

Temporary casino jumps another City Hall hurdle, next up state bureaucrats

After the \$40 million check cleared the bank, it was almost a sure thing that the city would OK Bally's application for their temporary casino at the Medinah Temple building, 600 N. Wabash.

The Permit Review Committee from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks has approved plans for the temporary casino which will be operated by Bally's Corporation.

As part of their winning casino bid, and \$40 million upfront payment, Bally's was given the approval to operate a temporary casino at Medinah Temple until the full-fledged \$1.7 billion casino is completed at the site of the current Tribune Freedom Center printing plant.

(The Tribune will be moving their printing operation to Milwaukee, WI.)

But now Bally's must wrestle with state gambling regulators, and that could delay the opening of the temporary casino in River North next summer. Casino officials filed an application with the



Protected by landmark designation, the exterior of the Medinah Temple will remain unchanged with the exception of new signs replacing the old signs. Bally's hopes to have this facility open by next summer, unless state regulators hold them back.

Illinois Gaming Board, which has a year to review it and has taken twice as long on other projects in the past.

The board's approval is a key step toward building the entertainment complex. Mayor Lori Lightfoot signed off on it, and the City Council voted 41 to 7 in May to approve an ordinance and community agreement for what would be Chicago's first legal casino.

The Sun-Times reported that in 2019, state law that created

the Chicago casino license and five others across Illinois gives the Gaming Board up to a year to review Bally's application, with the possibility of an extension beyond that.

State regulators typically have taken at least that long to vet Illinois' other new casino applicants. More than two years elapsed from the time partners in the Hard Rock Casino Rockford

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Hearing Friday for Streeterville pot shop

A hearing for the proposed recreational cannabis dispensary at 212 E. Ontario is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday Aug. 19, via Zoom.

The community organization in that area, Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] has already issued a letter of objection to the Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] last April about the proposed legal dope dealer due to traffic and public safety

concerns.

The ZBA alone are responsible for approval or denial of Special Use licenses for pot dispensaries and are not obligated to listen to comments from local aldermen. Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has also issued a letter of opposition for the proposed Ontario St. recreational pot dispensary.

Public testimony is the preferred method of public comment.

Members of the public wishing to speak must join the Zoom meeting at the link below at 8:30 a.m. the day of the meeting.

The Zoom link is: <https://us06-web.zoom.us/j/81966703950>, the meeting ID is 819 6670 3950, and the passcode is 649339.

Those who wish to watch the meeting, a link to livestream will also be made available to observe on the morning of Aug. 19.

River North shootings double over last year; teen shot Saturday

A 19-year-old woman was shot while sitting in a minivan in River North on Aug. 13, Chicago police said. No arrests have been made.

She was inside her vehicle on the first block of W. Ohio around 5:04 a.m. when she heard gunfire and realized she had been shot in the back, according to police. Crime scene investigators were focusing their attention on a minivan that was parked near a 24-hour Subway restaurant.

Investigators found surveillance video that appeared to show someone firing a shot into the woman's van after pulling up in a dark-colored SUV. An officer said that the SUV was last seen heading south on State St.

EMS took the woman to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious condition.

She is the 22nd person shot in River North this year, compared

to 11 at this point last year. The neighborhood had 10 shooting victims during the period in 2020 and nine as of this date in 2019.

"This has been a summer (unlike any we) have witnessed," said Ald. Brian Hopkins. "It's been really horrific to watch this level of violence in the downtown area."

The Near North community area, which includes River North, has recorded 50 shooting victims this year. That compares to 29 at this point last year, 34 during the same period in 2020, and 24 as of this date in 2019.

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], told NBC5 News that he believes bars

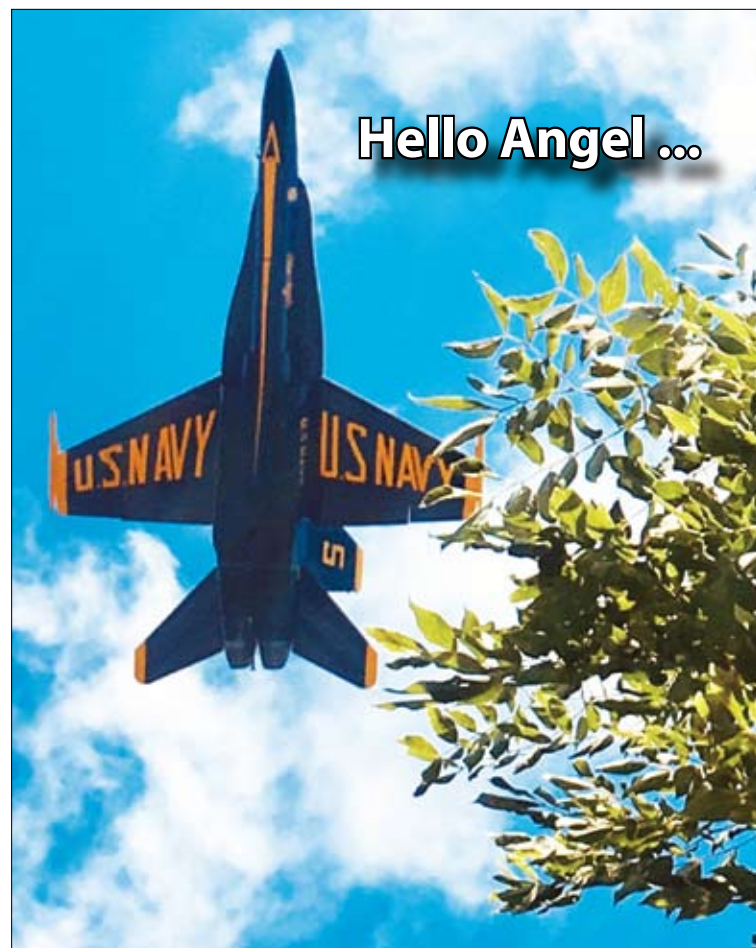
and nightclubs with a license to operate until 5 a.m. bear at least some responsibility for the spike in crime.

"They are attracted by the late hour bars. They are attracted by the nightlife and that's a problem after the bars close when they go back to their vehicles to retrieve weapons," he said. "(It's) usually guns but sometimes knives, and that's when the fights start and that's when the violence occurs."

So now he wants to revoke late-night licenses for bars in River North as the hub for tourism and nightlife struggles with an alarming spike in shootings. Hopkins believes that the suspects in most cases do not actually live in the area, that they come in for the late night scene.

So Hopkins is lobbying to end

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Buckingham Fountain magic-filled, hope-instilling, reminder of our past



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

The belt notches of real Chicago living expand and evolve. I’m sure there was a time when those events were delightfully antiseptic. No broken glass or potholes to ruin a visit on occasion. Just the flat soil of the Prairie, level and even.

My favorite example is in Grant Park. Old Chicago for me. The turning on of Buckingham Fountain. Frozen in my 1950s memory. Day after day. Night after night.

We really anticipated these events in our house growing up. We’d always know the date of the fountain’s start. Continuously checking the weather and lake-front conditions.

Hard to explain why it, still, is recorded in my memory bank. But I can’t forget the magic of it all. The scenic landscape of the spectacle. The playful colorful urban lights shimmering in the night sky. The bubbling, spraying waterworks. Buckingham Fountain always seemed Chicago’s most stunning summertime event.

I was always curious how the city could even come up with such a wonder. My grandmother would always interject some tid-

bit about the Buckinghams whom she knew. Nora was just a 15-year-old girl who left Ireland, fibbing about her age. Hired by the Buckinghams, she went to work as a maid.

The very fact that she knew and spoke to Kate Buckingham added to her luster and mystery for me. Grandma always spoke kindly of Kate, who financed the fountain as a memorial to her brother, Clarence. He died in 1913.

Kate and Clarence were both big collectors of art. Much of their efforts reside these days at the Art Institute of Chicago. Unless the museum gave it away for being too White, too bourgeoisie, or too agrarian. The Buckinghams, after all, made their fortune in grain elevators, and very un-woke real estate.

Poor Kate wound up the last living Buckingham, dying in 1937. She had decided to honor her late brother sometime in the 1920s with one of the largest fountains in America. In the world for that matter.

Kate’s fountain is a magical blend of architecture and sculpture. Perfect metaphor for Chicago.

While the English-born Edward H. Bennett was responsible for the design of the fountain’s architecture, Marcel Loyau, the French artist, was responsible for the sculptural elements incorporated into the design. They account for so much of the fountain’s whimsy and majesty. Pink Georgia marble gave the fountain its storybook identity. The sculptural portions are pure bronze,



Buckingham Fountain in all its splendor.

Photo courtesy of Choose Chicago

along with additional granite elements.

Kate remained an active partner in the fashioning of the memorial, insisting that the lighting was critical, playing a significant role in its design. She wanted the lighting to resemble “soft moonlight,” she said.

Perhaps that is the element that most conditions the fountain to its magic, especially in the low-tech era of its creation and birth.

For many Chicagoans, Kate’s fountain has been eclipsed by newer, more modern sculptural designs. Anish Kapoor’s “Bean,” comes to mind, reflecting everyone and everything that passes. Or Picasso’s “Tete du femme,” in Daley Plaza, with her frozen gaze upon the goings-on in our make-believe town square. Or Alexander Calder’s “Flamingo,” bending its neck in the plaza of the Federal Complex on S. Dearborn.

But, of course, none of these babies come to life at dusk. And none of them can soak you. Or cool you in the heat.

That’s just when Kate’s fountain for Clarence comes to life. With so much dancing, drama and color. So much breath and energy. So much sorcery and magic. A harmony is released when the lights begin their water dance. When the water pulse enlivens the spin of color and majestic scope spraying America’s largest fountain for all to see and touch.

On a night of blistering heat it used to be called Chicago’s “air-conditioning.” Wandering around the fountain with the family on a summer evening with the lake glistening and the fountain teaming, remains a vivid childhood memory. Deep and lasting. Emotional and tactile.

That’s the kind of experience that transcends the shabbiness of our future Nascar Races. Or the fascist removal of statuary from public view. Or the horror of witnessing looters roaming up our city streets. Or the ‘Johnnie come lately’ idiocy of refashioning Soldier Field.

Or the suppression of actual true news by the mayor’s office to ensure only feel-good events are reported in our pathetic daily press. Chicago used to be considered a ‘newspaper town.’

I am getting ready for the next round of urban disintegration, as the City Council is methodically restocked with socialist wokeists to replace any aldermen with a shared sense of history, politics, service and direction. Maybe all of this is the price we pay for change?

We desperately need big change. Not the pathetic quality we have received from Mayor Lightfingers as she trips over her trouser cuffs and stumbles on the footpath running for an office she neither deserves nor (hopefully) will be reelected to.

Can Maria Pappas, the hardest worker in City Hall and Cook County, not throw her hat into the ring?

Can Chicagoans not see the difference between real people of political ability and the washed up disaster of a mayor lacking in talent, grace, finesse and support?

I didn’t know Posy well. But few folk have ever been more kind. During my tenure at the World of Hibernia magazine (early 1990s) Posy permitted me and a small photo crew “to walk among her long dappled grass” in her Lake Forest residence and photograph images for a special feature. I was overwhelmed by her vast botanical accomplishment and true country style rolling in all directions. I still recall sipping morning coffee in her long French rows of trees. Talking of 18th century wonders in the Irish country houses whose gardens had no equal on the earth.



Posy Krehbiel

I think that I will invest more in the tried and true of Chicago life. Like Buckingham Fountain. So magic-filled and hope-instilling, reminding us of our Golden past. And I will await the showdown now, as Italian-Americans seek to save the stolen statues of Christopher Columbus, whose gaze might have found a new world, but today also terrifies the talentless and confused. Andiamo, Mayor Lightfingers. Let’s get going. We have all the right belt notches we need.

I shouldn’t have been surprised when she had to take a phone call from **Jim Reynolds**, Ireland’s most refined and famed gardener, to answer a query for her.

She didn’t do second best.

Cruel illness later robbed her of all that was once easy. But no one ever treated our earth with more dignity. Thus a reason for the very voices of Eden to now serenade her recent passing at 84.

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EDEN’S TOUCH: Posy Krehbiel did her nickname proud. She was gardens on the grand scale. No little petunia patch, she. But instead architecture measured on the scale and poetry of the French and Irish wonders she sought to create. Splendid arbors. Vast shaded vistas and hedge rows, sweeping views to stretch the eyesight. All the panorama of a Cotswold village.

I always felt Posy enjoyed the stunning engagement of the earth as only a true earthling could. The sight was just the start. There was the very fragrance of the soil. And its nourishment to which her soul was so profoundly dedicated. No verdant complication spared in the knowledge that no human effort would go undone in the fertile attempt to recreate nature in the full splendor of Eden. Her touch was biblical. Extravagant first creation, itself, reflected in the sacred efforts in the digging of her hands. A sacred enterprise with few copyists. I always wondered if she looked upon our planet the same way as did the **Duchess of Devonshire** at Chatsworth House. Or **Vita Sackville-West** at Sissinghurst Castle. For Posy’s gardens, too, bespoke a distinctive manner of engagement and looking at the earth.

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Howard Brown Health employees vote to join nurse's union, claims of 'toxic work culture'

BY PETER VON BUOL

Employees of Chicago's Howard Brown Health Network, on Aug. 9 voted to join the Illinois Nurses Association [INA] by a vote of 231-7.

It is a move that employees say will address what they're referring to as a toxic work culture at the health care organization.

Howard Brown Health [HBH] is a federally qualified health center [FQHC] and qualifies for an increase in federal health care funding because it has been recognized as providing primary health care for an underserved community. As a FQHC, HBH qualifies for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as other benefits. In 2020, the organization listed a total revenue of nearly \$190 million, of which \$157,056,375 went towards its operating expenses.

The INA, which represents Howard Brown nurses, last February announced their plans to organize the staff under its union. Since then, employees have come forward, saying there's chronic understaffing, burnout and a retaliatory work environment — issues they hope can be addressed through collective bargaining.

Howard Brown employs several hundred people across its 12 clinics, the Broadway Youth Center and its three Brown Elephant resale shops. They have seven medical facilities on the North Side at, 2800, 3940 and 4025 N. Sheridan Rd., 3245 N. Halsted St., 5537 N. Broadway, 6500 N.

Clark St., and 1025 W. Sunnyside.

Several Howard Brown employees spoke to reporters at Block Club, who said they're disillusioned with the work culture. The employees, who asked to remain anonymous, said the organization's struggles are affecting its quality of care.

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According to a spokesperson for Howard Brown Health, the new bargaining unit will include nurse practitioners and other advanced practitioners, patient support staff, social work and behavioral health teams, retail workers at the organization's Brown Elephant resale shops, and some of its administrative professionals.

When contacted by this newspaper and asked to confirm these details, the INA declined to respond.

According to information submitted by Howard Brown Health to the Internal Revenue Service in 2020 (the most recent information available), the organization "exists to eliminate the disparities in healthcare experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through research, education and the provision of services that

promote health and wellness."

In a written statement, David Ernesto Munar, the organization's president and CEO, said he will be bargaining in good faith with the new bargaining unit.

"Howard Brown Health is committed to bargaining in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable contract with the workforce. With patient and client care at the center of the bargaining process, Howard Brown aims to reach a contract in the most efficient way possible to ensure our staff's needs are met while maximizing value for

Chicago's LGBTQ+ community," Munar said.

Munar noted the board of HBH and its management had remained neutral throughout the process. He added his organization had even provided space to HBH employees to self-determine whether the proposed bargaining unit was in their best interest.

Howard Brown was founded in 1974 with a focus on serving LGBTQ people and other communities that are vulnerable. It serves about 30,000 patients annually.

Police warn Michigan Ave. businesses of ruse thefts

Chicago police are warning businesses along Michigan Ave. of recently reported ruse thefts. Ruse thefts are crimes in which the offender uses a "ruse" to distract their victim in order to commit a burglary.

In both incidents, a lone male subject enters the business and identifies himself as an inspector who is there to check on carbon monoxide meters at the business.

After spending several minutes pur-

porting to inspect several rooms inside the business, the subject demands money for services rendered. In one of the incidents, the subject identified himself as a City of Chicago employee.

Incidents include one on the 300 block of S. Michigan Ave. 4:30 p.m. Aug. 10, 2022, and on the 100 block of N. Michigan Ave. 1:45 p.m. Aug. 12.

The offender is described as an African American male, 50-60 years old, 5'-11 to 6'-2", and 175-200 lbs.



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Rogers Park Metra station getting \$400K for repairs

The Metra station in Rogers Park at Lunt and Ravenswood was just awarded \$400,000 in taxpayer funds to support the rehabilitation of the busy station on the Union Pacific North Line.

The improvements will make the facility safer and more accessible. The rehabilitation will include on-demand heating, ADA-compliant signs and LED lit boards, additional bike parking, a new platform canopy, and improvements to the embankment walls at Lunt and Greenleaf avenues.

The station has among the highest ridership of Metra's 242 stations; however, it was last re-

habilitated in 1990 and requires improvement to meet the needs of riders.

The funds came from those budgeted to the Cook County Dept. of Transportation and Highways, which included 43 projects that will receive funding under the 2022. Titled "Invest in Cook," this initiative is part of Connecting Cook County, the County's first long-range transportation plan in 75 years. This year a total of \$8,985,634 in grants will be distributed across 39 municipalities and three townships. This was one of only three grants given by the county falling within the Chicago city limits.

Lottery coming up for Ravenswood seniors building

A new affordable housing seniors building on the site of the former Ravenswood Hospital will offer up a lottery to see who can take possession of the new units.

The Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] has announced details for a new affordable senior living center at 4515 N. Winchester Ave. The development will offer 78 one-bedroom apartments units. Four of the total units will be mobility friendly.

But hopeful residents will have to enter a CHA lottery to win a unit. The units are available by filling out an application on the CHA's website. Residents must be at least 62 years old, who show income at 80% of the area median income, with an eligible income baseline of \$52,200.

The planned development will have an elevator to facilitate movement between floors. There are no fees, no work requirements, or drug screenings as part of the application process.

CHA policy does require screening for criminal background, credit and residential history check, annual income, social security numbers, and citizenship or eligible immigration status. False information provided during the screening process may result in candidates being ineligible for CHA housing programs.

Housing Choice Section 8 Vouchers applicants are required to keep CHA updated about changes to their information. For general questions about the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist, call 312-935-2600.

The building will include utilities within the total rent which has not yet been disclosed.

In 2014, CHA opened its waitlist lottery registration process for three of its housing programs—Family Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher (formerly Section 8), and the Property Rental Assistance Program.

How apartment dwellers can save down-payment cash



by Don DeBat

The Home Front

Saving the down payment for the American Dream—that first home—can be the biggest challenge for young renters.

Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, this writer resided in a one-bedroom apartment for five years with a wife and two small children. We gave the bedroom to the kids and slept in the dining room.

To receive a reduced rent in winter, we shoveled snow at the corner of a 16-flat in Roscoe Village and tended the hopper for the coal-fired boiler. In summer, we cut the grass and painted vacant units for the owner. Typically, we dined in our tiny apartment kitchen on spaghetti, chili, burgers and pot roast. Maybe, we ordered a \$5 pizza once a week.

On my \$160 a week newspaper-reporter pay, it took five years to save \$10,000 for our down payment. In 1973, we purchased a modest three-bedroom, one-bath stucco bungalow with an unfinished attic in the Irving Park Villa neighborhood for about \$29,000. Monthly payments on the \$19,000 mortgage at 7.6% interest from First Federal Savings & Loan were \$175 a month.

How times have changed. Today, the majority of young people drink \$5.75 Shaken Espresso lattes, dine out regularly at restaurants such as Alinea, Boka, Parachute and Girl & the Goat, buy fancy automobiles and run up their credit-card debt.

Currently, only one in three apartment dwellers is willing to downsize to a smaller rental unit in order to put money aside

for their starter home, according to a survey of 3,700 respondents by RentCafe, a nationwide apartment-search website.

By giving up one bedroom worth of space, renters nationwide can save an average of \$3,735 per year. With this in mind, RentCafe analyzed 200 cities to see where apartment renters could save up the fastest for a down payment on a starter home.

Amazingly, Chicago is ranked number four in RentCafe's Top-50 List, despite having some of the most compact apartments nationwide.

For renters who are able to sacrifice space, giving up a single bedroom in Chicago will help them put aside a whopping \$8,916 per year for the down payment on a home.

Here are the highlights of the RentCafe survey:

- For renters who are able to sacrifice space, giving up a single bedroom in Chicago will help them put aside a whopping \$8,916 per year for the down payment on a home. That is the third highest annual saving in RentCafe's Top-50 List.

- In theory, by putting this much money aside, it will take renters only two years and three months to save \$20,185 for a 10% down payment on the typical starter home priced at \$201,848 in the Windy City.

- According to RentCafe, Chicago apartments are some of the smallest in the country, so compromising on space can be a challenge for many. However, for thrifty renters who choose to reside in a one-bedroom unit—instead of a more expensive two-bedroom layout—to save for a down payment, it's worth giving it a try.

- Suburban Chicago renters who reside in Des Plaines can save around \$3,000 annually if they downsize to a smaller apartment. With starter home prices in Des Plaines at \$232,773, it would take them more than seven years to become homeowners, RentCafe noted.

- In far northwest suburban Schaumburg, renters will need more than eight years to save for a starter home since they will put aside only \$2,604 a year by downsizing.

- In ritzy New York, where starter home prices average \$531,117, it would take a thrifty renter with a great job two years and seven months to save \$53,112 for a 10% down payment, according to RentCafe.

Home-loan rates spike to 5.22%

On Aug. 11, benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan interest rates rose to 5.22% from 4.99% a week earlier, reported Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago, 30-year loans averaged 2.87%.

Fifteen-year fixed mortgages averaged 4.59% on Aug. 11, up from 4.26% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year loans averaged 2.15%.

"The 30-year fixed-rate went back up to well over 5% this week, a reminder that recent volatility remains persistent," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "Although rates continue to fluctuate, recent data suggest that the housing market is stabilizing as it transitions from the surge of activity during the pandemic to a more balanced market."

Khater noted that declines in purchase demand continue to diminish while supply remains fairly tight across most markets. "The consequence is that house prices likely will continue to rise, but at a slower pace for the rest of the summer," he said.

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.



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Emails: CPD brass will divert cops from neighborhoods to secure film sets

BY CWBCHICAGO

Days after someone threw a suspected explosive device onto a downtown film set, at least two Chicago police commanders were ordered to take cops from patrol duties to sit on TV and movie production locations Friday and Saturday, according to CPD emails shared with this reporter.

One of the affected districts, which is in charge of patrolling the Loop and surrounding areas, was already scheduled to have dangerously low staffing Friday evening before the order was issued, with only four sergeants and six beat cops scheduled for patrol duties.

CPD First Dep. Supt. Eric Carter ordered the changes on Aug.

11 in the wake of an incident on a film set in the West Loop on Aug. 8. Around 10:20 p.m., a man lit an object and threw it toward the set, where the TV show *Justified* was reportedly filming. Police said the “object did not explode and no injuries were reported.”

According to one source, the “object” appeared to be a mortar.

A second source said CPD resources are being diverted largely because the production companies have been unable to find enough off-duty cops to handle the work.

The city requires “police supervision” for some filming activities. That supervision usually comes through a city program that lets studios hire uniformed cops on their days off. But, the source said, fewer cops are volunteering

and that’s putting productions in a bind.

A police spokesperson did not answer directly when asked why police resources were being sent to sets.

“The Chicago Police Dept. works closely with the city’s film and television community to provide safety and security for the production crews, as well as the communities in which they film,” the spokesperson said in a written statement.

Carter directed the Central (1st) District commander to divert two cops from downtown patrol work to sit in a marked squad car on a set from 1 p.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday. He ordered the commander to send another cop with another marked vehicle to sit at

another filming location from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday.

Also being told to give up cops for movie set security is the Near West (12th) District commander.

A second source said CPD resources are being diverted largely because the production companies have been unable to find enough off-duty cops to handle the work.

Carter told her to send two cops in a marked car to sit at a different movie set from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. She must send two more cops to sit in a marked car

at a Chicago Fire set starting at 2 p.m. Friday. And another one of her cops will be sitting in a patrol car from noon to 7 p.m. at a Power Book IV: Force filming location.

Near West patrol officers handle calls in neighborhoods like the West Loop, Pilsen, Little Italy, and United Center.

We received a copy of Friday evening’s schedule for the Central District. It shows only four sergeants and six beat cops are scheduled to be on patrol. There are 12 more cops scheduled to be on the street, but they are all assigned to fixed posts and won’t be available to handle calls unless changes are made.

CPD use of ShotSpotter leads to wrongful stops, searches, arrests; ShotSpotter disputes the claims

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A new class action lawsuit seeks to block Chicago Police from continuing to rely on its ShotSpotter system when making stops and arrests for potential gun violence.

The lawsuit claims the system, which police use to help identify possible shootings in real time, is unreliable and produces racially discriminatory false arrests and harassment of innocent people living in predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods on Chicago’s South and West sides.

The lawsuit was filed on July 21 by attorneys Jonathan Manes and Alexa Van Brunt, of the Roderrick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center, of Chicago.

The MacArthur Justice Center is a non-profit social justice legal organization, which participates in litigation against police and government agencies to press wrongful conviction claims and to promote a list of predominantly progressive political goals, including the protection of “immigrants rights,” “protestors’ rights,” and ending cash bail, among others.

Chicago’s “use of ShotSpotter is fueling unconstitutional polic-

ing practices in a City that has a long history of discriminatory police conduct,” the lawsuit said. “Every day in Chicago, Chicago Police Dept. officers are deployed around 100 times to chase down alerts of supposed gunfire generated by ShotSpotter.

“More than 90% of the time they find no indication of any gun-related incident, according to the City’s own data. The result is more than 31,600 unfounded CPD deployments every year because of ShotSpotter...

“... The City’s decision to use this unreliable technology to direct massive numbers of unwar-

ranted and highly volatile police deployments produces grave and systematic violations of Chicagoans’ constitutional and statutory rights.”

According to the complaint, the city spends more than \$9 million a year to for-profit company ShotSpotter to use its gunshot detection system.

The complaint asserts, however, that the city has targeted the system primarily at Black and Latino neighborhoods, and use the system to dispatch officers about 100 times a day to investigate suspected gun violence. However, more than 90% of those suspected incidents turn out to be false alarms, the complaint said.

Nonetheless, responding officers allegedly use the ShotSpotter system to justify “scores of illegal stops and arrests” of people who allegedly just “happened to be near the location of an alert.”

The complaint calls specific at-

tention to the alleged false arrests of Michael Williams, a Black 65-year-old man from the South Side, and Daniel Ortiz, 36, a Puerto Rican man.

According to the complaint, both men were wrongfully arrested by CPD responding to ShotSpotter alerts in their neighborhoods.

According to the complaint, Williams spent 11 months in jail after police claimed ShotSpotter indicated a gun shot came from within his car on May 31, 2020. According to the complaint, the gun shot came from outside, targeted at a passenger in his car. According to the complaint, Williams took the injured man to the hospital, and gave his name and contact information to hospital security, who then turned it over to police.

He was then arrested after vol-

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Park District beaches and pools to shutdown Sept. 5

Chicago’s 21 beaches will remain open through Labor Day. Chicago Public School students return to the classroom for the start of the school year on Aug. 22, and the Chicago Park District’s [CPD] indoor and outdoor pools - those that opened at all this year - will also begin to close for the season.

A total of 21 beaches will remain available for swimming daily through Labor Day, Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Many members of the city’s aquatic workforce are high school and college students, and as they give notice to return to school, the District will need to make corresponding staffing changes and begin to close pools.

At the same time, the District will prepare for the start of the Fall programming session. CPD

pools will close for the summer between now and Aug. 21. Days of operation will be determined by park hours and staff capacity.

Despite the local lifeguard shortage this year, the CPD maximized its limited workforce to open as many pools as possible, as well as the beaches. Some of the North Side’s most popular pools never did open, like the Welles Park pool, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. in Lincoln Square and Hamlin Park pool, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave. in Roscoe Village.

During the season, the CPD continued to actively recruit residents ages 16 and older, but broadly failed to fill seasonal lifeguard positions vital to staff the city’s beaches and park pools. The CPD said it had only been able to secure about 55% of the lifeguards it needed to safely op-

erate all pool and beach facilities. And as a result, only some pools across the city opened.

All indoor park pools will reopen for the Fall season the week of Sept. 6 for open swims and lap swims. Swim memberships will be available to purchase online and in-person at parks, starting Sept. 6. Fall pool schedules for these activities will be posted prior to the start of the Fall session. Fall programs such as Learn to Swim, Aquatics Exercise Classes, Water Polo and more will begin the week of Sept. 12. For more information call 312-342-4786 or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.



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Boy, 17, shot outside Edgewater CVS

Chicago police are investigating after someone shot a 17-year-old boy in an Edgewater pharmacy parking lot Aug. 10.

The teen was on a bicycle in the CVS parking lot, 6150 N. Broadway, when a group of people approached him, and one fired a shot, striking him in the lower back around 12:50 p.m.

Police found several shell casings in the store's parking lot as cops searched the area for a red Chevy Cruze that was seen speeding away west on Granville. Officers believe the car was recently stolen in Skokie and fled from Chicago police on the North Side earlier this week.

Officials did not release a description of the gunman. Officers at the scene said the victim was talking, but he refused to discuss what happened to him.

So far this year, eight people have been shot in Edgewater, according to city records. The neighborhood had three shooting victims at this point last year and two as of this date in 2020.

Cops seek suspect in Addison Red Line station robbery



Chicago police are asking for help as they try to identify the man who robbed a woman at the Addison Red Line CTA station recently. CPD's mass transit unit released three surveillance images of the suspect on Aug. 9.

The department said he robbed a woman of her purse, phone, and \$100 as she exited a train at Addison around 5:55 p.m. on July 30. It did not release any other details about the incident.

Tips can be shared with investigators at 312-745-4706. The case number is JF-337827.

Three charged with COVID-relief fraud

Three Chicago-area residents have been indicted on federal charges for allegedly fraudulently obtaining more than \$2.75 million in small business loans under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Samuel W. Jackson, David L. Sullivan, and Elizabeth A. Chervinko engaged in fraud related to the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program – two sources of relief under the CARES Act, according to an indictment unsealed Aug. 9 in the

Northern District of Illinois. The indictment charges Jackson, 42, with five counts of wire fraud and three counts of money laundering, while Sullivan, 49, and Chervinko, 41, are each charged with one count of wire fraud.

According to the indictment, the defendants in the spring and summer of 2020 submitted fraudulent applications and supporting documents to lenders, loan service providers, and the SBA, in their own names and in the names of related corporate entities, including three Montana-based companies – Dream Builder LLC, Ordained Destination LLC, and Ordained Real Estate LLC – and two Illinois-based companies – Top Flight Real Estate LLC and Tips @ 170 Inc. The applications and supporting documents contained materially false representations about the defendants' companies, including the number of purported employees, revenue and payroll amounts, and other expenses, the indictment states.

The indictment alleges that the defendants defrauded lenders of approximately \$2.49 million in PPP loans and defrauded the SBA of approximately \$256,500 in EIDL funds.

Much of the money was allegedly used for the defendants' personal benefit, including the purchase of real estate and the lease and purchase of luxury automobiles.

Each wire fraud charge is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison, while the maximum penalty for each count of money laundering is 10 years.

13-time convicted felon burglarized Uptown apartment while on parole

A 13-time convicted felon who's on parole for his ninth burglary conviction is back in jail, accused of burglarizing an Uptown man's apartment while the victim stepped out to get a haircut. Despite the new allegations, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections is not planning to revoke the accused man's parole.

Chicago police arrested Mark Haas on Aug. 9 after they saw him prying open the back gate of a home with a screwdriver, prosecutor Tlesha Jackson said. He was then linked to the July 29 Uptown burglary.

Around 1:30 that afternoon, the victim headed out for a haircut and locked the front door to his apartment in the 4100 block of



Mark Haas

N. Sheridan Rd. When he returned 45 minutes later, the front door had been kicked in, and his property was missing, Jackson said.

Two laptops, a guitar, eight guitar pedals, a Cannondale bike, and two watches were stolen.

Surveillance camera footage showed Haas leaving the building with the man's bike and riding it up Sheridan Rd. while carrying a guitar case, Jackson said. Haas sold some of the stolen property to two pawn shops, Jackson said, adding that video from both businesses showed him riding the victim's bike to make the

transactions.

Haas received an 11-year sentence for burglarizing an apartment on the Northwest Side in April 2017. He was released from prison in May 2021 after serving a fraction of the time, according to state records.

He previously received two 6-year sentences for attempted residential burglary in 2013; six years for attempted residential burglary in 2010; two 9-year sentences for residential burglary in 2006; two 8-year sentences for burglary and residential burglary in 2002; four years for burglary, one year for misuse of a credit card, and two years for retail theft in 1999; three years for aggravated fleeing in 1996; and three years for attempted residential burglary in 1995.

Haas, whose public defender said he works as an auto mechanic, is now charged with residential burglary and unlawful possession of an ID card.

"Entering someone's residence can create one of the most dangerous encounters that exist should there be someone home within that residence or arrive home while someone is in their home," Judge Susana Ortiz said during Haas' bail hearing. She told him that he had to pay a \$3,000 bail deposit to be let out on electronic monitoring. Jackson informed the judge that IDOC had decided not to revoke Haas' parole.

Two men who allegedly had catalytic converters in their cars face misdemeanor charges



Mugshots of Tyree Johnston (L) and Larry Buford. Photos by CPD

Catalytic converter thieves may be among Chicago's most despised species of common criminals today. They're sneaky, thieving, and increasingly willing to shoot anyone who gets in the way of their work.

Even when Chicago police appear to catch thieves in the act, they are usually only charged with misdemeanors. Outside Cook County, prosecutors are more than willing to sign off on felony charges in similar cases.

Records show that two men who Chicago police allegedly found carrying catalytic converters in cars since July 28 are both facing misdemeanor charges. They are not accused of personally stealing the devices.

On Aug. 3, a witness on the West Side flagged down police and reported that someone was firing shots from a vehicle in a nearby alley. Prosecutors said cops in Chicago followed a car through an alley as its driver tossed an object out the window before crashing.

Police ran after the driver, Tyree Johnston, and recovered a loaded extended ammunition magazine from the spot where he threw something from the vehicle, according to prosecutors. They later learned that a rifle that had been placed in a nearby garbage can was picked up and taken into a home before they recovered it, according to prosecutors.

But this story is about catalytic converters. Prosecutors said Chicago police found seven of them and a DeWalt saw in the back seat of Johnston's car.

Johnston, 30, is charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon, criminal trespass to a vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and theft of lost or misplaced property. He also has a pending stolen vehicle case in Orland Park.

His bail was set at \$220,000 with electronic monitoring by Judge Maryam Ahmad. To be released on house arrest, he must post 10% of the bail

amount.

On July 28, Chicago police saw a Land Rover traveling in the Loop that was wanted by the Secretary of State Police, according to a CPD report. The Land Rover pulled into the BP station at 50 W. Ida B. Wells Dr. and Buford stepped out of the driver's seat, police said.

They detained him, learned that the SUV's registration number did not match the plates, and took him in. According to Buford's arrest report, there were three catalytic converters in the trunk. The Secretary of State Police took possession of the car.

Buford is charged with misdemeanor sale or purchase of a catalytic converter and motor vehicle violations. He was released on his own recognizance.

If Buford's name sounds familiar, it may be because we wrote about him last year.

In June 2021, cops patrolling the Loop ran the plate on a 2020 Range Rover because it had tinted front windows, according to a CPD report. The vehicle reportedly came back stolen from a dealership in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Prosecutors said last year that police discovered a loaded handgun in the driver's door pocket and another in the passenger door pocket. Prosecutors also claimed that the vehicle identification number on the Range Rover's dashboard was forged.

Buford's private defense attorney said Buford thought the car belonged to his friend. And, the attorney said, both of the guns in the car belonged to the passenger.

Prosecutors dropped all of the charges three months later, according to court records.

Man killed in Albany Park was also shot during a week-long string of rolling gun battles on the North Side last fall

The man who was shot and killed in Albany Park Aug. 8 was also shot in North Center last fall during a string of nightly rolling gun battles that killed two people, shocking a relatively peaceful part of the North Side.

After being shot in October, Juan Nandi, 22, was charged with felony gun possession, but only because a Chicago police deputy chief stepped in when a Cook County prosecutor who claimed "victims cannot be offenders" refused to approve the case, we reported on last year.

Nandi was also suspected of being involved in one of the other shootings, which left a 16-year-old dead in a barrage of gunfire outside Lakeview High School, according to law enforcement sources. He was never charged.

Nandi, 22, and his girlfriend were walking in the 4700 block of N. Kedzie shortly after midnight Monday when two masked gunmen walked up and started shooting, according to police and medical examiner records. Nandi suffered gunshot wounds throughout his body and died. His girlfriend was shot in the leg and survived.

Witnesses saw two White or Hispanic men run through an alley and leave in a car that was parked near a dumpster. Police have not announced any arrests.

"I'd like to raise as much as we can together as a community to help with any funeral expenses," the woman wrote in a GoFundMe campaign Aug. 9. "Any left over will be sent towards his family. I'd like to spread love to stop the gun violence. No man or human being deserves to be killed in cold blood."

Two nights before Nandi was shot last year, police found shell casings littered across a nearly mile-long stretch of Irving Park Rd. after the occupants of two vehicles apparently shot at each other while riding through North Center and Lakeview late on Oct. 4, 2021.

Officers found one of the vehicles crashed outside of Lakeview High School with its driver gone, a gun in the car, 16-year-old Christopher Sunpongo dead in the passenger seat, and more than 20 shell casings at the scene, according to initial reports. Bullet holes were seen in the school's windows.



Juan Nandi

during a crazy shootout in front of the school at 4015 N. Ashland Ave.

In addition to nearly two dozen shell casings found at the crash scene, officers reported finding ten shell casings at Irving Park and Rockwell St., more casings at Irving Park and Campbell Ave., and still more at Irving Park and Marshfield Ave. CPD listed the 2400 block of W. Cuyler as the official address of the incident.

Nandi was suspected of being present during the shootout that ended with Sunpongo's death, but no charges were ever approved. The next night, a 37-year-old woman was killed when a vehicle police said may have been involved in a rolling gunfight collided with the SUV she was riding in. The impact threw Janelle Gardner from the car at Irving Park and Western Ave. around 3:03 a.m. Her driver was taken to a hospital with injuries that police said were not life-threatening. The occupants of the car that struck them climbed into an SUV that stopped to pick them up.

The night after Gardner died, Nandi was shot in the neck as he drove near Lincoln and Montrose avenues.

Cops who responded to calls of shots fired saw Nandi walking and asked him if he saw the shooting, according to a CPD report. Nandi pointed south on Lincoln toward a crashed car.

He told the officers that someone in a white SUV shot him while he was driving. The bullet ripped through his neck and lodged at the base of his skull. He lost control of his car after being shot and plowed into the door of a pizza restaurant before walking away.

As the cops moved closer, Nandi ran. The police followed and allegedly saw him throw an object over a fence. After officers caught Nandi, they returned to the yard and found a loaded handgun, according to the police report.

Nandi was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Police said he was carrying a small amount of suspected crack cocaine and \$690 cash.

About five hours after officers arrested Nandi, a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office felony review unit refused to file felony gun possession charges against him.

"Victims cannot be offenders," the report quoted the prosecutor as saying when he rejected the case.

"No felony [unlawful use of a weapon] charges will be pursued per [the prosecutor]," an officer wrote.

Town Hall 19th District officers were not convinced by the prosecutor's interpretation of the law, so they looped in a CPD deputy chief, according to police records. And, twelve hours after the first prosecutor spiked the case, a different assis-

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Juan Roldon (inset) was arrested on the 200 block of Montrose Harbor Dr., police said.

Man, 76, sexually assaulted 14-year-old girl at Montrose Harbor

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police say a 76-year-old man sexually assaulted and abused a 14-year-old girl at Montrose Harbor on Aug. 13. And the girl's father managed to restrain the man until the police arrived.

Juan Rodlon was arrested at 2:53 p.m. in the 200 block of Montrose Harbor Dr., according to CPD. They said he was identified as the man who sexually assaulted the girl less than an hour earlier in the same area.

The girl's mother and father both called 911 to report the crime around 2:30 p.m. and several 911 callers reported seeing two men fighting. Those men turned out to be Roldon and the father, who was trying to restrain him, according to a witness.

The girl was taken to Weiss Hospital for treatment, and an evidence technician was summoned to take pictures of Roldon's injuries. According to the report, CPD technicians also recovered a facial tissue that may have contained DNA evidence.

Roldon is charged with criminal sexual assault by force, criminal sexual abuse by force, and unlawful restraint, police said.

He is scheduled to appear in bond court on Tuesday afternoon. More details about his background and the allegations will be known after the hearing.

Auto theft phenomenon, Sheriff says Kia, Hyundai thefts soar 767% in July

BY CWBCHICAGO

Thefts of vehicles manufactured by Kia and Hyundai surged 767% in July compared to the same month last year as nationwide phenomena known as "Kia boys" and the "Kia challenge" took hold in Cook County, according to the sheriff's office.

Many thieves are taking advantage of a design flaw that allows them to steal Kias and Hyundais with little more than a USB cord, and some are then posting their joyrides on social media.

The sheriff's office said in a statement that there were 642 Kia and Hyundai thefts in the county last month, up from 74 in July

2021. In Chicago proper, total auto thefts are up 54% this year, with over 8,500 cases reported as of August 7, according to CPD.

"This is an extremely concerning trend and the public needs to know so they can be vigilant in protecting themselves," Sheriff Tom Dart said in the media release.

The thieves target unoccupied cars that normally operate with a physical key and not a starter button, the office said. Then, using easy-to-find instructions online, they start the vehicle in a matter of seconds and drive away.

Dart's office advised owners of vulnerable vehicles to install after-market security measures like



Milwaukee-area "Kia boys" go for a ride in a YouTube video that went viral in June. Photo courtesy TommyGMcGee

kill switches, motion-detecting car alarms, vehicle tracking systems, or steering wheel locks.

Last week, lawyers in Iowa

filed a federal class action suit against Kia and Hyundai on behalf of car owners whose vehicles are affected by the defect.

Man stole \$56,150 worth of watches from Mag Mile store just before arrest for hitting bar bouncer with a hammer

BY CWBCHICAGO

For Anthony Strozier, July 26 was one of those days that started great but then went downhill.

Strozier was arrested outside Mother Hubbard's, 5 W. Hubbard, around 10 p.m. after being identified as the man who hit one of the bar's bouncers in the head with a hammer.

But less than five hours earlier, Strozier successfully stole more than \$55,000 worth of luxury watches from a store on Michigan Ave., according to new allegations filed Aug. 9.

At around 5:45 p.m. on July 26, a man wearing a COVID mask, suit, tie, and work boots walked into Ralph Lauren, 750 N. Michigan Ave., and used bolt cutters to break into a jewelry case, prosecutor Zachary Peasall said Aug. 9.

Strozier allegedly grabbed four men's watches worth \$56,150 and walked out the door.

CPD's organized retail theft task force went to work, using video files to track the thief as he



Anthony Strozier

walked from the store into the nearby Peninsula Hotel. Minutes later, the thief walked out of the hotel with a rolling suitcase and walked to a storage facility in the 300 block of W. Kinzie.

Peasall claimed that the thief gained access to the building by entering a security code associated with Strozier's girlfriend, who has a storage unit at the facility.

Strozier was recognized on surveillance video by a detective who worked the Mother Hubbard case. The following day, on Aug. 1, police searched the storage unit and allegedly discovered two of the watches, the suitcase, bolt cutters, and the thief's clothes.

After being arrested on Aug. 8, Strozier allegedly asked investigators what would happen if he returned the watches.

Assistant Public Defender

Suzin Farber said Strozier lives with his fiancée and has worked at a furniture store in the Merchandise Mart for two years.

During Strozier's bail hearing for Mother Hubbard's case, a different defense attorney stated that Strozier had been working as a restaurant manager.

Judge Susana Ortiz ordered Strozier to pay a \$1,000 bail deposit to get out of jail on the new charge, felony theft. Once he does, he must observe a 24-hour curfew, she said.

Strozier is already on electronic monitoring in the Mother Hubbard's matter. He is charged with felony aggravated battery with a deadly weapon in that case.

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BACK: Brookfield Zoo's famed **JoJo** the Gorilla, beloved by Chicagoans in the thousands, sadly died Aug. 7 at the zoo. The silverback western lowland gorilla went into cardiac arrest during an emergency veterinary procedure prompted by an acute illness, according to the Chicago Zoological Society, which runs the suburban zoo. JoJo was 42.

PLATED: We can all take a breath, no matter what side of the river you live on. Cub's catcher **Willson Contreras** isn't going anywhere. An All-Star in 2018, 2019 and 2022, it looks like he will remain in Wrigleyville despite all the curve-balled hysteria and empty-headed predictions. Important to remember #40 is one of the 2016 champions. Let's start acting like it. At least for the rest of the year.

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cation is a treasure not to trade. Making good sense in the culture they engage. Sheriff **Tom Dart**, Ald. **Matt O'Shea**, Notre Dame's **Dan Shannon**, DePaul's **Tom Kilmartin**, NFL Star "**Ziggy**" **Czarowski**, Philadelphia Eagles **Donovan McNabb**, US Cabinet Secretary **Edward Derwinski** and Ald. **Edward Vrdolyak** are among its distinguished alumni.

WHO'S WHERE: Chicago fashion's **Elda de la Rosa** joined designers **Sylvia Wilczynska** and **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** for the Service Club's Day on the Terrace fashion extravaganza... **Anne M. Rodriguez Nolan** joined **Lisa Rumbolz** at Nobu Malibu Beach, CA... **Christopher Clinton Conway** in Edinburgh, Scotland lunching at Harvey Nichols... **Karen Zupko** reunited in Paris with **Marie Francoise** with a lively dinner at the St. James Club... **Larry Cummins**,

in Madrid, Spain visiting daughter **Dawn** and her husband, **Alberto**, on their 25th wedding anniversary and catching up with granddaughters **Grace** and **Jacqueline**... **Brian White** and **Jim Kinney** dining out with birthday girl **Janet** and **Rodger Owen**... @Properties **Thad Wong** and daughter, **Hattie Wong**, with famed British artist **Damien Hirst**, the wealthiest artist in England, at Nobu... (Ret) Judge **Rhoda Sweeney** at the Netherlander Theater with granddaughters seeing the musical "MJ," the **Michael Jackson** hit... Veteran Attorney **Thomas Murphy** relaxing in breezy Nantucket... **Charlie Moll** having special Sardinian dinner with Mom, **Mary Clair Scorsone Moll** and Pop, **Ken Moll**, and family as their Mediterranean adventure comes to an end... **Petros** and **Contessa Bottega** dining out watching the sun set in Cavuri, Athens, Greece in a fabulous restaurant named Panorama... Rogers Park's **Joe "The Plumber" Dentzer** driving his work van

filled with plumbing supplies and spare parts to golf week in Northern Michigan, you know, in case some of his pals' games sprung a leak, he had the parts... **Mark Olley** and **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono** lifted the excitement for fashion at the Service Club's Afternoon on the Terrace... **Bill Kresse** overseeing the election audits, like Santa he's making a list and checking it twice, does that work in Chi-town?... Word is that **Russ Goeltenbodt** is taking to the stage in the Fall with LIVE AT 65, October 30, at Davenport's Piano Bar... Happy Heavenly 91st birthday to the great **George Baker** of Wilmette... **Anne Kavanagh** in Turks and Caicos beaching it... Two Chi-town pillars, **Maria Pappas** and **Monsignor Velo**, at **Art Smith's** Navy Pier restaurant opening... At the Miami Fontainebleau for a bachelorette,



Sheriff Tom Dart

sisters **Katie Geren** and **Lizzy Gorecki**, back from Irish med school after 13 months... **Lucia Adams** and **Al Menotti**, friends online but only met in person for first time at Service Club... **Chris Grimshaw** in White Lake, NY... **Diane Abt** at Il Pellicano Hotel, Toscano, Italy... Lake Forest's **Dr. Jack** and **Ingrid Logiudice** celebrating their big 50th wedding anniversary, kicked off with a surprise party at the Deerpath Inn surrounded by family and friends... **Charles Edwin Youmans Jr.**, a true showman in Chicago has died, after more than thirty years as house manager at Lyric Opera. A role in which actor **Richard Burton** declared, he was "the best front of the house man I have ever worked with"... **David Furness**, **Sir Elton John's** husband, was with him for his show in Chicago and made it to Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill for a fab lunch... **Pink Floyd** made an RL stop, too, for lunch and had many fans recognize them... and before he set off with the family

for his extravagant Mediterranean yacht holiday, **Rod Stewart** also stopped by for lunch, he's practically a regular, beloved... but for my tastes the best celebrity at RL last week was **Elaine Levinson**, so chic, so Chicago friendly.

PR MAVEN: **Noreen Heron** CEO and founder of her Heron Agency, opened her new office in Lincoln Park at 2626 N. Lincoln Ave. on Aug. 15. Her client book is filled with big events and superstars.

JUST IN FROM SAVANNAH, GA: Thank you [Thomas] for finding and sharing this photo of me with my beloved and dearly departed friend and colleague, **Carleton Varney**. It was snapped at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Irish Georgian Society at Castletown House when I was the Board President. It will always mean a lot to me. **Paula Fogarty**.

CHAVEZ RAVINE: No one offered Major League Baseball and the nation a brain and voice more fit for the national pastime amid the palm trees and sun of Los Angeles and Southern California than the celebrated **Vin Scully**, the voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was pure Hollywood sports, dusted in glamor. He was 94.

PAX TIBI: Marion "Nana" McCready may well have been the oldest person I have ever known. The longtime Beverly resident was 106 when she died last week. Erudite and elegant. Little time for nonsense. Well read, wise, enormously capable. The kind of person you looked for in a crowd of strong-willed, accomplished folk. Her long marriage to the famed Beverly Obstetrician, **Dr. Robert McCready**, was an equal partnership for brains and accomplishment. No one delivered more babies on Chicago's elite South Side than he.

I loved Marion the moment I met her almost 50 years ago. I had to. She was fresh oxygen to me. Someone who navigated well the public world of service, Chicago neighborhoods and refined urbanity. And managed to survive intact. A leading and effective lay Catholic in the age of refined Chicago leadership. Raising bright and intelligent children who easily became successful academics, writers and artists. I believe Marion was most dynamically a person of refined hopes whose movement through the world gives the rest of us a stunning peek at the courage to achieve with grace even on the most challenging of days.

The roar of the crowd has always been the sweetest music. It's intoxicating. - **Vin Scully** tog515@gmail.com




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One of North Side's most active supporters of high-rise living dead at 94

Lincoln Park resident Eugene Fisher, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Aug. 2 in his home at the age of 94.

As the longtime Executive Director of the Diversey Harbor Lakeview Preservation Assoc., Gene was a regular voice and source for news in these pages on issues related to urban condominium living, and high-rise home owners association issues.

Indeed, articles of interest that he found inside our pages were then shared broadly by Gene to thousands of other readers.

Born on Sept. 30, 1927, at the

age of 18 Gene earned his Bachelor of Philosophy degree from the Univ. of Chicago. Three years later, he earned his MBA in Marketing. After graduation, Gene started a 40 year career with Brunswick Corporation, retiring in 1995 as the Corporate Director of Marketing.

He was accorded a number of professional honors, including his election as Chairman of the prestigious Conference Board

Western Research Council, and invitations to address professional conferences conducted by the American Marketing Assoc. and the Conference Board.

Gene was very active in retirement. He and his wife Penny started Fisher Marketing Intelligence. He was also a respected leader in the community - serving as the President of the 2626 N. Lakeview Condo Assoc.

Gene is survived by his wife of 33 years Penny, his daughters, Robin (Bruce) Downing of Rock Island, IL, Amy (Jake) Homer of Chicago, his son, Doug Fisher of Sioux City, and his grandchildren - Jennifer, Samantha, Taylor, Zachary, Joshua, Brandon, and Madeline.

A memorial gathering took place at Gene's condo building on Aug. 14. As most everyone who knew him were aware, Gene was a lifelong Cubs fan. With that in mind, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Cubs Charities Community Funds.



Gene Fisher

Chicago's only chalk art festival back on Aug. 27

A free immersive experience for the public to interact with and create street art, featuring nationally renowned 3D and 2D chalk artists, live music, dance, will return to the North Side on Aug. 27.

Chicago's only chalk art festival - Chalk Howard Street - will make a full return outdoors and in person for the first time since 2019.

National and local street artists, neighbors, families, and street art lovers will transform the street surface into a creative canvas 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, on Howard St. between Paulina and Ashland, east of the Howard Red Line 'L' stop.

This free-admission street art festival features live music, local vendors, food and drinks, while offering striking and immersive street art experiences as well as street squares available for public purchase.


Chalk Howard Street 2022 features nationally renowned 3D street artists Amanda-lee Harris, Zach Herndon, and Jessi Queen, as well as Shawn McCann, in addition to 2D chalk artist Harmony Harris and emerging artists who will create vivid and interactive chalk drawings for art lovers, families, and summer fest goers.

Following the format of the festival's 2019 debut, Chalk Howard Street this year will resume offering a limited amount of street squares available for purchase to individuals, families and groups who wish to have a creative space



and draw their own chalk art. Each square is priced at \$25 and includes a supply of chalk. To register and purchase street squares in advance, visit chalkhowardstreet.com.

An interactive dance performance by professional dance artists will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enliven pedestrian intersections and invite residents of all ages, abilities, and identities for a suite of creative and therapeutic dance movements.



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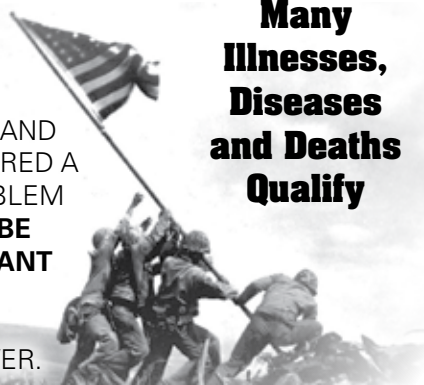
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PEOPLES BANK F/K/A PEOPLES BANK SB,
Plaintiff,
-v-
LILLIAN BORICH, ERIE CENTRE CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
2021 CH 06335
375 W. ERIE STREET, UNIT 209
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on June 21, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
September 23, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chi-
cago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the following described
real estate:
Commonly known as 375 W. ERIE STREET, UNIT
209, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-09-127-039-1009 and 17-09-
127-039-1238
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$85,576.18.
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 ac-
cepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee
for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality
Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real
estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction
thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to
exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is
due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be
paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real
estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by
any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor
acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in
and to the residential real estate arose prior to the
sale. The subject property is subject to general real
estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a
lien prior to that of the United States, the United
States shall have one year from the date of sale
within which to redeem, except that with respect to
a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the
period shall be 120 days or the period allow-

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able for redemption under State law, whichever is
longer, and in any case in which, under the provi-
sions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as
amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of
section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code,
the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no
right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments required by The Condominium Prop-
erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).
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15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW.
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etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the
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closure sales.
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230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125
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Attorney File No. 21 9086
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 2021 CH 06335
TJSC#: 42-2694
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tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt and any information obtained will be used for
that purpose.
Case # 2021 CH 06335
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REPUBLIC BANK OF CHICAGO, AN ILLINOIS
BANKING CORPORATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARCO A. ROJAS; RBS FINANCE LLC, AN IL-
LINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; BMO
HARRIS BANK N.A., FKA HARRIS TRUST AND
SAVINGS BANK; DOMAIN CONDOMINIUM AS-
SOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT
CORPORATION; SUSANNA DUECKER AKA
SUSANNA DUECKER AGUILAR; MKZ REALTY
INC.,
AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
16 CH 6221
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, September 13, 2022
at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West
Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell
at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged
real estate:
P.I.N. 17-04-300-047-1157 and 17-04-300-047-
1541.
Commonly known as 900 North Kingsbury Street,
Unit 963, Chicago, IL 60610.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a con-
dominium residence. The purchaser of the unit oth-
er 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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tiffs Attorney, Ruff, Freud, Breems and Nelson,
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
CORNELL H. HENTZ AS SUPERVISED ADMINIS-
TRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES HUNTER,
WOODREW HENTZ, JR., MELVIN HENTZ,
DEDRIC E. HENTZ, CHAUNDRA ROUSSEAU,
ASA COVINGTON, CORNELL HENTZ, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES HUNTER
A/K/A JAMES HUNTER-HENTZ, MARIO HENTZ,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2021 CH 04297
7520 N ROGERS AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on June 21, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
September 22, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chi-
cago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the following described
real estate:
Commonly known as 7520 N ROGERS AVENUE,
CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-300-012-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial
Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be ac-
cepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee
for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality
Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential
real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-
tion thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not
to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer,
is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall
be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential
real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or
by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor
acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in
and to the residential real estate arose prior to the
sale. The subject property is subject to general real
estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confir-
mation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien
prior to that of the United States, the United States
shall have one year from the date of sale within
which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien
arising under the internal revenue laws the period
shall be 120 days or the period allowable for re-
demption under State law, whichever is longer, and
in any case in which, under the provisions of section
505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12
U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720
of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to
redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of
redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished 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

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the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).
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Case Number: 2021 CH 04297
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Case # 2021 CH 04297
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
ROSARIO LENI F. ALBA, 7120 NORTH SHERI-
DAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 00797
7120 N. SHERIDAN RD. UNIT 314
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
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ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered
in the above cause on May 27, 2022, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on
September 15, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chi-
cago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the following described
real estate:
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UNIT 314, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-102-015-1028
The real estate is improved with a condo/town-
house.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judi-
cial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be
accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale
fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Muni-
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untarily going with police to answer ques-
tions about the incident. When the case
went before a judge, prosecutors abruptly
dismissed the case.

Ortiz was allegedly outside a laundromat
on April 19, 2021, when officers allegedly
rolled up to investigate an allegedly false
report of gun fire detected by ShotSpotter.
According to the complaint, officers then
used that report as justification to search
Ortiz's vehicle, where they found an al-
legedly legal amount of marijuana and a
bottle of prescription medication, allegedly
for Ortiz's mother.

According to the complaint, Ortiz was
released the next day, and ultimately recov-
ered his vehicle, which had been seized by
police.

The lawsuit asks the court to award Wil-
liams and Ortiz compensatory and puni-
tive damages.

However, the complaint further asks the
court to issue orders barring the city from
continuing to use ShotSpotter to aid police
investigations, or as justification for stops,
searches and arrests of gun violence sus-
pects. The lawsuit asks the court to declare
the use of ShotSpotter amounts to viola-
tions of the Illinois Civil Rights Act and
the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection
Clause.

ShotSpotter was not named as a defen-
dant in the lawsuit.

However, the company released the fol-
lowing statement on July 26 in response to
the lawsuit's allegations:

"The ShotSpotter system has an inde-
pendently verified accuracy rate of 97%. In
this case, the company consistently identi-
fied the same intersection in both its real-
time alert and subsequent detailed forensic
report, as later acknowledged by the Asso-
ciated Press ("the location identified on the
maps and GPS coordinates in both reports
remained around the same intersection").
In fact, Mr. Williams himself agrees that

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tant state's attorney signed off on the charges,
CPD records show.

The running gun battles ended after Nandi
was shot last year. No charges have been filed
in any of the shootings or murders that occurred
during that bloody October week.

Woman foils carjacking attempt
near Magnificent Mile;

Rogers Park woman not so fortunate

Police are investigating an attempted carjack-
ing that occurred near the Magnificent Mile Aug.
9. Detectives are also investigating a successful
hijacking in Rogers Park on that same night.

A 25-year-old woman foiled a carjacking as
she sat in her car in the 800 block of N. Rush St.
around 1:31 a.m. Aug. 9. A black sedan pulled up
next to her, and three men wearing face masks
approached both sides of her car, a Chicago po-
lice spokesperson said. One of the men implied
he had a gun, but the woman did not see a fire-
arm, according to the spokesperson.

Rather than stick around, the woman stepped
on the accelerator, striking the rear passenger
side door of the offenders' car as she sped away.
A nearby parked motorcycle was also hit. No in-
juries were reported.

On Aug. 8, two men wearing ski masks and
dark clothing carjacked and robbed a woman at
gunpoint in the 2000 block of W. Chase in Rogers
Park at around 9:40 p.m. The victim was not in-
jured, but the offenders got away with her gray
2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee, purse, and wallet.

Carjacking cases in Chicago continue to be
reported at even higher rates than last year's
record-setting pace. CPD took 972 hijacking
reports this year through July, up 7% from last
year, according to city data. There were 621 cas-
es through July 2020 and 304 during the period
in 2019.

The city had 167 carjackings during July, up
11% from last year. There were 149 cases in July
2020 and 53 in July 2019.

City records show that Chicago police have
made arrests in slightly less than 7% of this year's
hijackings. The arrest rate for 2021 carjackings is
13%. It's important to note that arrest rates for

the gunfire that killed Safarian Herring
happened at that intersection.

"ShotSpotter was not responsible for
Michael Williams' arrest or incarceration.
The arrest report never mentions ShotSpot-
ter and Mr. Williams was not arrested until
three months after the real-time alert was
issued. Authorities decide whether to arrest
and prosecute someone and ShotSpotter is
not involved in those decisions. ShotSpot-
ter identifies and alerts on gunfire inci-
dents, not people.

"ShotSpotter was not aware until months
after Mr. Williams had been arrested and
did not know the prosecutor's theory of the
case was that Mr. Williams shot Mr. Her-
ring inside a car. Once ShotSpotter learned
of the prosecutor's theory, the company
reminded the prosecutor that ShotSpotter's
evidence is only guaranteed to locate shots
fired outdoors, not inside a car or build-
ing, and would not support the prosecu-
tor's theory of the case. It was then that the
prosecution dismissed the case against Mr.
Williams.

"Mr. Williams' defense counsel also had
the information necessary to raise this ar-
gument, but he did not. ShotSpotter did.

"ShotSpotter provides unique, reliable,
and valuable evidence and expert witness
testimony that has been successfully ad-
mitted in 200 court cases, in 20 states, and
has survived scrutiny in dozens of Frye
and Daubert challenges."

The lawsuit comes as the city of Chicago
continues to suffer from its worst multi-
year crime waves in decades. According to
Chicago city data, homicides are up 29%
and firearm violence incidents are up 13%,
compared to 2019. And those represent de-
clines from the highs of 2020 and 2021.

Further, carjacking incidents are at their
highest levels ever recorded in Chicago.
And all manners of violent crimes have
increased throughout the city, including in
neighborhoods and districts once consid-
ered relatively low crime areas.

previous years are typically higher than current
periods because police have had more time to
identify offenders and secure charges from the
state's attorney's office.

In 2021, the Cook County State's Attorney's Of-
fice approved charges in 75% of carjacking cases
that Chicago police brought in, according to the
prosecutor's office data.

16-year-old carjacked
man in Edgewater

A 16-year-old boy is charged with carjacking
a man in Edgewater on Aug. 9. Chicago police
recovered the victim's van and arrested the teen
about one block from the hijacking scene.

The victim was in the 1400 block of W. Elm-
dale when two people stepped out of a black
sedan, pushed him to the ground, and took his
keys around 4:30 p.m. They then drove away in
his vehicle.

Officers found the victim's Chrysler Town &
Country minivan abandoned in the 1400 block
of W. Thorndale and arrested the 16-year-old
nearby. The second suspect got away.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
ANETA HADZI-TANOVIC A/K/A ANETA PAVLOVICH, SLOBODAN PAVLOVICH, The 632 W. BRIAR PLACE CONDOMINIUM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 09930
632 WEST BRIAR PLACE, # 3
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 27, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 27, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 632 WEST BRIAR PLACE, # 3, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-28-101-037-1003
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition

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of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Real Estate For Sale

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
MELISSA S. HUMPHREY A/K/A MELISSA SUZANN HUMPHREY, ANDERSON VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 01142
1650 W EDGEWATER AVE APT 1
CHICAGO, IL 60660
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

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Plaintiff,
-v-
WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRICIA M. RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
20 CH 05652
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CHICAGO, IL 60613
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Property Index No. 14-21-101-034-1196
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Two new street reconfigurations

Two Near North Side streets are being reconfigured after a recent traffic study by the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] determined the following one-way streets do not comply with CDOT standards: N. New St., between E. North Water St. and East River Dr., and E. River Dr., between McClurg Ct. and N. New St.

On Friday, August 19, CDOT will reconfigure the above thoroughfares from one-way to two-way streets. CDOT will remove existing one-way and Do Not Enter signage and install new pavement markings and No Parking Tow Zone signs.

Throughout the process, N. New S. and E. River Dr. will remain open to vehicular traffic. For more information call 312-744-3062.

Catalytic converter theft deterrence meeting

Police and city officials are perplexed on how to deal with the rising numbers of catalytic converter thefts going on in Chicago, so the 14th District Police have decided to host a community meeting to help you defend against their theft from your car, by putting ID markings on your car's catalytic converter.

Co-sponsored by Ald. Scott Waguespack, a local insurance company and police will show car owners how to secure the vehicle by spray painting and marking your catalytic converter with ID markings, in case a theft crew comes to work in your neighborhood.

Residents will need to make a reservation, and receive an appointment time, then show up Sept. 11 at Moos Elementary School, 1711 N. California. All autos must be registered within the boundaries of Division to Belmont.

For more information write to CAPS.014district@chicagopolice.org.

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5 a.m. bars in River North.

"This has been a summer (unlike any we) have witnessed," he said. "It's been really horrific to watch this level of violence in the downtown area."

But the bar and club owners say they're not to blame for shootings, pointing to crowds drinking on the streets and open-air drug deals on corners. They say the shootings aren't stemming from their bar patrons. "If the city wants to close down all the bars and give them to criminals,

Armed men tried to rob a couple at luxury hotel, then carjacked a man in Streeterville

BY CWBCHICAGO

Armed men tried to rob two people at a luxury downtown hotel on Aug. 14, then carjacked a driver in Streeterville minutes later, according to Chicago police reports. No arrests have been made, and we have learned that the local police district had no patrol cars available to launch timely responses to the crimes.

The robbery occurred at The Ritz-Carlton, 160 E. Pearson St., at 2:44 a.m., a CPD report said. Without identifying the hotel by name, a police spokesperson said two robbers approached a man and woman inside a business and displayed three handguns, demanding their property.

The spokesperson said the victims and robbers got into a fight, and the robbers fled eastbound in a car without getting anything from their targets. According to

a source, the victims later became uncooperative with police.

An officer at the scene said one robber was armed with an "assault-style rifle," while the other displayed two handguns. The suspects are two Black males, one wearing a black tracksuit with a white stripe on the side and the other wearing a blue hoodie with black pants, according to the officer.

Moments after the robbery, the robbers' car collided with another vehicle on Inner Lake Shore Dr. at Huron St. The collision caused extensive damage to the BMW, which had been reported stolen in Lincolnwood. The thieves, however, continued driving for a few blocks.

When they reached the 400 block of N. McClurg Court around 2:50 a.m., four men stepped out of the car and pointed guns at a man who was parked on the street, ac-

cording to police. The men ordered the 44-year-old victim out of his white Toyota Corolla and drove away with it. They left the wrecked, stolen BMW behind.

The victims of both crimes waited quite a while to file their reports.

A police dispatcher said on-air that all of the CPD units in the district that were not handling 911 calls were assigned to "fixed posts" and could not respond. Supervisors from CPD eventually met with the victims and told them to file reports at the Near North 18th District station.

Many of those "fixed posts" were in a section of Old Town adjacent to the Marshall Field Homes where Chicago police banned street parking and assigned patrol units in anticipation of an unlicensed street party to celebrate the death of a gang member this weekend.

CASINO from p. 1

applied for Gaming Board approval until they launched a temporary casino last fall. The company also has to pay the state a \$250,000 application fee.

If the state review process goes smoothly, then Bally's will have up to two years to operate the temporary casino at the Medinah Temple, with the option of a year-long extension beyond that.

Bally's plans show a renovation of the interior of the temporary casino site while avoiding any building changes to the landmarked exterior. Originally built in 1912 by architects Huel and Schmid, the building was home to the Chicago Shriners and was designed in a Moorish style with extensive ornament that makes it a unique building

amongst its surrounding context.

Protected by landmark designation, the exterior will remain unchanged with the exception of new signs replacing the old signs. The current signage from Bloomingtondale's will be removed and replaced with Bally's signage that matches the same configuration and scale.

The casino's main entry will be at the center of the building along N. Wabash Ave. Pedestrian exits will be located at the corners along W. Ohio St and W. Ontario St, with an employee entrance on W. Ohio St. A service and loading access point will be along W. Ontario St.

But some Wall Street gambling experts now wonder whether Bally's will be able to deliver on the bigger project on the Chicago River, which also calls for a hotel, a

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3,000-seat theater, a Riverwalk extension, an outdoor park and a music venue, among other amenities.

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that's the wrong way to go," Sam Sanchez, owner of Moe's Cantina and chairman of the Board of the Illinois Restaurant Assoc. told Block Club. "We need to pay more attention to the corners."

Like most every business in Chicago, they're short-handed at a time when Chicago is being overrun by shooters and other criminals unafraid of arrest knowing they won't be prosecuted.

Sanchez said he goes to great lengths to keep the area around his bar safe, employing 12 armed security guards on weekends. Still, Sanchez says the bar and restaurant has lost its happy hour and early dinner business, which he blames on all the shootings.

Sanchez also said he felt a shortage in Chicago police officers and no accountability for repeat offenders were to blame for the violence, expressing frustration at

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. Yes, a great deal of the problem is that Chicago and Cook County public officials have adopted a social justice mentality, thereby creating a climate where shooters, thugs and law-breakers feel they have free rein.

Almost every party to the problem does have something in common: neither the criminals, cops, or law-abiding citizens have much regard for Foxx, who has lead the social justice cause. As a result, known criminals with dozens of arrests for violent criminal acts are allowed to continue to prey on their victims again and again.

Quality of life crimes are exploding city-wide as a result of this laissez-faire attitude by public officials toward violent offenders. Now, with elections coming up for just about everyone but Foxx, public officials are looking for scapegoats, and want

to blame the entertainment industry, as if the industry didn't exist or operate in the downtown area long before crime grew unmanageable in the last few years.

During a community meeting in July, Brian Galati, co-owner of Headquarters Beercade, 13 W. Institute Pl., and other business owners and residents said their area is being bombarded with crowds of people drinking on the streets and in parked cars. He says that people loiter late into the night and open-air drug deals are common.

"Some of the things that we're experiencing now I haven't seen in 26 years of doing this," Galati told Block Club. "We can't continue to be in these conflicts with guests that aren't even our guests ... What do we do as business owners? We want to be good neighbors."

CWBChicago contributed to this story



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