noise-makers, there's a zero tolerance policy against talking or using a cellphones during films.

For instant gratification, don't forget this weekend is the annual Winter Brew Festival in Lincoln Square, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and Sunday, Feb. 20, on Lincoln Ave. between Eastwood and Wilson. There is a \$7 entry fee and cash bar and food service.



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map drawn by Harris' committee, and supported by the Black Caucus, allows for 17 wards with a majority of Black voters — one less than the current map.

Ald. Jason C. Ervin [28th], the head of the Black Caucus, said giving up two wards would violate the Voting Rights Act of 1968, disenfranchising Black voters who still make up 29% of the city's population.

Harris said she's disappointed in how she's been treated by a Latino Caucus that has "never wanted to concede — they only have demands."

"You've got a loaf of bread, talking about you're hungry, but you've got a loaf of bread under your arm, and you're not even acknowledging that loaf," she said.

"Depends on how much grudge there is"

Both sides say they are still negotiating and hope to avert a protracted battle, including a citywide referendum. But with only one seat in the balance, room for a compromise seems doubtful.

The last time voters weighed in on a citywide ward map, the 1992 vote was rendered moot by a federal court battle that lasted six years and cost taxpayers \$20 million in legal bills.

With that history as a guide, a federal judge — or an appellate panel — could once again make the final decision.

Harris has repeatedly estimated the legal costs for such a battle this time around could reach \$40 million. Experts interviewed by the BGA were split on the likelihood of a 1992 repeat.

"It's slightly more likely because if it does go to referendum, ... it means the voters will have decided, rather than the aldermen themselves," said Jim Lewis, a senior research specialist at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago's Great Cities Institute.

"So I think it makes it a little more likely that one of the groups will sue somebody," he said. "It kind of depends on how much grudge there is."

Allan Lichtman, a history professor at American Univ. who was called to testify by the Rules Committee as an expert witness in the redistricting process, said he doesn't think there's a legal issue for the courts to decide.

"In terms of the Voting Rights Act, there's no distinction between the two plans," he said. "I don't see the basis for a voting rights challenge here — they're expensive, time-consuming and the city has plenty of problems of its own."

"It would not be a benefit to the city for feuding members to engage in expensive, protracted litigation."

Robert Vargas, an associate professor of

sociology at the University of Chicago, said a referendum is likely, but court intervention is "doubtful."

Vargas said courts have typically given local authorities flexibility in redistricting decisions, only intervening in cases with "really egregious forms of disenfranchisement."

"What's really up for debate in the two maps is ... one seat" and who will lose it, Vargas said.

"I really doubt a judge would look at that and say, 'Oh, this has a huge effect on either of these communities,'" he added. "There are instances of this kind of disenfranchisement happening right now in places like Texas, and the U.S. Dept. of Justice is currently litigating. ... Sure, I think a court case might arise, but I have really high doubts that it's actually going to yield the intended outcomes for the folks filing the lawsuit."

Lightfoot still on the sidelines

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has stayed out of the war of the wards, urging council members to figure out a solution to avoid a referendum.

But even in victory, there are no guarantees.

On the current city council, for example, there are several council members who represent wards with voter demographics different from their own race or ethnicity.

Burke, Ald. Susan Sadlowski Garza [10th], and Ald. Marty Quinn [13th], for instance, represent majority-Latino wards, while Matt Martin [47th], who is mulatto, represents a ward with a majority-White population.

Currently, the council has 20 Black members, 12 Latino and 18 who are white, despite a ward map that was drawn in 2010 with 13 wards with a majority of Latino voters and 18 with a majority of Black voters.

Harris said those stats undermine the Latino Caucus' demand for more wards because candidates have shown they can get elected in wards regardless of their race.

Ervin, chair of the Black Caucus, accused the Latino Caucus of wanting to "hold everybody hostage."

"We're only asking for what we're due; they're asking for what they're due plus some, and they want to take ours in the process but won't go across the aisle to deal with another community," Ervin said, adding it's "sad" the Latino Caucus has "pitted themselves against us," rather than their other white colleagues.

Villegas said the Latino Caucus isn't pitting itself against anyone, and must pursue all the Latino seats possible to avoid dilut-

ing that demographic's voting power. The Rules Committee map "puts us in a position that, we feel, is not reflective of the city."

"The Latino population has grown for the second decade in a row. To not take that into consideration in the reapportionment of the wards is something that I'm not prepared to let happen again, given that we did not capitalize on the seats the last decade."

The last time voters weighed in on a citywide ward map, the 1992 vote was rendered moot by a federal court battle that lasted six years and cost taxpayers \$20 million in legal bills.

"If the coalition map wins, I think you'll see an opportunity for more Latinos and more African Americans to be elected as council members," Villegas said. "When you're talking about a \$16.4 billion budget, the more people of color who are at the table having the ability to put forward recommendations for how that should be appropriated, the better."

Ervin said the Black Caucus has made some preliminary estimates for a referendum campaign, and the group is currently in the process of putting funding and programming together in case the process is placed in the hands of voters.

Ervin wouldn't say how much the campaign might cost. But he said, with redistricting being a mystifying topic and the primary election pushed back, there would definitely be a focus on educating city residents, so "they can understand what's at stake."

"We have to come to a conclusion one way or another, or the city residents will do that," Ervin said. "Right now, the case is poised for referendum — there is a map filed, there is a referendum scheduled because a map has been filed. The question is will a second map be found."

The death of the machine

Vargas, the Univ. of Chicago sociology professor, said lack of a strong central power base within the local Democratic Party has prompted a new power struggle.

"Having a new state speaker, having a new mayor, seeing the downfall of some of these old key players like Burke, although they're not entirely down yet, just shows how the whole structure and organization of the Democratic Party is much more in flux than it has ever been," he said.

In the past, relationships between the council, the mayor, the state legislature and the governor were more "cohesive," he said. Redistricting was run by mayoral allies such as Burke and former Ald. Dick Mell, council members who could lean on people to get what they wanted.

"It requires different means to resolve (issues)," Vargas said. "In the case of redistricting, it's looking like that will be a referendum."

Simpson agreed, saying a power vacuum enables the infighting that used to take place behind the scenes to happen front and center.

Unlike mayors of the past, Lightfoot doesn't have a "rubber-stamp" city council. That's a key reason for the mayor's reluctance to wade into the controversy.

"No matter which side she would pick, or what she would do, she would likely create permanent opponents on her other legislation," he said.

UIC's Lewis isn't convinced the fighting this time around is related to political shifts and pointed to intra-council squabbles during previous remap processes.

"There've been times where there just wasn't anyone who could pull together interests that were very different, as the Latino interest is this time," Lewis said.

A new map, whether by referendum or compromise, will likely bring few changes in policy. Most of the fallout will affect individual council members the most — especially those whose wards are moving to new neighborhoods altogether.

Villegas said "democracy is always an ugly process, and it gets messy sometimes." But he hopes his colleagues will be able to move forward after the process is over and work together.

"Will feelings be hurt? Yes," Villegas said. "But do I feel that it's beyond a point where colleagues have to understand what's in the best interest of the people? I would hope not because we're elected to do a job there, and the job we're supposed to do is making sure that we're representing our respective wards and residents of the city of Chicago."

Ervin said the ramifications of the new map will likely stem from the "lasting impacts of these conversations," talks that could make governing more difficult in the future.

"Relationships have been damaged," he said. "I think it will create a much harsher and much different climate in the city council than there has been in the past."

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The Federal Reserve estimated that approximately 44,000 restaurant workers in the Chicago area lost their jobs in 2020. Meanwhile, sales for meal delivery service platforms have soared since government restrictions forced restaurants to close or severely limit indoor dining.

From 2019-2020, as DoorDash and Grubhub business surged, their predatory

practices persisted. "We discovered that Grubhub and DoorDash have been engaging in deceptive and misleading business practices that harm consumers and exploit restaurants. These practices continued unabated during the pandemic when restaurants were struggling to survive," said Acting BACP Commissioner Kenneth Meyer.

Those who think they were deceived by the two meal delivery companies may contact mealdelivery@cityofchicago.org.

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Rates finally fell below 10% in April of 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. More than 22 years ago—in August of 1999—when some of today's Millennial borrowers were in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.15%.

Bitcoin mortgage launch

Mortgage-tech has taken on a new "Star Trek" launch. Starting on Jan. 29, borrowers now can buy a parcel of land and pay it with Bitcoin, a "non-fungible token" [NFT].

Terra Zero Technologies has issued a two-year, \$45,000 land loan, one of the first mortgages in the Metaverse—a network of virtual worlds where users can interact and

borrow money.

The plot of land is located in "Decentraland," a Metaverse with about 92,000 listed parcels. The down payment and interest rate on the loan were not disclosed.

The deed to the land is an NFT. Until the loan is paid off, the lender escrows the Bitcoin. Developers, on the other hand, are given land rights, allowing them to build whatever they want on the parcel. If the borrower does not pay off the obligation, the lender keeps the Bitcoin.

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More details revealed on Shedd Aquarium expansion



Rendering of new visitor pavilion.



Rendering of glass walkway tunnel.

BY IAN ACHONG
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New details and renderings have been revealed for the upcoming expansions to the Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. The efforts are part of the larger \$500 million Centennial Commitment Program culminating in 2030, led by president and CEO Bridget Coughlin who is working with the local office of Valerio Dewalt Train on the design of the new structures.

The additions, they think, along with internal renovations may bring the core 1930's building up-to-par for the aquarium's 21st century needs.

First revealed in January are the extents of the interior renovations which will include a 40'-long tunnel surrounded by a new Caribbean coral reef habitat connecting to the oceanarium.

Also included is the renovation and expansion of multiple exhibits into complex ecosystems with increased water levels and improved back of house facilities,

with perhaps one of the most crucial aspects being the centralization of five of the aquarium's science labs into a new state-of-the-art hospital and science hub.

The new renderings give an understanding of the changes coming to the exterior of the Beaux-Arts building. The biggest change comes in the form of a new entry pavilion area that we now know will be in the southwestern plaza surrounding the Man With Fish fountain which will remain. The new entry will hopefully allow for a more seamless accessible experience into the aquarium with programs and animal encounters open to all regardless of ticket status. This will occur within two oval structures with a new canopy connecting them surrounding the fountain.

The new pavilions will be made up of mostly glass and wood accents with some limestone walls mimicking the existing building. The first rendering has been revealed of one of the new play gardens north

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Rendering of new entry pavilion and garden.

Images courtesy by Valerio Dewalt Train

Local trio Artemisia performs live Feb. 20

Chicago-based vocal trio Artemisia (Diana Lawrence, Alexandra Olsavsky, Kaitlin Foley) will be perform their new program "She Was" live in-person Sunday, Feb. 20 at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave. To watch from the comfort of your home, a livestream ticket can also be purchased.

The singing trio revives past and little-known stories of women, celebrating the storytellers among us today who are keeping their legacies and influences alive. Harnessing the power of the female voice Artemisia tells stories through the vocal traditions of the world, sung to life with a mix of folkloric vocal traditions.

General admission tickets are \$17, livestream tickets are \$7 and can be purchased



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Police Beat...

Racking the slide of a stolen gun during a fight on a CTA platform? \$700 to go free

A convicted felon who allegedly pulled out a gun and racked its slide during a fight on the Grand Red Line CTA station platform last week — then spit in a cop’s face — will need to post just \$700 to go home on electronic monitoring, a Cook County judge ruled.

Meanwhile, a man charged with firing a gun outside the same CTA station last summer recently received a six-year sentence.

On Feb. 3, police received a call of a person with a gun and men fighting on the station’s northbound platform around 11:05 p.m.

As cops responded to the scene, other officers pulled up a live feed from the station’s surveillance cameras and saw a group of men fighting and saw one man wearing a ski mask pull a gun from his coat, rack the slide, and place the weapon in his waistband, prosecutors said. The camera operators radioed a description of the man to officers in the field.

Police crossed paths with Lorenzo Garry, 29, on the station’s staircase and stopped him because he allegedly matched the description of the man who had the gun. Prosecutors said they found a stolen, loaded 9-mm handgun in his waistband.

While officers were driving Garry to the police station, he told one officer that he would spit in one officer’s face. And, in fact, when the cops took Garry out of the car at the station, he spat directly in that officer’s face and chest, prosecutors said.

Police said they found baggies of marijuana and a black digital scale in Garry’s possession, too.

Prosecutors charged Garry, who is on probation for two burglaries, with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, aggravated battery of a peace officer, and manufacture-delivery of cannabis.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said Garry is homeless, but he spoke out in court to say he has a place to stay.

Dawkins set his bail at \$7,000 with electronic monitoring, meaning Garry must pay \$700 to get out of jail. After hearing that, Garry offered to pay an even higher deposit if the judge would remove electronic monitoring, but she did not change her order.

Dawkins also ordered Garry held without bail temporarily until he appears before the judge handling his burglary cases.

Grand Red Line shooter gets six years

Kyle Fortner, accused of firing a gun into the air outside the Grand Red Line CTA station on a summer afternoon last year, has been sentenced to six years.

Police responded to calls of shots fired on the first block of E. Grand on Aug. 10 and met with several witnesses, including a security guard who provided a photograph of the man who fired the gun, prosecutors said.



Lorenzo Garry

Prosecutors said Fortner, 31, was carrying 38 bags of crack, more than two ounces of pot, \$2,357 cash, and a handgun when police arrested him moments after the shooting. They also said he admitted to shooting the gun into the air.

His defense attorney said Fortner told police that “people were coming at him,” and he shot the gun to scare them away.

He had an active arrest warrant for failing to appear on a misdemeanor battery case for almost two years at the time of his arrest.

“Mr. Fortner stood on a busy street corner right in the middle of River North and fired a weapon into the air,” Judge Charles Beach said to summarize the state’s allegations, noting that the incident happened at “just about rush hour in that area.”

Fortner has entered a deal with prosecutors that gave him a six-year sentence in exchange for pleading guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon with a previous conviction. Prosecutors dropped Class X armed violence, felon in possession of a firearm, and narcotics charges in the deal. Judge Michael Hood sentenced Fortner, who is scheduled to be paroled in Aug. 2024 after serving three years.

Woman stabbed on Red Line train at Chicago Ave.

A 43-year-old woman is in fair condition after another woman stabbed her on a CTA Red Line train at Chicago Ave. on Feb. 10, police said. According to a witness, the suspected attacker fled the scene with two children.

It happened aboard a southbound train around 11:50 a.m.

Police said the women were arguing on the train when the offender pulled out a sharp object and stabbed the victim in her arm and chest. The attacker was gone when police arrived. EMS took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Officers searched the area for the assailant, but no arrests were announced. She was described as Black, 20- to 25-years-old, slim, and wearing a dark coat with light-colored pants. And she reportedly had two young children with her. Area Three detectives are investigating the case.

Man gets two-year sentence for pepper-spraying CTA bus drivers

A Chicago man accused of pepper-spraying three CTA bus drivers in 2020 has been sentenced to two years in prison. Erick Robie, 47, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery of a transit employee in a deal with prosecutors who dropped all other charges, according to court records.

The first attack unfolded on March 31, 2020. In that case, a CTA bus driver reported being pepper-sprayed by a passenger as she drove a #22 Clark bus near Devon Ave. in Edgewater. Robie was arrested nearby after the driver identified him as the assailant, according to CPD records.

He was charged with simple battery and was released from the police station on a recognizance bond.

Then, early on Sept. 2, 2020, a CTA bus driver was pepper-sprayed by a passenger at the Jefferson Park Blue Line station. Prosecutors said that Robie was arrested when he returned to the station a few hours later, and an employee recognized him as the assailant.

Once again, he was only charged with simple battery, and he was again released from the police station on a recognizance bond.



Erick Robie

Twelve days later, a CTA bus driver was pepper-sprayed as they drove a #22 Clark bus near Lawrence Ave. in Uptown. The driver later identified Robie as the attacker in a photo lineup.

That time, the state charged him with felony aggravated battery of a transit employee.

Unlike the previous two cases, Robie was taken to face a judge for a bond hearing. Unfortunately for him, his date was with Judge John Lyke, who had a reputation for being the least-lenient of the county’s six bond court judges.

“You gotta walk, or get a car, or Uber or something,” Lyke said as he held Robie on \$100,000 bail.

Judge Tyria Walton oversaw the case and handed Robie his sentence. She also gave him credit for the 459 days he spent in custody before sentencing. By law, the state cut his sentence in half for good behavior, and Robie walked out of Stateville Correctional Center on the same day he arrived, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records.

Five juveniles in custody for Grant Park robbery

Five juveniles are in custody after a 21-year-old man was battered and robbed in Grant Park on Saturday afternoon, police said. Separately, two juvenile girls were arrested after allegedly attacking and robbing a woman in River North on Feb. 11.

Saturday’s robbery took place at 2:23 p.m. on the 1100 block of S. Columbus near the Grant Park skate park, a CPD report said. Five boys confronted the man, and one of them hit the victim with an object, according to a CPD spokesperson. The group took the victim’s property and fled the scene.

Cops searched the area and rounded up five suspects identified by the victim. A police spokesperson said charges were pending Sunday.

In the River North case, two girls wearing pink pajama-style pants allegedly battered a woman on the 600 block of N. State and took her phone around 10:10 p.m. Police stopped two suspects matching the offenders’ descriptions nearby, and they were identified as the attackers.

The victim was treated for a head injury. Her phone was also recovered, the report said.

Compared to this point last year, hold-ups have increased 31% in CPD’s Near North 18th District, which includes River North. They are up 43% in the Central 1st District, which includes the Loop and Grant Park, police records show. Citywide, robberies have inched slightly higher this year, but the two police districts that served downtown are seeing sharp increases.

Shooting victim is concealed carry holder who fired back at assailant during robbery

The man who was shot and critically injured in the South Loop on Feb. 12 is a concealed carry holder who exchanged gunfire with the person who shot him, possibly during a robbery attempt, according to a law enforcement source.

It’s the neighborhood’s second shooting in a week that has robbery as the possible motive. On Feb. 6, 44-year-old Jacek Rudnicki was killed in a possible carjacking just a couple blocks from the latest shooting.

The victim Saturday was a 30-year-old man with no criminal record, and his fiancée were driving to a nightclub in the area when she pulled over so he could urinate in an alley on the 2200 block of S. Michigan around 11:29 p.m., according to an initial CPD report.

While the man was relieving himself, he realized someone was walking

Woman charged with vandalizing memorial to slain Chicago cop Ella French

Judge Charles Beach Set Anna Kochakian’s bail at \$15,000. She must post 10% of that amount to get out of jail.

The Chicago woman has been charged with vandalizing a memorial to slain Chicago Police Officer Ella French that was set up in the Thompson Center following the 29-year-old cop’s murder last summer.

The vandal recorded her defacement and posted the video to social media.

“I got ‘ma’am’ed once but kept walking without looking back [with] my big headphones on #Abolition-Now,” the woman wrote in a Tweet that accompanied the video.

Another tweet, accompanied only by a “satisfied” emoji, showed the wrinkled photo of French sitting inside a CTA trash bin.

Kochakian shared another video that showed her trying to kick the entire memorial over, but the display only moved a couple of inches. “That didn’t pan out,” she wrote.

Illinois State Police investigators and Chicago police arrested Kochakian, 26, at her home Feb. 9, to face one felony count of criminal defacement of a police memorial, according to an



Anna Kochakian

ISP news release.

“Kochakian was handcuffed by CPD utilizing the handcuffs belonging to Officer French’s partner, Officer Carlos Yanez, who was shot during the same incident where Officer French lost her life,” the release said.

According to ISP, the memorial was defaced around 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Their arrest of Kochakian came “after a complete and thorough investigation,” the agency said.

The videos appeared on a Twitter account that bore the user name “Anna K” and a profile picture that resembled Kochakian. The account changed names several times after the video went viral. It has since been deleted.

Kochakian’s online presence indicates that she is a DePaul Univ. graduate who actively promotes communism in the city. A company she listed as her employer on LinkedIn quickly issued a statement last August to say she was actually a former employee.

“We are disgusted by what she has done and want to make clear to everyone that this person’s opinions in no way represent the perspectives or values of Clockedin,” the company said on social media Saturday. “Our sympathies go out to the families affected by this incident.”

but CTA did not respond when asked if he was supposed to be carrying a gun on the job.

Prosecutors charged Camp with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and misdemeanor possession of a firearm. He pleaded guilty to the felony charge in exchange for a sentence of two years probation from Judge Michael Hood, court records show.

The girl was charged with multiple felonies stemming from the confrontation with Camp and an incident one week earlier at the Roosevelt Red Line station.

In that case, the girl and two males demanded a man’s property, hit him in the face, and pushed him to the ground, according to a CPD spokesperson. According to an officer who is familiar with the situation, the victim fell onto the tracks but was able to get back onto the platform.

She was charged with two felony counts of aggravated battery of a transit employee, felony robbery, and felony aggravated battery in a public place, but the outcomes of those cases are not publicly available because she was a juvenile at the time.

Rogers Park man stabbed a CPD squad car, threatened two cops with knife, after being shot by concealed carry holder

A 19-year-old man experiencing a mental health episode stabbed the rear window of an occupied CPD squad car and then confronted two cops who were in the car with a knife in Rogers Park, prosecutors said.

The incredible new details of Feb. 8’s incident emerged during a bail hearing for the man who also suffered injuries when his neighbor, a concealed carry holder, fired a shot while trying to control him before police arrived, officials said.

Tony Vazquez, 19, is charged with two felony counts of aggravated assault to peace officers, misdemeanor domestic battery causing bodily harm, and misdemeanor aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Barbara Dawkins set his bail

Wiener's Circle case takes a weird turn as suspect's car is reported stolen — then found a block away

BY CWBCHICAGO

The crazy story about the man who broke a window at The Wiener's Circle hot dog stand last week took a couple of strange turns over the weekend.

You may have seen video of the incident, which took place around 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9. According to the restaurant's Twitter feed, a man walked into the shop at 2622 N. Clark and then pelted the counter staff with snowballs when they wouldn't serve him until he put on a COVID mask.

He returned a few minutes later and tossed a brick through the restaurant's glass door.

Thursday morning, The Wie-

ner's Circle released a video of the incident and a surveillance image of the car that the business said the man got away in. Internet detectives have been working the case ever since.

It's important to note that police have not publicly linked the vehicle or anyone associated with it to The Wiener's Circle case.

But a 26-year-old woman who's a registrant of the car reported it stolen around 8 p.m. Feb. 11, a CPD spokesperson said. In the report, which she filed over the phone, the woman said she parked the car in Portage Park around 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 and then went on vacation.

She said the car was gone when

she returned to pick it up around 11 a.m. Feb. 10. Area Three detectives are investigating the auto theft report.

On Feb. 13, someone apparently familiar with the restaurant's tweets called 911 to report that a car "wanted" for criminal damage at The Wiener's Circle was parked on a Northwest Side street — about a block from where it was reportedly stolen.

A Chicago police officer went to the scene and arranged for the vehicle to be towed because it was on CPD's list of stolen cars, according to city records. As of Sunday evening, the spokesperson could not confirm that the vehicle had actually been towed.

Meanwhile, we have learned that a photo the restaurant posted Friday of a man driving the car was taken by a city-owned camera in Edgewater on Jan. 31.

Sunday afternoon, The Wiener's Circle offered to pay to get the woman's car out of the pound "if she brings fwd her dude and he pays for our door."

They also had some good news for whoever broke their door and assaulted their staff with snowballs: "We won't press charges, we just want our door paid for, and peace throughout our great city of Chicago."

Burberry burglar busted, part of a crew that took over \$150K from the Mag Mile store, liquor stores

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Chicago man led a group of late-night thieves that broke into Burberry's flagship store on the Mag Mile twice in a week last month — once just minutes after they dumped a cash register from a convenience store burglary outside Gov. JB Pritzker's Astor St. mansion.

It's another big win for CPD's newly-formed Organized Retail Crime Task Force.

Tacarre Harper, 27, is charged with nine counts of felony burglary. He was already on bonds for three other felony cases in Cook County at the time of the break-ins — one for robbery, one for burglary, and one for illegal gun possession. He also has warrants in other counties for felony fleeing and eluding and retail theft.

Prosecutors said Burberry alone lost \$150,000 in its two burglaries on Jan. 4 and 6. But Harper and his companions, who prosecutors said he identified after being arrested, are suspected of many more crimes.

Using the name "Raymond Stacks" on Facebook, Harper posted videos and photos of merchandise, including a \$1,995 Dolce & Gabbana purse, Gucci sunglasses, Nike merchandise still on its hangers, and a trunkload of sports gear.

"I got over 1,000 hats," he said in one video, posted on Nov. 1, 2021.

On Feb. 8, prosecutors alleged that other videos show Harper driving around with his crew before the break-ins. In another clip, he lines up bottles of alcohol, which he proceeds to pour on a grave.

After his arrest, Harper identified himself in surveillance images from the break-ins, many of which clearly showed his distinctive face tattoos sticking out from under a ski mask that had an unusually generous opening,

according to a source.

Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis detailed all nine break-ins for Judge Mary Marubio during Harper's bail hearing.



Tacarre Harper

At 1:03 a.m. Nov. 26, Harper and three others smashed the glass of a GameStop at 1520 N. Cicero and stole \$5,000 worth of merchandise.

Within the next three hours, they allegedly took \$5,000 worth of alcohol from D&D Wine and Spirits, 2006 W. Division, and \$3,000 worth of merchandise from DJ Wine & Spirits, 6111 W. Division.

On Dec. 8, Harper and a woman allegedly stole cash, cigarettes, and booze from Parkside Food and Liquor, 3920 W. Diversey.

That break-in would later become a key element in the police investigation. So keep it in mind.

On Dec. 28, Harper and four companions stole crates and garbage bins full of alcohol from S&L Liquors, 4958 W. Fullerton, Kalliantasis said.

Then, the big ones came. On Jan. 4, Harper and three accomplices pulled up to Burberry, 633 N. Michigan, at 5:52 a.m. and pulled on the front door until it burst open, Kalliantasis alleged. They all ran inside, stealing bags and shoes worth \$70,000.

After his arrest on Feb. 7, Harper showed detectives pictures on his phone of the purses he stole from the store.

The final three break-ins came between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on Jan. 6.

First, the crew broke into Apple Bite, 2919 N. Broadway, and took \$5,550 worth of cash and booze.

Then, they moved to Belmont Harbor Market, 401 W. Belmont, and took another \$2,500 worth of alcohol. Video from the store shows Harper wearing a Moose Knuckles-brand coat during the break-in and a female accomplice hauling out a trash can full of liquor, Kalliantasis said. Keep that Moose Knuckles detail in mind, too.

They all fled in a Dodge Durango that, minutes later, pulled up in front of the home of a "prominent Illinois politician," according to Kalliantasis.

Surveillance video from the

politician's neighbor shows four people dumping cash registers, garbage cans, and cash wrappers taken from the night's earlier break-ins. That "prominent Illinois politician" is Gov. JB Pritzker, who lives on the 1400 block of N. Astor in the Gold Coast.

After unloading their trash in front of the governor's mansion, the crew again pulled on Burberry's door until it broke and escaped with another \$80,000 worth of purses, bags, and coats.

Judge Mary Marubio set Harper's bail at \$200,000 cash, meaning he must pay the entire \$200,000 to get out of jail on electronic monitoring. Separately, Marubio ordered him held without bail for violating the terms of release in all three of his pending Cook County felony cases.

Harper participated in "dozens" of additional burglaries of li-

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Teen made online threats to shoot other students at Lincoln Park High School

A Lincoln Park High School student faces a felony charge for allegedly threatening to shoot his fellow students on campus. Chicago police arrested the 15-year-old at the school, 2001 N. Orchard, Feb. 9, according to a CPD statement.

Dr. Eric Steinmiller, the school's principal, told parents about the threats the same day.

Screenshots of an Instagram post show the teen threatened to bring a gun on Friday, Feb. 10, to "shoot up LPHS."

"I'll be bringing a [gun] to school to shoot the kids that annoy me," the post said. "Warn your friends."

The post went into detail about how the teen would carry out his plan, including arriving late so he could avoid strict screening at metal detectors.

After the shooting, he would change clothes and escape through a sewer tunnel, the poster said.

Steinmiller said school leadership contacted CPS' security office immediately upon learning about the post.

Police said the teen is charged with one felony count of threatening violence against a person at a school building.

No further information is available about the teen because he is a juvenile.

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at \$20,000, which means he will need to post \$2,000 to get out of jail.

Around 10:40 p.m., Vazquez grabbed a knife and threatened to kill his mother in their apartment on the 1500 block of W. Juneway Terrace, according to the allegations. His mother cut her hand while grabbing the knife during the altercation.

A neighbor who is licensed to carry a concealed firearm heard the commotion and called 911 before going to the family's unit to see what was going on.

Before police arrived, the neighbor pulled out his gun and fired a

round into the ground to discourage Vazquez from charging toward him, Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Mahoney said.

A bullet fragment struck Vazquez in the leg. Still carrying the knife, he allegedly made his way past another neighbor, who was armed with a baseball bat, and began walking up the street as a CPD unit arrived.

Vazquez approached the marked patrol car with the knife, and CPD officers reversed their squad as far as possible, but Mahoney said they were eventually unable to retreat any further.

At that point, Vazquez stabbed the squad car's rear window, he continued.

The officers drove their car forward, then stepped out as Vazquez approached both of them with the knife, Mahoney said. He ignored their orders to stop and one of them "neutralized" Vazquez with a Tazer when he came within 12 feet, according to Mahoney.

Vazquez remained hospitalized for medical treatment and a mental health evaluation.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. JASMINKA LJUBIJANAC; GERALD NORDGREN, not individually but as special representative in the place and stead of Ismet Ramic, deceased; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ISMET RAMIC; BERWYN-DAMEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation; IR DESIGN, INC., an involuntarily dissolved Illinois corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21 CH 3036
Property Address:
5300 N. Damen Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625
Cal. 62
Judge Marian E. Perkins
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 a.m. on March 16, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One S. Wacker Drive, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, Illinois, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Common address: 5300 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625
P/N: 14-07-111-045-0000

The real estate consists of an approximately 1,045 square-foot ground floor commercial unit containing an open work area, two private windowed offices, a break room with kitchenette and a two-fixture rest-room situated in a three and part four-story brick and masonry building containing ten dwelling units. The real estate property does not include any on-site parking. The judgment amount is \$138,117.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will not be open for inspection, and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

MARY ANN PLEWA A/K/A MARY A. PLEWA, CIBC BANK USA Defendants
2018CH05490
5432 N WINTHROP AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Property Index No. 14-08-204-025-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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CHICAGO, IL 60626
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Property Index No. 11-29-107-038-1002

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$209,751.78.

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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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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 392328.
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Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 12426

TJSC#: 41-3076
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Case # 19 CH 12426

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LOANCARE, LLC Plaintiff, v.-

SERGE NEMIROVSKY, 6221 MAGNOLIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
19 CH 09490
6223 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE 2N
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 December 6, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 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 6223 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE 2N, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-115-026-1003

The real estate is improved with a yellow brick, three story condominium with no 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.

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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 19-091729.

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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
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Attorney ARDC No. 61256

Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 19 CH 09490

TJSC#: 41-3342
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Case # 19 CH 09490
13186506

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, v.-

JOSEPH S. HOFF, THE 6334 NORTH SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants
19 CH 11903
6334 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 1D
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 December 15, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 16, 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 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 1D, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-202-018-1036

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$123,423.60.

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.

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Attorney File No. 19-091729
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 19 CH 11903
TJSC#: 41-3363

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Case # 19 CH 11903
13186852

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF BCAP LLC TRUST 2007-AA4 Plaintiff, v.-

DEBBIE PINES MANSFIELD, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE AMBIANCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LAWRENCE MANSFIELD A/K/A LAWRENCE J. MANSFIELD, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO COLE TAYLOR BANK AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 10, 2004 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 01-041170, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
09 CH 35324

545 WEST ALDINE AVENUE, UNIT 6E
CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 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 545 WEST ALDINE AVENUE, UNIT 6E, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-312-053-1029

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$3,762,949.10.

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.

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Steve Lewis and Chris Thompson.



Judy Rossignuolo-Rice



Krista August



Nora Gainer Doherty



Alpana Singh



Jill Hopkins



Fr. Mike Pflieger and Rev. Jesse Jackson.



Andrew Kitick with Bethany Florek.

CAROLS from p. 2

BIG IDEAS: Over just 60 years, frontier land of sand dunes and swamp was re-imagined into a modern, cutting-edge metropolis -- which also became the center of the whole world for six months of 1893. Chicago's total transformation through remarkable ideas realized, in spite of obstacles and setbacks along the way will be part of a talk by **Krista August**, author of "Giants in the Park." She shares her enthusiasm for local art and history 7 p.m. March 2 at the Sulzer Library in Lincoln Square. Stop by.

UPTOWN FUNK: Poet and urban planner **Brittani Batts** (Tanae B.), author of "Joy & Contradictions," is coming to the Uptown Branch Library 6:30 p.m. March 3. She has been performing at poetry jams, open mics and artist sessions since 2012. Brittani has worked in community organizing and development and has a strong passion for society. Call 312-747-4072 or email access@chipublib.org if you'd like to sit in.

YEAR OF THE TIGER: **Ken Norgan** at a fantastic Chinese Lunar New Year dinner at **Matt Olaveson's** with **Brian** and **Travis**. Matt spent two years at university in Beijing and another year in Taiwan, so he knows what he's doing in the Chinese kitchen. Deliciously authentic.

LIKE OLD TIMES: Doesn't make any difference what the issue is, once the cameras start rolling, but **Fr. Mike Pflieger** and **Rev. Jesse Jackson** were out celebrating the latest brew-ha-ha at the Federal Building in their flawless infallible sense of timing.

21ST CENTURY: In a sign of the times, Cook County **Sheriff Thomas Dart** office is hosting a booth at this year's Chicago Auto Show to provide safety information about carjackings and increase awareness of tracking technology that can help recover stolen cars and prosecute offenders. Yes, carjacking is that 'sporty' new model everyone's talking about at the show this year.

Cook County carjackings increased 38% in the last year, so we suppose it's the right thing

to do. Dart says this terrifying and dangerous crime enables additional crimes to be carried out with the stolen vehicle. Yep. So they're informing new car buyers on how to protect themselves. Dart engaged automakers in December and encouraged them to work with police and sheriff's officers to improve quick access to tracking information if a vehicle is stolen.

Remember back in the 'olden days' when we used to worry about getting dings and scratches driving around town? We now long for the 20th Century's simpler fears and worries.

DANIEL PEARL: Twenty years ago American journalist **Daniel Pearl** was beheaded by Islamist extremists in Pakistan. Pearl's last words were: "My mother is Jewish. My father is Jewish. I am a Jew." We will never forget his bravery.

LOST KNOWLEDGE: **Ina Pinkney** remembering her late Tribune Arts critic friend, saying, "The passing of **Richard Christiansen** is like a library burning down." So true.

ON THE AIR: The **Thomas Pecora** Show has been selected 10 years in a row for the Best of Melrose Park Awards for Radio Talk Show Host and now qualifies for the 2022 Melrose Park Business Hall of Fame.

WHO'S WHERE: **Nora Gainer Doherty** off to Florence on the Arno for two weeks to be engulfed in the glory of its art... **Patti Bidwill** is in the City of Lights wandering the streets of Paris using the twinkle of the Eiffel Tower as a nightlight... **Jill Hopkins**, new media and civic events producer for the Metro family of venues... Bloody Marys all around for the lads, **Chadwick Godfrey** and **Bob Dobnick**, at Spencer's in Palm Springs, CA... **Tom Hackett**, **Tom McGuire** and their posse at Pearl Beach in St. Barth in the Caribbean tropics... **William Beggs IV** and **Todd Schweibel** on their way to Palm Beach...

Edmund Lester in Palm Beach escaping 'snowmageddon' at the Chesterfield Hotel... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** also Palm Beach destined and bumping into **Michelle Kubala** on their flight, as well as **Heather Bilandic** and **Jessica Lagrange**... It's another year for birthday girl, WGN Radio lawyer **Karen Conti**... **Bethany Florek** and **Andrew Kitick** at RPM Seafood... Christie's **Steven Zick** visited the Museum of Modern Art and discovered that there was a line to get in and a mounted Chicago Police-

man outside on horseback... Diva **Denise Tomasello** with her friend **Lily Liu** sharing a lovely dinner at Acanto, an evening full of laughs and memories... **Shelley Howard** with **Mark Wagner** and birthday boy **Frankie Bones** at a superb watering

hole... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Tina Gravel** at the Bulls game sitting next to Mrs. Basketball, only woman NBA team owner, **Mickey Norton**... **Eamonn Cummins** taking a fun snow day lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with **Baird** and **Warner** Super Realtors **Jeffrey Doornbos** and **Kyle Capone**... High jinks at the Fairmont Hotel, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** with **Maria Salazar**, **Darby Hills**, **Tina Gravel** and **Bethany Florek** present for the launch of **Sherrill Bodine** and **Debi Catenacci's** "Dare to be Curious"... **Mark Olley** assuring us that the best parties are always in the back kitchen... **Maura Farrell** and **Todd Kihm** at Lago Mar Resort in Fort Lauderdale... Birthday girl **Linda C. Mack** celebrating well at Chicago Cuts with **James Staples**... **Christopher Clinton Conway** at the Six Nations Championship Rugby in Dublin... **Mario Morkvenas** and **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** at the Four Seasons Hotel Medina in Bogota, Colombia... Bravo young DePauw alum, **Michael Grace** of Chicago and Grand Beach, MI, an anchor reporter now at News Channel 6 in Wichita Falls, TX.



Daniel Pearl

DOUBT: Internationally-renowned actress **Judy Rossignuolo-Rice** stars in "Doubt," a drama at the Skokie Theater, about a rigidly conservative nun tasked with investigating allegations of misconduct between a beloved and progressive parish priest and one of the students in his care. Also starring **Sean Michael Barrett**, **Sarah Sapperstein** and **Lisa McConnell**. Directed by **Bernard Rice**.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.

-- **Vesta M. Kelly**

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WM-RP LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;
Plaintiff,
vs.
ZAJIM PEROCEVIC; GLORIA PEROCEVIC; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002346136; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants;
21 CH 4062
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 22, 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 6657-6661 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60626.
P.I.N. 11-31-411-001-0000.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a commercial building.
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. Edyta Kania at Plaintiffs Attorney, Robbins DiMonte, Ltd., 216 West Higgins Road, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-5736. (847) 698-9600.
PEROCEVIC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
13187017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WM-RP LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;
Plaintiff,
vs.
ZAJIM PEROCEVIC; GLORIA PEROCEVIC; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005, AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002345368; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants;
21 CH 4061
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Commonly known as 2053-61 W. Touhy Ave. and 7131-33 N. Ridge Blvd, Chicago, IL 60645.
P.I.N. 11-31-103-001-0000.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a commercial building.
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INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TIAA, FSB D/B/A TIAA BANK F/K/A EVERBANK Plaintiff,
-v-
IVAN A. HADZHIMINOV, RAYNA R. HADZHIMINOVA, SCHMIDT SALZMAN AND MORAN, LTD, FAIRFIELD/ARTHUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 12403
6456 N FAIRFIELD AVE., APT #1 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 March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6456 N FAIRFIELD AVE., APT #1, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-424-035-1002
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$175,194.40.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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TJSC#: 42-588
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Case # 19 CH 12403

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-12N, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,
-v-
KEITH GREENBERG, HANNAH M. GREENBERG, PRATT DU LAC CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC., MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
Defendants
21 CH 4138
1144 W. PRATT BLVD., UNIT GS CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 1144 W. PRATT BLVD., UNIT GS, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-202-028-1013 (11-32-202-014-0000 UNDERLYING PIN)
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$220,606.66.
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 is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiffs 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 19-05758.
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Attorney Code. 18837
Case Number: 21 CH 4138
TJSC#: 41-3167
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Case # 21 CH 4138

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
ATANDA MUSA, 2045 WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 2045 W. MORSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
17CH16539
2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W 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 October 24, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 1, 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 2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-120-064-1009
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.
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Case Number: 21 CH 4138
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

Real Estate For Sale

-v-
ATANDA MUSA, 2045 WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 2045 W. MORSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
17CH16539
2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60645
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Commonly known as 2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-120-064-1009
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.
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 17CH16539
TJSC#: 42-142
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 # 17CH16539
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA YOHNKA; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CLANCY BIRCHWOOD CONDO ASSOCIATION;
Defendants;
19 CH 14823
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, March 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. 11-30-303-067-1004.
Commonly known as 7438 N. OAKLEY AVE., UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60645.
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 Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiffs Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 19-03884
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
JT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS LLC as Successor in Interest by Assignment of BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE 2130 LINCOLN PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Plaintiff,
v.
MICHELE J. COLE AS TRUSTEE OF THE ETTA J. COLE TRUST AND ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.
Defendants.
18CH14940
Property Address:
2130 N. Lincoln Park West Unit 7N
Chicago, Illinois 60614
Cal. 63
Sheriff's No # 220006
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on March 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in Room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:
PIN 14-33-206-046-1022
Address: 2130 N. Lincoln Park West Unit 7N
Chicago, Illinois 60614
Improvements:
The subject property is a residential condominium unit.
Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premises will NOT be open for inspection.
For information: Attorneys Info
James R. Sethna
ASHEN LAW GROUP
217 N. Jefferson, Ste 601
Chicago, Illinois 60661
312/506-4517
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Atty No. 39733
This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LHEMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-6
Plaintiff,
vs.
LILUYA GEKKER; YEVGENIY GEKKER; CITIBANK, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION; LARRABEE COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants,
19 CH 2532
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-33-303-129-1002.
Commonly known as 1940 NORTH LARRABEE STREET, # C-2, CHICAGO, IL 60614.
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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-004929 F2
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
DENNIS M. LEARY, JR, GRACE LEARY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, KRAFT FOODS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 00903
2237 N. HALSTED STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE

Real Estate For Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 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 2237 N. HALSTED STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 13-33-107-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$699,120.40.
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.
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the

legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 104059.
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Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 17 CH 00903
TJSC#: 41-3137
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Case # 17 CH 00903
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2019-2
Plaintiff,
-v-
STEVE S. STANOJEVIC, MARINA STANOJEVIC, PRIVATE RESIDENCES AT ONTARIO PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS FOR PERL MORTGAGE INC., CALVARY

Real Estate For Sale

PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
2021 CH 00702
10 E. ONTARIO ST., UNIT 2305 CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 8, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 3, 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 10 E. ONTARIO ST., UNIT 2305, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-111-014-1283 and 17-10-111-014-1626
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$424,599.47.
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.
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and

Real Estate For Sale

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For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 21 8350.
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E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 21 8350
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 2021 CH 00702
TJSC#: 42-241
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quor stores and clothing retailers across the city and suburbs, CPD Supt. David Brown said Tuesday evening. More arrests and charges will be made, he said.

A break

The Jan. 6 crimes were an important development in the investigation. Previously, CPD was investigating a months-long string of liquor store burglaries across the North Side separately from break-ins at high-end retailers. But the burglary crew drew a clear connection between two Lakeview liquor store heists, the governor’s mansion, and Burberry that morning.

As unlikely as it may seem, investigators determined, the same people who were hitting mom ‘n’ pop stores were also pulling big heists on and near the Mag Mile and at other retail locations.

Police gained a big break in

the case on Jan. 17 when Emma Murphy, 27, was involved in a car crash in Oak Park, according to a source.

Inside Murphy’s car, Oak Park cops found merchandise that was taken by a burglary team that broke into a FootLocker on the 2700 block of N. Narragansett around 1 a.m. the same day, prosecutors said. The price tags were still attached, and the clothes were still on their hangers.

Chicago police took her into custody from Oak Park, and CPD detectives linked her with a burglary crew that broke into a jewelry store early on Jan. 17 and — here comes the break — the Dec. 8 liquor store burglary on the 3900 block of W. Diversey that Harper was charged with on Feb. 8.

Chicago cops were particularly intrigued by an article of clothing Murphy allegedly had: a fur headband from the high-end winter clothing retailer Moose Knuckles, whose location just a

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few hundred yards from the Mag Mile had been targeted by late-night raiders twice — including once within minutes of the Jan. 4 break-in at Burberry.

Prosecutors charged Murphy with the FootLocker, jewelry store, and liquor store break-ins, and Judge Charles Beach released her on her own recognizance with electronic monitoring on Jan. 19.

Court records show Harper stopped showing up in court for his pending burglary case five days later. A judge issued a warrant for his arrest in that case on Jan. 24. By then, CPD’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force was already on his heels.

His pending burglary case began on Mar. 2 of last year after he was allegedly caught on video using a rock to break into Red Star Liquor, 2725 N. Milwaukee, to steal cigarettes and liquor.

A police officer familiar with Harper recognized him from surveillance video based on his face

and neck tattoos, a prosecutor said at the time.

Court records show that a pre-trial services advisor recommended that Judge David Navarro give Harper “maximum conditions” if Navarro decided to release him on bail. The court officer said, if Harper were to be released, the likelihood of him committing a

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of the pavilions, with a tall wooden play structure and seating areas that mimic a natural prairie shoreline. Also seen is new landscaping and rehabbing of the terrace with an event tent directly east of the new entry, all together changing four acres of land.

The renderings also show the first view of the expanded visitor pavilion expansion that will be built on the northern terrace doubling the seating capacity for school groups and events. The glass-clad structure should have

new offense or not appearing in court were both at level 6, the highest possible.

Instead of maximum conditions, Navarro set bail at \$5,000, which allowed Harper, who prosecutors said had a pending robbery case, to get out of jail by posting a \$500 deposit.

spectacular skyline views year round and be topped with a new outdoor seating terrace for visitors. Similar limestone accents will enclose the new pavilion with a glass railing on the terrace.

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Illinois is one of only three states to require a form of public disclosure or public consent to biometric screening. Several American cities also require it.

"The state's law is "one of the broadest and most restrictive laws in the country limiting the use and collection of biometric data," according to a written statement from the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

The American Civil Liberties Union is among those organizations which have advocated for the retention of the current wording.

"A person's biometric information belongs to them, and only them. This information should never be left to corporate interests who want to collect data and use it for commercial purposes. BIPA is currently the one legislation that makes it unlawful for private companies to use facial recognition technology to identify and track people without their consent," according to a written statement from the ACLU.

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Since 2019 ruling, the law has proven to be especially costly to businesses throughout the state as trial lawyers have been able to use the ruling to generate large awards and settlements for their clients.

"Persons aggrieved by a violation" of BIPA have a private right of action under the statute and may sue for statutory remedies, including the greater of actual or liquidated damages of \$1,000 (for negligent violations) or \$5,000 (for intentional or reckless violations)," according to written report published by the Los Angeles-based law firm Gibson Dunn.

"BIPA's private right of actions has energized the Illinois plaintiffs' bar, which in the last few years has filed dozens of proposed class action lawsuits against companies for their allegedly improper collection of alleged biometric information. Plaintiffs in these cases have generally fallen into two categories: employees of companies that allegedly utilize biometric information, such as fingerprints for time keeping purposes; and customers of companies that use alleged biometric information to enhance the customer experience," continued the Gibson Dunn report.

Unless the wording is revised, the continued impact of the state's BIPA law may cause many small businesses to fail.

"Businesses of all sizes have been targeted and faced legal action for routine employer practices that unknowingly violate BIPA standards," according to the written statement from the chamber.

According to the 2005 report Impact of Litigation issued by the federal government's Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, small businesses are especially vulnerable to lawsuits.

While large businesses such as Facebook and Google can afford to pay even a large settlement and rationalize it as a cost of doing business, a lawsuit will often be fatal to a small business.

"With small reserves, the amounts for litigation caused a huge burden to the small business owners," according to the report.

Among the examples given in the report is that of a restaurant owner who had to take out a loan to pay a settlement for an employee issue for which she had done nothing wrong. In Illinois, that issue may include a lawsuit in which an employee or former employee alleges they have been aggrieved by a BIPA violation.

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Valliant, 38, found himself being chased by armed employees of the dealership, prosecutors said.

Detectives painstakingly pieced together a string of public and private surveillance videos that allegedly tracked Valliant from the dealership to Delaware Place, where he lowered his mask and hoodie. More footage tracked Valliant all the way to the Loop, where he eventually borrowed a stranger's phone to make a couple of calls on the corner of State and Monroe, Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Mahoney said.

Investigators then tracked the stranger back to a nearby business where they made a purchase and used those purchase records to identify the stranger, Mahoney continued. Cops served a search warrant on the stranger's phone records and identified the two numbers Valliant allegedly called from the corner of State and Monroe after the crime.

Mahoney said one of those numbers is registered to Hammond, IN, where local cops immediately recognized Valliant when Chicago detectives sent them photos of the maskless smash-and-grab suspect. Hammond cops have had "extensive prior contact" with Valliant and recognized his walk and face, he said.

Judge Robert Kuzas signed an arrest warrant for Valliant on Jan. 20, and Indiana authorities subsequently arrested him. Valliant waived extradition, and Chicago police took him into custody Feb. 3.

Mahoney said he admitted to using someone's phone to call his mom but claimed he didn't know the guy who walked into the dealership with him. And he admitted to taking off his hoodie on Delaware Place

because he was being chased by people with guns, according to Mahoney.

Prosecutors charged him with theft of \$500,000 to \$1 million and burglary.

Paperwork accompanying the warrant in court files said the watches were stolen from B. Young & Co. Exquisite Jewels and Timepieces, a firm operating within the car dealership. According to the criminal complaint, the thieves took a Richard Mille RM 11-03, a Richard Mille RM 11-01, a Patek Philippe 5712R, a Rolex Skydweller, and a Hublot rose gold all-diamond baguette. Mahoney said one of the Richard Mille watches was worth \$450,000 and the other retailed for \$240,000. The Rolex was the least valuable of the lot at \$55,000.

Valliant has a felony gun case in Indiana scheduled for a jury trial on Valentine's Day, Mahoney said. He has previous felony convictions for narcotics and burglary.

Judge Barbara Dawkins set his bail at \$95,000. He needs to post 10% of that to get out of jail.

A source said the case was cracked by CPD's Organized Retail Crime Task Force, which was recently formed by the Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan.

Deenihan has directed investigators to work as a group and to look at smash and grabs, retail theft raids, and related incidents as related patterns rather than focusing on individual cases, the source said.

The heist made headlines as Joe Perillo, one of the dealership's owners, slammed the crime-fighting policies of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx in media interviews.

Lightfoot would visit Perillo personally within days, only to call him an "idiot" as she stormed out when the meeting soured,

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a studio and two one-bedroom units in the Andersonville, Lakeview and Old Town neighborhoods, all with no concessions on rent, said 33Realty's leasing director, Mark Kurgan.

"We're definitely seeing the younger demographic start to poke around in the market right now," Kurgan said. "Folks that are renting small one-beds or studios and don't really care how big their apartment is, I think that is definitely starting to come back right now. It's not absolutely booming, it's not the summer market. But compared to Feb. 2021, and then March when COVID first hit in 2020, we're definitely seeing a stronger demand looking for location and value."

Investors still face hurdles in Chicago, Hardy said, including rising property insurance and utility costs, and those expenses could be felt by renters.

"Insurance premiums have increased, I don't care where you are. Shopping for insurance for these deals has been very challenging," he said.

Chicago has had an "unimpressive employment recovery from the health crisis," while downtown offices and other commercial properties continue to struggle, outside of newer buildings. That may lead apartment building investors to consider other markets before Chicago, the firm Marcus & Millichap said in its 2022 multi-family forecast.

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"Payroll projections are still climbing towards the 2019 peak, but tech, finance, and corporate opportunities supply jobs for high-income renters while roles in transportation support Class C rentals. Leisure and hospitality jobs are still at 65% of 2019 levels, a factor that will aid Class C vacancy upon the return of tourism," Marcus & Millichap said.

Landlords expect employment to tick up for those workers and drive demand – and possible rent increases – for the smaller apartment units that lost some appeal due to COVID. The Marcus & Millichap report also projected area-wide vacancy rates to tighten this year to the lowest level since the start of the millennium at 3.7%.

Rents surged in Chicago in 2021 and were on pace for bigger year-over-year increases than the national average of 17.8% through the first half of the year, then rent growth in the city slowed amid the Omicron virus wave, the report said. Since the start of 2022, rents slid further from the national mark, amounting to a 15.8% year-over-year increase as of this month.

Investors should also see the multifamily market lifted as workers feel more comfortable moving back into the city's crowded spaces, with more security in their employment than earlier during the pandemic, when many workers were uncertain of their futures, Varde said.

"In the end I think we as a society will move back to being in the office. People will want to be in the city. Studios and one-bedrooms, having affordable housing, naturally occurring affordable housing, is always going to be in demand," Varde said.

as we reported. A day or two later, a city inspector visited the dealership and unleashed a torrent of violations that the mayor's office said was in response to an anonymous complaint.