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— P. G. Wodehouse

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## Virtual Bally's Casino meeting July 19

The City of Chicago and Bally's Chicago are co-hosting a virtual community meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, regarding the temporary casino at the Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash St.

At this meeting, Bally's Chicago will present its plans with respect to historic preservation and answer questions related to historic preservation of the Medinah Temple, since it is a Chicago Landmark.

This meeting is in advance of the Landmark Department's Permit Review Committee review of the project, scheduled to take

place in August.

The community may submit any questions or comments in advance via email to [chicagocasinono@cityofchicago.org](mailto:chicagocasinono@cityofchicago.org). Additional public engagement related to traffic, public safety, and other community concerns will take place at an in-person public engagement session in the near future. However, the July 19 meeting will focus solely on historic preservation.

The Mayor's Office also recently announced the creation of a Casino Community Advisory Council [CAC] in order to create a forum for ongoing community

engagement throughout the development of the Bally's Casino. The CAC will have 20 members representing impacted community areas, as well as subject matter experts in a range of fields including transportation/infrastructure, economic equity, and gambling addiction. Those who may be interested in serving on this CAC, must apply by Friday, July 15.

The primary focus of this CAC is to secure community input on the development of the entire permanent site; however, they will

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## Developer responds in court to charges it has lost nearly \$50M of Chinese funds

STORY BY PETER VON BUOL

An attorney representing Symmetry Property Development, a development company which had failed in its bid to build a 60-story apartment building at the corner of Wabash and Superior, and which has so far failed to return nearly \$50 million to its Chinese-based investors, on July 8 filed a 19-page document in U.S. District Court in Chicago. In that document, the attorney asked a federal judge to remove a court-appointed official known as a special master [SM] who had been assigned to investigate the location of the unreturned funds.

"Defendants Carillon Tower/

Chicago L.P., Forefront EB-5 Fund (ICT) LLC, Symmetry Property Development II LLC, and Jeffrey Laytin hereby move to terminate this Court's appointment of a SM in this matter, on the grounds that the special master has concluded that defendants entered in the loan transaction intended to fund the class action settlement in this matter in good faith," wrote attorney Daniel Hildebrand.

While admitting his clients cannot locate the \$50 million owed to the Chinese investors, Hildebrand claimed his New York City-based clients have been acting in good faith and there no longer is a need for a court-appointed SM,

"The record presented to the SM also shows that defendants truthfully reported their communications with the lender after the loan failed to fund to the Court. Accordingly, the Court's purpose in assigning this matter to a special master has been satisfied, and there is no reason or need for any further work by the SM," wrote Hildebrand.

He added his clients had thought they had obtained a \$250 million loan in 2021 from investors in the Middle East, part of which would have been used to return the missing \$50 million to the Chinese investors.

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## Men who were accused of robbing bicyclists in the Loop get probation in plea deals

BY CWBCHICAGO

Remember last summer, when the latest craze appeared to be robbing Loop bicyclists? Two people charged in connection with two of those incidents have accepted plea deals from prosecutors. They both received probation.

Princeton Rogers Jr. was supposed to attend his high school graduation on June 18, 2021. He was instead in Chicago's Central Bond Court, facing robbery charges.

During the hearing, prosecutors said the bicyclist was riding southbound on Wabash at Madison around 11:30 p.m. on June 16 when seven people approached and told them they wanted his bike. The biker tried to maneuver around the group.

According to the allegations, Rogers, wearing bright red pants and a bright long-sleeve sweatshirt, used both hands to grab a bicyclist by his backpack and throw him to the ground. He then struggled with the alleged victim for control of the bike and eventu-

ally rode away with it, according to the state's allegations.

The incident was captured on video by a nearby surveillance camera.

The bicyclist chased the group for a short distance and flagged down a CPD squad car for help, prosecutors said. Officers arrested Rogers nearby.

According to defense and prosecuting attorneys, Rogers had no other arrests in his background.

He has pleaded guilty to one

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## Monsters run amok in Chicago

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## Zoning Board of Appeals to review

### Wells St. pot shop proposal

In May, GRI Holdings, LLC hosted a public community meeting as a requirement of the Special Use application necessary to open an Adult Use cannabis dispensary at 612 N. Wells St.

Now, the ZBA will consider this Special Use application at an upcoming (virtual) public hearing 9 a.m. Friday, July 15.

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial body made up of Mayoral appointees. They are solely responsible for approval or denial of Special Use licenses and are not obligated

to give special consideration to comments from aldermen or police commanders.

However, the hearing will allow time for public comment. Visit the ZBA website to submit a written comment in advance of the hearing, and also to access the link to the Live Stream on the morning of July 15.

Additional proposed cannabis dispensaries have come forward for both 605 N. Clark St. and 212 E. Ontario St., but they have not yet been added to a ZBA agenda.

## Wells Fargo takes control of JW Marriott in bank auction, tough times on the horizon

One of the big downtown hotels has changed hands, but not in a happy way.

Wells Fargo Bank took control of the 610-room JW Marriott Chicago hotel, 151 W. Adams St., on July 8 with a winning bid of about \$251 million during a foreclosure auction.

The Orlando-based owner Estein USA had not made any payments on their \$203 million loan for the hotel since the summer of 2021.

With interest and fees, the amount owed eventually rose to \$243 million, and as the trustee for the investors, Wells Fargo filed a foreclosure lawsuit last year. The sheriff's sale was held July 8, and the bank was the only bidder on the hotel.

The foreclosure and lack of buyer interest is a sign of distress for Chicago's hospitality industry that is still struggling to recover

from the government-imposed economic lockdown after the pandemic.

While tourists have started to return to town, business travelers and convention business remain sparse. Many other Chicagoland hotels are also in default on loans and in trouble.

"The JW Marriott may not be the last hotel to find itself in the soup," Robert Habib, CEO of Maverick Hotels & Restaurants, told the Greeley Tribune. "If a major hotel like that could go into foreclosure, that's a sign of some weakness in the market."

Habib opened the 223-room Sable at Navy Pier in March 2021.

The JW Marriott opened in 2010, when developers began converting old Financial District office buildings into hotels to serve conference-goers and the grow-

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# Finding balance after computer drama



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Few things are left in life anymore that have the power to turn everything else upside down. Has to be pretty serious. Something that unleashes a threat to our safety, health or peace of mind.

Something that churns up real anxiety in us. Knocks us off our stride. Makes us feel the pages are unglued. Bringing us to the edge of madness.

I think I just experienced that. I know I did. My Macbook Pro had been going haywire, acting goofy.

I still had my column to complete, and deadline doesn't care.

It wasn't a pretty sight, kids.

No expert when it comes to computers, it was 9 p.m. and the world was shutting down around me.

My computer was not charging, telling me to plug into some good old-fashioned electricity before everything shut down.

I gave Apple Care a last ditch call. Apple Care is an insurance you can buy when you get your computer. It underwrites most repairs. But everyday conundrums and tech problems can often be quickly resolved by their genius experts.

I explained my dilemma and what I had attempted to do to fix things, but to no avail.

The expert was great and suggested I go to Apple on North Ave. He made an appointment for the next day.

Turns out my laptop had to be sent to Apple repair. At no charge for fixing. Best thing was they said I'd have it back by Tuesday.

Even with the holiday. So I relaxed a bit.

But I've never been separated from my laptop before. All the separation anxiety and tension I was experiencing was real.

But in the hours that unfolded I knew things would be fine. I even realized my Apple12 iPhone was more of a computer than I thought. I was able to send some important data to myself via the phone. And I discovered that with patience I could even write my column on it.

All hope was not lost! I was less isolated than I imagined. Less alone. Less traumatized. And even began to feel some freedom from the bonding with my laptop.

How strange it was to learn that life lesson. It is like losing a shoe. And then realizing that if you toss off the other shoe, you can run barefoot.

After my Apple visit I wanted to actually celebrate. My friend and nearby neighbor, Cynthia Prokop, a fine arts painter, came with me to Apple. She was a big help carrying the equipment, as I'm still using my Sherlock Holmes cane to get around.

We decided to go to Tufano's for an early Italian dinner in their fabulous outdoor patio.

Off to Little Italy at four o'clock in the afternoon. Certainly we'd be the first diners.

What a glorious afternoon. Breezy. Balmy. A Tuscan patio, even if you have to look at the Univ. of Illinois.

We really were the first dinner guests. Tables set, big red umbrellas open wide, Italian tunes echoing in the spacious tide of the piazza.

Squint and you could almost see the hills of Rome.

Lots of chit chat with the friendly staff.

Joey diBuono, owner and local golf legend, was front and center. So was his sister, Joanne. My friend, Cynthia, had not been to Tufano's before. So I filled her in on what's good and who's who.

A bottle of fabulous Ruffino

Chianti arrives, Reserva Ducale, with a splendid crisp fruity flavor. Perfect for the house calamari, best in town.

A Tufano salad also hits the spot with the roasted red peppers and fontina cheese. As we started to eat the patio started filling up. This is a hugely popular outdoor space. No real car traffic makes the street quiet. Perfect for eating.

Our food discussion kept bringing us back to the linguine in white clam sauce. Best in town. Meaty white clam flesh and plenty of clams in their shells. But the blend of good white wine and rich olive oil with garlic is the magic in the pan here. The bowl overflows with true refined Italian flavors in that easy going style of Nona's kitchen that is always the test of quality Italian food.

Once we dove into the clams I knew I'd be speaking my favorite words in Italian: "Another bottle of wine please."

What a day. Begun in computer trauma and finishing in sated refinement. Exquisite food and choice mouthwatering vino nobile. Crunchy bread, choice cheese, black olives and roasted red peppers, juicy clams. All lifted on the summer winds and happy faces of fellow diners who embraced their favorite dishes. Family after family.

It's restorative. Like a trip to the Apple store. Or the pleasant grin of a treasured friend happy she has some clams to take home with her.

This is the way life should always be. At least here in Chicago. Without the stunts of the flapper and the slapper - as Mayor Lori Lightfingers and States Attorney Kim Foxx are known.

We don't need to be choked to death by the worst air in our history. We don't need to see Chicago police slaughtered on our streets in an alarming rate of domestic mayhem. We don't deserve to have the highest crime surge in the nation. Or the highest death rate of childhood murder.

These aren't just social tragedies, they are the consequences of government by stupid people.

These statistics aren't just isolated numbers in high crime poverty neighborhoods. They are the serious results of leadership that is wrong, incorrect and misguided.

Only you, the voter, can stop the carnage by tossing these folk out of office. Remove them from the high offices that they now occupy.

The sunny breezes on warm afternoons were meant for us all.

Like the smooth Chianti. And the tastiest clams in town.

**REQUIEM: Kathleen S. Fox** was a Chicago beauty, woman of accomplishment and true friend. A well-respected fashion model, she was a charter member in the original "lunch bunch,"

**Judge Rhoda Sweeney, Mary Ann Childers, Joan Brodsky, Mickey Norton, Terry Savage, Ilana Rovner, Sharon Sharp, Gretchen Jordan, Susie Glickman,** and this column's patron Saint, **Ann Gerber.** Cultured women of intellect, accomplishment and good taste. Fox died suddenly in Florida in May. Mourned by countless Chicagoans for whom she was a delight. Her memorial was by invitation only, held at the Casino. Two opera singers from the Lyric sang. Monsignor **Kenneth J. Velo** presided. Guests were invited to take pieces of Kathy's jewelry home with them. It was beautiful celebration.

**BRIDGEPORT RESTAURANT: Irais and Josie Rodriguez** have sadly made the decision to shutter Bridgeport Restaurant, 3500 S. Halsted. The longtime neighborhood eatery was always a favorite stop for Chicago break-

fast goers in the old neighborhood of four Chicago mayors. The Rodriguez have taken only one vacation in 12 years, demonstrating a true Chicago passion for hard work. Open seven days a week, serving plates of comfort food to loyal patrons who viewed their business as a neighborhood institution. They will be missed.

**MUSIC INSTITUTE:** The Music Institute of Chicago raised more than \$765,000 at their annual Gala on June 2, honoring **Hilary Hahn, Nancy and Scott Santi and Dr. Tanya L. Carey,** demonstrating their special place in Chicago arts.

**PRITZKER AWARDS:** The Pritzker Military Museum and Library announced the recipients of the 2022 Citizen Soldier



Kathleen S. Fox


Award: Lt. Col. **Enoch Woodhouse,** Col. **Jack Jacobs** and Gen. **Ann Dunwoody.** The awards will be presented at the 2022 Liberty Gala "Honoring Strength Through Diversity" on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Hilton Chicago Hotel.

**BON VOYAGE:** It won't be the same without her, that's Drake Hotel veteran **Antoinette Cahill,**


who is moving on to new adventures. Her grace and Irish charm always walked before her setting everything in order and everything in place. Bright times await my dear. We won't be far away.

**THE GAGE AT 15: Billy Lawless** has taught his children

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Dan Wolf (center) brought The Bagel to Lakeview East in 1992, and it quickly became a fixture in the community, bringing people together over incredible food, open doors, prompt service, and great company over the last 70 years in business. The recently deceased Wolf practiced community-first before it was popular, made possible because of his tireless work, and his endless dedication to helping those in need. And he served a great bowl of matzo ball soup.

## Famous Lakeview East restaurateur dead at 77

It is the place we go to nosh, providing the best Matzo Ball soup on the North Side.

The longtime Lakeview East owner of The Bagel, Dan Wolf, passed away at 77 on July 1.

Wolf was one of the few child survivors of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, where he was born in 1945, and when he came to America, he began working in his grandparents restaurant, The Bagel in Albany Park at Kedzie and Lawrence, which brought Old

World recipes to Chicago.

He typed the daily menus back then because he was the only family member that had mastered enough English at the time to do so. Subsequently, he shepherded The Bagel through three locations, along with his late uncle Michael Golenzer, where together they wove it into the collective memory of generations of Chicagoans.

Wolf was also active as local Commissioner and President

of the East Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. Wolf was instrumental in growing the Chamber of Commerce and served on the Special Service Area Commission for over 30 years. His dedication to the neighborhood made a profound impact on the business community for years to come.

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munity, bringing people together over incredible food, open doors, prompt service, and great company over the last 70 years in business. Wolf practiced community-first before it was popular, made possible because of his tireless work, and his endless dedication to helping those in need.

A memorial service was held on July 5, at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home in Arlington Heights.

Wolf is survived by his companion and spouse of over 60

years Mitchell Kaufman, his aunt Haya Golenzer and a host of friends who loved him. He was predeceased by his siblings Walter and Barbara. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a special fund in Wolf's memory at JCFS Chicago. Donations may be made to: Attn: Development Dept., JCFS Chicago, 3145 W. Pratt, Chicago, 60645.

## State audit finds billions in unemployment fraud

### Nearly \$2 billion lost through fraud

BY BETH HUNSDORFER  
*Capitol News Illinois*

A state audit released Thursday found nearly \$2 billion in federal money intended to help unemployed Illinoisans during the pandemic was lost to fraudulent claims in Illinois.

The Illinois Dept. of Employment Security blamed "insufficient and flawed federal guidance" and a lack of controls on a hastily constructed program put together when the COVID pandemic struck.

The federally-funded Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program provided up to 39 weeks of benefits for unemployed individuals who ran out of regular unemployment benefits and for self-employed individuals, gig workers and others not eligible for regular unemployment.

The report released July 7 by Auditor General Frank Mautino, covered much of the life of the program, July 2020 through June 2021.

In the early days of the pandemic, amid business shutdowns and high unemployment, states struggled under a crush of claims from those laid off during those shutdowns. Amid this volume of claims, IDES was forced to try to weed out the fraudulent claims while under pressure to get money into the hands of the recently unemployed.

The Pritzker administration has said the PUA program was designed hastily and does not give employers an opportunity to challenge fraudulent claims because

the type of workers applying for benefits do not technically have employers. The PUA program also eliminated existing controls, including income and employment verification, according to a statement by IDES.

Much of the fraud, up to \$163 billion estimated nationwide, involved identity theft.

Scammers filed unemployment claims using false identities and then had the payment method switched from the debit cards that people receive when they qualify for benefits to direct deposit into an account accessible by them.

The audit found that, of the \$3.6 billion in PUA paid out from July

2020 through June 2021, nearly \$1.9 billion was found to be fraudulent, mostly due to identity theft.

"Overpayments associated with identity theft and traditional fraud within the PUA program was unprecedented and resulted in fraudsters using highly sophisticated techniques to take advantage of the current economic condition created by the COVID-19 pandemic," the audit stated.

The audit found IDES:

- Failed to implement general information technology controls over the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

- Failed to maintain accurate and complete pandemic unemployment assistance claimant data.

- Failed to perform timely cash

reconciliations.

IDES responded that the system used to manage the PUA

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## BET expands real estate holdings

With inflation roaring and cash losing value by the day, Black Ensemble Theater [BET] in Uptown and its founder Jackie Taylor are doing what a lot of investors are doing these days, and putting their cash into real hard assets.

Taylor and BET are recipients of two recent grants totaling over \$6 million that leaves them cash rich. So the theater has decided to expand their real estate footprint at the intersection of Clark and Sunnyside by buying the retail building at 4507-4509 N. Clark for \$1,175,000.

The building currently has two wholesale tenants and apartments above. It sits kitty-corner from the theater itself.

BET is utilizing grant money it received recently from both the State of Illinois and from Jeff Bezos' former wife Mackenzie Scott. BET also purchased the former

Somboon Auto Repair property at 4501 N. Clark St., and a retail building at 4410 N. Clark St. a year ago. Three years ago they bought 4453 N. Clark St., which is currently an empty lot.

Taylor has long expressed an interest in expanding the theater's interest up and down the block.

She told the Sun-Times in 2011 that the theater was only "the first element in what she sees as a much grander master plan for the immediate area." She has said she hopes to create a Jackie's Soul Food Restaurant as a place where "theater patrons can eat and meet and extend the cultural experience." She has hope for another nearby location that she'd like to transform into a "social services agency and a degree-granting performing arts college whose graduates can go on to work in her theater."



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicago house hunters should breathe a sigh of relief because the upward spiral of mortgage rates appears to be slowing.

"Over the last two weeks, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped by half a percentage point, as concerns about a potential recession continue to rise," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

On July 7, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages nationwide averaged 5.30%, down from 5.70% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year home loan rates averaged 2.90%.

"While the drop provides minor relief to buyers, the housing market will continue to normalize if home price growth materially slows due to the combination of low housing affordability and an expected economic slowdown," Khater said.

Fifteen-year fixed rate mortgages averaged 4.45% nationwide on July 7th down from 4.83% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loans averaged 2.20%.

The Freddie Mac survey focuses on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who put 20% down and have excellent credit.

Experts say the rate-increase pause likely is going to be short-lived, so it represents a narrow window for would-be home buyers who move quickly to lock in a mortgage in the low-5% range.

Another worry for summer home shoppers in Chicago is rising asking prices sparked by a shortage of resale home listings, and creating multiple-bid scenarios which could drive offers even

## The upward spiral of home-loan rates takes a breather



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higher.

Loan deals still available

However, Chicago-area borrowers who move quickly still have a faint chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of July 7, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 4.853% on 30-year loans and 4.2% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

- Mutual of Omaha was quoting 4.933% on 30-year loans and 4.625% on 15-year mortgages with a 20% down payment and a \$850 loan fee.

**Fed-funds rate inching higher**

The Federal Reserve Board is planning a 0.50% to 0.75% increase in its funds rate at the July 27 meeting, which likely will push benchmark 30-year fixed home loans higher again.

In an effort to control inflation, the Fed's credit tightening over time, will likely lead to higher loan rates for many consumers and businesses, including mortgages, credit cards and auto loans.

Economist say projections released by the policy-setting Federal Open Markets Committee signal the likelihood of the Fed raising rates several more times this year, in an effort to control inflation. That scenario could push the Fed Funds rate well above the current 1.50% to 1.75% by the end of this year.

The Fed faces an economic balancing act—the worst since the

early 1990s. If the Fed shifts too quickly, the central bank could roil markets and tip the economy into a deep recession, experts say.

On July 7, the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—rose to 3% from 2.91%.

If the Fed keeps pushing, it is likely that benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates could hit 6%-plus on the near horizon, especially for borrowers who have a FICO score under 740. If you have a mediocre 650-point credit score, expect to pay a higher interest rate today for a 30-year fixed mortgage, lenders said.

**Mortgage-rate history**

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.65%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

**Archives of the now-defunct**

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

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

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## Chicago rents defy national trend, climbing ever higher

**One-bedroom rents jumped 6.3% in June to \$1,870**

BY MIRANDA DAVIS  
*TheRealDeal*

Chicago rents aren't all that damn high, but they're rising at the nation's third-fastest pace.

The median rent for a one-bedroom Windy City apartment jumped 6.3% in June from May to \$1,870, an increase of almost a third over the past year, according to real estate website Zumper.

Two-bedrooms will set you back \$2,230, about the same percentage increase from May and 27% higher than a year ago.

That's a contrast to the rest of the nation, where median one-bedroom rents rose just 0.5% in June, a substantially slower increase than prior months, and two-bedroom rents fell 2.9%. Chicago's monthly increase was topped only by Norfolk, Virginia, and Fresno, California on the Zumper list.

One reason: With the pandemic lockdown ended, so are the deals that Chicago landlords offered to lure tenants during the health crisis, leading to a larger jump in rents than previous years, according to Zumper.

Rents dropped in major cities where employees opted to leave and work remotely from larger suburban spaces, but eventually

recovered. Those rents increased as more and more people became priced out of the red-hot pandemic housing market.

Relatively speaking, though, Chicago rents rank No. 13 in the nation. New York has the highest one-bedroom prices, at \$3,600, followed by San Francisco at \$3,000 and San Jose, California, at \$2,750.

Home sales are expected to slow this fall as mortgage rates rise, concern rises that a recession is coming, and potential buyers opt to delay purchases. Prices are dropping as well, so some buyers are trying to buy homes now that there's less competition.

# \$130M parting gift from fleeing billionaire

There are parting gifts, and then there are parting gifts from billionaires...

And the one being given by departing billionaire Ken Griffin is pretty substantial.

Griffin, who is moving with his investment firm Citadel to Miami, handed out \$130 million in parting gifts to 40 local organizations in June, hoping to provide a funding bridge as they seek to replace his charitable contributions that presumably will dry up after he leaves.

The list of recipients includes the usual suspects: the Univ. of Chicago is the largest recipient (\$30 million), including a \$15 million accelerated payment of a previous commitment.

Other gifts are going to Northwestern Medicine (\$25 million), the Field Museum (\$20 million), the Museum of Science and Industry (\$10 million) and Fourth Presbyterian Church.

While institutional board rooms may be sweating, Illinois political leadership remains mostly silent about Griffin and his

firm's departure.

Nobody is sure how the city will fill the civic and philanthropic gifting that was coming from the state's wealthiest man.

"His generosity will not be replaced," Laurence Msall told Robert Channick of the Chicago Tribune. Msall is the president of the Civic Federation, a Chicago-based government finance watchdog organization.

"Civic institutions, charitable and cultural institutions, will have to look for other sources, and go to a lot more diversified people to raise the same amount of money that he had contributed to their cause."

Msall said Griffin's decision to leave



Ken Griffin

Chicago was a "giant punch in the stomach" for the business community, and a major blow to the tax coffers of the city and state. In June, Griffin announced that he and Citadel will move to new headquarters in Miami's financial district after more than 30 years in Chicago. They had about 1,000 employees in Chicago.

Founded in 1990, Citadel is one of the largest hedge funds in the world, with \$51 billion in assets under management. Griffin himself is worth an estimated \$27 billion. He and his company have given more than \$600 million in donations to Chicago organizations such as the Art Institute, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Museum of Science and Industry.

During an Oct. 2021 appearance before the Economic Club of Chicago, Griffin cited growing crime as a major reason why Citadel and co-owned trading firm Citadel Securities were headed for corporate relocation. Oddly, nobody in City Hall or the Statehouse seemed that concerned over the potential loss of all that charity cash.

Organizations that each received a \$5 million June gift include Lurie Children's Hospital, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Institute of Chicago and first-time recipient Project

*Nobody is sure how the city will fill the civic and philanthropic gifting that was coming from the state's wealthiest man.*

HOOD, a South Side nonprofit focused on ending the cycle of poverty, violence and incarceration.

Griffin's most powerful donation is likely the one he made to the Museum of Science and Industry for \$125 million — the largest in its nearly 90-year history. Hereafter the museum will be known as the Kenneth C. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, truly a bittersweet daily reminder for Chicagoans of what was lost.

## Columbia College terminates tenured professor accused of sexual assault

BY NOAH JENNINGS  
The Columbia Chronicle

Tenured professor Sam Weller, who was accused of sexual assault by a former faculty member in February, has been terminated by Columbia College.

In an email statement, President and CEO Kwang-Wu Kim announced that Weller, who was an associate professor in the English and Creative Writing Dept., was issued a Notice of Dismissal July 8 as a result of the investigation conducted by the law firm Mayer Brown LLP.

"Based on Mayer Brown's findings that Professor Weller engaged in conduct that violated the college's sexual harassment and other policies, Provost Marcella David concluded that the conduct warranted termination," the statement read.

But as of Tuesday morning, a Columbia College website showed him as still being on the school's staff, and a June 15 online posting by one of his alleged victims shows that Weller may still be offering to provide one-on-one workshops with writers. That post states, "He can still impose influence over someone even virtually, please tread carefully and advise any young writer you know not to get involved (professionally or otherwise) with this man."

On Feb. 12, Cara Dehnert, a former as-

sociate professor of instruction in the Business and Entrepreneurship Dept., accused Weller of sexually assaulting her in her office in 2018. She also alleges that Weller "abused his power, manipulated, and sexually exploited his students and a colleague" at the college.

According to a report published in Medium by Dehnert, since her story first broke, "many other women have now come forward, sharing their nearly identical experiences at the hands of Weller (beginning as early as 2008). I'm told they've formally reported to the college as well. All of these other victims were his students."

Dehnert went on to explain her charges in a post titled "What Happened to Me." In it she states that Weller began to pursue her "beyond a collegial relationship, but I just wanted a friend who understood the heartbreak of divorce and the challenge of single parenting. Sam did not take no for an answer (which I would soon learn, to my detriment, was a pattern)."

She claims that Weller led with "professional carrots on sticks. He told me that he knew how to get me tenure, that he had connections in upper administration with the ability to, just, award it."

Dehnert said she spoke with Human Resources in a Feb. 2020 meeting where she told then-Associate Vice President of

Human Relations Norma De Jesus "everything," and provided texts, emails and Facebook messages between her and Weller, but never heard from Human Resources again following the meeting. (De Jesus resigned from her position at the college three weeks ago on June 24.)

"I had a long, tear-filled meeting where I told my whole story," said Dehnert. "HR asked what I wanted; did I want him fired? I said, I want for this never to happen again to anyone else."

Mayer Brown's investigation included a review of Columbia's Title IX and HR processes, according to Kim's email statement.

On Feb. 18, Weller agreed to "step away" from his classes while the college investi-

gated Dehnert's claims.

On Feb. 22, the college announced that it retained Mayer Brown to conduct an investigation into Dehnert's allegations, as well as the college's original handling of the case.

In addition to finding that Weller violated Columbia's sexual harassment policies, Mayer Brown "identified areas for improvement in the college's handling of sexual misconduct and related allegations," according to Kim's statement.

As a result, Kim outlined new ways the college is focusing on how it handles sexual misconduct and related allegations in the future.

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## City budget meeting July 30

North Siders will have an opportunity to participate in the Budget Engagement Forums 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 30, during a forum being held at Harry S. Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

Those who wish to attend may register at [Chicago.gov/2023budget](https://chicago.gov/2023budget). Pre-registration is requested but not required. ASL

and live captioning will be available. Those who may require language interpretation or any other accommodation, may contact [communityengagement@cityofchicago.org](mailto:communityengagement@cityofchicago.org). The presentation will begin with a talk by Budget Director Susie Park, followed with small roundtable sessions, and public comment.



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### City views and networking with four local chambers July 28

A joint chamber networking event will be held with the Lincoln Park, Lakeview - Roscoe Village, Lakeview East, and Old Town chambers participating 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28. Celebrate the summer with the return of one of the most well-

attended, in-person, networking events of the season on the outdoor roof deck at Lakeshore Sport & Fitness, 1320 W. Fullerton Ave. Guests may connect with professionals from across the North Side while enjoying snack bites, drinks, and delightful skyline views as you kick back and watch the sunset. For reservations or more information call 773-880-5200.

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# Are gambling addictions spiraling out of control?

First-ever Illinois assessment of gambling shows 440% increase in problems over previous year

While Chicago sprints full speed ahead to expand gambling, a June 16 report by the Illinois Dept. of Human Services [IDHS] released a first-of-its-kind state-wide assessment of problem gambling in Illinois, and it may point to an escalation of those who may be suffering from gambling addictions. The assessment found that 3.8% of adult Illinoisans -- approximately 383,000 people -- are considered to have a gambling problem, and an additional 7.7% -- approximately 761,000 people -- are at risk for developing a gambling problem. Gambling can a destructive endeavor for those who lose control of their habit. In the year 2021, 13,037 assessments were conducted by treatment providers, representing a 440% increase over the previous year. The significant growth was followed by a 185% increase over the previous year in the number of individuals receiving gambling treatment. The study found that 68% of adult Illinoisans reported gambling in the past year, with the State lottery being the most popular form. Following legalization and expansion, gambling at video

### Different types of gambling addictions

Gambling is a diverse activity, so different types of gambling addiction exist as well. It is not always obvious when someone is addicted to gambling. Contrary to popular belief, the act of gambling is not restricted to slot machines, cards and casinos. Purchasing a lottery ticket, entering a raffle or making a bet with a friend are also forms of gambling. Gambling addiction can occur when a person feels that they are in financial ruin and can only solve their problems by gambling what little they have in an attempt to get a large sum of money. Unfortunately, this almost always leads to a cycle in which the gambler feels they must win back their losses, and the cycle goes on until the person is forced to seek rehabilitation to break their habit. Another type of gambling addiction results when a gambler plays the games and makes risky bets to experience the emotional high associated with taking huge risks that occasionally pay off. In both cases, the person affected by this addiction must have the desire to stop the behavior, not just to please family and friends. The hallmark of any addiction is that you feel you cannot stop. The signs of a gambling problem are often the same as the signs of other addictions. Common signs of addiction include feeling the need to be secretive about gambling; having trouble controlling gambling habits; gambling when you cannot afford to, and when your friends and family express concern about your gambling.

gaming terminals and online sports betting showed significant growth over time. As the number of individuals in need of gambling treatment services continues to rise, IDHS

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# Maintaining calm amid chaos is critical

### Families pack ‘Go Bags’ to be ready for disasters

Two backpacks full of emergency supplies sit ready for action in John and Chloe Clayborn’s Lincoln Park living room — one “go bag” for each of them. The Clayborns check and update their go bags regularly to prepare for the unexpected. Yes, emergencies can happen here too. With the city seemingly spiraling out of control, and extreme weather events escalating in frequency and severity in recent years, experts urge families to plan ahead for both man-made and natural disasters. When the electricity snaps off, and Internet crashes, it may already be too late to prepare to flee. After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other critical supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Ready.gov, a FEMA website, recommends putting together a “collection of basic items” to last for several days, including food, water, a change of clothes, cash and a flashlight. The Clayborns admit to being

caught off guard a few times during severe storms while living in Puerto Rico years ago. The two have since assembled go bags, utilizing tips from various online sites. “The contents of that bag might literally save your life,” John Clayborn said. *“The contents of that bag might literally save your life,” John Clayborn said.*

The Clayborns also rehearse their emergency escape route. Know what disasters and hazards could affect your area, how to get emergency alerts, and where you would go if you and your family need to evacuate. Make sure your family has a plan and practice it often. “Being ready to face a disaster may be the difference between life and death when it unexpectedly hits,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for a Christian relief organization. “We can’t just say life is precious; we need to live it. That’s why advice to take practical steps to protect ourselves and our families from danger makes so much sense — even if threats seem far off.” Many make preparing go bags a fun activity for kids, letting them pick out their own bags and add

their favorite toys and nonperishable snacks. “Everyone in the family had a role in preparing the bags,” Chloe Clayborn said. “They know what’s in them, and they know where to find them. You’re not going to regret it. It could save your life.” A go-bag should include a first aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, matches in a waterproof container and a whistle. It also may be helpful to have strong tape, plastic sheeting and a few tools. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it’s ready when needed. Replace expired items as needed, and re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family’s needs change. And for those who still go to an office, be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a “grab and go” case. In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car too. Something as simple as a warm blanket and lit candle could save your life.



G-FEST is the largest regular annual gathering for fans of the Godzilla film franchise and other Japanese giant monster movies franchises, and it's coming to Chicago this weekend. While Godzilla movie screenings will be held at the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge. *Far right photo courtesy Kieran Murray, OKwhatever.com*

# Monsters run amok in Chicago

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

Oh no, there goes Tokyo!  
And next is Chicago... go go Godzilla!

G-FEST is the largest regular annual gathering of the Godzilla film franchise and other Japanese giant monster movies franchises such as Gamera and the Ultra Series.

Held each summer, it typically attracts more than 1,000 attendees. This year, local Godzilla fans will be gathering July 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont.

This event is a family-oriented convention which caters to a wide variety of interests within the kaiju (literally "strange beast") genre. G-FEST features presentations and Q&A sessions by actors and crew from the Japanese Godzilla films, fan presentations on topics of interest, contests and gaming, new and classic kaiju movies, the western world's largest kaiju-oriented dealers room, and lots of fun and camaraderie.

The special guests for G-FEST are guests of honor, Hiroyuki Kawase, starring as Ken Yano of Godzilla vs the Smog Monster



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(1971), and Roku-chan in Godzilla vs Megalon (1973), Tomoko Ai, starring as Katsura Mafune of Terror of Mecha Godzilla (1975). Also appearing is special guest Don Frye former UFC fighter and starring as Captain Douglas Gordon in Godzilla: Final Wars (2004).

Inspired by King Kong (1933), Japanese film producer Tomoyuki Tanaka co-created the Godzilla (1954) and produced the other films in the franchise up until Godzilla vs. Destoroyah (1995). Godzilla and other monster mov-

ies produced in the United States, Japanese, and other countries have a rich history which continues to grow to today. One of the most recent kaiju hits in American cinema is Godzilla vs. Kong (2021) a sequel to Kong: Skull Island (2017) and Godzilla: King of the Monsters (2019). Since the original Godzilla film in 1954, monster fans have created their own art and stories expressing their fandom through fanzines (fan magazines).

G-FAN is a quarterly fanzine devoted to coverage of Godzilla and other Japanese monsters. Issues range in size from 68 to 116 pages, and typically contain movie reviews and retrospectives, new and collectible product information, news of conventions, coverage of exhibitions and events in both Japan and North America, interviews with personalities involved in the production of kaiju eiga (Japanese monster movies), fan art, fan fiction and more. G-FAN has reached issue #135 since publishing began in 1993, making it one of the most successful fanzines in the history of the world!

G-FEST was founded by J.D. Lees, publisher of G-Fan maga-

zine and the G-Fan website, and the late John Rocco Roberto. It will feature panel discussions with their guests along with fan

***G-FAN is a quarterly fanzine devoted to coverage of Godzilla and other Japanese monsters.***

movie historians. There will also be a giant dealer's room, video game contests, video contests, art contest, modeling contest, costume contest & parade, special

programming for young fans and more.

Movie screenings will be held at the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge. This year includes the return of the "Double-Double Feature" on July 14 and Kaiju Features on July 15 and 16 including Godzilla vs Kong, Godzilla vs the Smog Monster and Terror of Mechagodzilla. Additional titles and showtimes are available at G-FAN.com.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$55. For more information, log onto [www.g-fan.com](http://www.g-fan.com).

## Levy Center meeting July 27

The Northeast Levy Center Village is hosting their next meeting virtually via Zoom 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27. Christine Washkevich, Community Liaison at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, will be their guest speaker, presenting information on the Court Advocacy program.

In addition, Becky Kliber, Supervisor at Welles Park, will be providing updates on park programming.

To register for the meeting, email Sean Dolan at [sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org](mailto:sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org). The meeting ID is 828 8528 5798, and pass-code is 2022. To join by phone call 312-626-6799.

The NE Levy Center Village, a collaborative volunteer network that aims to increase the accessibility of resources for older adults in Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Uptown and other North Side areas.

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  8. He closed down the Illinois economy. People became dependent on government after losing all those private sector jobs.
  7. He wasted at least \$2 billion. He gave unemployment to people who neither deserved it, earned it nor paid into it.
  6. He emptied state prisons. Now more convicted felons can turn their lives around, or commit more violent crimes. It's their choice.
  5. He doubled the state gasoline tax, and raised 24 other taxes. Now we pay a tax on the tax. Why is gas so expensive in Illinois?
  4. He passed fake criminal justice reform. No more bail. Criminals now have more rights than their victims.
  3. He chased Ken Griffin out of Illinois. We don't want the \$900 million per year in state income tax Griffin, his company, and his employees pay. And the charities don't need the hundreds of millions of dollars Griffin donates.
  2. He budgets billions every year to Chicago Public Schools. Because they do such a great job not educating what little students they have left. But hey, those Chicago union teachers appreciate being able to work remotely from a beach in the Caribbean.
  1. He kept the Illinois State Police off Chicago's Expressways. Don't want to interfere with the drive-by shootings and carjacking.
- BONUS: He needs the gig to get out of the house. Were it not for his day job, he'd likely lead a sedentary lifestyle.

Mike Sullivan  
Avondale

Write a Letter To The Editor  
at [insidepublicationschicago@gmail.com](mailto:insidepublicationschicago@gmail.com)

# Alderman cracking down on rogue hotel

At 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, the Chicago Plan Commission will host a virtual meeting to review proposed applications and amendments, including a proposal in River North that appears to be intended to keep a hotel that has had several shooting incidents on its property, from having their customers utilize the closest parking lots.

The surface parking lot within PD #735 is directly adjacent to the Eurostar Mag-

nificent Mile Hotel, 660 N. State St. Since PD #735 currently permits all uses in the B7-6 General Central Business District and accessory parking, the proposed ordinance amends the permitted use statement to exclude "hotel".

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] proposed this amendment to prevent a hotel development on the empty lot located at 1 W. Huron St.

On May 23, Reilly introduced an or-

dinance to amend Residential-Business Planned Development [PD] 735. PD #735 governs two parcels: a mixed-use building, located at 2 E. Erie St., and a surface parking lot, located at 1 W. Huron St. The ordinance proposes to remove "lodging" or "hotel/motel" as a permitted use at 1 W. Huron St. No other changes are proposed to the existing PD.

## City grants help improve educational outcomes for youth at Marshall Field Garden Apartments

BY ALD. MICHELE SMITH [43RD]

We are proud of the quality public education available to students in our neighborhood. However, there remain educational gaps for some who come from within our enrollment boundaries who tend to underperform at Lincoln Park High School.

This is a well-known issue, and our principals at the high school have worked hard to ensure that these children are given every opportunity and resource to succeed.

Recently, we were fortunate enough to have received two grants to help address this issue. The first is a \$50,000 grant to help rising juniors at Lincoln Park High catch up from learning losses during the pandemic.

The second is to support Youth For a Better Future [YBF], which works almost exclusively with children who live at the Marshall Field Garden Apartments, a more than 600+ unit complex in the 1300-1400 blocks of N. Sedgwick Ave. (Marshall Field Garden Apartments is a large non-governmental subsidized housing project in the Old Town neighborhood. The project was the largest moderate-income housing development in the U.S. at the time of construction in 1929.)

YBF's students primarily attend Manierre Elementary or Franklin Fine Arts School and go on to attend Lincoln Park

High School. With direct help from our neighborhood, these students can hope to achieve equity in their schooling.

YBF supplements and supports public education with after-school, field trips, dance groups, fashion, STEAM exploration, mentoring and other programs that excite and motivate kids to discover the world and make it their own. YBF requires participation in school to keep kids involved, and teachers are reporting that it is working.

### Commentary

YBF's founder and executive director, Adem Aluka, is a dedicated leader who has been working with youth in Chicago since 2010, and for the last three years at 1348 N. Sedgwick.

Aluka was born in Togo in western Africa and raised on three continents, accompanying his father, a diplomat with UNICEF. Aluka completed high school in Chicago, and later returned to Chicago, gravitating toward service and advocacy on behalf of the young people he often felt were without a voice—and, thus, without a future.

YBF's After School program has made the greatest impact, it provides a safe educational space for children ages 7 to 14 two afternoons per week plus Saturday 10 a.m.

- 4 p.m. YBF is also providing a summer program to fill the gap between the end of school and the beginning of City and CPS summer programs.

Thanks to \$75,000 in one-time City grants supported by Ald. Walter Burnett [27th] and myself, YBF has been able to hire personnel for the summer to support its camp and after-school program for most of 2022.

But much more needs to be done. YBF needs stable funding to keep its after school program growing, and it wants to hire a phonics specialist to do intensive work with its students. At the same time, YBF is looking for sponsors to donate experiences for the students which they otherwise would be unable to have.

YBF is also seeking to establish a Youth Career Mentor Program, in which Mentors discuss with a Student over 4 Zoom meetings a cross-cultural window into the professional working world. YBF also works with corporate partners to arrange for their professionals to participate in its program. If you or your company may be interested, contact Adem Aluka at 773-669-5007.

Please support an organization that will help African-American children a block away from our Ward to be able to succeed. Donate to YBF at [www.youthforabetterfuture.org](http://www.youthforabetterfuture.org).

### PROFESSOR from p. 5

Moving forward, Kim said the college will hire more specialists to work in areas dealing with issues such as Title IX, sexual harassment and discrimination. They will also "leverage outside expertise to guide changes in structure, policies and process" and are currently exploring the possibility of centralizing these areas.

Kim said the college also plans on providing more training for faculty and staff on handling sexual misconduct allegations as well as providing more information and spreading awareness about Title IX across the school.

In an email to the Chronicle, Dehnert said her initial reaction to the decision was a feeling of "peace."

"I am very pleased with the thought, care

and depth that [Columbia College] put into its investigation. I am proud of the institution from which I graduated and for which I worked for 15 years for holding true to its stated values and beliefs," Dehnert said. "I hope this decision brings solace and healing to us all, and I hope it sends a message to would-be abusers that using their power and influence in ways that are coercive, manipulative or improper will no longer be tolerated."

Madhurima Chakraborty, associate professor in the English and Creative Writing Dept. and president of the Faculty Senate, said the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate presented ideas to the Provost's Office in spring regarding the handling of sexual misconduct allegations.

"I'm grateful that the college is taking this seriously and is thinking about this not just as ... a one-off thing, but an actual systemic issue that needs to be looked at," Chakraborty said.

Chakraborty said although she has not heard anything related to the announcement through her formal capacity as Faculty Senate president, she thought the decision to terminate Weller was appropriate and said the colleagues she's spoken with feel similarly.

"We're happy to see that there's some accountability," Chakraborty said. "We're happy to see that there's been some response, that the allegations were taken seriously, that the report was taken seriously [and] that people are looking at more than just this one sort of case."

Weller did not immediately respond to a call and voicemail to his cell phone, or previous emailed requests for an interview.

*Editor's note: Inside Publications added more details to this story, that were discovered after this story was first published.*

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program is independent of the system used to manage regular unemployment benefits. From the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 through the end of 2021, IDES stopped \$40 billion in fraudulent payments from both state and federal programs, according to the agency's statement.

Republicans are calling for hearings related to IDES' handling of the programs and, specifically, whether the agency failed to follow federal recommendations for fraud prevention tools made available

before the pandemic.

"The Pritzker administration and IDES have refused to disclose the extent to which fraud affected our unemployment system and this audit makes abundantly clear why," Rep. Tim Butler said. "The loss of nearly \$2 billion, more than half the funds for the PUA program, displays an unprecedented level of negligence by the administration and IDES management. Blaming the previous president's administration is an unacceptable excuse and we need immediate hearings to get to the bottom of this failure."

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# Clare Crewsaders return for 2022 Chicago Dragon Boat Race



The Clare Crewsaders Dragon Boat Team had fewer paddlers this year, and averaged many years older than competing teams, but they proved competitive and managed to improve on races from past years. Teams for the 2022 races generally consisted of 20 paddlers and one drummer. This year, 13 residents from The Clare participated in the race.



ing their second race, the group shaved off 6 seconds from their initial time, crossing the finish line in 1 minute and 36 seconds.

“We pitched in and worked together like a real team,” says resident Roberta Weisberg. “I loved that feeling of fellowship and camaraderie.”

Leading up to race day, the Clare Crewsaders met once a week for a month with Fitness Manager Kim Chalekian. She conducted various workouts for the residents, including range of motion, strength, timing and high intensity cardio in the form of Tabata.

“I believe the timing drills and Tabata training in particular helped with their overall success,” Kim says. “I’m proud of them and their commitment.”

Ultimately, the Clare Crewsaders finished in last place, with their time just 1 second behind the team ahead of them. Despite the ranking, residents loved participating and proving what they can do.

“It was a really fun event,” says resident Betsy Kennedy. “The enthusiasm and dedication of each and every paddler made it memorable. It is amazing that a group of seniors were able to compete.”

After a three-year hiatus, the Clare Crewsaders came back stronger than ever for the 2022 Chicago Dragon Boat Race on June 25 in Chinatown’s Ping Tom Memorial Park.

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years older than competing teams, but they proved competitive and managed to improve on races from past years.

Teams for the 2022 races generally consisted of 20 paddlers and one drummer. This year, 13 residents participated in the event, along with four employees of The

Clare. The weather also posed a unique challenge, as it poured rain for the majority of the day.

But the downpour didn’t prevent residents from giving their all. On race day, the Clare Crewsaders completed their time trial race in 1 minute and 42 seconds. Dur-

## Streeterville public safety meeting July 28

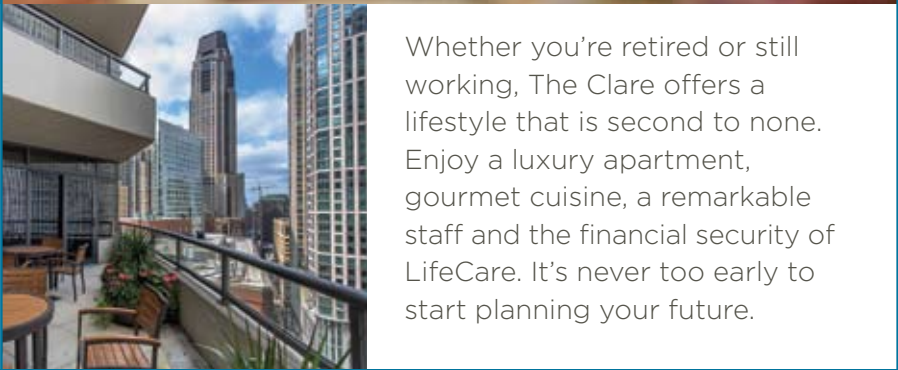
The Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] will host a public safety forum 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, in the Hughes Auditorium at the Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Building, 303 E. Superior St.

The evening will be moderated by NBC5 Chicago reporter Charlie Wojciechowski. Speakers will include Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], CPD 18th District Cmdr. Jon Hein and Director Elli Petacque Montgomery from the

Cook County Sheriff’s Office. Petacque Montgomery, a licensed clinical social worker, has been with the Sheriff’s Office for 14 years.

Attendees will be able to submit questions ahead of time that they’d like answered at the event.

A police CAPS meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Northwestern’s Simpson Querry Biomedical Research Center, 303 E. Superior.



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# Police Beat...

**Stolen car slams into Old Town restaurant patio, injuring six**



The stolen car rests in the outdoor patio area of Uproar, 1252 N. Wells St.

Car thieves took a food delivery driver’s idling car in Old Town, then crashed into a nearby sidewalk cafe, injuring six people on July 8. The offenders got away.

The delivery driver, a 26-year-old man from Cicero, reportedly left his silver Lexus sedan running and unattended while making a delivery in the 1300 block of N. Wells around 10:30 p.m. Two people jumped into his car and sped away southbound.

Police said the car thief tried to pass another vehicle in the 1200 block of N. Wells, but he clipped the other car, lost control, and crashed into a restaurant’s patio, which was filled with patrons and servers enjoying a warm Friday night.

The victims were outside Uproar, 1252 N. Wells, when the stolen car jumped the curb and slammed into the restaurant’s outdoor dining area and the adjacent sidewalk.

“Please pray for the 6 people taken to the hospital [including] 2 of our dedicated staff,” said Dante Deiana, a partner in Uproar’s management group, on Twitter. “Of course the two who stole and crashed this car fled. Didn’t check on the bodies strewn about or the one pinned under the car.”

EMS transported two women, ages 24 and 26, to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition with broken legs, police said. The other three victims were taken to St. Mary’s Hospital in good condition; a 26-year-old man with bruises to his back, a 32-year-old man with a cut to his elbow, and a 26-year-old woman with a foot injury. A sixth person declined medical attention.

“Huge thank you to the Chicago Fire and Chicago Police departments who were both on site within minutes and treating the victims. We’re so lucky for these people,” Deiana said.

Surveillance video shows two slender Black males wearing black hoodies and jeans running from the Lexus and heading west on Goethe St. The video shows one hoodie had white writing across the front while the other had a white design, according to officers at the scene.

**Teen charged with robbing five North Side businesses**

Prosecutors have charged a 16-year-old boy with robbing five businesses in less than an hour on Chicago’s North Side on July 6.

According to police reports and a CPD media statement, the teen was identified as the offender who robbed four 7-Eleven locations and crawled into a Dunkin’ drive-thru to steal the cash register.

Investigators tracked the robber’s minivan to the Englewood neighborhood and arrested the teen in

the 5900 block of S. Peoria around 10:26 a.m. Officers said they found several cash registers inside the van.

The crime spree began around 5:15 a.m. at 7-Eleven, 1404 W. Pratt, in Rogers Park. A robber wearing a ski mask entered the store and took money from the register along with tobacco products, mostly cigarettes.

He struck again minutes later at 6801 N. Sheridan, another 7-Eleven.

Then he pulled up to the Dunkin’ at 5130 N. Broadway. According to a CPD report, he climbed into the drive-thru window and ripped the register out after asking the cashier if they had money.

He hit the 7-Eleven at 1425 W. Montrose next and, two minutes later, he entered 7-Eleven at 1532 W. Lawrence Ave. and acted like he had a gun as he robbed the store, according to police reports.

The 16-year-old is charged with five counts of aggravated robbery, misdemeanor resisting, and misdemeanor obstruction of identification. According to a CPD media statement, the boy also had an outstanding warrant.

Police did not release additional information about the boy because he is a juvenile.

**‘I threw the b\*tch out the window’**

**Uptown man allegedly admits in call from police station; murder charge filed**

An Uptown man threw a naked woman to her death from his fifth-floor apartment window minutes after his girlfriend arrived at his home on July 6, prosecutors said.

“I threw the b\*tch out the window,” Tyson Tillman said in a phone call from the police station, according to prosecutor James O’Connor, a comment allegedly captured on a Chicago police officer’s bodyworn camera.

O’Connor did not suggest a motive for the murder, nor did he know the nature of Tillman’s relationship with the victim, whom he identified as Tabitha Tanner.



Surveillance video showed Tillman arriving at his apartment building on the 4500 block of N. Magnolia around 10:09 p.m. and his girlfriend arriving at the building 38 minutes later, O’Connor said.

Doorbell cameras from Tillman’s neighbors showed his girlfriend pacing the hallway until at least 10:57 p.m., according to O’Connor.

At 10:59 p.m., an exterior camera recorded Tanner’s naked body falling to the ground in an alley behind the apartment building, he said.

Tillman, 38, was seen leaving his apartment in a red shirt moments after Tanner fell, and an exterior camera captured someone in a red shirt checking on her body at 11:03 p.m., according to O’Connor. Tillman re-entered the building at 11:11 p.m., he said.

Tanner’s body was discovered at 6:11 a.m. on Thursday, and she was pronounced dead at 6:30 a.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner’s office, which said she died from injuries sustained in a fall from a height, including a broken leg, facial injuries, and a lacerated heart.

When police interviewed Tillman at the scene, he initially denied knowing anything about the situation, O’Connor said. But Tillman later admitted that they were involved in a physical altercation in his apartment, O’Connor continued. Tillman allegedly told police that Tanner’s clothing came off during the fight, and she fell from the window.

But investigators took Tillman in for

questioning, and an officer’s bodyworn camera allegedly recorded him saying in a phone call, “I threw the b\*tch out the window.”

Tillman’s public defender said he lives alone and has a child on the way. She argued that it is too soon to know if Tanner was thrown from the window or if she perhaps jumped or accidentally fell.

Since 2003, Tillman has been sentenced to prison eight times, primarily for drug-related offenses, according to O’Connor. He is now charged with first-degree murder.

Tillman’s “callous manner” in referring to Tanner in the phone call was noted by Judge Mary Marubio, who ordered him held without bail.

A search of the Cook County medical examiner’s online records revealed eight other homicides in which the victim died due to a fall from a height, some of which involved victims who were escaping intentionally set fires and other factors. Tanner’s death is only the second apparent case of defenestration in the database.

**Teen boy killed at Warren Park in “targeted attack”**

A 15-year-old boy was shot and killed while sitting on a bench inside Warren Park on July 5, Chicago police said. The local alderman said she was told that the murder was an “isolated and targeted incident.”

The boy was with friends near the bike path in the southeast corner of the park, 6601 N. Western Ave., when the gunman approached and fired shots at him around 1:51 p.m. Police said the boy suffered a gunshot wound to his right shoulder and later died at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

Officers on the scene said witnesses were unable to provide a description of the offender.

“The police are saying [it] was an isolated and targeted incident,” Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] said in an email to her constituents. “There is currently no danger to the general public.”

“I grieve for the victim and for all of the youth who get caught in our city’s cycle of gun violence,” she wrote.

“I am very disturbed and angry by the brazenness of this shooting—that it would happen in the middle of the day in one of our neighborhood parks.”

**Auto theft crew hits West Ridge car dealership**

A slick crew of ski-masked auto thieves hit a West Ridge car dealership during business hours, the latest in a citywide surge of similar crimes at Chicago’s car dealers, rental agencies, and parking operations. The crews take advantage of the fact that many of these businesses leave keys in vehicles, either through convenience or necessity, while on private property.

Valet car operators are notorious for leaving keys inside vehicles, often to make it easier for employees to shuffle and move vehicles that are stacked in tightly-packed rows.

Security cameras were rolling when a theft crew stopped by at Wheels of Chicago, 6229 N. Western, around 2 p.m. June 24.

Wheels of Chicago posted images of the thieves to its Facebook page with a warning to residents and other businesses.

“There are two masked men going to dealerships and service shops and stealing cars/parts,” the dealership warned. “They are driving a stolen Honda Accord, plate # IL 558-1Z65 ... If you see them please dial 911 immediately and report them. Stay safe!”

The dealership’s video shows two men stepping out of the Honda after it backs into the garage. They head toward two cars. One thief drives away with a gray SUV. But his buddy ap-

parently couldn’t find the keys to the other car. He had to run outside and hitch a ride in the SUV.

“They came back a few days later but were scared off by security that time,” said someone who is familiar with the thefts.

So far, no arrests have been announced in the Wheels of Chicago heist.

**Armed robbers fire a shot in River North**

An armed robbery crew apparently fired a shot toward a victim in River North on July 6, just hours after a similar crew robbed a man in the West Loop.

The robberies are similar to a string of robberies in the same areas and on the North Side, including one last week in Lincoln Park in which three masked robbers fired a shot at a man. That crime was caught on camera.

Around 2 a.m., police responded to multiple 911 calls, mostly from passing motorists, of men with guns and shots fired on the 300 block of W. Ohio.

Police searched the area and found a man who reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint by three men wearing ski masks. Two of the men put guns to his head and took his wallet and phone, the man reported.

They also fired a shot at him, but missed, according to initial information from the scene. A CPD spokesperson said the official police report was still being finalized as of Wednesday morning.

On July 4, a man was shot during an apparent robbery attempt on the 400 block of E. Erie. The gunman escaped in a white Nissan Murano that headed toward Lake Shore Dr. with two other occupants.

In the West Loop, a 42-year-old man told police he was walking on the 1200 block of W. Randolph when a black SUV, possibly a Jeep, rolled up around 10:10 p.m. July 5.

He said three men stepped out of the car, displayed guns, and took property from his pockets and his wristwatch, police said. The crew fled north in the SUV, according to a police spokesperson.

On June 20, a group of armed robbers shot at a man near the Armitage Brown Line CTA station and then committed two more robberies in nearby Lakeview, Chicago police said. It all happened within about 20 minutes, starting at 5:30 a.m.

That’s when three robbers jumped out of a gray four-door car and confronted a 31-year-old man who was walking in the 2000 block of N. Lincoln Ave. One of the offenders displayed a gun and demanded the man’s property, but the victim ran toward Armitage Ave. instead, said Kellie Bartoli, a CPD spokesperson.

He told police he heard a loud noise as he bolted for safety. Cops found a shell casing at the scene and the gunfire can be heard on a captured video.

Then the group got back into the car, which was possibly a Toyota, and drove west in the alley behind Armitage.

Then, between 5:45 and 5:50 a.m., two men approached a 23-year-old woman from behind as she walked in the 1100 block of W. Wellington in Lakeview. They displayed guns and demanded her property, Bartoli said.

The victim complied, and the robbers, who wore ski masks, escaped in a black four-door sedan that was waiting for them nearby. It headed west on Wellington.

Finally, a dark-colored sedan carrying four people pulled over in the 1300 block of W. Fletcher at 5:55 a.m. A man emerged from the back passenger-side door with a handgun and confronted a 27-year-old woman who was walking nearby.

**Man shot in Rogers Park**

A 19-year-old man was shot while entering his car in Rogers Park on July 8, Chicago police said. It was the second shooting of the day in the neighborhood, but the crimes did not appear to be related.

The man was about to get into his car in the 7500 block of N. Seeley around 1:36 p.m. when at least one gunman opened fire from a passing red vehicle, according to a CPD media statement.

Police said the victim was shot once in the right leg. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital in good condition.

Officers at the scene said they found 20 to 30 shell casings from more than one caliber, which suggests more than one person may have been firing shots.

The red car, which has tinted windows, was last seen heading south on Seeley.

Earlier on Friday, a man was shot in both legs after a gunman opened fire on a homeless encampment in Rogers Park in the 7300 block of N. Clark, on the west end of Touhy Park.

As of today these victims are the 13th and 14th persons shot in Rogers Park this year.

**Teen boys carjacked Lincoln Park woman at gunpoint**

Two boys, ages 14 and 17, are charged with carjacking a Lincoln Park woman at gunpoint in the garage behind her home on July 10.

The teens have been identified as the offenders who walked into the woman’s garage in the 2200 block of N. Orchard and demanded control of her car at gunpoint around 11:15 a.m., according to Chicago police.

The victim, 40, complied and they drove away in her SUV.

Police located the car in the 1000 block of S. State St. around 2:30 p.m. and took its three occupants into custody. Officers on the scene reported finding a gun in the vehicle, too.

Both boys are charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm. The 17-year-old was also charged with obstructing identification and was served with a warrant, which suggests he has another active criminal case.

No charges were announced against the third person.

**One injured after gunman opens fire on Rogers Park homeless encampment**

A man was shot in both legs after a gunman opened fire on a homeless encampment in Rogers Park. It happened around 6:23 a.m. July 8 in the 7300 block of N. Clark St., on the west end of Touhy Park.

According to a Chicago police statement, the 53-year-old victim was sitting outside when the gunman shot him. He walked across the street to a firehouse for assistance and was taken to St. Francis Hospital in fair condition.

It’s not clear if the victim was the intended target or if he lives in the encampment.

According to witnesses, a gunman approached the tent city from within the park and started firing shots. They said he then ran back toward Paulina St. and continued north.

The suspect is a Black male who wore a baseball cap backward and a neon green face mask, according to an officer at the scene.

This is the 13th person shot in Rogers Park this year. That’s exactly the same number of shooting victims the neighborhood recorded at this point in 2021.

# Boystown crime wave leaves one carjacked, at least four robbed, one hospitalized

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are looking into a two-hour violent crime spree that hit Boystown July 10. According to preliminary police information, one victim was severely beaten, another was carjacked, and at least four street robberies were reported in the Halsted nightlife district.

Detectives are questioning two people in connection with two of the robberies.

First, a 43-year-old man suffered a head injury when an offender beat him with an object outside 7-Eleven, 3407 N. Halsted, around 11:25 p.m. Security officers detained a suspect who is being questioned. The victim was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in serious

condition, a CPD spokesperson said.

Within minutes of the attack, police responded to a string of strong-arm robberies along the famed LGBTQ bar strip.

The spokesperson said between 10 and 12 offenders pushed a 30-year-old man to the ground, punched him, and took his property in the 3200 block of N. Halsted around 11:24 p.m. The robbers fled, but police arrested two of them nearby a short time later. Charges are pending.

The same two men are suspected of robbing a passenger late Sunday night at the Addison Red Line station.

At around 11:47 p.m., three robbers beat and robbed a 41-year-old man who was walking in the 3300 block of N. Halsted, the po-

lice spokesperson said. No arrests have been made in this case.

Another man was reportedly tackled, physically assaulted, and robbed in the 3400 block of N. Halsted shortly after midnight. Another man reported to police that three men and two women physically assaulted him in what he thought was a robbery attempt near Belmont and Halsted around 11:40 p.m. The CPD spokesperson could not provide additional information about these two cases due to the large number of incidents involved in the crime spree.

Finally, at about 1:10 a.m., an armed man carjacked a driver of his white Audi TT convertible in the 800 block of W. Bradley. The hijacker was described as a Black male with a ponytail who

was dressed in a white shirt, dark shorts, and a red baseball hat. According to officers on the scene, he was between 35- and 40-years-old and weighed around 160 lbs.

Police are also looking into a strong-arm robbery aboard a northbound Red Line train near Fullerton, which occurred before the Boystown incidents.

Shortly before 10 p.m., three people jumped the man as their train moved through Lincoln Park. He exited at Fullerton, and the group continued north, according to an officer who reviewed CTA surveillance footage. According to the video, the suspects are a Black male wearing a white hoodie and jeans with a fanny pack across his chest; a Black female with pink hair who wore a white baseball cap, a white

tank top, and leggings; and a Black male with a backpack who wore a black baseball hat, t-shirt, and dark jeans.

Police in the Lakeview-based Town Hall (19th) District handled 199 robberies this year through July 3, according to Chicago Police Dept. statistics. That's up 73% from last year, 67% from 2020, 59% compared to 2019, and 25% versus 2018.

## Cops need video to build cases against Lincoln Park robbery wave suspects

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three teenage boys that investigators believe are responsible for a series of robberies and car thefts in a small section of Lincoln Park are now on electronic monitoring, according to the local alderman. Now, police need to find videos of the robberies to help build cases against the suspects.

Even after the recent arrests, though, similar crimes continue to occur in the area.

The crime hotspot is roughly located between Fullerton Ave., Diversey Pkwy, Clark St., and Lakeview Ave. Since June 1, more than a dozen robberies have been reported in the area, all involving young men who targeted women, mostly in the afternoon and evening. Other incidents were also reported in the nearby Lakeview neighborhood.

Investigators believe the same offenders stole dozens of idling cars from the same area of Lincoln Park as well as near the intersection of Belmont and Clark in Lakeview. Last week, police arrested two 15-year-olds and a 19-year-old woman after a woman was robbed of her car in the 2300 block of N. Fullerton. The woman is still in jail. The juveniles, according to an email from Ald. Michele Smith (43rd), are now on electronic monitoring.

After the trio was arrested, CWBChicago reported that the 15-year-olds were two of the



On July 3, a woman was robbed of her purse inside a business on the 400 block of W. Diversey. She told police that two people entered the store and took her purse as she walked into a restroom. The thieves ran out, and a witness followed them to the 700 block of W. Diversey until police arrived. But the woman was unable to identify the individuals as the offenders. Police later caught the would-be thieves, they were a pair of 16 and 17-year-old boys.

three suspects in the robberies and that more than 20 cars stolen from Lakeview and Lincoln Park had been recovered near one of the boys' suburban homes. Smith confirmed our reporting in her email to constituents.

But on July 1, days after the arrests were made, another 15-year-old was arrested after he allegedly robbed a woman in the middle of the "hot zone." After the mugging, he went to the Belmont Red Line station and allegedly committed another robbery. Smith said he, too, is now on electronic monitoring.

Yet, thefts of idling cars and robberies of women continue in the area, although at a slower pace than in June.

On July 3, a Chicago police officer noticed an auto theft in progress in the 2400 block of N. Clark St. and pursued the of-

fender, who ran from the vehicle. The car, like so many others in the Lincoln Park and Lakeview patterns, had been left idling by a delivery driver.

Cops caught the would-be thief, a 16-year-old boy who lives less than four blocks from one of the teens charged with robbing the woman of her car in the 2300 block of N. Clark last week.

Later a 25-year-old woman was robbed of her purse inside a business on the 400 block of W. Diversey. According to a CPD spokesperson, she told police that two people entered the store and took her purse as she walked into

a restroom.

The thieves ran out, and a witness followed them to the 700 block of W. Diversey until police arrived. But the woman was unable to identify the individuals, one of whom was a 17-year-old boy, as the offenders. She found her purse when she returned to the store, but items were missing from inside, the spokesperson said.

Ald. Smith said police are trying to find surveillance video of robberies in the area to help them build cases against the teens who are on electronic monitoring.

### SPIRAL from p. 4

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### DRAMA from p. 2

well. Strong entrepreneurs unafraid of hard work or treasured food upon a plate. Billy, a former member of the Irish Senate, is a celebrated pub owner on both sides of the ocean. In Chicago The Gaga Group operates four restaurants. The business success of his children is no secret. Fifteen years ago he opened The Gage, transforming Michigan Avenue's southern route. The rest is history. **Billy Jr.**, with sisters **Clodagh** and **Amy** have enriched Chicago's tastebuds. Congrats on 15 years of food genius.

**POSTAGE:** Mr. Cubs, **Fergie Jenkins**, is now on Canada's 59¢ stamp.

**DEMOLITION MAN:** Radio celeb **Steve Dahl** with lovely wife **Janet** in New Buffalo, MI, awaiting his knee getting fixed.

**A LEG UP:** **Todd S. Davis** is recuperating following a fall that put him in Northwestern, but now home for healing.

**LE COLONIAL:** The treasured Oak St. restaurant, Le Colonial, has now opened a branch office in Lake Forest. Present for the opening was architect **Lucien** and **Melinda Jakovich Lagrange**, along with Eamonn Cummins and Pennie Taylor.

**HIGH NOTES:** Songstress **Irene Michaels** has assembled a talented group of leading Chicago musicians and singers to form the "Our House" band. It debuted in the spring of 2021 to rave reviews and sold-out shows. Currently Irene is gearing up for the release of her first two songs, distributed by SONY and produced by Trax Records.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Col. **Paul Malarik III** and **Lynn Graham** lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill, noshing in the Irv Kupcinet Booth... Artist **Dan Molidor** describing his 'caught on TV moment' at the Drake Hotel while **Anna Devlantes** was filming... word is **Lynn** and **Jim Kiley** are back with a post-pandemic residence in Chicago for which we are all happy... **John E. Smyth** (descendent of Chicago's historic furniture magnate, **John M. Smyth**) is traveling with his 6'-4" teenage son **Alexander** to Dublin to show him the Emerald Isle... brushing up on their French **Jeff** and **Stephanie Leese Emerich** are packing their berets for some summertime in Paris... **Zurich Esposito** in Galena, Idaho having fun in Sun Valley at a family wedding... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** and **John Rogers** in Naples, Italy, boarding a helicopter for **Robin Shapiro's** wedding... Notre Dame alum **Emmett Whealan** is in Wisconsin at his lake home for birthday 86... **Candace Jordan** with **Nina Mariano**, Bear Tie Bash co-chairs, at Piccolo Sogno



Diane O'Connell and Kimberly Small.



Candace Jordan and Nina Mariano with chef Tony Priola and friends



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lunch saying thanks to chef/partner **Tony Priola** for his great support in raising \$26k for cancer kids... **Shelley Howard** with **Jason Erkes** at **Johnny Imerman's** birthday bash... Radio man **Robert Murphy** soaking up the vintage autos outside Tavern on Rush in the Viagra Triangle... **Joey Majamdar** at Aries in Las Vegas... **Fr. Jerry Boland** in Zagreb, Graz and Ljubiana with parish pilgrimage... **Sean Eshaghy** with **Drew Palmer** in Club Deportivo



Meghan Markle

in Acapulco, Mexico... **Rose Gomez** at Wimbledon watching **Sir James Murray**... **Kristin Zielbauer Kinder** at the Louvre in Paris... **Tracey Tarantino Di Buono** at Butterfield Country Club, Oakbrook, with the whole family... **Al** and **Virginia Shorey** sailing off the Irish coast of Killibegs... **Julia Jacobs** at Northern Waters Distillery in Minocqua, WI... **Dan Kirk** and **Brian Wolff** at Bricks and Ivy

event at Wrigley for the Cubs... **Julie Barrish**, **Michelle Algeria** and **Mary Lasky** with daughters at Maple and Ash... Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell** noshing with pal **Kimberly Small**...

**Kristin Doll Drutchas** surveying the laneways of London's quaint Soho... **Doug Van Tress** at Golden Triangle Chiang Mai, Thailand... **Jennifer Zucker Healy** with mom, **Shelly Zucker**, fab at 75... **Whitney Reynolds** with the companions of her childhood at Lake Texoma near Dallas, TX... Birthday wishes to retired NU Dermatologist **Dr. Henry Roenigk**, and birthday joy to two of Chicago's best, **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Sherry Lea Fox**.

**FLAIR SAVE THE DATE:** Sept. 30, The Langham, 330 N. Wabash, 11:45 a.m., **Sherry Lea Holson** this year's honoree.

**HAIL MARY PASS:** The most troublesome rumor of the summer already has Palace insid-

ers quietly hysterical in London. Freaking out doesn't cover it. Apparently in an insane scenario, American **Meghan Markle**, the Duchess of Sussex, has secretly let it be known that she might become a Roman Catholic. Not just a matter of faith, but a Constitutional issue for members of the Royal family. Catholics can't be in the line of succession. So naturally any talk of Catholicism starts everyone's pacemakers fluttering. The Duchess only became a member of the Protestant Church of England days before her wedding to **Prince Harry** in 2018. If Meghan joined the **Pope**, could Prince Harry and the children be far behind? Many see any such thought as revenge after the awful family reunion for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It's beyond thermonuclear. They must be bumping into the walls. Touché. The Duchess was raised Protestant, but attended Roman Catholic schools.

**Violence can only be concealed by a lie, and the lie can only be maintained by violence.**

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# Farm Bureau, Lincoln Park Zoo partner to protect pollinators

BY JEFF BROWN

Call it the honeybee version of a Yelp review: Pollinators have developed a system of alerting others when they find an especially good place to eat.

They dance.

But besides the noticeable show for alerting other bees, the dance serves another purpose at Lincoln Park Zoo, where educators use it to ease nervousness among visitors about why there are so many bees buzzing around.

"We often have field trip groups that are understandably a little afraid of bees," said Emma Martell, the zoo's manager of learning exploration. "One really cool thing about bees is they'll do a waggle dance to communicate. They actually use this method to tell the other bees where the best flowers and nectar and pollen are to be found."

"So, once we share a little bit about that, we invite kids to do the waggle dance themselves, everyone's a little more comfortable with bees."

Cook County Farm Bureau [CCFB] agrees with the need to make everyone more comfortable with bees and other pollinators.

In June, the Farm Bureau partnered with Martell and Lincoln Park Zoo to set up an ag literacy table in a main thoroughfare at the zoo. CCFB staff spoke with hundreds of visitors, most of them elementary school students taking field trips in the final days of the semester.

"Everybody should care. Pollinators impact every single one of us," said Bona Heinsohn, CCFB director of governmental affairs and public relations. "Farmers, consumers, individuals, all families are connected to pollinators. We need to care. We need to be aware. We need to do our own little bit."



Cook County Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Diane Merrion (center) talks to students on a field trip at the Lincoln Park Zoo during a recent ag literacy day. Merrion, who retires in July, will be replaced in that role by Katrina Milton (right).  
Photo by Jeff Brown of Illinois Farm Bureau

To nurture pollinators along the North Lakefront, Lincoln Park Zoo renovated a man-made pond to become Nature Boardwalk, a recycled boardwalk path surrounded by wildflowers, native plants and other pollinator attractants. The area is located near its Farm-in-the-Zoo exhibit, designed to help an urban audience learn where how farmers produce food and care for animals. The farm features several farm animals and two edible gardens.

The zoo also encourages visitors to plant native species at home, whether they live in the city or own a suburban home with a yard.

CCFB's table featured games, crafts and giveaways, including sending home seed in hopes it might find its way into a backyard garden or just a pot that gets placed on a porch.

"People in the city always say, 'What can I do? I have a condo. I have a porch.' There are opportunities for every single person to help pollinators by planting a garden or planting a container garden," Heinsohn said. "There are

materials in our activity bags that we're sending home with families where it shows them the resources to plant and provides seeds. And the seeds are provided through a grant from Illinois Farm Bureau [IFB].

Armed with information and inspiration, Martell said schoolchildren can influence their parents' landscaping decisions.

"We try to reach the kids first and then reach the families through them. We hope it'll trickle back to the parents," Martell said.

IFB provides grant funding to 13 county Farm Bureaus, including CCFB, to help implement pollinator projects. The projects range from installing and maintaining pollinator habitat to education and outreach.

"We all contribute, and can all make a difference for pollinators," said IFB Environmental Program Manager Raelynn Parmely. "It's just about providing the right resources for everyone and having the conversation about how we're all able to do this together."

## GAMBLING from p. 6

has spent more for gambling addiction services, including \$10 million budgeted for State Fiscal Year 23.

Commissioned by IDHS and conducted by researchers at Health Resources in Action [HRIA], the assessment reports on the prevalence of different types of gambling in the state, the availability of treatment and other services, the prevalence of problem gambling among different groups, and overall attitudes about gambling.

The assessment was ordered in response to legislation that expanded access to gambling across the state.

The 250-page report includes 10 recommended strategies the State and partners can take to address problem gambling amidst this expansion. These include providing consistent funding toward problem gambling prevention and services, increasing awareness about problem gambling and its symptoms, and improving access to treatment for problem gambling.

Those suffering from a gambling addiction endure physical health issues such as ulcers, stomach problems, headaches, and insomnia due to stress. People with problematic gambling issues are also more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, which can lead to further devastating effects.

Problem gambling is harmful to psychological and physical health. People who live with this addiction may experience depression, migraines, distress, intestinal disorders, and other anxiety-related problems. As with other addictions, the consequences of gambling can lead to feelings of despondency and helplessness.

"For those who do struggle

with a gambling disorder, they seldom seek help and often hide their behavior from family members," said IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou.

Those who think they may have a gambling addiction may visit the website WeKnowTheFeeling.org, call 1-800-GAMBLER, or text "ILGamb" to 53342.

IDHS has funded 26 gambling treatment programs through 2022. Twenty-one of them provide outpatient treatment and outreach services to the communities they serve.

Over the past two years, over 245 clinicians have been trained to provide gambling disorder treatment services in Illinois.



(L-R) Frank Sinatra. Julie Andrews wore a cartwheel hat in 'The Sound of Music,' 1965.



Audrey Hepburn hat and sunglasses.

## Hat Party July 21

After nearly two years of presenting Hat Party on Zoom, fashion commentator Deborah Karabin has taken her one-woman show "The Hollywood Hats" live.

Karabin will appear at the Center for Life and Learning [CLL] at Fourth Presbyterian Church 2:30 to 4 p.m., Thursday, July 21. "Entitled Hats Off! A Vintage Hat Tea," is open to both CLL members and non-members.

Hat Party is a historical fashion commentary that traces the styles and lives of famous hat-wearing women and men. Other programs

include: The Political Hats; The Royal Hats: Seven Decades of Queen Elizabeth II; Coco & Elsa: Chanel and Schiaparelli Fashion Divas.

Past Hat Party events were held at the Woman's Athletic Club, the Standard Club, and such groups as the Wauconda Women's Club, Lake Bluff and Lake Forest Woman's Clubs.

Attendees must register prior to the event. Visit [www.fourth-church.org/cll/excursions](http://www.fourth-church.org/cll/excursions) for pricing and information, call 847-864-4448 or write to yourhatparty@gmail.com.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SABRINA KOSTENKO-BROWNE; IRA BROWNE; 680 LAKE RESIDENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; 680 PRIVATE GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,  
21 CH 6054  
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 Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 17-10-202-063-1129 AND 17-10-202-085-1052.  
Commonly known as 680 N. Lake Shore Drive, Apt 1309, Chicago, IL 60611.  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection  
For information call Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. (440) 572-1512. ILF2106010  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION A/K/A CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
I G S GROUP OF COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION ITEXKHAR A. SHAREEF; NATIONAL BANKCARD CORPORATION; UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; LAKE POINT TOWER AKA LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANTS, OCCUPANTS AND LEASEHOLDS;  
Defendants,  
21 CH 968  
NOTICE OF SALE

Real Estate For Sale

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P.I.N. 17-10-214-022-0000 AND 17-10-214-035-0000.  
Commonly known as 505 North Lake Shore Drive, Unit 101, Chicago, IL 60611.  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with an office/retail space of approximately 5,300 square feet. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call Mr. David Lipschutz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Trunkett & Trunkett, P.C., 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 324-3101. 56601  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
STEVEN V. IVANKOVICH AKA STEVEN IVANKOVICH; JEANETTE IVANKOVICH; ANTHONY D. IVANKOVICH, M.D.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,  
19 CH 14866  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 14-33-413-004-0000; 14-33-413-017-0000.  
Commonly known as 235 West Menomonee St & 234 W. Willow St., Chicago, Illinois 60614.  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with two single family residences. 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 properties will NOT be open for inspection.

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For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. F19120045  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
2020CH03907  
512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201  
CHICAGO, IL 60611  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201, CHICAGO, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427  
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$234,671.73.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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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 Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 312792.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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COLONIAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A.  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
VERONICA H CASTNER, VERONICA CASTNER AS THE NEXT FRIEND OF H.C., A MINOR, VERONICA CASTNER AS NEXT FRIEND OF M.H., A MINOR, CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEFFREY D CASTNER, IF ANY, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NONINEE FOR CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JEFFREY D CASTNER, DECEASED  
Defendants  
2019CH01302  
1400 NORTH STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 6E  
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 April 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 26, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 1400 NORTH STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 6E, CHICAGO, IL 60610  
Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1069 AND 17-04-211-035-1124  
The real estate is improved with a condo within hi-rise with attached 3 car garage..  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition

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of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
MARILYN CROSS, ARTHUR L. CROSS, CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
17 CH 001326  
6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD #37H  
CHICAGO, IL 60660  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 19, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 10, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD #37H, CHICAGO, IL 60660  
Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1399  
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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.  
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876  
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Case # 17 CH 001326  
**13198200**  
  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KELLY L. JABLONSKI-FUNK AKA KELLY LYNNE JABLONSKI-FUNK AKAL KELLY L. JABLONSKI AKA KELLY JABLONSKI-FUNK; 5302 NORTH WINTHROP CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; DIANE FUNK; EDWARD FUNK AKA EDWARD J. FUNK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BRIAN J. FUNK; THOMAS P. QUINN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRIAN J. FUNK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants,  
16 CH 8885  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Real Estate For Sale

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**13198047**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2005-4;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; KAREN BATES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendants,  
15 CH 17918  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Commonly known as 4752 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60640.  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

GARY A. GATTO AND CORINNE J. ZOBOTT, Plaintiffs  
-v.-  
JAMES F. GATTO, CITIZENS BANK, N.A., PNC BANK, N.A.,  
Defendants  
2016CH2110  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Real Estate For Sale

Sheriff Number 220038  
**13198336**  
  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
AVICE G. NELSON, RONALD W. NELSON, CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT, EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL LLC, 5831-37 N. SHERIDAN TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants  
2017 CH 00011  
5831 A SHERIDAN ROAD  
CHICAGO, IL 60660  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 11, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 5831 A SHERIDAN ROAD, CHICAGO, IL 60660  
Property Index No. 14-05-403-025-0000 (14-05-403-009 UNDERLYING PIN)  
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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
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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 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.  
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UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHARON WEXELMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHARON WEXELMAN (DECEASED), LAKE PARK TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION Defendants

2020 CH 02330  
1156 WEST FARWELL AVENUE  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 4, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 8, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 11-32-201-035-0000

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

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

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Case # 2020 CH 02330

**13198024**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, vs. ADIN ICIC; GENET GETAHUN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 18 CH 9253

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, August 15, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell

### Real Estate For Sale

at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 11-31-316-011.

Commonly known as 6435 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois 60645.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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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.-

ROGER D. HALE JR. AKA ROGER DALE HALE JR., HEATHER B. HALE AKA H B HALE, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, GREENVIEW GARDENS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

19 CH 12426

7633 N GREENVIEW AVE UNIT A

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 September 15, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 19, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7633 N GREENVIEW AVE UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-29-107-038-1002

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$209,751.78.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four

(24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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tices 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.

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

JAMES P. SHEEHY, JR. AKA JAMES P. SHEEHY, 1247 W. NORTH SHORE, LLC Defendants

12 CH 42649

1247 W. NORTH SHORE AVENUE

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 May 4, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 9, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 11-32-313-005-0000

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“[D]efendants did everything in their power to procure a loan and funding schedule from a Middle Eastern lender for \$250 million, a sum sufficient to pay the class action settlement and fund construction to complete the project,” wrote Hildebrand.

It was an odd choice of words for Hildebrand as Symmetry failed to receive city approval in 2017 and a group of buildings that would have been demolished and replaced by Symmetry’s Carillon Tower have subsequently been included in a newly created landmark district.

According to Douglas E. Litowitz, who along with attorney Glenn Dunn is representing the Chinese investors, this latest court filing is just the latest stall tactic by Hildebrand on behalf of his clients.

“Symmetry refuses to comply with the Court order requiring them to file a response to the SM by [July 8] on the question of whether they misled the Court about the supposed Middle East Loan, and they have moved to terminate the SM. They are violating a court order, refusing to provide information requested by the SM, and refer to exhibits that are non-public,” said Litowitz.

In early Feb. 2021, Symmetry and its co-defendants had signed a class-action settlement agreement with Litowitz’s clients in

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ing tourist trade. It was riding high in 2019, a year before the COVID shutdown, bringing in more than \$72 million with nearly \$50 million in expenses, according to data from CoStar. But it lost more than \$6 million in the first nine months of 2020.

Wells Fargo also sued New York-based Thor Equities, owner of the iconic Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe, in 2020 for missing \$338 million in loan payments on the 1,641-room Loop Hotel. That case is still pending.

For the week ending July 2, hotels in the city accounted for 78.3% occupancy, and overall occupancy for June will probably be in the high 70s, roughly where it was in June 2019. A tough stretch for Downtown hotels may be ahead when summer ends and tourism drops.

Habib told the Greeley Tribune that whatever the future for the city’s hotels, owners will still have to meet their loan payments. Many also worry about perceptions about rising property taxes, rising interest rates and rising crime. And unlike in 2020, if financial difficulties continue, lenders will probably be less flexible.

“You can have a new conversation” [loan] Settlement for a one-time pandemic government bailout, but you’re not going to get one for a high crime rate,” he said.

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also consider issues related to the operation of the temporary site as appropriate. The inclusion of the temporary location is only for the duration of the use of that site as a casino and upon the casino closing at that location, the functions related to that site would cease.

Local Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] says he remains extremely frustrated about the City Council’s approval of the casino at these locations, but now that the city has pocketed the \$40 million upfront payment, for many nearby residents, the decision must seem like a fait accompli.

Still, the casino proposal is still awaiting review by the Chicago Plan Commission [CPC] to discuss the proposed amendment to the Planned Development. CPC will also allow for additional public comment. After CPC, the Illinois Gaming Board will consider the application and there will be another opportunity for the public to weigh in on the issuance of the casino license.

which they agreed to return the missing money to the Chinese investors.

According to the filing, the money was initially to have been paid within 45 days of the agreement. When his clients were unable to do so, they asked for, and were granted, another 45-day extension. This allowed Symmetry and its co-defendants to continue to look for another source of funding to fund the class action settlement agreement. Unfortunately, said Hildebrand, his clients were able to find an income source but only after the expiration date.

“Defendants and the lender executed the loan agreement on April 28, 2021, in the Houston offices of the lender’s U.S. agent, Mr. Richard Simon of Benchmark. The loan agreement was therefore executed, but failed to fund, prior to the expiration of the class action settlement’s grace period,” wrote Hildebrand.

Litowitz believes his clients’ money was siphoned off long ago by Symmetry’s principals.

“[We] have documentary evidence that the Chinese investment was never loaned to the failed project, as required [by law]. When no permit was issued to build, they diverted the investment to the managers’ personal accounts and other projects. When they were discovered, they tried to smooth it over with a lie that they would return the money with a \$200 million-dollar Bahraini loan, which was never investigated, and which had them lying to federal judges for a year,” said Litowitz in June.

Individually, the victims in the Chicago project had invested up to \$550,000 for a total of nearly \$50 million to fund construction of what was known as the Carillon Towers project. The investors had been participating in EB-5, a federal program which provides foreign investors with a

fast-track to permanent U.S. residency status. For many participating in EB-5 projects, their investment is often a substantial portion of their life’s savings.

***“The special master has said that the supposed loan from the Middle East to pay off the Chinese investors was made up, fake, and that the lawyers were giving forged documents to the court,”***  
***Douglas E. Litowitz said.***

Earlier this year, U.S. District Chief Judge Charles Kocoras had appointed Bahraini-based attorney Karim Mahmoud to serve as a federal SM. As SM, Mahmoud has investigatory powers which has enabled him to sort through the many claims made New York-based developers Jeffrey Laytin and Jason Ding.

The pair had failed in their attempt to build a 42-story tower after Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] had refused to support their effort. Construction of the tower would have resulted in the demolition of a group of three historic buildings which are now part of the Near North Side Multiple Property Landmark District. This district covers an area in River North and Streeterville bounded by Chicago Ave., Fairbanks Ct., Grand Ave., and LaSalle Dr.

For more than a year, Laytin and Ding have told federal judges they would be returning their investors’ money. They had claimed they had secured funding through a loan from Bahrain, but that loan was just a mirage, and Litowitz’s clients are still awaiting the return of their money.

Mahmoud uncovered not simply messy paperwork but rather an elaborate fraud, adds Litowitz.

“The SM has said that the supposed loan from the Middle East to pay off the Chinese investors was made up, fake, and that the lawyers were giving forged documents to the court,” Litowitz said.

The website of the supposed Bahraini lender, Awalco Investment Awalco Investment Company WLL, seems to have last been updated in 2016 and has a 2018 copy-right.

According to Litowitz, the actions of Laytin and Ding were not simply bad money management but outright fraud. He wants the developers and their attorneys to face consequences for their actions. “My goal is to see the defendants in jail and their lawyers sanctioned and disbarred, if possible.”

Although he is now based in Bahrain, Mahmoud spent years practicing law with a multinational firm in New York. He is currently a partner with Dubai-based Hedef and Partners.

This newspaper has made numerous attempts to contact Laytin and Ding. So far, they have not responded to any questions.

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count of theft from a person, which was reduced from robbery, according to court records. Judge Angela Munari-Petrone sentenced him to two years of second-chance probation and 50 hours of community service.

Within 10 minutes of the robbery seen on video, another bicyclist reported being battered and robbed by seven men who surrounded him and took his Divvy bike on the 100 block of N. Dearborn. Rogers was not accused of participating in that incident.

Those offenders struck the bicyclist in the face, knocking him to the ground. They continued to beat the man, and one of them rode away westbound with his Divvy bike. Other members of the group also reportedly fled on Divvy bikes.

Then, on June 19, 2021, police arrested two suburban men after another bicyclist was attacked and robbed by a group of people in the 1000 block of W. Monroe.

Police said the 29-year-old victim was docking his Divvy bike around 11:30 p.m. when a group of 8 to 10 people approached him, punched him several times, and took his bicycle at gunpoint. Officers responded and found a group of suspects in the area.

Prosecutors charged 19-year-old Anthony Gles Cole of Park Forest with felony robbery and felony unlawful use of a weapon. The victim identified Cole as the offender who repeatedly punched him in the face and took his Divvy bike, prosecutors said during a bail hearing last year. Officers allegedly found a loaded handgun in his possession during a search.

Coles had never been arrested before.

In a deal with prosecutors, Cole pleaded guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and received a sentence of two years of first offender gun probation from Judge Steven Watkins, according to court records. Prosecutors dropped robbery, unlawful restraint, and three other gun charges in the agreement.

Also arrested was 25-year-old Taurus Haywood of University Park. Police chased Haywood on foot and saw him throw an object into an alley as he ran, prosecutors said last year. According to the allegations, cops returned to the alley after he was in custody and found a loaded handgun. The victim identified Haywood as one of the men who approached him at the Divvy docking station, prosecutors said.

Another man charged in the case, 25-year-old Taurus Haywood of University Park, is still fighting the allegations. He is due back in court next month.

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