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roast beef at the Ritz.

— Humphrey Bogart

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Ald. Daniel La Spata is conducting political retribution on the owners, staff and customers of The Irish Nobleman by denying them an Extended Outdoor Dining license, and now they're fighting back.

Ald. La Spata, your table is ready

Outdoor seating
at the thin-skinned
alderman's office

BY RONALD ROENIGK

The protest over 1st Ward Ald. Daniel La Spata's politicization of the city's Expanded Outdoor Dining [EOD] licensing process took a decidedly al fresco turn July 21 when the victim of La Spata's thin skin built an outdoor patio in front of his ward office, 1958 N. Milwaukee Ave.

That Friday around noon, the owner of The Irish Nobleman Pub, 1367 W. Erie St., and his work crew installed a delightful-looking outdoor patio in front of the alderman's office to focus attention on his plight and collect signatures on a petition over La Spata's act of political retribution.

Unfortunately the alderman's office does not have the proper license to have a sidewalk patio, and that now is the crux of the problem between the two parties. When the tables arrived at the alderman's office, La Spata was seen fleeing out the back door of his office, perhaps afraid that city inspectors might show up. After all, La Spata's office has sent city inspectors into the Irish Nobleman 27 times in the last year as part of his political harassment campaign.

The alderman is denying the pub's co-owners Candace and Declan Morgan their EOD license because Declan supported the opposition candidate in the last aldermanic election. In March Ald. La Spata emerged victorious in a tight race, pulling in just enough votes (50.11%) to avoid a runoff with challenger Sam Royko.

And now La Spata is taking retribution out on the owners, staff and customers of The Irish Nobleman by denying them a EOD license.

On July 13, the Morgans, four of their restaurant staff, two neighbors - and this reporter - went to visit Ald. La Spata. At the meeting the alderman assured the Morgans that they were not going to get his approval on the EOD for perhaps as long as another 60 days. He said that the bar was "out of compliance" because it had two extra tables and two benches on their patio.

Those two benches and tables are why the alderman said he will not approve the license. In none of the city's 27 inspections over the last year were two tables or benches ever cited, or tickets written over. But that is the reason La Spata cites for blocking their EOD application.

So those two tables and benches were then set up along with flow-

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City Hall hearing delayed for Streeterville weed dispensary

The Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] hearing at City Hall that was scheduled for July 21 over a proposed recreational pot shop at 620 N. Fairbanks has been postponed and will be rescheduled for Oct. 20.

G.P. Green House LLC had filed for a Special Use application to operate an adult Use Cannabis to operate a dope dispensary in Streeterville, and they are now seeking

a continuance.

Streeterville area residents have organized against the effort due to a variety of factors, and have undertaken a petition campaign in opposition.

One of the primary issues is over four large pre-schools and daycare centers immediately around the proposed location with as many as 400 children in one of them.

Downtown office availability rates up despite return-to-office trend

While Chicago's downtown office market has seen some positive momentum with workers returning to the office, the sublease market continues to struggle, according to the Chicago Business Journal.

Downtown continues to face many of the same challenges it has for the past three years. While the vacancy rate in trophy buildings is still robust at 7.5%, more tenants are now reducing the size of their office footprints, and that has led to downtown's availability rate to reach more than 27% in the second quarter of 2023. That number was closer to 15% pre-

pandemic.

So while most of the highest-quality buildings remain active and well-leased, owners of the lesser buildings will face major decisions as loan maturities approach in the near future. But those struggles mean that tenants continue to reap the benefits of a slowed market with large concession packages.

After recent layoffs, Meta is seeking a subtenant for 131,000 square feet at 151 N. Franklin St. It is just one of several large sublease spaces downtown that came to market in the second quarter. Groupon also recently decided to

pull out of a 300,000-square-foot sublease in River North.

According to OfficeSpace.com, Chicago's downtown has 2,226 commercial real estate spaces for lease, representing 16,039,509 square feet of space. There are also 139 buildings available for sale downtown right now.

The highest number of sublease offerings are concentrated in the West Loop, where almost 2.4 million square feet, or 40% of all available sublease space is situated.

Leasing activity in downtown

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Named the Larrabee-Ogden-Clybourn triangle, the new development is going in at the location of the former Sieben Brewery which was demolished in the 1950s. Chicago's Near North High School also once sat at this site.

Long-vacant Cabrini-Green school site will get 742 new units; but only 174 parking spaces

The Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] has submitted a rezoning application for a long-vacant site at 1401 N. Clybourn in the Cabrini Green area. The new development will create a 742-unit affordable housing project with 22,000 square feet of retail space spread across multiple buildings. But the project will only provide 174 surface parking spaces between its buildings. It is a drastic shorting of parking spaces in an area already suffering from an overall shortage of available parking.

The wedge-shaped property used to house the Near North Career Metropolitan High School (formerly known as Near North Career Magnet High School and Near North Career Academy High School). It sits on N. Clybourn Ave., with Larrabee St. to the east, and Ogden Ave. and W. Blackhawk St. to the west and north.

The multi-phase venture is being developed by CHA in collaboration with Hunt Development Group, Pennrose, Imagine Group, and a Cabrini-Green residents

group.

Near North High School served as a new and replacement school for the area when Cooley Vocational High School was closed at the end of the 1978-1979 school year. Named the Larrabee-Ogden-Clybourn triangle, it was also the location of the former Sieben Brewery which was demolished by the 1950s, and the Isham YMCA.

When the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development took control

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New development by Lincoln Yards to add 609 residential units

Sterling Bay shifts away from commercial

The North Branch of the Chicago River continues to draw development, even now during a period of high interest financing. Details have come forward about a proposed new mixed-use project at 1840 N. Marcey St., across the street from the former General Iron site in Lincoln Park, and located across the river from Lincoln Yards. The new development by Sterling Bay will replace a one-story commercial building that formerly housed C.H. Robinson Logistics.

Last week Sterling Bay applied for the rezoning of the roughly 94,000-square-foot nearly block-long site.

The property is a long, rectangular lot bound by N. Clifton Ave. on the north, N. Kingsbury St. on the west, N. Marcey St. on the east, and to the south W. Wisconsin St. This comes as the developer says that due to market forces, they're shifting away from commercial development at Lincoln Yards, and into residential uses.

According to Crain's Chicago, the developers are proposing a pair of residential apartment

buildings totaling 609 units nearby that would support their new two-tower residential plan for their riverfront property. Sterling Bay is seeking the city's approval to build a 16-story, 214-foot tall building with 294-unit apartment building; and a second 27-story, 321-foot tall building with 315-unit building next to each other on Marcey St.

The developer would demolish a building it bought in 2019 from C.H. Robinson to make room for the new development.

The developers won City

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An Abraham Lincoln dinner, with a pinch of sea salt and course ground pepper, thickened with cream



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The presidents of our Republic have been on my mind. If you read my column last week you already know that.

Some live their lives by such heroics that we are often in desperate need to give such patriots the benefit of an expanding humanism. Especially if their birthday is a holiday and monuments stand tall in their memory.

But is there anything that levels the ground among humans more than watching them eat? Or feeding them, or reading a description of foods that are their favorites?

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was a Republican from downstate Illinois, the recipient of the political support of Chicago's dynamic 16th mayor, Long John Wentworth, when just starting out for the White House. Long John was 6'-6" tall and weighed 300 lbs. A champion with a knife and a fork.

Lincoln, on the other hand, was a fan of more simple flavorful food, they say.

His wife, Mary Todd Lincoln was the real eater in the family.

Living for many years in the state capital of Springfield placed the Lincolns in the heart of Sangamon County, an agrarian center for farm fresh eatin'.

A household of robust growing boys further raised the necessity of family-sized portions at their table.

Wild game and stews were always a special opportunity for good vittles. But the Lincolns had their favorites.

Mary loved tender beef fillets. The boys, Robert Todd, Eddie, Willie and Tad, thrived on fried chicken, buttery mashed potatoes

and corn bread.

But as the Lincolns began their years at the White House, Alice Johnstone, the family's White House Chef, was soon to learn that nothing was so soothing to the bean-pole president as Chicken Fricassée with biscuits. Abe's favorite savory dinner dish. Fresh fruit was always his second choice for him. Followed, then, by cheese and crackers coming in third spot.

Over the course of his legal career the Illinois Prairie had shaped Lincoln's more monastic palette as a taciturn defender of the little man. His frontier diet was often at odds with the sauce-rich domestic menu popular among the Victorians of the age.

Lincoln's horseback law practice riding the country trails of the circuit court was a physical endurance of meagre portions from very limited country menus. His favorite apple pies, created by Johnstone, lit up the strained eyes of the great protector of the Union. Mrs. Lincoln knew that nothing held a man's attention and good health more than good vittles. Or so said her daddy, the prominent Kentucky bluegrass politician, Mr. Robert Smith Todd.

Lincoln's beloved Chicken Fricassée starts with a boneless breast of chicken, wrapped in paper and pounded on a hard surface without mercy or compassion. You inflict physical disaster by the hammering that not only flattens the breast flesh, but also uncovers a very textured and rough finish that will brown perfectly in unsalted butter. When that crust is golden, the meat is transferred to a rack.

A half cup of chopped shallots added to melted butter, sautéed with 6 oz of white wine, and an equal portion of chicken stock plus a table spoon of chopped parsley and rosemary. A cup of heavy cream is added and stirred until it is a thickened sauce. Add a pinch of sea salt and course ground pepper.

Then return the chicken breasts to the pan of sauce and cook for 20 minutes in the oven, adding a slice of red pepper to each breast. Serve



Abraham Lincoln

with mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus.

In Chicago, try the Chicken Fricassée at Erie Cafe. You will be amazed at its classic status, fit for President Lincoln. It's the best take on a traditional dish that's made dear from the past.

Peter Brown was Lincoln's White House Butler, waiter and valet. He calmly fussed over the president, especially at the dinner table. In addition to apple pie, Brown recalls how much the president love gingerbread men. Though some say he insisted on it in order to get it to the family table above Mrs. Lincoln's objections. For his boys.

Tragically, before President Lincoln went to Ford's Theater to see "Our American Cousin," he had one last meal. It was pretty heavy duty for a skinny man, starting with Mock Turtle Soup. Followed by Roast Virginia Fowl with chestnut stuffing and baked yams with cheese sauce.

Sounds hearty now by today's food shock phobias. But the ace of cuisine in 1865.

Honestly, I'm more of a roast duck man, with a spice-rich sweet orange glaze. That's a dish easily at home on the dinner table in the 19th century. Lincoln must have been a fan. You don't see fresh roast duck much any more. In Chittown, Laschet's Inn at 2719 W. Irving Park has the best. Old World

German cuisine with bread stuffing and red cabbage. And spaetzles. Big steins of German beer complete the platters fit for an archduke.

German Chicago cuisine has pretty much evaporated. Nice to know it's still in the beer hall that is Laschet's.

How about you? What calms you? What foods release your endorphins of love, companionship or understanding? What tastes touch you deepest? What flavors have the capacity to unlock your rawest emotions or secrets?

Are food tastes ever nostalgic for you, with powers summoning memories of the past? Like your grandmother's chicken

soup or your mother's chicken salad with walnuts and grapes. Homemade scones. Or a risotto cooked in its special copper pot?

I still remember my mother getting us beef chop suey after we walked home for lunch.

Are there flavors that are permanently romantic for you, lifting you deeply into love? Such as Chocolate mousse or strawberry rhubarb

pie in summer. Baked beans on the grill. Lobster dinner eaten outside "al fresco" in Maine, or barbecued oysters in the autumn.

What taste sensations open your soul to what is most authentic about you? Poached duck eggs?

Are there flavors that make you more real, wise and holy?

What about homemade oatmeal with dried cherries and pecans?

Will a Maxwell St. Pork Chop do it? A Spacca Napoli pizza? What about a plate of good caviar and a magnum of Champagne from the Ritz in Paris?

Maybe the secret is that we just let our souls be our judge. Or our hearts be our witness. Maybe it's more like a picnic with fabulous egg salad sandwiches. Or a tray of BLTs with a Sangria chaser. I think the 16th president would love a BLT with iced tea and fresh mint.

ANDRE WATTS RIP: The forever youthful virtuoso pianist, **Andre Watts** died last week, for-



Andre Watts

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Diplomat Motel deal may cost \$30 million in first five years

Some of the costs associated with the experiment in homeless housing are now coming forward as Chicago officials close in on plans to transform the Diplomat Motel, 5230 N. Lincoln Ave., into a housing pilot that would provide on-site substance abuse and mental health treatment. It may cost taxpayers as much as \$30 million over the next five years.



City Hall has set aside \$30 million for the Diplomat Motel acquisition and five other properties eyed for refugee shelter operations. The 20,000-square-foot Diplomat Motel space would hold up to 40 private units available for stays reportedly of only three to six months.

As part of the city's new efforts to combat chronic homelessness by pairing temporary shelter with intensive health care, last week the City Council voted to spend \$2.9 million toward the purchase of the Lincoln Square-area motel.

According to Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], Chicago taxpayers will be on the hook for the startup costs, which "will be pricey," he said.

Indeed, the city's Department of Housing has set aside \$30 million for the Diplomat Motel acquisition and five other properties eyed for shelter operations. The 20,000-square-foot Diplomat Motel space would hold up to 40 private units available for stays, reportedly of only three to six months.

The Chicago Dept. of Housing [CDPH] is designating \$12 million from the city's portion of the federal pandemic relief

program, the American Rescue Plan Act, toward the first two to three years of the pilot's health care and operational services. After that, the cost is expected to be \$3 million to \$4 million a year, mostly for personnel.

The high costs are related to the rigorous treatment programs and round-the-clock social services that will be provided to its residents.

Mayor Brandon Johnson campaigned on raising the city's real estate transfer tax on properties priced above \$1 million in order to combat the city's homelessness crisis, even listing the proposal to funnel the new revenue into shelters and other social services in his 100-day agenda. But because

the tax hike requires a change in Illinois law or a citywide referendum in an election, the soonest that could happen is this fall.

Vasquez told the Chicago Tribune that if this experiment works, the model could be used across Chicago as an alternative to the existing support system for the homeless that he likened to a "Band-Aid" solution. "When you don't have this kind of housing, they're going to your E.R., CPD is following up, they're coming back every single month, every couple of weeks. And you're spending more tax dollars on that end, as opposed to having the wraparound services on the front end."

Lollapalooza arrives in town, so be smart and test those drugs

Lollapalooza returns to Grant Park Aug. 3-6 and with it will be the massive crowds downtown.

In anticipation of the four-day music fest, the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications [OEMC] is reminding the public of the street closures and traffic impacts in the Grant Park area, most of which are already in place. What's next up are the teeming crowds that will soon fill streets and sidewalks.

And those in the know are telling fans to get their Lollapalooza 'club drugs' from reliable sources.

Lollapalooza will bring large crowds daily to Grant Park, festival hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, and clubs all around town will be doing 'after party' shows, so the revelers will be out throughout the night.

After shows are as beloved as the festival itself, and this year's shows will be held at the Metro, Park West, Schubas, The Vic, Thalia Hall, TAO, Subterranean, Lincoln Hall and the Salt Shed.

Motorists are urged to be aware of the road closures and allow extra travel time or seek alternate routes around the downtown area. Nine stages will be sprawled south of Millennium Park, typically on and around Ida B. Wells Dr., Michigan Ave., Monroe St., and Columbus Dr.

Parking anywhere near Grant Park can be a headache, but discounted rates for the festival are available at Millennium Garag-

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Deadline is Aug. 4 for taxpayers to apply for exemptions

Time is almost up to claim your property tax exemptions. Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi has announced that the deadline to apply for exemptions is Friday, Aug. 4.

Exemptions are property tax savings that contribute to lowering a property owner's tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, saving a property owner an average of \$950 dollars each year.

The savings from exemptions are reflected on a homeowner's second installment property tax bill.

Automatic renewals related to COVID-19 ended this year and homeowners need to resume annual filings for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze" and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions. Seniors and

Veterans that need to reapply were mailed application booklets, however they can still apply online [www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions] to make the deadline.

Applying online is easy, free, and can be done in about 10 minutes. If homeowners are unsure of their existing exemptions, they can check by reviewing their "Property Details" and review the Exemption History & Status section.

"This is the first time in two years that homeowners need to reapply for the Senior Freeze and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions. It is important that we reach senior and veteran communities to make sure they aren't missing out on these significant savings," said Kaegi. "My office is collaborating with community partners to help reach these particular

homeowners."

For a list of upcoming in-person and virtual outreach events visit, www.cookcountyassessor.com/event-list. Exemption forms are available in Spanish, Polish, and simplified Chinese languages. Applications can be downloaded at www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.



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As armed robberies continue, an alderman promises police have a 'concrete and collaborative plan'

BY CWBCHICAGO

At least five people were robbed during a midday robbery spree July 21, with victims reporting holdups from Bucktown and Humboldt Park to Ravenswood. And three people were robbed at gunpoint during a single incident in Lakeview on July 22.

But one alderman is assuring his constituents that Chicago police have a "concrete and collaborative plan" to address the city's ongoing robbery problem, as police say just one roving band of criminals may be responsible for more than 60 holdups.

On July 21 robberies began around noon in the 1700 block of W. Armitage. Two masked men stepped out of a silver SUV and took a man's wallet and phone. An accomplice, armed with a rifle, robbed another man who was nearby.

Officers said the robbers traveled in a silver SUV with a bro-

ken rear side window covered with a t-shirt. Many of the dozens of robberies this newspaper has reported on involve groups traveling in vehicles with broken rear side windows. That's because the cars, usually Kias or Hyundais, are stolen. The thieves enter the vehicles by breaking a back window and sliding inside.

The robbers in Bucktown were Black males between 16 and 20 years old wearing black ski masks and dark pants. The one armed with a rifle stood about 6'-2" tall.

A little before 1 p.m., three men robbed a man at gunpoint as he stood in his yard in the 1500 block of N. Fairfield. He said the robbers were Hispanic, one wearing a black hoodie and another wearing a blue hoodie. They fled in a gray SUV.

Then, a 39-year-old man was robbed in the 1600 block of W. Leland in Ravenswood around 1:20 p.m. He told police that three robbers exited a gray SUV and

demanded his property while a fourth person stayed in the vehicle. Described as four Black males between 16 and 20 years old, armed with three guns, they fled east on Wilson Ave. after getting his valuables.

The afternoon spree ended around 1:50 p.m. near Thomas and Wolcott in West Town. Three men in a silver car put a gun to a construction worker's head and took his wallet and phone.

In Lakeview, three people were robbed at gunpoint in the 3300 block of N. Clifton at 4:12 a.m. Saturday. A Chicago police spokesperson said two 34-year-old women and a 37-year-old man were outside when a black pickup truck stopped nearby.

Four robbers got out of the truck and displayed guns while demanding the victims' property. The crew was last seen heading north on Clifton in the truck. An officer who responded to the call said the robbers were four

Black males wearing hoodies and masks.

Ald. Daniel La Spata [1st], whose ward includes some of the areas hardest hit by robberies in recent months, addressed the crime pattern in an emailed newsletter on Friday evening.

"It has been a challenging week in the 1st Ward and surrounding communities as a series of robberies has rocked the peace of our neighborhoods and left many feeling scared, angry, and anxious," wrote La Spata, who represents parts of Logan Square, Wicker Park, and West Town.

"I spoke with the 14th district commander yesterday around this issue to amplify our concerns. While I cannot share their specific strategies publicly - and consequently jeopardize their chance of success - please know that the 12th, 14th, and 25th districts have a concrete and collaborative plan for addressing this issue," the alderman continued.

In fact, the robbery problem has been ongoing for much longer than a week.

The Shakespeare 14th District has had 212 robberies this year through July 16, according to CPD's latest report. That's 23% higher than last year and 58% higher than 2019.

In the Near West 12th District, robberies are up 44% from last year and 48% from 2019. The district had 78 robberies in the four weeks ending July 17, a 90% increase from last year.

But of the districts La Spata mentioned, the Grand Central 25th District takes the cake, with robberies up 76% from last year and 40% compared to 2019.

Ravenswood and Lakeview, where the other two robberies mentioned in this story occurred, are in the Town Hall 19th District. There, robberies are down 10% from last year, although they are still 45% higher than in 2019.

Chicago Cubs executives among five registered lobbyists fined by Chicago Board of Ethics

'Failing to complete mandatory ethics training'

BY PETER VON BUOL

Ethics are suddenly in vogue in City Hall. Thomas Ricketts, chairperson of the Chicago Cubs and Julian Green, the team's vice-president of communications and

community affairs, were among five registered lobbyists fined July 19 by the Chicago Board of Ethics [BOE] for failing to complete their required annual ethics training and are being fined \$250 a day until they come into compliance.

Also fined were Hilario Dominguez, registered lobbyist

for the Chicago Teachers' Union; Daniel Kennedy, director of property management for Envision Unlimited, a non-profit which assists individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and John Suzuki, president of Collateral Trustees, a Chicago-based company which provides receivership and asset management services to troubled real-estate properties.

According to a written statement, Steve Berlin, the BOE's executive director, had determined the "lobbyists violated [Chicago's] Governmental Ethics Ordinance by failing to complete annual mandatory ethics training by the deadline."

According to a spokesperson for the BOE, anyone who lobbies a city agency must register and file activity reports with the city's BOE. This requirement extends



Thomas Ricketts



Julian Green

quired to complete the BOE's ethics education training course. Lobbyists can attend this course in person or attend an on-line version.

According to information available on the city's web site, Ricketts has contacted city officials about numerous topics, including public safety, traffic issues surrounding Wrigley Field and Chicago schools. Green also contacted city officials about the same is-

While many lobbyists donate to local political campaigns, Green has not made any recent contributions and Ricketts made just a single campaign contribution of \$1500 to the campaign of mayoral candidate Paul Vallas.

According to officials at the BOE, July 1 was the deadline for completion of the mandatory training.

Envision's Daniel Kennedy was found by the board to have violated the governmental ethics ordinance for failing to have filed a first quarter activity report.

As of May, 2023, 803 lobbyists had registered with the city's board of ethics. From these, the BOE has collected \$346,200 in 2023 registration fees. Lobbyists' first quarter activity reports were due prior to April 21.

The seven members of the BOE and its executive director are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by Chicago City Council. Currently, there are only five board members as two seats are vacant. Board members serve staggered four-year terms without pay and can be removed only for cause, with the written approval of remaining board members.

The board meets monthly and is staffed by seven full-time employees, including Executive Director Steve Berlin. Board meetings are held at the Chicago Board of Ethics, 740 N. Sedgwick, Suite 500.

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Filing: City acting in contempt of court by continuing to deny metal recycling facility permit

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

Chicago city officials have illegally ignored a legal order by continuing to withhold a permit sought by the company seeking to operate a new metal recycling facility that vacated their 100-year home in Lincoln Park for a South Side location, and should be held in contempt of court, that company has alleged in a new court filing.

On July 18, the company known as General III LLC filed a motion in Cook County Circuit Court, asking the court to enforce the order issued by a Chicago administrative law judge, who had ruled the city had violated its own ordinances and the law by improperly using “environmental justice” criteria at the behest of activists and the Biden administration to deny a crucial permit to the owners of the recycling facility.

The city “has repeatedly refused to follow the law and issue the Permit, and is now refusing to comply with an Order requiring it to do so,” the company wrote in a memorandum file in support of its motion.

“To be sure, this is a case about whether the City of Chicago is above the law – whether the City and its departments can ignore the Municipal Code and duly enacted rules whenever it suits them or whether the City is bound by the rule of law – just like everyone else.”

The motion comes as part of the proceedings in Cook County court over City Hall’s appeal of the ruling from ALJ Mitchell C. Ex, and as yet another step in a years-long effort by the company to secure the permit and open the \$80 million plant it has already constructed, allegedly at the urging of city officials.

In that decision, ALJ Ex concluded Chicago Public Health Cmsr. Allison Arwady essentially engaged in illegal rulemaking by using an “environmental justice” review, known as a “health impact assessment,” seemingly at the behest of the administration of President Joe Biden, to side with left-wing community activists, and abruptly reverse course to deny the permit request.

The company, which is legally known as General III LLC, but does business as Southside Recycling [SR], has sought since 2018 to open the metal recycling center on 175 acres in Chicago’s South Deering neighborhood, after vacating their riverfront property in Lincoln Park as the Chicago River corridor emerged as a booming target of commercial and residential development.

The company had operated a profitable recycling plant on the city’s North Side, until the city under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot pressed the company to close that plant over pollution concerns. They had provided a critical recycling need for over a century at that location.

The company said the city then supported its alternative plan to build a new “state-of-the-art” facility on the site.

However, even though the com-

pany allegedly acted at the direction of the city, the administration of Mayor Lightfoot rejected the company’s request for a so-called Large Recycling Facility permit in early 2022.

At the time, Arwady said the decision was based on the results of the HIA, which allegedly showed “potential adverse changes in air quality and quality of life that would be caused by operations, and health vulnerabilities in the surrounding communities.”

The company, however, appealed that decision to the city’s Dept. of Administrative Hearings, where it landed before ALJ Ex.

In that appeal, SR argued the permit denial was illegal because city ordinances don’t allow the Chicago Dept. of Public Health to use such HIAs when evaluating LRF permit requests.

Further, SR said the years of delay in issuing a decision and the ultimate denial were based on political considerations, to appease local left-wing activists and their allies in the federal government opposed to the project.

The company said it had cleared every regulatory hurdle and satisfied every written rule, and was now owed its permit, by law.

Judge Ex agreed, and said the city had improperly relied upon the environmental analysis to deny the permit.

The city, under new Mayor Brandon Johnson, instead chose to fight the order, asking a Cook County judge on June 30 to overrule Judge Ex.

In that appeal, the city asserted Ex overstepped his authority, and city ordinances empower Arwady to use environmental standards to reject permits, if she wishes, even if the standards she uses are not spelled out in properly enacted ordinances and regulations.

SR has yet to formally respond to the city’s appeal.

However, the company has accused the city of further lawless behavior.

In the July 18 filing, SR said the city has refused multiple re-

quests from the company for the city to issue the permit. In the filing, the company asserts Ex’s ruling should compel the city to issue the permit.

The city, however, has said it believes the ruling merely “vacated” Arwady’s denial of the permit, and did not order the city to do anything further.

“That is the only effect of the Decision,” wrote Chicago city attorney Bradley G. Wilson, in a July 10 letter, responding to the latest attempt by SR to obtain the permit.

The letter was included with others as an exhibit attached to SR’s July 18 motion.

“Because the Decision vacated the previous denial without ordering issuance of the permit, SR has no grounds for ‘enforcing’ anything — in Circuit Court or anywhere else,” Wilson wrote.

In its motion, however, SR called this position “absurd,” saying it would render the decision “hollow” and the city’s “entire (administrative hearing) process meaningless.”

“CDPH’s position would render this entire administrative process as well as CDPH’s current complaint for review of that Order futile as the Court would simply be putting SSR back at the beginning of the years-long process, while its constructed \$80+-million facility remains dormant and CDPH concocts yet another reason to deny the LRF Permit,” SR wrote.

“... The ALJ’s Order both found that SSR met all permitting requirements and vacated CDPH’s permit denial. These two rulings together can only mean that CDPH now must issue SSR the LRF Permit.”

The company further noted that the city neglected to ask ALJ Ex to stay the order, pending review. According to SR’s motion, the deadline to request such a stay was July 6, so Judge Ex’s order should now be in effect, they argued.

By refusing to issue the permit,



Anything made of metal left in the alley may turn up on the back of a scrapper truck.
Photos by Matt Bergstrom

Before city double-cross, Lincoln Park was center of century-old recycling success story

STORY AND PHOTOS
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At all hours of the day, seven days a week, North Side residents see scavengers prowl their alleys looking for recyclable metals. The volatile price of scrap metal has been high for the last few years, which means these scrappers can make a lot of money if they can fit just a bit more junk on the back of their trucks.

Anything made of metal left in the alley may turn up on the back of a scrapper truck: children’s bikes, office furniture, water heaters, filing cabinets, refrigerators, even parts of other cars. Just about anything that’s not nailed

down, even a few things that the owners didn’t plan to get rid of.

While the scrapping continues now as much as ever, the destination of this soon-to-be recycled metal has now departed from its century-old former home on the North Branch of the Chicago River, due primarily to the underlying value of the real estate where the recycling took place.

Prior to the recycling center’s departure from Lincoln Park, early every morning the scrappers hauled their gathered materials to the salvage yards on Kingsbury St. and Ashland, where they were paid by the pound for various types of metal. Here they as-

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the company said the city’s actions amount to refusal to abide by a legal order of the court, and so, they said, the city is acting in contempt of court.

SR asked the court to order the city to issue its LRF permit, and to hold the city in contempt of court, ordering the city to reimburse their legal fees associated with filing the motion, as well as a “daily monetary penalty” until the permit is issued.

While the company is continuing its efforts to compel the city to issue the permit, it has placed a hold on a separate lawsuit against the city over its treatment of the company in the development of its metal recycling facility.

In that lawsuit, SR says the city owes them \$100 million if the company is ultimately blocked from opening and operating the recycling center. The lawsuit would resume if the court overturns Ex’s ruling and allows Arwady’s actions to stand.



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Vietnamese refugees made home in Uptown after fall of Saigon

Uptown is a vibrant, living tapestry — as rich in history as it is in culture. The neighborhood has long been home to social activists and advocates, immigrants and refugees, artist and entrepreneurs, all of whom have helped shape the area as it is today.

This story is part of an Uptown Chamber of Commerce's storytelling series, which aims to spotlight personal histories and stories from the people who make Uptown unique.

Jennifer “Nuky” Pham is the co-owner of Mini Tx (Thuong Xa) Pharmacy and a daughter of Vietnamese refugees. Jennifer’s parents, Nam and Tam Pham, were the first Vietnamese business owners on Argyle St.

Her father, Nam Pham, was a pharmacist in Vietnam, but in 1975 after the fall of Saigon, had to flee and start anew in Chicago. Nam started working at a local pharmacy close to Truman College and would translate the prescriptions to Vietnamese for other refugees during the time.

He saw a need to have a pharmacy specific to the refugee community, so he, along with Jennifer’s mother, Tam, and their friend opened Saigon Pharmacy on Argyle in 1980. Later, in 1983 they moved down the street to its current location at 1069 W. Argyle St. as Mini Thuong Xa Pharmacy.

Because of the influx of Southeast Asian refugees, they knew they needed to create a place for refugees like themselves to have access to services and a need to build community.

Now a pharmacy, the business originally started as a mini mall (thuong xā) that housed the pharmacy, a doctor’s office, a video and music store, jewelry shop, film development store and later included karaoke systems, travel agency and more. It was a place where mostly Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian folks came to pick up their medicine but also a place to make friends, build community. It was a one-stop shop that felt like home.

Through the years, they let go of the other aspects of the business and ran it solely as a pharmacy. In 2014, as Jennifer’s parents were contemplating selling the pharmacy to a larger corporation, she felt she had to step in and take over to sustain this legacy business that has been so crucial to so many Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian clients.



Nam Pham, was a pharmacist in Vietnam, but in 1975 after the fall of Saigon, he had to flee his home and come to Chicago.

This idea of returning to Argyle was never in Jennifer’s plan. To her, Argyle has always been a place she knew as home, but also a place she tried to run from.

Through the years Jennifer realized how much the pharmacy meant to her, her family, and the

including their family members,” says Pham.

As Jennifer has carried on the torch of her parents’ hard work and determination into the future, she has also risen as a local community leader in the area. “I’m passionate about the growth, healing and positive community impact of Argyle,” says Pham. She not only co-owns Mini Tx Pharmacy with her business partner/head pharmacist, Thoa Bui, she has taken active community leadership roles as she co-founded community organizations, HAIBAYO and Celebrate Argyle.

As an Asian American, Jennifer notes “we were taught to keep our heads down, work hard and not speak up. To now have AAPI leadership within the business community it is about creating a new culture of business. As diverse as the AAPI community is, our ideas and perspectives are just as diverse and unique. We come from all types of backgrounds bringing something new to the table. As an AAPI owned business and entrepreneur, my word of advice is to lean on the community. Speak up, share your story, struggles and creativity. Your healing is sometimes your calling. Ask questions and learn. Many times, you will find that your story will also inspire others. Allow your ideas to flow freely and just go for it.”



As a second-generation business owner, Jennifer “Nuky” Pham knows there is a continuance of legacy, history and quality community care in her family pharmacy.

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community. As a second-generation business owner, there is a continuance of legacy, history and quality community care. Because Mini Tx Pharmacy is a small local pharmacy, they can focus on the quality of care their patients need. “We speak three languages here — Vietnamese, Cantonese, and English. We know folks here by name not just a prescription number. Many of our patients have been coming here for years

As carrying on the legacy of her parents drew her back to the area, the visions of the potential future for Argyle push her forward. Jennifer’s vision and hope for her business is to see it grow and continue to serve the community for years to come. “I love the community engagement here; we care and want the best for one another. I have felt supported as a business owner. The chamber, local organizations and community members have helped to keep our small business alive. I hope to see continued community engagement and support. I see a bright future for us.



‘Dogs: Social Being’ exhibit opens in Andersonville

Lesley Ames, photographer, has a first exhibition opening at RAYGUN, 5207 N. Clark St., in Andersonville, 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 2, through Aug. 30. The opening reception is 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

The opening exhibition highlights the recent work of Ames, the photographer behind Stan’s Photo, a pet portrait studio that finds inspiration in a dog’s wild spirit, unique personality and soulful gaze. The exhibit also introduces the launch of her new project, The Dogs of Andersonville, which aims to photograph 100 dogs of Andersonville and tell the story of the social beings that connect us as humans and neighbors, making the neighborhood one of the friendliest in the world.

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Mike Royko's legendary 1973 beer-tasting event is revived



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Great newspaper writers and authors like Ernest Hemingway and legendary Chicago journalist Mike Royko often sipped a bit of spirits to boost their creative realities. Yes even those here at this newspaper

you're reading.

Fifty years ago, this writer was guzzling a Heineken beer at the Billy Goat Saloon on Michigan Ave.'s lower level after a Chicago Daily News Sunday softball game. Well into his cups, 1972 Pulitzer-prize winner Royko announced that all domestic beers are disgusting trash.

So, in 1973, Roko decided to host a tasting event to rank the best beers of the world. Royko's panel—a mix of media people and friends who didn't know what beers they were tasting—seemed to agree. The lowest-rated beers were the major American brands like Schlitz and Budweiser. Three of the top five beers were from Europe.

At the 1973 event, Royko famously said: "Budweiser, America's most popular beer, tasted like it was run through the bladder of a horse." Royko's favorite, Pilsner Urquell, the amazingly fine Czech beer first brewed in 1842, was highly ranked.

The most points a beer could have received was 55, and the least was 11. The winner was Wurtzburger (Germany) with 46.5, followed by Bass Ale (England) with 45.

Point Special, an American beer brewed in Stevens Point, WI, was third with 45. Heineken (Holland), was fourth with 36.5,



(L_R) The famed Barrel House on North and Halsted. Sieben's beer logo.



and Old Timer's (Eau Clair, WI) was fifth with 35.5.

Royko said Pilsner Urquell finished with a score of 23. However, he noted that foreign beers were at a disadvantage because they must be shipped a long way and they don't turn over on the shelf as quickly as popular American beers.

The beer tasting of 23 local and national lagers will be judged by a team of 11 local craft-brew experts and enthusiasts.

With Sam Sianis, our sponsor and owner of the Billy Goat cheering us on, the Daily News Hall of Fame 16-inch softball team probably swilled thousands of gallons of beer in the 1970s.

However, Royko drank more than beer, especially after a tough loss. We drank "Polish Depth Charges," a shot glass full of Jack Daniels whiskey dropped into a tall stein of draft beer.

We also sipped what Royko called "a snapper" of straight Christian Brothers (also known as "Holy Water") brandy in a small skinny glass. If we played badly or lost by a blow-out score, Royko would brood, and order a double vodka on the rocks.

Royko, who was known for his wit and sense of humor, wrote thousands of columns for the Daily News, the Sun-Times and the Chicago Tribune during his 30-year career. He passed away in 1997.

Now, Sam Royko, one of Royko's three sons, is hosting a revival of that famed beer-tasting event. "Royko's Beer Test 50th" is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday July 30th at the Old Town Ale House, 219 W. North Ave., a watering hole that his father regularly frequented. Unfortunately, the \$7.50 per-ticket event is sold out.

The beer tasting of 23 local and national lagers will be judged by a team of 11 local craft-brew experts and enthusiasts.

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Western Ave. getting two high density construction projects

City Council approved a zoning change for a new six-story, 74-unit building with first floor retail at 4632-4644 N. Western Ave. adjacent to the CTA's Brown Line station. But the project will provide only 10 off-street parking spots for its retail and residential tenants.

The intersection of Lincoln, Leland and Western avenues will soon have two new high density Transit Oriented Developments going up adjacent to each other at the same time, creating lots of competition for the dwindling supply of street parking in the community.

The other project is at 4715 N. Western where a developer is putting up at 63-unit high density TOD on a site that was once a public parking lot.

Between lane and sidewalk closures, and construction traffic and work crews taking up street parking space, visitors to the neighborhood and customers of the nearby retailers in the popular commercial district are going to find getting in and out of the neighborhood difficult, and finding parking almost impossible.

Each project of the two projects will require lane closures, material storage space and truck parking for heavy equipment and worker vehicles.

Already one of the most congested areas of the North Side, with these two construction projects, Western Ave. traffic jams should be epic for the next 16 to 24 months.

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Police Beat...

Off-duty cop riding ATV sped away from police, crashed, died in West Ridge

An off-duty Chicago police officer riding an ATV sped away from on-duty cops twice before he crashed into another vehicle and died on July 18, according to CPD records and a source.

Raheem Mills, 29, died on July 19, about 12 hours after he slammed into the side of an SUV near his West Ridge home, the Cook County medical examiner's office said. An autopsy was conducted July 20.

Police responded to Warren Park, 6601 N. Western, around 5:15 p.m. after 911 callers reported that a man on an ATV was "destroying" the field as they tried to play baseball, according to CPD dispatch records.

An officer reported that the ATV rider sped away through the park to get away from them. The same officer radioed about 30 minutes later that he tried to pull the ATV over a second time, but the rider sped away again.

Within minutes, Mills, riding a gray Yamaha Raptor that matched the one officers saw at Warren Park, plowed into an SUV in the 2500 block of W. Bryn Mawr, according to police records.

The driver of a Hyundai Palisade told police that he was turning left onto Maplewood Ave. as Mills sped the wrong way in a westbound traffic lane. As the driver made his turn, Mills slammed into the SUV's driver's door, a Chicago police report said.

Rescue workers transported Mills to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston as a "John Doe," but someone later discovered a Chicago Police Department ID in his pocket, a source said.

Mills joined the CPD in March 2018.

Post-wedding street fight leaves two women injured in Streeterville

Chicago police say two women were attacked with a broken bottle during a fight among a large group of well-dressed people in Streeterville on July 23.

A Snapchat video showed a couple dozen people gathered in the 200 block of E. Ontario as police tried to disperse the group around 8:50 p.m. Some people in the group are decked out in formal wear. Other Snaps from the area were sent from a wedding ceremony where some people appeared to be wearing outfits similar to those seen in the crowd. One Snap showed police officers in the reception hall.

Police said a "known offender" attacked two women in the group with a glass bottle. A 24-year-old suffered small cuts to her arm and head. A 27-year-old received a cut on her left arm. Both were taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

Man shot while standing on Uptown sidewalk

A man is recovering after someone shot him as he stood on an Uptown sidewalk on July 20, Chicago police said.

He was in the 4000 block of N. Broadway, not far from a U-Haul center, when someone walked up and started shooting around 10:40 p.m., according to CPD. The 29-year-old, who suffered gunshot wounds to the left side of his body, is in fair condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Officers said they found six shell casings at the scene.

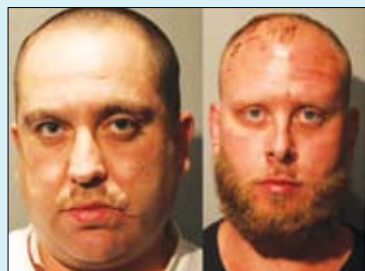
A witness saw a possible gunman running from the scene. He was a tall

Black male wearing a gray hoodie.

The police did not provide a motive for the shooting.

So far this year, seven people have been shot in Uptown. That's down from nine at this point in 2022, 2021, and 2019. There were eight as of this date in 2020.

After nearly four years on electronic monitoring, men accused of shooting near Mag Mile strike a deal



Mugshots Amando Madrueno (L) and Eddie Stone.

After spending nearly four years on electronic monitoring, two men accused of shooting another man during a brawl near the Magnificent Mile in 2019 have finally put the case behind them.

Amando Madrueno and Eddie Stone, both 34, each pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of aggravated discharge of a firearm into an occupied vehicle before Judge Aleksandra Gillespie on July 17. She sentenced both of them to 58 months, but after receiving credit for all of the time they spent on ankle monitors, the state effectively owes both men a year.

Officials described a chaotic scene leading up to the shooting near Chicago and Wabash avenues early on Oct. 9, 2019.

A 20-year-old man flagged down patrol officers and reported being shot in the hand. Other officers detained three men, including Madrueno and Stone, nearby.

At the time, Chicago police said the men were physically fighting when someone hit Stone in the head with a crowbar. "The offenders produced a firearm and fired shots," a CPD spokesperson said in 2019.

CPD did not say if Stone and Madrueno were both armed or if they fired the same gun. In an initial case report, an officer wrote that Stone pointed a semi-automatic handgun at the victim while racking the slide, then passed the gun to Madrueno.

Police said Madrueno and Stone physically attacked the man, and Madrueno hit him in the face and body with the butt of the handgun. He then fired the gun three times during a struggle for control of the weapon, striking the victim once in his right index finger, according to the CPD report.

Shell casings, blood, and a crowbar reportedly marked the crime scene near 42 E. Chicago Ave. A loaded handgun was found around the corner on Wabash.

Prosecutors charged both men with aggravated battery by discharging a firearm and multiple felony weapons violations. Madrueno and Stone spent over 1,200 days on electronic monitoring as their lawyers launched vigorous defenses and told their sides of the story.

As of last month, they were the seventh- and eighth-longest-running participants in the county's electronic monitoring program, according to sheriff's office records.

Their 58-month sentences will be automatically reduced to 29 months for good behavior. But they both earned 45 months of credit, mostly on electronic monitoring, since being arrested, according to court records.

Uptown man avoids prison for trying to sexually assault two women, groping jail nurse

An Uptown man accused of trying to sexually assault his neighbor and trying to sexually assault another woman inside a North Side bar has

Man charged with robbing Uptown bank may be responsible for two more Boystown holdups

A Chicago man charged with robbing a bank in Uptown last week may also be responsible for two similar bank heists in Boystown. That's one of the revelations in a newly-filed federal complaint against 66-year-old Dennis Hammel.

Around 3 p.m. July 13, a man walked into the Jewel-Osco, 4355 N. Sheridan, and headed to the Huntington Bank counter with a duffel bag in his hand.

Before he even reached the counter, one of the tellers noticed a birthmark on the man's neck and immediately suspected that he was the man who had recently robbed a Huntington Bank branch inside the Boystown Jewel-Osco, according to the federal complaint.

The teller activated a silent alarm and watched as the man placed a note on another teller's keyboard: "THIS IS A ROBBERY, I HAVE A WEAPON, NO DYE PACKS, NO TRACKING DEVICES, JUST GIVE ME SOME CASH, AND NOBODY GETS HURT."

The second teller slipped a tracking device into a stack of cash and handed it to the robber, who walked out with about \$2,172, the complaint said.

Chicago police officers followed the tracker. Near Broadway and Grace,



The bank robber hands over a note before fleeing with a bag of cash at Huntington Bank, 4355 N. Sheridan.

the cops pulled over a CTA bus that seemed to be moving in sync with the bank's GPS device.

The officers boarded the bus and found Hammel sitting in the back, gripping a black duffel bag, and looking a lot like the bank robber, an FBI agent wrote in the complaint.

Investigators found a stack of cash inside Hammel's bag and the tracker, which emitted a "chirping" sound, the agent said.

Coincidentally, Hammel was arrested just one block north of the Hun-

tington Bank that he is suspected of robbing twice before.

Around 2:40 p.m. on April 20, a man handed a robbery note to the teller at Huntington Bank inside Jewel-Osco, 3531 N. Broadway, officials said. And he did the same thing at the same bank on Sept. 2, 2022, according to the FBI. As of July 17, Hammel was only charged with robbing the Uptown bank branch last week.

reached a plea deal that allows him to avoid prison time.

Boney Patel, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted criminal sexual assault before Judge Laura Ayala-Gonzalez on Thursday, according to court records. She sentenced



Boney Patel

him to concurrent terms of 943 days plus 30 months of probation. The prison sentence will be satisfied by the time he spent in custody,

much of it on electronic monitoring, since being arrested.

In Dec. 2020, prosecutors accused Patel of groping five women over several days until his 25-year-old neighbor finally had him arrested for allegedly forcing his way into her home and throwing her on the bed in a violent attack.

Officials said the week-long series of incidents began a week before Christmas when Patel's neighbor woke up December 18 after a night out and found him inside her apartment on the 4000 block of N. Kenmore.

The next day, Patel allegedly pushed his way into the woman's apartment and started talking with her. Another neighbor helped the woman get him out. And the day after that, Patel was accused of grabbing a woman's buttocks at a bus stop on the 4000 block of N. Sheridan, according to CPD records.

Then, on December 20, Patel "knocked aggressively" on his female neighbor's door around 10 p.m. When the woman cracked the door slightly, Patel forced his way in, tried to grab her robe, and threw her onto her bed, prosecutors said.

The woman managed to get away and ran into her bathroom to call the police. But Patel followed her and pushed her into the tub, and the two struggled for control of the woman's phone, according to the initial allegations.

Once again, the woman got away and began knocking on neighbors' doors to get help. One of them opened their door, yelled at Patel to leave, and then let the woman call police with their phone, officials said.

Chicago police officers arrived and tracked the woman's phone to a nearby bar, where they allegedly found it in Patel's possession. Police took a home invasion report, but the woman decided not to have Patel arrested because she feared he would retaliate, prosecutors said.

A few days later, on Christmas Eve,

Patel allegedly grabbed the buttocks of three women as they stood in line at a local Walgreens. And on Christmas Day, another woman who lives in Patel's building reported that he grabbed her buttocks as she walked up to her apartment.

The home invasion victim subsequently changed her mind about pursuing charges against Patel. Police arrested him on July 16.

Between the time of the alleged home invasion and the victim's decision to pursue charges, Patel tried to sexually assault a woman in the women's restroom at Holiday Club, 4000 N. Sheridan, prosecutors said.

A woman who went to the club to celebrate her 26th birthday with a friend on Dec. 23, 2020, told police that she went to the restroom and was confronted by Patel when she tried to close the stall door. Prosecutors said he grabbed her buttocks and hips with both hands and tried to pull her back into the stall as she pushed him and tried to escape. She broke free and notified staff members, then went home to call the police.

Prosecutors said the bar's surveillance footage showed Patel following the victim into the women's room and walking out after she exited.

Two weeks after police arrested Patel, he was charged with grabbing the buttocks of a nurse as she checked his blood pressure in the Cook County jail medical center. Judge Ayala-Gonzalez handed him a third concurrent sentence of 943 days plus 30 months of probation in that case.

Defense attorney Richard Fenbert represented Patel. During one of Patel's bail hearings, Fenbert said Patel scored a 35 on his ACT, received a physics degree from the Univ. of Nebraska, and graduated from Emory Law School before going to work as a patent attorney. His mental health began deteriorating early in 2020, Fenbert said.

Burglar kicked down Boystown woman's bedroom door, demanded her property

Prosecutors have charged a man with breaking into a Lakeview woman's apartment and then kicking down her bedroom door after she locked herself inside the room for safety.

Chicago police responded to a burglary in progress call in the 700 block of W. Belmont around 12:53 a.m. July 17. When they arrived, they heard a woman screaming and the sounds of a struggle coming from inside her apartment.

The 26-year-old victim was "in a panic" when she opened the front door for cops and explained that she

had no idea who the man in her apartment was, according to a CPD arrest report.

Prosecutors say the man is Derrick Mhoon, 21, of South Shore.

The woman told officers that Mhoon entered her apartment without permission or knowledge while she was in her bedroom. Fearing for her life, she locked the bedroom door and called 911.



Derrick Mhoon

But Mhoon kicked the door in, punched her on the arm, and demanded her phone, the arrest report said. Officers allegedly found the victim's driver's license and two credit cards in Mhoon's possession. Surveillance video showed that he entered the building by breaking the front door.

Officers said in the arrest report that they sought home invasion charges, but prosecutors approved one count of residential burglary.

Judge Barbara Dawkins ordered Mhoon to pay a \$2,000 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring.

At the time of the incident, Mhoon was free on bond for a misdemeanor retail theft case. Prosecutors said he tried to steal merchandise worth \$385 from an Uptown Target store on July 7. He decided to plead guilty to the charge yesterday in exchange for a sentence of four days time served from Judge Donald Panarese Jr.

Prosecutors reject felony charges after teen accuses man of sexual abuse in park restroom

Prosecutors refused to file felony charges against a man accused of groping and trying to disrobe a 17-year-old boy inside a Chicago park restroom, according to a CPD arrest report.

The boy was at Touhy Park, 7351 N. Clark, around 5:30 p.m. June 18, when a man grabbed him inside the park men's room, according to CPD records. The man touched the boy's torso and stomach and grabbed the teen's private parts with his hands.

He pushed the boy into a bathroom stall and tried to remove the boy's shorts while motioning "shhh" with his finger to warn the boy to stay quiet, a CPD arrest report said.

The teen later participated in a photo line-up and identified Rogelio

Letters to the Editor

Retail vacancies

After spending a fantastic weekend afternoon wandering around North Center and Lincoln Square, visiting the many restaurants and shops of these first class neighborhoods, I couldn't help but notice the plethora of retail vacancies.

With the downturn in retail, the neighborhood's favorite investment banking duo, Josh Pierpont Mark and Merrill Martin, must be busy working the phones making sure these vacant spaces are filled as we head through Quarter 3 and the holiday season.

I look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor!

Tom Wisniewski
Gold Coast

Opinions detract

I appreciate the news presented in the Skyline Publication. And I like to read Thomas O'Gorman's news about the goings on in Chicago.

What I do not appreciate are the often snide and nasty comments he makes about politicians or perceived problems with the City of Chicago.

In the July 19 paper he states "With City Hall again in the hands of cop-hating woke crowd, expect some exciting reporting from our favorite cop blog." I would argue that such an opinion should be kept to himself and should be edited out of his column, unless that is something the Editor approves and endorses. Such a comment detracts from Skyline.

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Illinois to spend \$30 million for 'peacekeepers' this fiscal year

BY ANDREW HENSEL
The Centered Squared

Community members from Chicago are seeking to address crime throughout the state with violence intervention methods as group officials suggest more funding is needed. Others say money is not the issue.

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services is looking to spend \$30 million in fiscal year 2024 that started July 1 on the Peacekeepers Program. The money comes from COVID-19 relief federal tax funds. The program summary is looking for community groups with a "comprehensive approach to reducing firearm violence through targeted, integrated behavioral health services and economic opportunities."

The community group Violence Interrupters focuses on interrupting violence in select cities throughout the United States by

establishing short and long-term goals that will reduce the number of violent crimes.

The group's founder, Tio Hardiman, said that his group in Chicago had made strides in addressing some of the root causes of crime but did suggest increased funding to expand their operation.

"My overall goal here in Chicago is to hire another 1,000 violence interrupters to hit the streets of Chicago and mediate conflicts in Chicago at an all-time high level," Hardiman said. "So we can reduce gun violence by 50% in Chicago."

However, some have suggested that the job of limiting crime in Chicago and statewide may be too large of an issue for some of these community groups, and that more taxpayer funding won't help.

"I think we have to be really careful with all the money that is being spent," said Ted Dabrowski of Wirepoints. "The state, the

city, has spent a lot of money on programs, and they are very difficult to measure. They are difficult to find out what the right metrics

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are. Are they working or are they not working? Are these groups professional, and can these groups succeed?"

Hardiman said groups like his have shown the capability of getting things done.

"We are trying to get to the

place where we need to be. We have a budget, we have a proposal, and we know what we are doing," Hardiman said. "We know how to get results. We have a proven track record when it comes to getting results and reducing gun violence."

Dabrowski suggested putting more reliance on the police and the state's laws that are already in place and told The Center Square that more funding does not fix the issues when police and prosecutors have let people walk.

"It is a revolving door. We need to shut the revolving door," Dabrowski said. "There's a lot we need to do to execute. Forget new money. Let's execute the existing laws and the existing policies that we have."

Chicago Police statistics show a 39% increase in total crime compared to last year.

Man shot on sidewalk, collapses and dies in hotel lobby

BY CWBCHICAGO

The crime scene tape was draped across the entrance of a downtown Chicago hotel July 21 after a man shot nearby ran inside and collapsed in the lobby. The 40-year-old victim was pronounced dead at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Police responded to the Virgin Hotel, 203 N. Wabash, around 11:40 p.m. after a Chicago Fire Dept. unit handling a call of a man with breathing difficulties in the lobby realized that he had been shot.

Investigators determined that the shooting occurred around the corner near the entrance to a parking garage at 60 E. Lake St. According to CPD, the man was on the sidewalk when shots were fired around 11:29 p.m. One round struck the man in the abdomen, and he ran into the Virgin Hotel, then collapsed, according to police.

Officials have not publicly identified the victim, but this reporter has learned that he had a lengthy arrest history, including

one for assault at the Virgin Hotel in Oct. 2022.

In 2019, he was arrested in River North after he chased and stabbed a man following an argument near State and Illinois streets. He received a three-year prison sentence for that case in April 2021, according to court records.

He was charged in January 2018 with slashing an off-duty DuPage County sheriff's deputy working as security at the Greyhound terminal, 630 W. Harrison. He received a 14-month prison sentence for that.

He is the 10th person shot in the Loop this year, down sharply from the 22 victims seen as of July 22 last year. There were 15 victims as of this date in 2021; eight in 2020; and four in 2019.

Four of last year's victims were shot during a single incident in the 400 block of S. Wells, and one was shot by Chicago police officers after he allegedly opened fire on them.

Before July 21, the most recent shooting in the Loop occurred near the State-Van Buren L sta-



Chicago police stand near crime scene tape at the entrance to the Virgin Hotel, 203 N. Wabash, after a man who was shot nearby collapsed in the lobby on July 21.

tion on May 31. Chicago police said a 31-year-old concealed carry holder pulled a gun and accidentally shot himself in the leg during an argument. He then shot a 30-year-old man in the hand and fled the scene in a vehicle. Both survived.

A Chicago police media statement referred to the concealed carry holder as the "victim" and the other man as the "offender," but police did not say what the concealed carry holder was a victim of.

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swam to the woman in distress, with the life preserver. They both subsequently made it to safety following this harrowing ordeal. What a gal! Without Tys' compassion, bravery and clear commitment (and her mother's insistence that she learn to swim as a child), the outcome may have been very different! Officer Tys was named Officer of the Month. Thank you for your selflessness. You truly went above and beyond.

BAD COP: Your table is ready, Ald. **Daniel La Spata**, who found a patio set up in front of his office on Milwaukee Ave., in protest of his attacks on small business in the 1st Ward over politics.

TRINITY DANCE: Trinity Dance pros rock the Orient with their style and performing recently. Dancers shared a dinner in very welcoming Japan. Bravo **Mark Howard** company founder.

DOPE: We got a note from a reader... seems Sandburg Village has a smoking problem. "I am sickened by the skunk smell of weed. The building says they can't do much as it's now legal. I have COPD and eye issues so my quality of life is hindered. Does anyone else agree that the Illinois government should have restricted smoking pot in residential buildings with more than three floors? Is there anything we can do about it now?" Sorry, but it looks like "no" - smoking dope around strangers has been elevated as religious rite now. There would be police SWAT teams and city officials swooping in if they were smoking cigarettes instead of dope.

FAREWELL LOGAN SQUARE: Magic chef, **Bo Fowler**, has sadly announced the Owen & Engine, a 14 year old British-style anchor pub of good taste and refined vittles will be closing. Bye, bye to the best burgers in town and a creative menu. Bo will deal with the business issues and her own health issues and be greatly missed on Western Ave.

ZOO BALL: 46th Annual Zoo Ball, a Chicago Social watch-set creme de la creme, 800 guests raising \$1.6M.

DIVAS: Chief O'Neill's Irish pub played host to a spectacular array of Chicago talent as friends of **Kathy Brown** gathered to celebrate decades of friendship and presence on the entertainment stages of Chicago. So you know **Barb Bailey** and **Irene Mojica** would be front and center for this summer spectacular of great food and bubbly. Now Miss Bailey must ready herself to return to Herb Alpert's in LA in Nov. Ireen sang at Salerno's on Grand Ave. last week.

BARBIE BIRTHDAY PARTY: What a party cooked up by friends for dearest **Sherry Lea Fox**. "A Barbie Birthday Bash," guess the color theme. **Kathy Wolter Mondelli's** fingerprints were all over this spectacle of friendship. Sherry Lea was surrounded by **Julia Jacobs**, **Jennifer Sutton Brievea**, **Whitney Reynolds**, **Tina Gravel**, designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Bethany**, "the bride," **Florek**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Kate Krause Prange** and **Leah Chavie**.



Officer Joanna Tys standing by a Horse of Honor.



Buddy Guy



Irene Mojica and Barb Bailey.



Sherry Lea surrounded by Julia Jacobs, Jennifer Sutton Brievea, Whitney Reynolds, Tina Gravel, designer Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, Bethany, "the bride," Florek, Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Kate Krause Prange and Leah Chavie.



Jane Justic with grandsons, Leo, Max, Mason and John.



Abra Prentice Wilkin and Jim Wilkin.

Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, **Bethany** "the bride" **Florek**, **Kate Krause Prange**, **Leah Chavie** and more pinky friends at **Steve Lombardo's** Italia. And the bubbles kept flowing at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill dinner with **Candace Jordan**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Sheree Schimmer**, **Treacy DiBuono**, **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff**, **Myra Reilly**, **Bobbi Panter** and **Whynnis Mackie**.

WHO'S WHERE: **Jane Justic** up from Naples having a wonderful afternoon with grandsons, **Leo**, **Max**, **Mason** and **John**. Taking in The Who's Tommy the Musical and dinner at Flo and Santos... **Christie's Steven Zick** at the Farnsworth Museum Gala in Rockland, ME boosting the acquisi-

tion power of a hard-working American art museum... **Failte**, **Tim Egan** received Irish Citizenship last week, becoming a dual-citizen of the two greatest countries in the world: the Republic of Ireland and the United States of America, acknowledging the right to party with **Eamonn Cummins** regularly... **Jim Flint's** The Baton Show Lounge celebrated Happy Birthday for **Mark Olley** with "Mark's Angels!" With **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** organizing this bevy of Bon Bons... Happy Birthday to fabulous **Joanie Pallatto**, just in time to release her new CD... A Festa Italiana for **Josie Falbo's** show with **Sparrow** and **Joyce Selander**... **Hector Gustavo Cardeneas** and **Marius Morkven** on their way to Tel Aviv, Israel... Honorary Mayor **Shelley Howard** doing Sushi Saturday at Kamehachi, table 71 with **Dennis** and **Chase**... Tasty Sunday brunch, AHOY, at the Yacht Club for **Peggy Snorf** with **Jim Kinney**, **Brian White**, **Rodger** and **Janet Owen** all looking snazzy... **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** warm hug on your just-past birthday... **Stephanie** and **Jeffrey Emrich** view **Henri Matisse** to **Alexander Calder** at the Toledo Museum of Art... Soon to be his honor, **Dan Balanoff** at Windy City Smokeout with **Nicole Kremidas** and **Angela Kessler**... Sending best wishes and salutes to **Buddy Guy** turning 87... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** so in l'amor at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Cap Antibes, France... this correspondent was thrilled twirling pastas at Via Carducci with the delightful **Jim Wilkin** and his engaging wife, the eternally social **Abra**, a true Chicago landmark for all seasons.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Preston Norris Babcock**... bravo Pres and Macy, love has found you.

SINGING THE PAST LIKE NEW: "Musically magical and also scary, yet deeply moving concert," that's how **Paul Hansen** connected to his old pal **Sunny Feeley** at Ides of March, **Cryan Shames**, **Buckinghams** and

Celebrate Ella Jenkins' 99th birthday at Jenkins Park

North Siders are invited to join in celebrating the 99th birthday of Ella Jenkins on Aug. 6, the namesake of the Ella Jenkins Park, 333 W. Wisconsin, at the corner of Sedgwick and Wisconsin in Old Town.

The legendary Ella Jenkins has been honored by the DuSable Museum of African American History as a leading performer of children's music for over 50 years. Affectionately named "The First Lady of the Children's Folk Song," Jenkins was a recipient of the 2004 GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award and has been recognized by many other prestigious arts and culture organizations.

The community gathering runs from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Ella Jenkins Park and will feature musical performances by Susan Salidor, cake and birthday treats, kids art and activities, and a tree sapling giveaway for all attendees. For more information visit www.oldtowntriangle.com. The rainout location is at the nextdoor Church of the Three Crosses.

New Colony Six at **Ron Onesti's** theater in Des Plaines. In the meantime Pappa Hansen was delighted to attend "The Taste of Park Ridge" with daughter **Holly O'Connell**.

The secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside - *Mark Twain*

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New installation at Lincoln Park Conservancy

The Lincoln Park Conservatory has opened a new art exhibit installation titled “Earth, Water, Fire, Wind & Space, 2023.” This exhibition is now on view now through Oct. 1. Earth, Water, Fire, Wind & Space, 2023, by artist William J. O’Brien is a multi-sensory installation created for the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

The two-part installation spans both the Palm and Show rooms and consists of over 100 ceramic and papier-mâché sculptures. The sculptures are supposed to be a response to the wild and varied natural plant habitat. Admission is free, but reservations are required. For reservations or information call 312-742-7736.

BEER-TASTING from p. 7

“The experts will comment on how far the beer industry has come over the past five decades,” noted Liz Garibay, executive director of Chicago Brewseum, co-sponsor of the event along with the Newberry Library and the Pocket Guide to Hell.

Event speakers include Chicago Tribune columnist and WGN-Radio host Rick Kogan, actor Gary Houston, musician Hope Arthur, scholar Bill Savage, and former Sun-Times reporter Andy Shaw, CEO of the Better Government Assoc.

Along with food and music, the event also will feature readings of Royko’s columns, and finds from the Mike Royko Papers collection at the Newberry Library, which is planning a special exhibition of his work later this year, Garibay said.

“It’s an old truism that one cannot talk about Chicago literature without mentioning its literary journalists—George Ade, Finley Peter Dunne, and Ben Hecht,” Savage told Block Club Chicago.

“It’s also the absolute truth that one cannot talk about Chicago literature without talking about Mike Royko,” said Savage, a Northwestern Univ. professor who has taught classes on Royko’s columns.

In the five decades since Royko’s 1973 Beer Test, the industry has completely changed, Garibay noted. The beer industry was dominated by big breweries in the 1970s because Prohibition—and Chicago gangsters—in the early 1930s wiped out the small beer companies.

When this writer was a youngster growing up in Old Town near North and Halsted in the early 1950s, German beer halls, breweries, the Blue Danube nightclub and the Kino Movie Theater still dotted Old Town.

Sieben’s Brewery, at 1454-1478 N. Larabee St., was one of the biggest and best. It had its own “bier stube” or beer hall, and a spacious outdoor garden that could seat up to 100 avid beer



Daily News softball team, 1974 CDN Media League champs, at Billy Goat Tavern with wives and pals swilling gallons of beer.

lovers.

Founded by German brewer Michael Sieben in 1865, Sieben’s brewed lager beer in Chicago for more than a century, during an era when the Windy City had 166 breweries. Sieben’s was the oldest operating brewery in Chicago

when it closed in 1967.

In 1959, at age 15, my cabdriver father, Chester Louis DeBat, invited me to Yondorf Hall, on the northeast corner of North and Halsted, to hoist a cool schooner of draft beer at the infamous “Barrel House,” a huge

saloon on the ground floor. I was a tall kid, so the bartender cooperated and served me my first beer.

The last local brewery from that era, Peter Hand, brewers of Meister Brau and a participant in Royko’s 1973 event, closed on North Ave. just west of Clybourn Ave. in 1978.

After a decade, the opening of Goose Island to beer making in 1988 ushered in the next wave of Chicago breweries, Garibay said. “We went from not having too many breweries in Chicago in the 1970s to now having a brewery on almost every corner.”

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

DRUGS from p. 3

es—specifically at Millennium Lakeside, Millennium Park and Grant Park North Garages.

As usual, drug use during Lollapalooza will be rampant on the public way. While not a surprise, Lollapalooza has become a hotspot for party drugs like MDMA (Ecstasy), LSD, mushrooms, cocaine, pot, nitrous oxide and many other recreational substances.

The problem is that many of those illicit substances are now laced with fentanyl. And fentanyl these days kills more people in Chicago every year than those who die from shootings and gang gun violence. Emergency personnel warn against buying drugs from people walking around with backpacks at Lollapalooza. The pills they sell are going to be laced with fentanyl. According to the U.S. Drug Administration, 42% of pills tested for fentanyl will contain at least two milligrams of the Schedule II controlled substance. This dosage is widely considered to be a lethal threshold.

A 2022 study by Innerbody Research shows that Lollapalooza is

the top music festival nationwide for random sex and drug use. Researchers interviewed 1,006 festival-goers, from Baby Boomer aged to Gen Z, to learn how they let loose at the country’s most popular music festivals.

The survey revealed that more than 9 out of 10 attendees were planning to take drugs at a music festival in 2022. The study claims that 64% of Lollapalooza attendees will be using marijuana, 41% will be on cocaine and 37% will be taking LSD, MDMA or mushrooms — or all three. Fully 96% of those surveyed say they planned to be high at Lollapalooza.

At Lollapalooza, anyone can pick up fentanyl test strips at no

charge. The test strips can detect the deadly opioid when mixed with other drugs. Also being distributed for free are doses of Narcan, which can reverse a fentanyl overdose.

As for weed, while Lollapalooza doesn’t explicitly prohibit smoking recreational weed, the Chicago Park District does not allow smoking or vaping in parks. But the truth is, there is no Park District smoking, vaping or weed police, and the Chicago Police tend to look the other way.

Of course, pervasive drug abuse can lead to high risk situations, and 84% of festival-goers surveyed had experienced a substance-related injury at a festival

with the majority (59%) vowing they’ll be sober ‘next time’ they buy Lollapalooza tickets. Other than just saying “no,” experts suggest drug users should test their drugs, carry overdose medications and seek medical personnel if a drug experience goes awry. Unfortunately, very few drug users are aware of these resources prior to a bad experience or overdose. Buying dope from a trusted source, drinking lots of water and microdosing are considered the top three safety strategies for Lollapalooza attendees to practice.

Music festivals also have a

potentially dangerous reputation for romanticism, especially at Lollapalooza, where 30% of fans are most likely to have sex with a stranger, according to the study.

And for those planning to smuggle banned substances into Lollapalooza, know that all bags will be subject to search, so be careful about sneaking in edibles too. Some of the items that are prohibited include weapons, pets, alcohol, fireworks, laser pointers, glass containers, large hard-sided coolers, drones, professional cameras or recording equipment, chairs or outside food.

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 1443 VICTORIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff,
 -v.- KEITH MILLER, STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants
 22 CH 12092
 1449 WEST VICTORIA STREET, UNT 3B 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 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 17, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 1449 WEST VICTORIA STREET, UNT 3B, CHICAGO, IL 60660
 Property Index No. 14-05-316-078-1014
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$12,469.74.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
 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

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Case # 22 CH 12092

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 P.I.N. 14-05-210-024-1060.
 Commonly known as 6166 North Sheridan Road, Apartment 12E, Chicago, IL 60660.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 21-015125 ADC F2
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purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs. CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/D DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; BARBARA B. VON LANGE; MALIBU CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/D DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANT Defendants,
 22 CH 9504
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 23, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 14-05-215-015-1057.
 Commonly known as 6007 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 10A, Chicago, IL 60660.
 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 THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs. MATTHEW A. TOMALEWICZ; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. HAWTHORNE POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
 22 CH 4249
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 14, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 14-17-303-036-1016 (new); 14-17-303-001-0000 (underlying).
 Commonly known as 1511 W. Cullom Ave. Unit G, Chicago, IL 60613.
 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff,
 -v.- JANICE L. STEWARD A/K/A JANICE STEWARD, OAKLEY PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
 2022 CH 08663
 7542 N. OAKLEY AVENUE, APT. 2W CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 29, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 7542 N. OAKLEY AVENUE, APT. 2W, CHICAGO, IL 60645
 Property Index No. 11-30-301-044-1005
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$115,177.23.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
 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

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Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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 For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 22 9694.
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Real Estate For Sale

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for LB-Cabana Series IV Trust, Plaintiff,
 vs. Josefina B. Jimenez AKA Josefina Jimenez; Pratt-Artesian Condominium Association; CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., successor by merger to Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corp Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants,
 19 CH 10385
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 22, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 10-36-407-037-1012.
 Commonly known as 2425 West Pratt Boulevard., Unit 13, Chicago, IL 60645.
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vs. ANA COLIN; THE GROVE AT GREENLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
 22 CH 11105
NOTICE OF SALE
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 P.I.N. 11-32-106-033-1028 (new); 11-32-106-007-0000 (old).
 Commonly known as 1358 W. Greenleaf Ave., Unit 1N, Chicago, IL 60626.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and 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.
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 Commonly known as 2547 W. FARWELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60645
 Property Index No. 10-36-229-004-0000
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.

— Terry Pratchett

RECYCLING from p. 5

sembled in broken-down pickup trucks to await a turn at the scale where the scrap metal would be sorted by materials and placed in various dumpsters.

This is hard tedious work, many times done by members of Chicago's immigrant community.

Not long ago, on east and west sides of the river, enormous clawed cranes and electromagnetic dinosaurs sorted the metal by type and size, crushing and baling it, then loading it on barges. This unsorted scrap was bound for export overseas for use in construction or recycled into consumer items.

While Chicago and other rust-belt cities of the Midwest were built upon steel and the profits of the steel industry a hundred years ago, very little of that heavy industry remains here nowadays.

Instead, piece by piece, household by household, the simple physical structure of Chicago is being broken down and shipped off to feed new exploding megacities such as Shenzhen, Shanghai, Chengdu, etc.

There are hundreds of scrap-pickers living and working all over Chicago in less-gentrified neighborhoods, by day scouring every square inch of the city for all metal items, before the sun rises and late into the evening. The high price of scrap encourages them to pick

up that last door knob or those extra plumbing pipes to make a few cents more. Across the city there are hundreds of these scrappers and they are a major force of domestic deindustrialization.

Each load of scrap metal hauled through the alley represents the end chapter of a story of the manufacture of common consumer items, many of them created right here in Chicago many years ago, now shipped off to lands on the other side of the world.

POLICE BEAT from p. 8

Avila, 55, as the man he encountered in the restroom, according to the report. The document does not say why detectives included Avila in the photo array.



Rogelio Avila

Avila, who lives about three blocks from the park, was arrested last Friday evening after he walked

into the Rogers Park 24th District police station and asked why cops were looking for him at his house earlier in the day, the report said.

Officers asked prosecutors to approve felony charges of criminal sexual abuse, but the Cook County state's attorney's office rejected them. So, police filed two counts of misdemeanor battery against Avila instead. He was released from the police station on his own recognizance.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR 2023

This publication constitutes official notice of the changes in assessment to all owners of real property in Rogers Park Township. The 2023 assessment changes as published herein are those determined by the Assessor of Cook County.

It is the duty of the Assessor to appraise all taxable real property in Cook County at its fair cash value as of January 1, 2023. Fair cash value is described as what the property would bring at a voluntary sale in the normal course of business or trade. The Assessor is required by law to assess said property in a fair and just manner.

The Assessor does not determine property taxes. Property taxes are determined by the spending needs and requests of municipalities, school boards, park districts and other local government agencies which provide public services to property owners. The Assessor's sole responsibility is to estimate the value of real estate property.

In Cook County, real property is classified according to its use. The classification system is used to determine the percentage of the fair cash value at which the real property is assessed for purposes of taxation. Accordingly, real property is assessed at only a fraction of its fair cash value, depending on its use and classification.

Changes in assessment for land and improvements are listed separately. The dimensions of the land are also listed:

- A - Acres
- B - Back Lot
- N - Irregular Lot
- S - Square Feet

Cook County uses a Permanent Index Number (P.I.N) system as a means to identify individual real estate parcels. The PIN consists of a 14-digit number. The first two digits identify the area or survey township; the second two digits identify the sub-area or section; the next three digits identify blocks.

Note:

Blocks are defined as follows:

- Blocks 100 to 199 are located in the N.W. Quarter
- Blocks 200 to 299 are located in the N.E. Quarter
- Blocks 300 to 399 are located in the S.W. Quarter
- Blocks 400 to 499 are located in the S.E. Quarter

The next three digits in the series identify the specific parcel or lot. The last four, (where applicable), identify individual condominium units, non-operating railroad parcels or leasehold's of exempt parcels.

Whenever possible, the assessment list will be listed by the street name and the street or house number of the parcel. However, the Cook County Assessor's Office official records rely on permanent Property Index Numbers (P.I.N.) only. No assessment of real property shall be considered invalid due to an incorrect listing.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment of real property you should visit the Office of the Assessor of Cook County, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 301, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or call (312) 443-7550.

FRITZ KAEGI ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY TOWNSHIP OF ROGERS PARK

AREA	BLK.	SIZE	LAND	IMP
AREA 10 SUB AREA 36				
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 076 0000	5029S	10058	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 077 0000	3444S	6888	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 078 0000	2442S	4884	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 079 0000	2938S	5876	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 080 0000	2738S	5476	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 081 0000	2840S	5680	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 082 0000	2802S	5604	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 083 0000	2448S	4896	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 084 0000	2957S	5914	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 085 0000	4162S	8324	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 086 0000	4695S	9390	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 087 0000	3063S	6126	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 088 0000	3254S	6508	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 089 0000	3697S	7394	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 090 0000	3594S	7188	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 091 0000	3651S	7302	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 092 0000	5431S	10662	
ESTATES OF REGENT PARK	300 093 0000	1193S	2386	
AREA 11 SUB AREA 29				
JARVIS ASHLAND LLC	313 019 0000	9024S	13310	229181
AREA 11 SUB AREA 30				
SILVER HAMMER HOLDINGS	310 038 0000	6634S	9785	146370
"GT ALTERNATIVES, LLC"	411 062 0000	6149S	13527	
"GT ALTERNATIVES, LLC"	411 063 0000	11001S	24202	
AREA 11 SUB AREA 31				
LISSA SOLIS	122 035 1001	11893S	1328	13281
NEDIM MAHMUTOVIC	122 035 1002	11893S	1865	18647
SANTOSH NIDAMARTHY	122 035 1003	11893S	1865	18647
E P SUDA	122 035 1004	11893S	1865	18647
ASHOK MENON & PREETHY	122 035 1005	11893S	1865	18647
RAFAEL BRUNWASSER	122 035 1006	11893S	1932	19319
SANTOSH NIDAMARTHY	122 035 1007	11893S	1932	19319
JOHN C MAGILL	122 035 1008	11893S	1932	19319
ARIANA DRULE	122 035 1009	11893S	1932	19319
KATHIRAVAN KRISHNAMURT	122 035 1010	11893S	2002	20026
MARINA NIKOLIC	122 035 1011	11893S	2002	20026
TAXPAYER OF	122 035 1012	11893S	219	2196
MARINA NIKOLIC	122 035 1013	11893S	219	2196
TAXPAYER OF	122 035 1014	11893S	219	2196
TAXPAYER OF	122 035 1015	11893S	219	2196
BRENDAN FINUCANE & AAR	214 059 0000	5089S	9160	43697
ANIBAL & MARJORIE MARI	214 060 0000	146S	262	
AREA 11 SUB AREA 32				
LAURA J LOTHSCUTZ	400 037 1031	18580S	3449	40550

NO.	SIZE	LAND	IMP
2434 W DEVON INC	6416	6875S	22773
RICHARD J GERDY JR	6627	4125S	18932
DANIEL KIYOSHI YOSHIBA	6722	4687S	9374
THEODORE N CHIANAKAS R	6744	4167S	8334
CHEVELLE CAPITAL 2414	7435	4299S	6341
ARTHUR AVE	W		
STEVE ELGAZAR TRUSTEE	2010	4092S	7365
ASHLAND AVE	N		
SALLY FREELS	6545	5580S	10044
ILYA PISARENKO	6631	3720S	6696
DANIELLE N LANDRON	7076	6472S	556
DANIELLE LANDRON	7076	6472S	599
KEDZIOR LUKASZ	7076	6472S	862
STACIE LANDRON	7078	6472S	599
JAYNE B OLEFSKY	7078	6472S	599
DUSHYANT SHARMA	7078	6472S	1100
IBRAHIM SHIHADDEH	7522	3960S	18067
IBRAHIM SHIHADDEH	7526	3960S	18067
IBRAHIM SHIHADDEH	7530	3960S	18067
ASHLAND BLVD	N		
ERNESTO CUEVAS	7076	6472S	891
BELL AVE	N		
PAUL JASPER	7329	4125S	7425
BIRCHWOOD AVE	W		
BICHNGA NGUYEN FRANZEN	1440	6000S	10800
ACCESSIBLE HABITATS LL	1500	15000S	1142
AUTISM HOMES ALLIANCE	1500	15000S	1592
JOANNA SU	1500	15000S	1618
MCGUIRE & SCHNITGER	1500	15000S	1609
CALEB NOLAN	1506	15000S	1453
JESSICA YEE	1506	15000S	1479
SKYLAR LAYMAN	1506	15000S	1748
ROBERT BOHLIN	1508	15000S	1799
NIKITA TURK	1508	15000S	1955
STACEY TAPPAN	1508	15000S	1557
AL ESTOCK STACY ADAMS	1531	5400S	9720
HCP GRAND LLC	1544	14245S	21011
QUANG TRUONG	2916	3720S	7440
EMANUEL & LISA ZOBERMA	2923	3720S	7440
SHEYRIF EDUARD	3022	3720S	7440
MICHAEL S LEIBOVITZ	3043	3720S	7440
BOSWORTH AVE	N		
ILYA PISARENKO	6444	7750S	13950
HANS E MYROLD	6453	3875S	6975
6512 N BOSWORTH LLC	6512	3720S	6696
BROADMOOR PARTNERS LLC	7600	17889S	26386
IDM SERVICES	7612	6400S	9440
CALIFORNIA AVE	N		
EVE NORTMAN	6641	3125S	5234
EVE NORTMAN	6643	3125S	5234
EVE NORTMAN	6645	3125S	5234
MELISSA K JONES & DEAN	7442	4167S	8334
CAMPBELL AVE	N		
2434 W DEVON INC	6415	9375S	35156
DIMITRIOS STAMATAKOS	6637	4125S	8250
HILARY ZIMMERMAN	6725	4683S	9366
TIMOTHY J RICE	6747	4687S	9374
J HARPER & M BURNS	7443	3808S	7616
CHASE AVE	W		
1627 CHASE LLC	1627	16500S	24337
SCHOENDORFF HAWKINS	1827	5600S	10080
YESHAYA SERUYA	2848	3720S	7440
GUILLERMO J LAPID	2904	3720S	7440
O D DRAGON	3004	3720S	7440
CLAREMONT AVE	N		
RUDOLF PULJIC	7241	10650S	15708
JOSE E QUETELL	7421	7029S	12652
THUC MINH HUYNH 1FL	7425	7029S	12652
ENRIQUE ESPINOSA	7444	4686S	8434
CLARK ST	N		
TRUST APARTMENTS	6443	3465S	5803
MNM CLARK LLC	6542	9121S	19382
MNM CLARK LLC	6558	14285S	30355
W VACCARO	6609	11690S	19580
THE 1ST COMMERCIAL BK	6934	9316S	13741
CHICAGO HOUSING SERVIC	6962	8700S	36431
JOSE A RODRIGUEZ	6965	4375S	7875
CLARK INVESTMENTS LLC	7000	23762S	22856
LOUIS PALIVOS	7001	8650S	112834
LOUIS PALIVOS	7001	17300S	72443
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7459	6339S	26544
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7459	3879S	16243
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7459	1359S	5690
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7501	217969S	912745
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7501	1651S	6913
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	16518S	289
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	7658S	32067
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	57725
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	20313
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	3
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	95136
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	507
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	1862
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	6263
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7507	67713S	338
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7523	6986S	29253
AAIM HOWARD AND CLARK	7541	9527S	39894
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7551	3731S	15623
COYLE AVE	W		
RONALD KANDELMAN	2556	5144S	10288
C & J DUKE	2601	4369S	8738
SEAN CORRIGAN	2637	4216S	8432
TUNG LAM	2713	4650S	9317
JACOB Z ROBINSON	2936	5227S	10454
DAMEN AVE	N		
SEAN ANDREWS	6560	3525S	6345
ANGELA STROE	6632	4059S	6088
ANGELA STROE	6634	4059S	6088
ANGELA STROE	6638	4059S	6088
CHRISTY ADEYEMI	7530	3564S	7840
DEVON AVE	W		
ICARUS INVEST GROUP	1344	7500S	12562
MTY REALTY	1432	20107S	84198
MTY PROPERTY	1454	12400S	51925
WAZOBIA BANQUETS	1616	6314S	26439
DDM MANAGEMENT LLC	1742	6250S	10468
ZACHARIAH GEORGE LLC	2000	8844S	14813
GEORGI T IVANOV	2102	3493S	14626
GEORGI T IVANOV	2104	2675S	11201
GEORGI T IVANOV	2106	2675S	11201
ORANGE MANagements	2312	2675S	4815
2434 W DEVON INC	2436	7242S	30325
2434 W DEVON INC	2440	9375S	39257
2434 W DEVON INC	2448	9375S	39257
2434 W DEVON INC	2456	7242S	30325
JAYESH SHEWAKRAMANI	2614	3125S	13085
NIRMAL SHEWAKRAMANI	2616	3125S	13085
KHALID J SIDDIQUI	2906	6250S	26171
PI SHANAYIM LLC	3008	13497S	3407

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S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	2009
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1999
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1999
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1903
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1993
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1999
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1980
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1900
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1993
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1999
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	1996
S&T ACQUISITIONS	3152	12449S	15003
EASTLAKE TER	N		
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7501	9680S	16214
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7510	7663S	12835
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7518	7663S	12835
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7606	7376S	12354
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7640	10860S	18190
7729 EASTLAKE LLC	7729	11765S	25883
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7737	8600S	14405
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7738	9840S	16482
BECOVIC RESIDENTIAL SE	7739	8520S	14271
ESTES AVE	W		
7070 SHERIDAN LLC	1301	15561S	22952
MAYAN LAGOON LLC	1345	31514S	46483
WILLIAM COVACI	1377	24772S	36538
ATRIUM HEALTH CARE	1423	6840S	25222
ATRIUM HEALTH CARE CTR	1425	5250S	19359
ATRIUM HEALTH CARE	1427	7380S	27213
ATRIUM HEALTH CARE	1431	7380S	27213
WALTER G RICHARD	1524	6160S	11088
ROBERT A MCLEAN	1607	6472	

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THE LAURENCE M SAVIERS	7512	15000S	1713	21425	FIORI & VACCARI	7036	20094S	101	680	SINAI 2901 TOUHY LLC	2901	3329S	13940	50247
TIMOTHY O'BRIEN	7512	15000S	1817	23032	"1701 W. GREENLEAF, LLC"	7036	20094S	101	680	SINAI 2901 TOUHY LLC	2905	4462S	18684	35218
AUTISM HOMES ALLIANCE	7512	15000S	1799	23052	BENJAMIN TYRA	7036	20094S	101	680	SINAI 2901 TOUHY LLC	2907	3329S	13940	27871
AFFORDABLE HOME DEVELOP	7650	11530S	25366	295	"1701 W. GREENLEAF, LLC"	7036	20094S	101	680	TROY ST	N			
AFFORDABLE HOME DEVELOP	7652	11531S	1098	9294	PAULINA ST	N				EDINA PUZIC	6415	3166S	6332	20354
AFFORDABLE HOME DEVELOP	7652	11531S	1098	12392	JERREN GRIMES	7020	20094S	1206	14453	RINCHEN DOLMA	6513	4375S	8750	24399
WILLIAM A MILOSZ TRUST	7652	11531S	1400	7898	JERREN GRIMES	7036	20094S	101	680	WALLEN AVE	W			
HERMITAGE AVE	N				HOWARD PAULINA LLC	7605	14880S	54870	281752	THIRD LAKE LLC	3140	3846S	7692	79308
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7539	10428S	38453	152090	RAGHU NAYAK	7613	7880S	28320	238219	PEOPLES GAS TAX ADM	3158	191459S	406850	128696
GOOD NEWS PARTNERS	7731	6125S	9034	106079	RAGHU MAYAK	7619	3840S	14160	313	WASHTENAW AVE	N			
HOWARD ST	W				RAGHU NAYAK	7623	3840S	14160	313	SHAMUEL ELEAS	6532	4125S	8250	44750
1419 HOWARD LLC	1425	14668S	61422	363577	PRATT AVE	W				WAYNE AVE	N			
IBRAHIM SHIHADDEH	1607	15810S	66204	581795	JACOB & ILANA GALSTER	2840	4200S	8400	27041	DAVID KOGAN & ESTHER K	6418	3993S	8385	52567
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	1731	22323S	93477	383275	PRATT BLVD	W				LILIA MALAVE TRUST	6829	3350S	6030	26086
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	1763	64936S	271919	1094558	1233 PRATT LLC	1233	6910S	14511	1727	MUHAMMAD A BAIG	6424	5400S	22612	124017
MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	1763	20885S	87455	115321	1233 PRATT LLC	1245	6905S	14500	1726	CLAREMONT HOLDINGS INC	7121	2425S	10154	31917
BASIL S RIZAKOS	2001	13038S	54596	136660	1233 PRATT LLC	1247	6902S	14494	1725	M5 REALTY LLC	7123	2425S	10154	3232
CLAREMONT HOLDINGS INC	2033	7380S	30903	86643	JOSE A RODRIGUEZ	1726	6355S	11439	27875	AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	7127	2425S	10154	2581
SOEM MANAGEMENT INC	2209	18810S	78766	108450	LEERON TRAVISH	1937	5367S	1251	9748	M5 REALTY LLC	7129	2425S	10154	2596
REBECCA J MATTHEWS	3105	3100S	6200	17799	HARRIS POTTER INC	1937	5367S	850	6299	AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	7133	2425S	10154	2627
JARLATH ST	W				MARIA SIMONA MERDARIU	1937	5367S	1251	9748	M5 REALTY LLC	7137	2425S	10154	2626
JOSEPH & JOSEPH	2617	3720S	7440	41946	LEERON TRAVISH	1937	5367S	1166	8733	M5 REALTY LLC	7139	2424S	10150	2148
ELI J & E SILBERSTEIN	2935	5208S	10416	37754	TZIGHE ZEMENESKUDS	1939	5367S	1711	13137	AMERICAN BLUE RIBBON H	7141	2764S	11574	2945
REUVEN STEIN TRUST	2939	5208S	10416	50600	SAMIR KOSUT	1939	5367S	1395	10703	JIR MANAGEMENT INC	7250	37200S	62310	460749
ALEKSANDR VOLKOV	3039	3968S	7936	39000	MARTA PIETRZYKOWSKI	1939	5367S	2034	15565	JIR MANAGEMENT INC	7250	12108S	20280	415
VIRGINIA LOPEZ	3046	3968S	7936	19391	SHERIBEL F ROTHENBERG	2084	18800S	33840	38155	AVALON EQUITIES WESTER	7400	3919S	16410	56916
JARVIS AVE	W				MAJID BARCHAM	2743	7000S	14000	36883	AVALON EQUITIES WESTER	7402	3050S	12771	42687
CARLOS MCCAIN	1245	5997S	13193	62475	EXEMPT	2757				AVALON EQUITIES WESTER	7406	3050S	12771	42687
FJ APARTMENTS L.P.	1345	8249S	7910	154171	CMC PRATT LLC	2757	4540S	3541	55988	WOLCOTT AVE	N			
CTLTC C700039068	1405	7500S	11062	86725	PAUL D FEIT & RACHEL F	2920	6600S	13200	31025	GM PROPERTIES	7312	8096S	7764	38373
1436 JARVIS COMPLEX	1436	7500S	11062	203937	MICHAEL DULIN	3032	1493S	2986	22468	GM PROPERTIES	7318	5710S	5475	89536
ANDIAMO PROP MGMT INC	1550	8619S	31782	122264	RICHMOND ST	N				CHRISTY OMONUPON ADEYE	7407	2074S	4562	17023
NADIA & HENA ANWAYA	2433	4828S	9656	20875	CTLTC 008002381358	6435	4062S	8124	34096	CINDY & JOE HUANG	7522	3900S	8580	10210
CHAIM TZVI ZELIG SCHIF	2711	3720S	7440	25333	JOSEPH POMERANTSEV	6623	4026S	8052	29036					
S & S GARFINKEL	2836	3720S	7440	26257	ABRAHAM KATZEZNSTEIN	6706	3643S	7286	30964					
MOSHE FREEDMAN	3003	3720S	7440	10195	ABRAHAM KATZEZNSTEIN	6710	3643S	7286	30964					
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JEROME ST	W				WEST RIDGE PROPCO	6450	14738S	54346	1476538					
2756 W JEROME STREET	2756	3875S	7750	20543	WEST RIDGE PROPCO	6454	4786S	17648	368753					
MANAL & BASIL SOLAJA	2814	5704S	11408	31339	ROBERTO RANGEL	6979	4929S	8872	33197					
TAXPAYER OF	2923	3720S	7440	30376	ANN CATHERINE SCHRAMM	7061	5780S	10404	27271					
XINGWU WANG	3010	3720S	7440	31855	WESLEY REALTY GROUP	7369	16350S	24116	137164					
S L WEIL	3056	3720S	7440	22975	RIDGE RD	N								
JONQUIL TER	W				ASPEN HOLDING LP	7559	14705S	22829	137015					
NATHAN BEN MYERS	1542	6250S	13750	60859	ROCKWELL ST	N								
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JUNEWAY TER	W				MARIO VALDIVIESO	6517	4687S	9374	28773					
1548 JUNEWAY LLC	1556	28160S	41536	444252	P MILNE & E SILK	6719	4120S	8240	29036					
BEVOVIC MGMT GROUP	1700	14520S	21417	408852	ALYSSA A CHIAZIM TRUST	6729	4120S	8240	26874					
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EVANSTON STORAGE PROP	1832	16613S	61260	1146339	ROGERS AVE	N								
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AYAD KHIDER	6507	2340S	4680	17655	MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7474	68420S	4789	24400					
LAKEWOOD AVE	N				MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7474	68420S	342	1464					
RICHARD DOUGLAS BRUNO	6437	4375S	9187	53312	MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7474	68420S	855	4121					
NICOLE S NEWTON	6447	3750S	7875	51204	MID AMERICAN ASSET MGT	7474	68420S	101432	557535					
CHELSEA RAE DVORCHAK	6827	4862S	802	13957	MID AMERICA ASSET MGMT	7474	68420S	171	172					
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JOHN OKASINSKI	6827	4862S	892	15976	ALEXANDAR MILADINOVICH	6611	4092S	8184	25393					
THOMAS Y EASTMAN	6827	4862S	1116	19969	ROBERT A SEGAL WENKER	6719	3630S	7260	29823					
CHRIS MUNDSCHEK	6827	4862S	802	13957	SEELEY AVE	N								
DAVID RODRIGUEZ CABRER	6827	4862S	848	14615	RAVINDER SINGH	6543	6500S	11700	43300					
KAYE P WHITE	6829	4862S	1296	22601	HALIM SEELEY	7444	16330S	24086	321423					
MATTHEW M NOVAK	6829	4862S	1050	18630	SHERIDAN RD	N								
JODI SZARKO	6829	4862S	1094	19288	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHGO	6427	33880S	9647	53912					
LUNT AVE	W				LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHGO	6427	16380S	4664	180490					
LAURI SULLIVAN	1230	5676S	10216	33783	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHGO	6461	5223S	1487	134					
JUSTIN LUGBILL	1328	6920S	12456	29544	LEONA S PIZZERIA	6929	14646S	61330	73303					
ALFONSO CORREA TRUSTEE	1635	7650S	13770	51921	TAXPAYER OF	6972	7300S	12227	190631					
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RICHARD F OHARA	1909	8500S	15300	24954	LAKESHORE PROP LLC	7204	9300S	38943	223291					
JEFFREY A LARSEN	2125	4875S	8775	36331	LAKESHORE PROP LLC	7214	7905S	33102	1004809					
ELIZABETH ZALUBA	2240	8600S	15480	55000	LAKESHORE PROP LLC	7220	7905S	33102	1004809					
LEVI KHAN	2933	3936S	7872	40131	LAKESHORE PROP LLC	7224	7359S	30815	1004809					
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Loop high-rise faces forced sale amidst growing foreclosure crisis

The state of commercial real estate in downtown Chicago continues to show weakness. In a bid to sidestep a lengthy foreclosure process, a court-appointed receiver for the 22-story high-rise at 175 W. Jackson Blvd. has chosen JLL to market the property, according to Crain's Chicago.

The action comes in the wake of former owner Brookfield Asset Management relinquishing ownership of the 1.4 million-square-foot building to its lender following a default on a hefty \$258 million loan.

Chicago's Loop and greater surrounding areas have been grappling with the repercussions of remote work, surging interest rates and a record-high vacancy of 22.6% in the second quarter, as reported by CBRE, leading to a wave of buildings facing foreclosure, including the Civic Opera building; 401 S. State St., whose owners are being sued by Deutsche Bank for defaulting on a \$47.8 million loan; and 30 N. LaSalle St.

Brookfield acquired 175 W. Jackson, formerly known as the Insurance Exchange Building, in 2018 for \$305 million, but despite its illustrious history and prestigious tenants, occupancy rates have been a challenge. As of 2021, the occupancy stood at 65% and has since declined further to 59%, well below the average of 77% for downtown office buildings.

According to Crain's, in March 2022, the building was appraised at \$210 million, but its value has since plummeted to \$170 million.

JLL's marketing strategy will center on the opportunity for potential buyers to assume Brookfield's loan, which carries a fixed rate of 5.1%. In the current climate of soaring interest rates, this fixed-rate loan could prove to be a major draw for investors looking to avoid the impact of today's rates.

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Council approval for around 6,000 residential units at Lincoln Yards, but the mega-development has hit a slew of obstacles, including financing setbacks due to a faltering commercial real estate market, and political pushback.

With the future financing of Lincoln Yards now uncertain due to those high interest rates and dropping commercial demand, Sterling Bay says they must reevaluate and pivot towards residential and life sciences.

Presently no known on budget or construction timeline has been announced, it is unknown if both buildings will be built simultaneously or in phases.

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ers and chairs on Milwaukee Ave. where others in the 1st Ward might see what is costing the Morgan's \$250,000 in sales this summer. The Morgan's are now asking Mayor Brandon Johnson to intervene, and help the couple get their EOD license.

The EOD policy, and license, were re-established June 1, allowing expanded patio service from May 1 through Oct. 31. The June 1 change was considered a big win for the restaurant and hospitality industry, who said they needed the extra outdoor space to recoup the revenue lost during the government-imposed economic lockdown. And indeed, the move has been lauded by many hospitality industry business groups, chambers of commerce and community associations. The pandemic lockdown had shifted dining culture nationwide and City Hall was responding appropriately to those changes in customer behavior.

On July 11, Bryan Gallardo, an assistant Commissioner with the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT], had assured the Morgan's that he's ready, willing - and yet unable - to issue their license until La Spata gives the OK.

In his June 1 agreement with City Council, Mayor Johnson gave aldermen the right to approve all EOD applications. And that was all the power La Spata needed for his political retribution. Sources at CDOT have told this newspaper that the EOD license application for The Irish Nobleman is the only one that they're aware of city-wide that has had any trouble getting approved.

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Chicago increased 9.5% from the first quarter of 2023, but was still down nearly 18% from the same period in 2022. After reaching historic levels to begin the year, sublease availability leveled off in the second quarter. Still, it has risen by more than 22% from a year ago.

While pedestrian traffic in Chicago is on the rise, it's still far below where it was pre-pandemic.

There is weakened demand across the nation in direct and sublease availability rates, which refers to space in the market available for deals either immediately or in the short-term. Those rates are now at their highest levels since at least 2016, due to weakened demand.

Pedestrian traffic rose by 2% in May, which shows it might be tapering off as each of the previous three months averaged an increase of more than 8%, though downtown traffic rose 7.5% year-over-year. May foot traffic levels were still down more than 21% compared with 2019.

There has also been an increase in free rent concessions in Chicago, reaching 10.5% of all office concession packages in Chicago to begin 2023.



On July 21, the staff at The Irish Nobleman erected a patio in front of the 1st Ward office in protest over political attacks by the alderman and his staff on the local restaurant.

During the July 13 meeting, La Spata accused CDOT of giving the Morgan's "false information."

"That is not true, it did not happen, and thank you for letting us know, I will call the Commissioner about this," La Spata said in front of 10 witnesses.

The Morgan's say La Spata and the alderman's office are bullying them by blocking their EOD approval for political reasons. And now they're fighting back, for their and their staff's livelihoods.

Another attendee at the July 13 meeting, an Irish Nobleman employee, told the alderman they could "go remove those two tables and benches right now, if we did that, would that work?"

"That's not how it works," La Spata responded. He said that if the restaurant stayed in compliance for the next month, that after another month he would recon-

sider approving the EOD.

In essence, should the alderman continue to block the licensing process, the Morgans and The Irish Nobleman would lose about five of the six months of their EOD patio season. The Morgans report that the lack of that space is costing the business about \$50,000 per month in lost sales.

With a shaky voice, the restaurant employee then told La Spata that, "There are three of us here who combined have nine children. [Pointing to a colleague] And she has a sick mother at home, [that] she's taking care of. The loss of the patio is costing us salary, making it harder for us to support our families. And you're not willing to help us find a middle ground."

So now the victims of the alderman's political retribution are taking their protest to the patio.

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of Chicago public housing complexes and began to demolish the high-rises within Cabrini-Green, it led to a decline in the school's population. By the 1995-1996 school year, 89% of the student body at the Near North were residents of the Cabrini-Green. In Oct. 1997, The Board of Education decided that Near North needed to be demolished due to parts of the building's foundation sinking; believing to have been constructed on an old landfill from The Great Chicago Fire.

But the building sat vacant for years.

In February 2009, The Chicago Board of Education and community members suggested that the school be re-opened as a high school for the 2009-2010 school year. Then in May 2012, Chicago Public Schools transferred ownership of the building to the CHA. CHA officials stated that the site would be used for mixed-income residential and open space uses. A group of Old Town and Near North Side residents started a petition for the city of Chicago to demolish the building and build a city park on the site in September 2013.

In April 2019, The city issued a development plan in which the school's adjacent field would be transferred from the CHA to the Chicago Park District; with plans

for a park on the site funded through Tax Increment Financing. The building was vacated in 2019, and demolition began on Aug. 2020, and completed in Nov. 2020

The new high density project will be built in multi-phases. The first phase will deliver 345 residential units in two buildings; a second phase will add 216 units, and the third phase 181 dwelling units.

Each structure will feature rounded corners and bent-shaped forms. Phase one will have a 10-story building standing 98 feet tall and an eight-story mid-rise rising 79 feet.

While CHA typically builds mixed-income projects, the zoning application doesn't specify an exact breakdown of unit types or income levels. Due to the fact the project is getting Low Income Housing Tax Credit funding, TIF funding, and other free government subsidies, the affordable percentage should be higher than average.

CHA and its team are looking to rezone the site from its existing Planned Development and RT-4 designation to a unified C1-3 before implementing a new Planned Development. The plan will need approvals from the Chicago Plan Commission, Committee on Zoning, and City Council. Further hearings on the approval of financing can also be expected.



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