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The St. Regis Chicago now open; luxury hotel sold in its first week

At long last, the riverfront St. Regis Chicago Hotel has opened at 401 E. Wacker Dr. And quickly thereafter, a joint venture of Miami-based Gencom and Denver-based GD Holdings announced they bought the 192-room hotel the same week it opened.

Going by the same name as the tower itself, and filling the first 11 lower floors, the luxury hotel and the residences are being run

by St. Regis Hotels and Resorts, a subsidiary of Marriott.

The St. Regis had originally estimated an opening date in 2021, but the project suffered under many delays along the way. Rising 1,198 feet and 101 stories tall, the St. Regis building itself began its life as the Wanda Vista Tower. While the lower 11 floors hold the

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The Apple Store for sale is at 801 W. North Ave.

Apple Store in Lincoln Park now up for sale

The Apple Store in Lincoln Park at 801 W. North Ave. is for sale. And it may be the most valuable commercial square footage north of ... well, the Apple Store on Michigan Ave. and the Chicago River.

According to Alby Gallium and Crain's Chicago, a venture led by Moises Cosio Espinosa, an heir to a banking fortune, has hired CBRE to sell the 18,000-square-foot store. It is one of Apple's two Chicago locations. And it appears to be solid gold.

The current owners have decided to cash out of a high-profile re-

tail property at Halsted St., North and Clybourn avenues. The store first opened in 2010. It occupies the space above the CTA Red Line North/Clybourn Station. It is adjacent to the CTA Brown Line tracks, mere steps from Steppenwolf Theater and about a mile east of Interstate 90/94.

The 2010 lease initially expired in 2020, but it has four five-year options for Apple to extend it, according to marketing brochure published for the property when it was sold in 2010.

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The Honor Flights are back on, and I just took one

BY ERIK GODVIK

The Honor Flight Chicago was really something! I just participated in the first one since our pandemic lockdown, and here is my story. The flight was originally planned for April 5, but was pushed back due to poor weather.

It started with me getting up at 2 a.m. A buddy, Air Force Vet Ron Carlow, was picking me up at 3 a.m. for our drive to Midway.

We zoomed down the Kennedy to the Stevenson in record time, 3 a.m. is a good time to travel our highways.

We got to Midway Airport at 4 a.m., prepared for a long day. When we got there, one of the 200 volunteers on hand put us in wheelchairs. We were wheeled from station to station by these ambassadors. We had our shirts from the April 5 flight that was canceled. We also had our ID on the lanyards that we were given last time. We got updated ID information and a boarding pass so we could get thru the TSA checkpoint.

We were in the downstairs baggage area being pushed by our ambassadors for about an hour and then finally to the TSA checkpoint.

The old military axiom, "hurry up and wait" did apply. Ever since the Army, I've hated lines. But somehow, this time was different, everyone was laid back about the lines and everything.

After getting through the checkpoint, we had our pictures taken with an honor guard behind us.

We were told that various photographers and "guardians" would be taking pictures both at the airport and on the trip. They said the photos would be available on a website in a week or two. We could still take our own pictures if we wanted and other people would be happy to assist us with that for individual and group pictures.

We then headed to the gate area. It takes a while when you can only get about three wheelchairs in an elevator. And, you have to go backwards down some of the ramps.

We got to the gate area where we were finally able to get out of our wheelchairs. There, we were given coffee and donuts. It was about 6 a.m. We didn't see it, but they loaded the wheelchairs into the baggage compartment for use later in Washington, D.C.

We could see the plane from the gate area, a beautiful Boeing 737-



A Welcome Home banner (top) greeted vets returning from Washington, D.C. (Bottom) Southwest Airlines special red, white and blue airplanes, used only used for Honor Flights throughout the country, are provided by Southwest at a special cost.

800, Southwest Airlines painted in a special red, white and blue motif with stars and red stripes. Used only for Honor Flights throughout the country, these airplanes are provided by Southwest at very special cost factors.

About 6:30 a.m., Wayne Messmer led us in singing God Bless America and the Star Spangled Banner.

Everyone stood and saluted or took off their caps and placed them over their hearts, even the 99-year-old World War II veteran. All the vets had caps, signifying either Vietnam, Korea or World War II. The only exceptions were a couple of guys in uniforms. I'm surprised they could still get into them. Most of us couldn't. I weighed 118 lbs when I returned from Vietnam... I weigh a little more now.

We boarded the flight at 7:45 a.m. By 8 a.m. we were airborne. I had a window seat in row 29 in the back of the plane. (I didn't realize the jet engines made that much noise.)

After we took off, I had a good view of all the lakes in lower Michigan. It takes an aerial view to see just how many small lakes there are. There was even one with an island in the middle. Hard to say exactly how big they were but I'd bet there were no cars on the island in the middle of the lake.

It was mostly a calm flight. A couple pockets of turbulence but not much. A lot different than flying in a helicopter with your feet hanging out, getting ready to offload.

The pilot and co-pilot were both

ex-military and said how honored they were to be flying us.

I chatted a little with the Vet next to me. He was on the flight with his son as a guardian. The guardians have to pay their own way.

We were all excited to be going to D.C.

After about an hour and 20 minutes, we were touching down at Dulles International Airport, in Virginia.

We were met at the gate with a water canon salute by the fire department. It is not quite as dramatic as you see in pictures or on TV because when you are inside the plane, what you see is the water running down the windows. Nevertheless, a happy welcome.

We deplaned and I was met by my D.C. Guardian, Kay Lewis, who said she would be with me the whole time.

We were on the blue bus, which is why the lanyard on the ID hanging from my neck was blue. A well-organized organization.

Welcome to Washington, D.C.

Dulles is an international airport so there were a lot of big planes with names I never heard of. They made our 737 look small. But we had almost 200 people on our flight, so I don't know how many people those big planes could carry.

We headed out of Dulles and were greeted with a 20 police motorcycle escort. They had their blue flashers leading the way and blocking the entrance ramps.

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Start preparing now for the Democratic National Convention



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Lots of rain and sun. The summer will move quickly now. Chicago in its nature.

Well, we'll need all our prairie muscle power before its over.

Welcoming the Democrats to Chicago at the end of the season used to happen almost every four years. Like cripples at Lourdes, the mystery of the sacred geography repeated itself over and over again. Praying for miracles.

In fact the Democratic Party has assembled here to choose its party's presidential ticket more a dozen times. Over the decades. Repeat performers as it was. Beyond any other American city. Remember the disaster back in 1968. And the return of the party in 1996 for Clinton's second.

The repeat arrival of the nation's top Democratic Party leaders and leading candidates for the nation's highest offices was once the signal of a healthy check-up.

The Democrats were usually right on the money for recognizing issues critical to national politics. Their ability to reflect the strongest national values and social beliefs helped to build great unity in the Democratic Party and ensure that there were big Democratic winners on election day.

Leaders like Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was a four-time Democratic Party nominee for president. Four times elected nationally, an accomplishment no other American ever achieved.

Much of Roosevelt's success was shaped by the horrors of world history unfolding. From the economic disaster of national financial collapse in the Great Depression, to the horrors of World War II fought on two fronts against the Germans in Europe and Africa, and in Asia

island by island battling the Japanese.

Roosevelt was the trusted patriarch leader of international effectiveness and resolute American achievement. He was dynamically successful in his ability to hold a global alliance together. He had the unique ability to bring out what was best in others. He often had the winning hand that was capable of restoring both courage and fortitude in the people around him. Nothing was more responsible for increasing the ability of others to work so successfully during those decades as Roosevelt's personal belief in the ability of our nation's citizens to bring about a final victory over our enemies.

He displayed an unwavering belief in the American people. Unlike Germany's Chancellor Adolph Hitler, who led a nation of fear-ridden terrorized citizens, no guns were turned on America's citizens here.

He relied on the vast resources of the American people to rise to the occasion when most threatened by their wits and abilities. And their true belief in him to lead them well. Roosevelt engaged and enlivened the American people for the competence and loyalty they shared.

He often spoke to the American people unleashing a message of sound and effective unity. His words gathering the American people to reason and commitment in the face of adversity. American's learned as they saw their efforts restore hope and galvanize democracy.

Chicago was lucky. It really was a City of neighborhoods. Across the streets and corridors of the lakeside shoreline, men and women new to this nation found comfortable communities in which to fulfill their dreams. Families from across the planet found room to create homes that reflected their desire for peace and achievement. For educational and occupational achievement and social and cultural success.

Chicago politics offered its citizens the chance to be part of a system of urban government that had room for them and their ideas and values. Our politics have always been described as "local." Chicago's brand of political accomplishment was about the things of everyday living. A street light, a paved

alley, scheduled garbage pick-up, pothole repair, the access to good public transport, not to mention two major league baseball teams whose loyalties shaped the contours of every street and boulevard.

Chicago was a city of wards and aldermen whose nearness to everyday living was without compromise. Politics was near in Chicago. Not lost in the clouds. As near as a fire hydrant. A newsstand. A bus stop. Or White Castle slider.

Chicagoans were engaged in the details and doing of politics. They could easily engage their alderman, ward committeeman or member of the Cook County Board. Thousands of people worked in the delivery of services that local politics created. And oversaw, evaluated and compared. Politics came to everyone's front door and knocked. Inviting the resident to get further involved, Chicago-style.

Chicago political campaigns were plentiful. There was time and room for all Chicagoans to assist in the unfolding of local needs and necessities. What better way to get efficient service on the CTA. Or better value in public education. Or better safety on the streets.

Recognizing the nearness of politics to our everyday lives is important. Politics isn't always about making presidents. It also about the nearness of libraries or the respect shown to first responders.

As we prepare for the Democratic National Convention on the stadium ice, replete with Zambonis, it's important to understand the ways in which our character-rich politics effect the manner of our influence and engagement which is larger than ourselves.

Chicago is weaker and less sturdy, now, than it has been in a long time. We no longer have the larger-than-life American politicians who we once relied on to guide us through the complications of national politics. There are no Richard J. Daleys amongst us these days. No Adlai Stevensons. No Hartigans, Burkes, Washingtons, Mells, Simons, or Tillmans.

So we must ask ourselves questions of identity and belonging. Questions about who is really in charge on the local scene. Who has clout. Who's running on empty.

The next Democratic National Convention may seem a lot more unfamiliar than it has in a long while. We only discover what we have lost, when we realize what we need. Start working on those muscles. Now.

ROMAN RUMOR: There's a story going 'round the Vatican that Chicago may be on the itinerary for a Papal visit focused on hospitality for the homeless.

CHIEF OF STAFF: Chicago's new mayoral Chief of Staff, **Rich Guidice**, back on the cobbles of

Little Italy. Tufano's Italian trattoria to be specific. He was at home there, joined by a host of local movers and shakers, not least of which was the restaurant's major domo, Chico. A true blue City Hall apparatchik, in a past life, Guidice was OEMC Executive Dir. The boss at the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. I think that might be a great credential to have tucked away for a rainy day. He was well celebrated by his pals.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS: Apparently outgoing **Mayor Lightfingers** dropped some vengeful napalm on those top class Chicago eateries with famed outdoor patios. Seems Lightfingers was able to get even with Chicago business leaders by pushing back laws governing outdoor patio dining to the pre-COVID 2017 era. Anyone not obeying her edicts gets \$1,000 in fines everyday. Restaurant owners are furious. But currently eating the fine. She's truly a man-hating saboteur of American commerce. Thank her for adding to the soaring menu prices.

NORTHWESTERN NEWS: **Leigh Beinan**, distinguished Professor of Law at Northwestern U. and her husband, former Northwestern's 23rd President **Henry Bienan**, always raise the ante on distinguished academic and social pedigrees in any room, but when they are dining with colleagues like Northwestern's Strategic Planning

Office's **Marilyn McCoy**, special drama is unfolding. So it was at Hyde Park's Jade Court, Chicago's most refined Hong Kong Chinese restaurant. After 38 years Marilyn is stepping down. She's never looked better.

ST. REGIS HOTEL: Just one day after the St. Regis Chicago opened as Chicago's first new luxury hotel in a decade, the property has new ownership. A joint venture of real estate investors, Gencom and GD Holdings announced it has acquired the 192-room hotel,

which opened on the lower floors of the city's third-tallest skyscraper at 401 E. Wacker Dr. Chicago-based Magellan Development Group completed the glassy 101-story Lakeshore East tower in 2020 after the Chinese fled the project.

CHICAGO MUSIC LEGEND: **Buddy Guy** honored with two Blues Music Awards. The legendary guitarist and singer winning

in both the Album of the Year and Contemporary Blues album categories for "The Blues Don't Lie."

REQUIEM: **Emmett Whealan** was a friend of 40 years. A larger-than-life success trading the commodities and financial packets that created Chicago's unique world of economic blue-blood princes. Emmett had all the ripe ingredients. An endowed political family from Chicago's heyday, an elegant pedigree in Beverly's Southside village, a St. Ignatius College Prep alum, a degree from U. Notre Dame and the hilarious off-kilter sense of Irish humor that entitled him to shine in the comic world of generous brainiacs with enough irony to embar-



Rich Guidice

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Chicago Mercantile Exchange threatens to leave Chicago if new transaction tax is enacted

Commerce in Chicago may take another broadside hit if the Chicago Mercantile Exchange [CME] follows through on a threat to leave its home town. On May 15, CME Group Inc., 20 S. Wacker Dr., said it is prepared to leave Chicago if the city and state take steps that are perceived as “ill-conceived,” according to CME CEO Terry Duffy.

Duffy’s remarks were made during a media interview as Mayor Brandon Johnson was being sworn in. Johnson is proposing a broad spectrum of additional taxes, including one on financial transactions, to help boost the city’s finances.

The transaction tax proposal is being openly opposed by Chicago’s exchanges and investment firms. A higher levy would also require state approval to become law.

“Mr. Johnson has no legal authority to impose a transaction tax on my business,” said Duffy, adding that fighting crime should be a bigger focus for the new mayor. He also shouldn’t “get too bogged down on how he’s going to short-term think he’s going to raise taxes on certain people in order to fit his agenda.”

The CME holds a dominant position in Chicago’s financial landscape, serving as the leading exchange for derivatives and

commodities and contributing significantly to the local economy. Mayor Johnson’s promise to tax financial transactions may lead to a high-stakes showdown between the mayor’s politics and a global financial powerhouse.

Founded in 1898, the CME trades futures, and in most cases options, in the sectors of agriculture, energy, stock indices, foreign exchange, interest rates, metals, real estate, and even weather.

In 2007, a merger with the Chicago Board of Trade created the CME Group, one of the largest financial exchanges in the world. In 2008, the CME acquired NYMEX Holdings, Inc., the parent of the New York Mercantile Exchange and Commodity Exchange, Inc. By 2010, the CME purchased a 90% interest in the Dow Jones stock and financial indexes. The CME grew again in 2012 with the purchase of the Kansas City Board of Trade, the dominant player in hard red winter wheat. Most recently, in 2017, the CME began trading in Bitcoin futures.

This threat comes just as downtown commercial vacancy rates nationwide continue to struggle. Office-usage numbers have barely budged. About 58% of companies allow employees to work a portion of

their week from home, according to Scoop Technologies, a software firm that developed an index monitoring workplace strategies of close to 4,500 companies.

When average city office-occupancy rates surpassed 50% at the start of 2023 many landlords viewed this as a sign that

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employees were finally resuming their former work habits.

Since the turn of the year that number has actually declined to 42%, from 49% three months ago, Scoop said. Employees at companies with hybrid strategies work an average of 2.5 days a week in the office.

According to Bizjournal.com, the direct vacancy rate for Chicago’s central business district reached 19.8% in the first quarter of 2023, up from 18.9% in the fourth quarter of 2022. And with vacancy rates and sublease inventory reaching record highs, some think that Chicago’s downtown office landlords have no choice but to continue to

offer incentives to create more demand.

According to Cawley Chicago, long-term real estate utilization patterns are still under scrutiny in Chicago’s office market, driving up the amount of available space. A historical high of 101 million square feet of space (19.7% of total inventory) is now available in Chicago, an increase of more than 24 million square feet since the first quarter of 2020.

“The bigger buildings downtown have higher vacancies, and I think that’s going to be a tough market for the next two years,” said consulting firm Wipfli’s Chicago office Brad Werner, a consultant with Wipfli’s Chicago office told Chicago Bizjournal.com. “I think we’re going to see more all-cash deals and prices are inevitably going to go down.”

One property he will be watching over the next couple of years is Willis Tower.

“The lease extension goes through sometime in 2025 and when that comes due, when you factor in the valuation and size of the asset, I think they are going to be lucky if they can even net enough proceeds to pay off the note on it,” he said.

Still, there are bright spots on the horizon. According to Site Selection Magazine, Chicago took the number one prize again for luring the most corporate relocations and expansions for the 10th year in a row, with 448 projects on the books.

Paving on LSD will be shutting down lanes

Maybe you’ve already been caught in the traffic, drivers on Lake Shore Dr. [LSD] are again suffering over lane closures.

This week they’re back at it on the North Side too.

This week there will be full closures of the Northbound lanes. On Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m., northbound LSD will be reduced to one lane between LaSalle Dr. and Belmont Ave. There will be no ramp impacts and all lanes will reopen on Thursday at approximately 7 a.m.

Then on Thursday starting at 7 p.m.,

Northbound LSD will be reduced to one lane between Belmont Ave. and Lawrence Ave. Again, no ramp impacts will be in place.

Beginning at approximately 11 p.m., Northbound LSD will be closed between Belmont and Lawrence avenues. Detour signs will be in-place. All lanes will reopen on Friday at approximately 7 a.m.

Throughout the project, the latest information on traffic impacts is available online at chicago.gov/CDOT. The LSD paving work will continue through July. Good luck out there.

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Then and now... the center two photos are of this story's author, Erik Godvik. At top, taken the day he joined in on the Honor Flight, and below from back in his youth when he was in Vietnam. The other four photos were taken at different points along the way during his Honor Flight adventure.

FLIGHTS *from p. 1*

Apparently someone important was coming.

After we passed the ramps, the motorcycles would speed past us to head for the next ramp ahead. It was quite an experience.

They escorted us all the way to the Air Force Memorial which is just across from the Pentagon. It was built in what had been the path of the 9/11 aircraft that hit the Pentagon.

The Air Force Memorial is made up of three spires reaching 270-feet in height. It symbolizes an Air Force bomb burst maneuver or the three of four planes performing a missing man formation.

The Air Force Drill Team performed a drill demonstration by about 30 airmen. They twirled what appeared to be M-1 rifles with bayonets in a very precise manner. The last drill included a sergeant walking a line with rifles spinning in front and behind him as he walked.

As we left the Air Force Memorial, we left the Virginia motorcycles behind and crossed the Potomac River heading to the

World War II Memorial.

The wheelchair assistants got off the bus first to unload wheelchairs for those who needed them. Shortly, after getting off the bus, we were met by Illinois Congressman Mike Quigley [5th]. He took pictures with many of the vets. We found out on our way home that he had introduced a Congressional Resolution recognizing this Honor Flight Chicago into the Congressional Record. The resolution included the names of all 113 veterans.

The World War II Memorial is one of the newer and larger memorials befitting all who served and sacrificed in that war. We had a ceremony there and sang God Bless America and the National Anthem and lined up for the photograph included in these pages.

It is a beautiful memorial — sitting at the end of the reflection pond. You can see the Washington Monument as you look east and the Lincoln Memorial if you look west.

After the World War II Memorial, we boarded the buses and



The Air Force Memorial is located in Arlington County, VA, on the former grounds of the Navy Annex near The Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery.

headed for the Lincoln Memorial parking area where we set off for the Korean and Vietnam Memorials, saving the fore score and seven steps of Lincoln for last. We weren't quite used to walking so much. Those 10K strolls in full pack were a thing of the past.

We headed off to the Korean

War Veterans Memorial located just southeast of the Lincoln Memorial.

“Our nation honors her sons and daughter who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.” Korea was the forgotten war.

The memorial has a Field of Service where 19 stainless steel eight feet tall statues depict a patrol of ground troops. When reflected in the polished granite wall that abuts the triangular field, the 19 soldiers become 38, representing the parallel that separates North and South Korea.

Moving on, we headed to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We stopped at the The Three Servicemen statue, which depicts three servicemen and the things they carried. It shows a contrast between the innocence of their youth and their weapons of war. It manages to show the bonds between men at war.

Next, we moved on to The Wall. The central element of the memorial is the shiny black granite wall in a wide V shape. The faces of visitors are reflected in the walls bearing the etched names

of over 58,000 men and women who died in combat or are listed as missing in action (MIA).

The wall was dedicated on Nov. 13, 1982 but the design choice proved controversial and eventually, The Three Servicemen statue was added as part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, unveiled on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1984.

“The wall that heals” at its base, there are many items left in memory of those who served and died. Military dog tags, flowers, war medals, photographs and even favorite toys left by those people who loved and lost these people, to aid in the healing process.

For me, it is a moving tribute to the men I knew, the men I had forgotten, and the men I could never forget.

Even seeing it for the third time,
it still brought tears to my eyes.

Circling back, we stop at the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Women served in many different roles. Nurses, physicians, air traffic controllers and many other roles. The statue here depicts some of these. The names of eight women are included on The Wall.

Heading back to the bus, we decided to forgo the 87 steps in

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Lakeview East cancels May Dine Out

Hopeful that they can 'bring back Dine Out on Broadway'

One of the most popular dining events on the North Side last year was Dine Out on Broadway [DOB]. Now, that popular and profitable program has been put on hold for 2023, due to changes in regulations at City Hall.

Hosted by the Lakeview East Chamber [LVEC] of Commerce, DOB was originally slated as a program to help businesses with expanded outdoor dining during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown.

One of the biggest cultural changes coming out of the lock-

down is in how people 'dine out.' Outdoor dining quickly became the only viable alternative.

In 2022, LVEC hosted 10 DOB events, with broad success. Thirty restaurants and food establishments participated as Broadway was closed to traffic from Belmont to Diversey to allow the dining customers to take over.

Now City Hall is fighting the outdoor dining trend. They're cutting back on issuing permits for outdoor dining space, and promise to ticket and fine the hospitality industry into submission.

This after Chicago policymak-

ers took fast action during the lockdown to provide restaurants with more flexibility and to build on the popularity of outdoor dining. This year those policies are being reversed. City Hall is going back to enforcing their 2017 policies this year leaving organizations like community chambers of commerce struggling to understand why.

With City Hall reverting back to their pre-2017 al fresco dining policies, the outdoor dining trend in Chicago is now being stifled.

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Chicago's Memorial Day Parade, wreath laying May 27

Illinois National Guard 300th Anniversary

The City will hold their Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, May 27. The Wreath Laying will begin at 11 a.m. at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. The parade will step off at noon and proceed south on State St. from Lake St. to Van Buren St.

Major General Rodney Boyd, Assistant Adjutant General – Army of the Illinois National Guard and Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard, will serve as the parade's Grand Marshal. Originally from the South Side, Boyd is the highest-ranking African American Officer in Illinois National Guard's 300 year history.

The City will honor fallen heroes and Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, Gold Star Lapel Pins and the Next of Kin Lapel Pins are presented to families not as an award, but as symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and their ultimate sacrifice.

The Illinois National Guard is celebrating their 300-year anniversary. Founded on May 9, 1723, the Illinois National Guard is the oldest component of the U.S.

military and the only military component with both state and federal missions.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will also be livestreamed at Chicago.gov/live. For additional information about the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade, visit Chicago.gov/DCASE.

Growing up on the South Side of Chicago, Major General Boyd began his military career as a Marine Corps Reservist in 1982. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps in August 1990 upon completion of the Illinois Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. He was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, commanding the 1644th Transportation Company, the 405th Brigade Support Battalion, and the 108th Sustainment Brigade. Boyd also served with the Bellwood Police Department for 23 years, retiring as Chief of Police.

Modie Lavin, Senior Outreach Coordinator for the Road Home Program: The Center for Veterans and Their Families, will be honored as the recipient of the Major General John A. Logan Patriot Award. Lavin is a Gold Star Mother to Corporal Conner T. Lowry, who died during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2012.

Lavin is active in the Illinois

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Groupon vacating River North HQ

Online coupon seller pays \$9.6M to terminate lease

Who needs some big space in River North? Developer Sterling Bay suddenly has 300,000 square feet of commercial space to fill now that Groupon has announced their plans to vacate their headquarters at 600 W. Chicago Ave.

Groupon has been struggling for years, and now the digital coupon seller is paying a \$9.6M fee to terminate its lease early, leaving a huge hole for their landlord to fill. Groupon has warned its stockholders and staff that they might run out of cash in the next 12 months. Last summer they announced layoffs for 500 of their staff.

It seems that they plan to allow

much of their staff to work from home going forward. The work-from-home trend is the same issue plaguing commercial real estate landlords around the globe.

Groupon will have to vacate the space by Jan. 31, 2024. The lease was originally supposed to expire in Jan. 2026, Crain's Chicago has reported.

The company had offered its entire footprint in the 1.6 million-square-foot building for sublease in 2021, and with remote-work trends still intact from the pandemic, Groupon is forced to deal with fate.

"Teamwork and collaboration still require face time, but new tools and technology also allow for effective and efficient hybrid work," Groupon's Emma Cole-

man told Crain's.

Once Groupon leaves, the building's occupancy rate will drop from 96% leased to less than 80%, close to the overall downtown average rate of 78%.

To make matters worse, Groupon has filed suit against Uptake, one of the tenants that subleased its space, for \$1.5 million in January. Groupon claims Uptake hasn't made a rent payment since July, 2022.

The lease termination is another blow to Chicago's beleaguered office market. Rising interest rates, hiked construction costs and a series of company downsizings led to a record high vacancy rate of more than 22% last quarter.



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Police Beat...

FBI: Ravenswood bank robber had ‘rough, working hands’



The Chase Bank at 1809 W. Lawrence (left) was robbed by the man seen in these surveillance photos, according to the FBI.

The FBI’s Chicago field office is looking for a man with “rough, working hands” who robbed a Ravenswood bank on May 13. And they’re offering up to \$1,000 for information that results in his arrest.

Around 11:06 a.m., the man seen in these surveillance photos walked into Chase Bank, 1809 W. Lawrence, and handed a note to the teller, according to an FBI bulletin. The note reportedly asked for \$9,000 in cash.

He fled after receiving an undisclosed amount of money.

The FBI’s bulletin said the robber wore a hoodie with the letters BMW on the front. He is Hispanic, in his 30s, about 5’-7” tall, and 180 lbs, according to the agency. “He was reported to have rough, working hands and also had a mustache and some facial hair,” the FBI notice said.

Tips can be shared with the FBI’s Chicago office by calling 312-421-6700. Information can also be submitted online at tips.fbi.gov.

Two charged with downtown robbery

Spirit Boswell, 20, of the 8000 block of S. May St., and Jayllia Brewer, 21, of the 5900 block of S. Prairie Ave., were both arrested and charged with one felony count each of Robbery, Aggravated Battery/Public Place, and Aggravated Battery/Great Bodily Harm on May 16.



Spirit Boswell

The two were arrested on May 15, in the 300 block of E. Benton Pl. and 2400 block of W. Belmont Ave. respectively. They were identified



Jayllia Brewer

Benton Plc. downtown. The offenders were placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Man gets three years for attacking woman at Lakeview bus stop, but prosecutors drop sexual assault charges

The man who was initially charged with trying to sexually assault a woman at a Lakeview bus stop last summer has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for a three-year sentence, according to Cook County court records.



James Rusczyk

Prosecutors dropped eight other felonies in their plea deal with Rusczyk, including six counts of attempted criminal sexual assault.

The judge who handled Rusczyk’s initial bail hearing last July, Charles Beach, gave a nod to the passersby who prosecutors said intervened in the attack on the 2900 block of N. Sheridan.

“But for these good Samaritans and citizens of the city of Chicago, this event could have been far, far worse than it already was,” Beach surmised.

The 41-year-old victim, who is hearing impaired, was at the bus stop around 6:15 a.m. when Rusczyk stepped off a bus and stood next to her, prosecutors told Beach.

Officials alleged that Rusczyk suddenly grabbed the woman’s shoulders with both hands and struggled with her, pushing her to the ground. The victim fell on her left elbow. A prosecutor said Rusczyk straddled the woman’s legs and tried to lower his pants as she fought to get away.

A witness on another bus noticed what was happening and walked across the street to intervene while calling 911. A passing motorist also dialed 911.

Rusczyk ran away as the first witness approached him, but the witness followed him onto a #77 Belmont bus and told the driver what was happening. Chicago police arrested Rusczyk when he exited the bus on Belmont near Broadway.

as two of the offenders who, on April 4, at 3 a.m., participated in forcefully taking property and battering a 23-year-old male victim in the 300 block of E.

James Rusczyk, 50, received the sentence from Judge James Gamboney after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated battery in a public place.

Rusczyk, who spent most of his life in Indiana, was living in an Uptown homeless shelter at the time of his arrest, according to one of his defense attorneys.

His sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior. With credits earned before pleading, Rusczyk is scheduled to be released on Jan. 25.

Assault on Thompson Center Post Office

Approximately 18 people broke into the U.S. Post Office in the Thompson Center in the Loop on May 22, Chicago police said. The incident occurred at about 12:35 a.m. as police said the suspects broke the front door and entered the building. Shattered glass could be seen outside.

It is not known if anything was taken and no one is in custody, police said. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Home Depot lost \$5.5 million by issuing \$900 refunds for a single purchase more than 6,000 times

Two Home Depot stores in Chicago were defrauded of \$5.5 million by scammers who collected \$900 credits more than 6,000 times for a single purchase made three years ago, prosecutors said May 17.

Officials said the scam began in March 2020 when someone made a purchase of more than \$6,000 from the home improvement chain’s 2570 N. Elston location. Days later, someone returned to the store and said the purchase was for a tax-exempt church. A store employee accepted the tax-exempt documents and issued the representative a \$900 gift card for the tax value, Assistant State’s Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said yesterday.

She said people returned to Home Depot with the same receipt 15 more times that year, receiving \$900 gift cards each time. In 2021, the company issued \$900 gift cards another 33 times for the same purchase.

Last year, 1,372 gift cards were issued for \$900 “tax credits” on the same purchase. And, as of mid-May, Home Depot issued \$900 gift cards for the exact same receipt 3,200 times this year, Dale-Schmidt said.

Cashiers scanned the receipt bar code from a fraudster’s phone each time, manually entered the tax exemption information, then cut a gift card for the difference. Some cashiers issued multiple gift cards for the same purchase in one sitting.

In total, the company lost \$5.5 million — \$900 at a time. In addition to the Elston location, the fraud was also carried out at the chain’s 1300 S. Clinton store, according to officials.

Girl, 17, shot while traveling on Lake Shore Dr. — possibly by someone else in her car

A 17-year-old girl who was shot while riding in a car on Lake Shore Dr. in Lincoln Park on May 21 may have been shot by the vehicle’s back-seat passenger, according to a law enforcement source. Chicago police were questioning two people.

In a brief media statement, CPD said the girl was traveling in a vehicle in the 1700 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. “when she sustained a gunshot wound to the lower back by an unknown offender” around 7 p.m.

We have now learned that the shooting victim arrived at St. Joseph Hospital, 2800 N. Lake Shore Dr., in a car sometime before 6:30 p.m. She was transferred to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

Officers detained a 21-year-old man at the hospital for questioning.

About 20 minutes after the woman arrived at St. Joe’s, another man approached a Chicago police officer outside the Town Hall 19th District police station in Lakeview.

He told the cops that he was somehow involved in the shooting and that the gun used to shoot the girl was in-

side his car, which was parked in the police station’s public garage.

Officers recovered a weapon from the vehicle. They reportedly found blood in the car and a bullet hole in one of the seats.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.

Sunday’s shooting is the first of the year for the Lincoln Park community area. The neighborhood had four shooting victims in 2022. There were 18 in 2021 and seven in 2020.

Cops accuse man of using postal service master key to steal mail in West Loop

We’ve published several stories about U.S. Postal Service mail carriers being robbed at gunpoint for their master keys in Chicago. On May 17, Cook County prosecutors accused a Chicago man of using a stolen mailbox key to steal from a USPS “blue box” in the West Loop. Federal charges are pending.



Richard Thompson

At 3 a.m. May 16, investigators watched as Richard Thompson, 51, used a master key to open the blue mailbox on the corner of Racine and Adams, Assistant State’s Attorney Alexander Konetzki said during Thompson’s bail hearing.

Thompson took mail from inside the box and was then detained by a postal worker until Chicago police arrived, according to Konetzki. He said Thompson admitted to having the key and using it to access the box.

For now, Thompson is charged in state court with possession of burglary tools and misdemeanor theft. But that is expected to change once federal authorities approve charges against him, according to postal inspectors.

He has five previous felony convictions, all for narcotics-related violations, Konetzki said. Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered Thompson to pay a \$100 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

In March, another man was charged with possessing two forged postal service master keys, also known as “arrow keys,” during a traffic stop on the North Side. Prosecutors said the man also had a trove of financial information, including W2 forms and checks.

“Never put anything into the postal system unless you are comfortable with it landing in the hands of criminals instead of at its intended destination,” an investigative source told us a few months ago.

“Checks, credit cards, PPP loans, and identity theft are the new hustle in urban America,” another source said.

The problem of mail theft has become so widespread that the US Postal Service itself has advised people not to put mail into its once-ubiquitous blue mailboxes after the last collection time.

Mail thieves might score a valuable package or an envelope containing a birthday gift card from someone’s grandma once in a while. But experts say the real value comes from identity theft and check fraud mills, which use information from stolen mail to steal people’s identities and checks.

Some crews specialize in altering and depositing checks, sometimes multiplying the face value of the note by many times its original amount.

A source said that those teams often operate with the assistance of marginalized people who open checking accounts they do not need.

“The stolen \$40 utility payment is changed to \$4,000. The halfwit with-

draws the money, and the account crashes,” the source explained.

The source said they believe the postal service’s problems are even more significant and widespread than the agency is letting on.

“They’re reluctant to tell the truth to keep consumers buying stamps and keep citizens from using other means of delivery” like UPS or FedEx.

Chicago man formed \$1.2 million worth of meth and fentanyl into pills resembling real medications

A Chicago man is charged with manufacture-delivery of fentanyl after federal and state investigators linked him to a pill-making machine and nearly \$1.2 million worth of fentanyl-laced methamphetamine pills disguised as genuine prescription medications.

Allen Dean, 30, of the 200 block of W. Hill on the Near North Side, was held in lieu of a \$50,000 bail deposit by Judge Ankur Srivastava on May 16.

Federal authorities began investigating Dean three years ago after U.S. Postal Inspection Service agents discovered that someone was mailing parcels containing fentanyl from California to an address in Chicago’s Burnside neighborhood, Assistant State’s Attorney Michael Votja said during Dean’s bail hearing.

In April 2019, agents intercepted one box with Allen’s fingerprints on the outside and found that it contained a half-ounce of a chemical commonly used to manufacture narcotics, Votja said.

Nearly four years later, on Feb. 15, the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] learned that a pill press, used to form powders into solid pills, was being shipped in two parcels from China to the same Burnside address involved in the 2019 shipment, according to Votja. A border search allegedly revealed that one box contained the press and the other contained the machine’s motor.

The DEA installed a GPS device on the press, and postal inspectors delivered it to the Burnside residence on March 1. Allen was seen carrying the press into the home, Votja said. A few days later, the GPS tracker indicated that the press had been moved from the Burnside home to an apartment in the Gresham neighborhood.

Votja said investigators saw Dean enter the apartment several times during March.

Postal inspectors delivered the press motor to the Burnside address on March 29 and, believing that a fully operational pill press had been delivered, investigators secured a search warrant for the Gresham apartment the next day.

That evening, before investigators executed the warrant, agents saw Dean arrive at the Gresham address in a white car and tried to stop him, Votja said. But Dean drove onto the sidewalk and sped away, according to Votja. When DEA agents blocked him in, Votja continued, he ran and climbed into a “gated facility,” where he stole a security guard’s vehicle, crashed through the facility’s gate, and sped away. Police later found the car abandoned in Chicago.

Police towed the white car that Dean allegedly drove to the Gresham address. Inside, they found a box containing the pill press motor and nine pill bottles labeled oxycodone and acetaminophen that actually contained 834 tablets of a methamphetamine-fentanyl mixture, according to Votja.

Inside the Gresham apartment, investigators found the unit unoccupied, except for an apparent pill-

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VA supervisor guilty of pocketing kickbacks

A former procurement supervisor at the Jesse Brown Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Chicago has admitted in federal court that he pocketed kickbacks from the president of a medical supply company to steer the company product orders that the VA paid for but never received.

While serving as a supervisor in the medical center's Central Supply department, Thomas E. Duncan received thousands of dollars in kickbacks paid in cash and checks from Daniel Dingle, the president of a medical supply company based in the Chicago suburb of Dolton. The checks were made payable to Helping Hands Properties LLC – a third-party entity managed by Duncan

– and contained false and misleading memo entries in order to conceal and disguise the existence and purpose of the kickbacks. In exchange for the kickbacks, Duncan used his official position at the VA to fraudulently initiate and approve purchases of products from Dingle's company, knowing that many of the products would not actually be delivered to the VA.

The fraud scheme began in 2012 and continued until 2019. In late 2018, after Duncan became aware that the VA Inspector General's Office was investigating his conduct, Duncan created fake invoices from Helping Hands purporting to document work performed for Dingle's compa-

ny. Duncan also told Dingle to falsely tell investigators that the payments Duncan received from Dingle's company were for work performed by Helping Hands.

Duncan, 39, and Dingle, 52, each pleaded guilty May 16 to one count of wire fraud, which is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison. U.S. District Judge Steven C. Seeger set Duncan's sentencing for Nov. 30, 2023. Dingle's sentencing has not yet been scheduled.

It is the government's position that the defendants owe restitution of approximately \$1,719,219 to the VA. The amount of restitution will be determined by the Court at the time of sentencing.

Chicago Police looking for hit-and-run scooter driver

The Major Accident Investigation Unit of the Chicago police are seeking to identify a hit-and-run scooter driver from a serious accident at Webster and Ashland.

On April 4 at approximately 7:35 a.m. a pedestrian was struck and seriously injured by a motorized scooter while jogging in the roadway in the 1600 block of W. Webster Ave. The 53-year-old male victim was struck by the unknown scooter driver.

The rider was knocked off of

a black motorized scooter and was last seen walking while pushing the scooter northbound on the west sidewalk of Ashland Ave. from Webster Ave. The unknown scooter operator was seen wearing a black helmet, dark colored jacket, light colored pants and white shoes.

Anyone who may have information about this incident or vehicle is asked to contact Major Accident

Investigation Unit at 312-745-4521 and refer to RD #JG210319 and alert# 608-23-010.

Second suspect in custody for robbery, shooting of Dakotah Earley one year ago

BY CWBCHICAGO

One year after the cold-blooded shooting and robbery of culinary student Dakotah Earley rocked Chicago, detectives have arrested a second person to face charges in the case.

Area Three detectives arrested the newly-charged man on May 15. He was 17 at the time of the crime but has since turned 18 and is expected to appear in adult court for a bail hearing May 18.

Even though he will not be accused of personally shooting Earley, Chicago police secured attempted murder charges against him through the state's Law of Accountability. That provision holds all participants in a crime responsible for what happens. He is also charged with armed robbery, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle.

"I'm excited," Earley's mother, Joy Dobbs, said Monday evening. "It's been a long time coming. Still, I guess, kinda sad because it makes you remember what took place."

Today's development comes exactly one year after Chicago police arrested the man they believe confronted Earley in the 1300 block of W. Webster on May 6, 2022, and then shot him repeatedly at close range.

Tyshon Brownlee, 19, was arrested on May 15, 2022, and is still awaiting trial on charges of attempted murder and multiple counts of robbery in connection with the crimes against Earley and other robbery victims who were targeted in a holdup spree.

A nearby surveillance camera recorded the confrontation as Earley and the gunman fell to the pavement early on May 6, 2022. Then, the robber shot him repeatedly at close range while demanding the password to his phone.

The person arrested on Monday is believed to be the driver of the getaway car, who also got out of the vehicle briefly as Earley struggled with the primary robber in the street.

"I'm sad, too," Dobbs confided Monday night, "because these men are so young."

Doctors initially believed Earley might not survive his injuries. He underwent a series of surgeries and doctors had to amputate part of one leg in the wake of the shooting. After spending four months in the hospital and rehab facilities, Earley finally went home in September.

Earley continues down the path to recovery with ongoing physical therapy sessions, Dobbs said. But he was finally able to take a trip to see family back home in Atlanta for the first time since the shooting.

Dobbs and her son share the same birthday, May 24.

"My mother told me this is a great birthday gift for both of you," Dobbs recalled as she reflected on news that the second suspect was in custody. She said the family is "ready to put this to bed and move on with our lives."

Officials said last year that they believed Brownlee and his crew were responsible for committing a weeks-long spree of at least 20 robberies across the North Side.

Prosecutors charged Brownlee with five of them.

In one case, a 22-year-old woman was walking, talking on her phone, and wearing over-ear headphones when Brownlee grabbed her headphones and pointed a gun at her on the 3000 block of N. Racine around 10 p.m. on May 5, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said during Brownlee's bail hearing last year.

He took her bag and phone, hung up the call she was on, then ordered her to reveal the phone's password while holding her at gunpoint and counting backward from five, Murphy continued.

Suddenly, Brownlee saw another woman walking home from work across the street. According to Murphy, he ran over to her, pointed a gun at her head, took her phone, and demanded her password. She complied and then ran home. The woman told her friends what happened but didn't call the police until days later when someone showed her a news report about Earley's shooting.

As Brownlee escaped in a small white car, the first woman memorized its license plate and repeated it over and over in her head until she got home and wrote it down, Murphy said. The car had been taken from another robbery victim targeted on the 2900 block of N. Clark the night before.

After the holdups, Brownlee

accessed the first victim's iCloud, took money from her Venmo, changed her social media accounts, and tried to use one of her credit cards, Murphy said. Investigators who subsequently recovered the stolen BMW found the second victim's work ID in the back seat.

Minutes after robbing the women, Brownlee pointed a gun at a 20-year-old man's chest on the 2900 block of N. Racine and ordered him to give up the password while aiming the weapon at him, Murphy said. The victim complied and Brownlee took his wallet, too.

As Brownlee climbed into the back seat of the BMW, he threatened to come back and "pop" the man if the password didn't work, Murphy alleged. The man's stolen credit cards were used repeatedly over the next 24 hours. According to Murphy, video cameras captured Brownlee using a card during at least one transaction. A police officer recognized Brownlee from the footage.

On May 6, Brownlee robbed a DePaul University student at gunpoint on the 1100 block of W. Fullerton as the 18-year-old walked to his dorm room, Murphy said.

Minutes later, at 3:05 a.m., Brownlee allegedly ambushed Ear-

ley on the 1300 block of W. Webster. Exactly what happened was captured on a gut-wrenching video.

Police turned their attention to Brownlee on May 10, 2022, after he was shot while riding in a car on Michigan Ave. near The Bean, according to multiple law enforcement sources. Someone dropped Brownlee off at a hospital for treatment, and investigators quickly found a "definitive" link to the North Side robberies. But Brownlee had left the hospital when detectives arrived to speak with him.

Murphy said Brownlee admitted to the crimes.

Last fall, we reported that Brownlee had been known to Chicago police detectives since Nov. 2021, when two email addresses containing his name were linked to a string of violent robberies across the North Side.

Chicago cops spotted the robbery crew's vehicle at least five times between November and the assault on Earley, but officers broke off their engagement each time. One of those police terminations occurred about an hour before Earley was shot. Earley is now suing the city for allegedly failing to apprehend the group earlier.



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Eileen Murphy Donnersberger (right) with Bart.



Tom Cooney and Elaine Romas.



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rass all those he loved. His family thrived on his hilarity and expansive knowledge of everything from soy beans to winter wheat. No one more so than **Dorothy Whealan**, his late wife. A beauteous fashionista, she had her hands full with Emmett. He was ribald, whimsical, cantankerous and spiritual, committed to a life of sober success and faith. What great adventures he shared with the family. I share their grief.

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VEGAS: **Barb Bailey** in Las Vegas after her smash performance at dinner a few days ago at the Italian American Club. With **Ninon De Vere De Rosa**, **Hakota Horvath**, **Jack Wood**, **Keane Harris** and pianist **Nicholas Cole**. Heading back there for dear friend **Bob Anderson's** Sinatra & Singing Impressionist show.

VERMILLION INDIAN CUISINE: It's 20 years since Vermillion went total Indian cuisine. Now two decades later the Hubbard St. restaurant has high Indian cuisine locked in. Celebrate their wisdom and vittles. Exec. Chef **Maneet Chauhan** is a true star.

WHO'S WHERE: **Joey DiBuono's** Tufano's Italian eatery was jammed last Friday evening where veteran CPD **Pete Domaine**, formerly the detail boss of Ald. **Ed Burke's** City Hall safety crew, held court. Relaxing with more white

hair than he was used to, **Pete**, was entertaining the assembled troops. He really is a Chicago champ... Not far from his table but unrelated, was Burke son-in-law, Judge **Jim Murphy**, marking 16 years on the Circuit Court, with his wife, Burke daughter attorney **Jennifer Burke** and some of their very tall Murphy lads... **Mark Olley** bringing a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Champagne to the O'Gorman studio sale picking up a special painting for **Mama Olley**... **Chuck** and **Candace Jordan** joining in the Mother's Day painting sale and snagging one of the exhibit's best works... that was following an appearance by the special and unique art scholar **Jadwiga Binkowskie** whose wise words enthralled attendees... Former U.S. Attorney **John Lausch** has now landed at Kirkland and Ellis... **Myra Reilly** is in Paris with granddaughter **Lauren Tallon Keane**... **Lauren Lien Cavanaugh** Mother's Day-ing it with son, **Andrew Santos**, daughter **Victoria Santos** at Gibson's Steakhouse with **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**... **John Buchbinder** at the Fall Harvest on the Wet Pampa, Lincoln, Buenos Aires, Argentina... **Russ Goeltenbodt** says he's now officially a senior citizen recovering after his cataract surgery on his left eye... Grandma **Jane Justic**, with grandson **Leo Justic**, up from Naples, FL, at Mount Carmel H.S. graduation at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, U. of Chicago... Chef **Bill Lee** at Conagra Brands



Maneet Chauhan



Jane Justic with Leo Justic.



Linda and Richard Robin.



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celebrating AAPI month with @commonthreads.org and sharing recipe tips and stories about growing up Korean American... Best wishes for healthy recovery after surgery to **Steven Smith**... Happy 42nd anniversary to the delightful **Linda** and **Richard Robin**... Bravo to **Bill Meinke** on graduation

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Eileen Murphy Donnersberger proud of grandson, **Bart**, high honors graduate of Regis Jesuit Prep, National Honor Society.

SWEET NEWS: Huge congratulations to **Tom Cooney**, one of Chicago's great gentlemen, on his recent marriage to **Elaine Romas**, a fellow member of the University Club. The happy couple is cradled in love and the best wishes of great friends who are all so happy for them.

CHICAGO STAR: Barb Bailey's West Coast musical tour brought out stars like **Carol Connors**, **Freda Payne** and **Suzan Hughes** front and center at **Herb Alpert's** Vibrato Grill Jazz. They definitely bedazzled the evening.

BIRTHDAY JOY: Grateful to artist **Adam Umbach** and wife, **Nora Dankner**, who came to Chicago from Brooklyn to celebrate my birthday at our favorite eateries. Saturday night at MartAnthony's on Racine, then Jade Court for finest Hong Kong feast on Sunday, and Hugo's Frog on Rush for extravagant food and Snicker's Pie for dessert on Monday. Two fans of the column sent a lovely bottle of champagne to our table. Merci.

Poor George, he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth. - Ann Richards

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Three Servicemen is a bronze statue by Frederick Hart. Unveiled on Veterans Day, November 11, 1984, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., it was the first representation of an African American on the National Mall.

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Gold Star Family community and is Vice President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, as well as co-chair of the Conner T. Lowry Memorial Foundation. She has helped hundreds of veterans receive high-quality, evidence-based treatment for the invisible wounds of war, including PTSD, anxiety, and de-

pression. Lavin's passion, dedication and tireless efforts have had a profound impact on the veteran and military community as she continues to honor and remember all who served.

The parade will be emceed by Audrina Bigos of CBS 2 Chicago. Bigos is the daughter of two U.S. Army veterans - Michael and Linda Bigos.

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This enhanced outdoor dining program was vital to the survival of local businesses in the area "and has brought millions of dollars of revenue to our local businesses, ensuring they can keep their doors open and helped to keep jobs within our community for years to come," the LVEC reports.

"While the pandemic era programs are coming to an end, we are hopeful we can continue

this program into the future, as it provides extra economic stimulus for our neighborhood and a fun, safe environment for our community to enjoy local eateries."

For now, the future of DOB is uncertain, "but as soon as we know we can bring this program back, we will be taking to the streets once again for weekends filled with al fresco dining," LVEC said in a released statement.

FLIGHTS from p. 4

the Lincoln Memorial leading up to the statue of Abe.

The walking was catching up to me. Where were those wheelchairs anyway?

Heading back to Dulles, we checked in for a meal of Chick fil-A at the airport. It was actually very tasty and just enough before we boarded the flight back to Chicago.

Mail call

The flight back to Midway was quiet as everyone was tired. It was scheduled to be about an hour 30 minutes. About an hour in, there

was a mail call. We were given a manila envelope filled with letters friends had written about their remembrances of us, how we had affected their lives or remembrances of stories long forgotten. Really nice.

We landed at 8 p.m., got off the plane and were greeted by a bagpipe band and a whole lot of people who thanked us for our service and said "Welcome Home."

Some fresh Navy recruits escorted us to the baggage area filled with about 800 friends and family wishing us "Welcome Home." They had signs and banners and balloons and a brass

band that played loudly.

What a welcome. Some TV people were there and we made the 10 o'clock news. I guess we were a big deal.

The whole experience was really well done and very moving. I can't thank the Honor Flight Chicago enough.

If you want to volunteer or make a donation to honor your vet or are a vet who would like to have this experience, you can contact them at Honor Flight Chicago, 9704 W. Higgins Rd; Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018-4717. Their website is www.honorflightchicago.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANKUNITED N.A Plaintiff, -v- DAVID MOORE A/K/A DAVID TRISTON MOORE, DIANA MARTINEZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. 7018 N. ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 22 CH 5699 7018 NORTH ASHLAND BOULEVARD APARTMENT GN CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 29, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 30, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7018 NORTH ASHLAND BOULEVARD APARTMENT GN, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-213-041-1001 and 11-31-213-041-1009 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$265,255.19. 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 or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015

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(847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 22-096428. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 22-096428 Attorney Code. 42169 Case Number: 22 CH 5699 TJSC#: 43-1370 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 # 22 CH 5699 **13219910** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARTIN J. LINGNER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUSI G. LINGNER, DECEASED; DIETER P. LINGNER; MICHAEL S. LINGNER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARTIN LINGNER, DECEASED; DIETER P. LINGNER, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN J. LINGNER, DECEASED; GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUSI G. LINGNER, DECEASED; Defendants, 19 CH 2318 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, June 26, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-29-102-005-0000. Commonly known as 1537 W. Juneway Terrace, Chicago, IL 60626. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-002582 ADC F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13220488** 242424 -----

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKE FOREST BANK & TRUST CO., N.A. Plaintiff, -v- COURTNEY S. EVONIUK, CITY OF CHICAGO, ROW HOUSES ON HAMILTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 11138 7223 N HAMILTON AVENUE, UNIT C 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 7, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 26, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7223 N HAMILTON AVENUE, UNIT C, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-322-044-1003 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation

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mon interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-01720. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 22-01720 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 22 CH 5706 TJSC#: 43-1570 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 # 22 CH 5706** 171717 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OLD NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff, -v- VERNON L. CHAPMAN, OLD NATIONAL BANK, 6619 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 08774 6619 N. SHERIDAN #305 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6619 N. SHERIDAN #305, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-402-038-1012 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The

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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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-02664 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 08774 TJSC#: 43-895 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 08774 **13219136** 101010 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices.**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION
TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-

JERRY J. CEDICCI, MARIA-URBANA AFONSO-
CEDICCI, MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, MADIGAN & GETZENDANNER,
CACH, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
SANDRA R. GLASS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, ADDITIONAL COUNSEL
FOR PLAINTIFF
Defendants
17 CH 10926

63 WEST SCHILLER STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on October 6, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
June 22, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,
IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 63 WEST SCHILLER
STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-217-003-0000, Property
Index No. 17-04-217-137-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family
residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The

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Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
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The subject property is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation
by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser
will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle
the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien
prior to that of the United States, the United States
shall have one year from the date of sale within
which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien
arising under the internal revenue laws the period
shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption
under State law, whichever is longer, and in any
case in which, under the provisions of section 505
of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C.
1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title
38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem
does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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

Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). IF YOU ARE
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OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION
TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-

EDMUNDO AGUILAR, CAROLINE VOZA AGUILAR,
448 WRIGHTWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 09541

450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE #1
CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The
Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June
20, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One
South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,
60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 450 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE
#1, CHICAGO, IL 60614

Property Index No. 14-28-309-034-1005

The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or

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wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.

VINCENT J. RANGO, GLENMOOR MANOR CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., CITIZENS BANK, N.A.
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CHARTER ONE BANK, F.S.B.,
Defendants,
22 CH 10941

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P.I.N. 14-05-213-033-1023.

Commonly known as 1047 WEST GLENLAKE AVENUE,
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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a
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legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-

MARCIEL RODRIGUEZ, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF MARCIEL E. GONZALEZ, DECEASED,
MARCIEL RODRIGUEZ, IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 3126

4250 N MARINE DR., APT. 1025
CHICAGO, IL 60613

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to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
above cause on March 27, 2023, an agent for The
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28, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One
South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,
60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4250 N MARINE DR., APT. 1025,
CHICAGO, IL 60613

Property Index No. 14-16-301-041-1546

The real estate is improved with a residential
condominium.

The judgment amount was \$147,282.87.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &
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LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602
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Attorney File No. 1641891

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Case Number: 22 CH 3126

TJSC#: 43-1304

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE
SERVICING
Plaintiff,
-v.-

LYNDA KAUFMAN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, RAVENSWOOD
COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants

2022 CH 06831

4523 N. WOLCOTT AVENUE, APT. 3A
CHICAGO, IL 60640

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above cause on March 30, 2023, an agent for The
Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 3,
2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South
Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606,
sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth
below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4523 N. WOLCOTT AVENUE,
APT. 3A, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-18-214-030-1017 and 14-18-
214-030-1031

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$115,429.05.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
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Attorney Code. 40342

Case Number: 2022 CH 06831

TJSC#: 43-1462

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,
-v.-

LEE M. BERENBAUM, KAREN BERENBAUM,
HAWTHORNE COURT TOWNHOME CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION
Defendants

2022 CH 01241

1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155

CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

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9, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One
South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,
60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT
1155, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-20-414-019-1067

The real estate is improved with a residential
condominium.

The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
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Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will
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making operation. There was one functioning pill press, part of the press that had been delivered to the Burnside home, over a pound of white powder believed to be a mixture of methamphetamine and fentanyl, and a blue powder binding agent, Votja alleged.

Investigators also found 5,460 pills believed to be methamphetamine and fentanyl imprinted with identifiers associated with the legitimate prescription drugs Percocet and oxycodone, Votja said. He added that the mixture of methamphetamine and fentanyl is unusual and noted that the Illinois State Police lab had only recorded 28 cases of the blend in the past year.

The pills and powder allegedly have a street value of \$1,197,735.

Police also executed a search warrant at Dean's home on the Near North Side. There, they found "multiple" pills bearing Percocet markings that tested positive for fentanyl, according to Votja.

Dean's private attorney, Cierra Norris, launched a vigorous defense of the father of two. She said he has no criminal background and owns a trucking company. The receipt that police left inside his home after the search warrant listed several items that authorities seized, including Rolex watches, boxes of ammunition, and a

computer, but did not mention anything about the pills Votja said investigators found.

She also argued that if the case against Dean was any good, federal prosecutors would have taken it.

"If there was even a scintilla of evidence, we wouldn't be in state court," Norris said.

Votja countered that nothing prohibits state prosecutors from taking a narcotics case and called Norris' claim "somewhat laughable."

Judge Srivastava denied a prosecution request to hold Dean without bail, saying that a high cash bail with electronic monitoring is sufficient to ensure that the community is protected and Dean will return to court.

Fentanyl, an opioid up to 50 times more potent than heroin, is frequently mixed into street drugs without the end user's knowledge. With just two milligrams considered a lethal dose, fentanyl is widely considered the primary reason that opioid-related deaths increased nearly 750% from 2015 to 2021.

Earlier this month, police arrested two men at Midway Airport after they allegedly arrived on a flight from California with 44 pounds of fentanyl in their luggage.

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hotel, floors 13 through 93 consist of 393 residences, ranging in price from \$1 million to \$18.5 million.

It is one of few luxury hotels to open in downtown Chicago in the last decade, and the buyers finalized the deal nearly as soon as it opened following years of delay. No purchase price was announced.

Chicago's Magellan Development Group built the hotel and will reportedly retain an ownership interest.

The buyers acquired the property in part with a \$76 million loan, according to Crain's Chicago.

Construction on the \$1 billion Vista Tower started in 2016. At the time, the building and hotel was known as the Wanda Vista Tower, with China-based Wanda Group one of the partners. Wanda Hotels and Resorts has 22 properties in China. Headed by billionaire magnate Wang Jianlin, Wanda Group has been one of China's

most prolific dealmakers. But in 2017 the communist government in Beijing cracked down on showy overseas ventures such as the one Wanda was involved with in Chicago.

The development consists of one massive building that has four stems, and from some perspectives it looks like four separate buildings. It is the third tallest structure in Chicago.

Initially the hotel was supposed to be known as the Wanda Vista Hotel (this would have been Wanda's first hotel in the US), but the entire project was rebranded as the St. Regis Chicago. This includes the residences, which are branded as the Residences at the St. Regis Chicago.

Initially The Alinea Group was supposed to be in charge of food and beverage in the building. Alinea Restaurant, a three Michelin star restaurant, decided in late



The riverfront St. Regis Chicago Hotel at 401 E. Wacker Dr.

2021 to pull out of the project.

The hotel will offer five restaurants totaling 38,000 square feet. Two will be run by Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. Opening soon and located facing over the river will be a Tuscan-inspired restaurant called Tre Dita, with chef Evan Funke. And on

the 11th floor is an all-day Japanese spot dubbed Miru with chef Hisanobu Osaka.

Situated at a premier riverfront location, the new hotel will offer impeccably appointed guest rooms and suites adjacent to many Chicago landmarks, including the Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier, Grant and Millennium Parks. In a very tough market, nightly rates for the hotel start at more than \$700 per room per night. Entry-level rooms at the hotel are 400-519 square feet. Oliver Gibbons has been named the General Manager, and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the property.

The hotel includes an Astor Ballroom and other function rooms, which will be used for many gatherings and celebratory moments in the future.

APPLE from p. 1

Selling commercial real estate in a high interest rate environment is difficult. Add in a glut in commercial property with dropping demand for space and you had better have something pretty great to offer to draw buyer interest. The Apple Store appears to be just that magic mix.

For trophy assets or properties with long-term leases to retailers with strong

credit, "we're still seeing aggressive pricing," Michael Kaider, senior vice president at CBRE, one of the brokers marketing the store to investors, told Gallun.

Investors seeking solid, inflation and recession-proof assets may want to look at the Apple Store. Properties leased by the Cupertino, Calif.-based tech firm are few and far between. Most Apple stores are in malls and other multi-tenant properties, not stand-alone facilities like the two on


Chicago's North Side.

When Apple Stores do sell, they often fetch a high price. In 2019, Atlanta-based Invesco paid \$79 million (about \$3,900 per square foot) for the flagship Apple Store on Michigan Ave. On a per-square-foot basis, it ranked among the most expensive retail property sales ever in Chicago.

Kaider declined to tell Gallun how much he expected the Lincoln Park site to sell for. The Cosio venture acquired the store

in 2010 for \$10.5 (\$583 per square foot). In 2020, Cosio took out a \$7 million loan on the property, according to a mortgage recorded with Cook County.

The son of a successful Mexican banker and businessman, Cosio inherited his fortune at age 14, after his father died in 1998. His financial circumstances broke into public view in 2020, when he sued two advisers, alleging that they took advantage of him to enrich themselves.



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