

City Hall gives free pass to hinky pot shop relocation scheme

Partnership with social equity company, ya, that's the ticket

Chicago's River North is getting another cannabis dispensary despite residents' concerns that it would turn the neighborhood into a "pot district."

And if you look at how the deal came about, an old Chicago political and business term comes to mind: 'Hinky.'

In early Chicago, a political or business deal was described as "hinky," meaning, among other things, something as yet undefinable is wrong, out of place; not quite right. Something is suspicious or dubious.

And it's fair to call the Zoning Board of Appeal's [ZBA] decision "hinky," in that it granted a special-use permit to PTS Corp. and Bio-Pharm to open a recreational cannabis store in the former Rainforest Cafe, 605 N. Clark St. (Two other decisions the ZBA made at that meeting also raise eyebrows.)

The three decisions came during a long, long meeting that started on Friday afternoon and dragged on until 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. The hearing debate on this one new River North location alone lasted for four-hours.

In the other two decisions the ZBA also approved permits for a former alderman and state representative to open a dispensary

in the South Loop and one near the Univ. of Illinois Chicago. You can be assured no hinky clout was used there.

PTS' previous attempts to move its dispensary into the Rainforest Cafe site - located within stumbling distance of the new temporary casino - were rejected because of a state law that prohibits new dispensaries from opening within 1,500 feet of an existing cannabis store.

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The agreement means Bio-Pharm will run the new dispensary and pay PTS for its expertise and up to \$10 million for renovations.

Social equity companies, which are generally headed by someone

who had a prior low-level cannabis arrest, conviction or who lived in an area with high poverty, are usually exempt from the distance requirements. That means in this instance they were the perfect match for PTS.

It's a deal that may have made former aldermen "Hinky Dink" Kenna and "Bathhouse John" Coughlin blush. They were the two who in the 1890s created the 1st Ward political machine that was based on graft and protection money from the saloons, brothels, and gambling halls of the Levee district, that was once located just south of today's Loop.

During the City Hall hearings, some residents argued that the co-application was illegal as the state law doesn't explicitly include co-applicants in the law's exceptions. Opponents of the dispensary's move said the approval would set a precedent for future cannabis companies wanting to set up shop down the block from another profitable pot seller, say in Wrigleyville or near Chicago's new casinos?

State officials still need to approve the project and decide whether or not to allow it to be located so close to four other dispensaries.

For over a decade Kenna and Coughlin together organized an annual First Ward Ball, notorious

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Drug overdoses still taking lives, study reveals local officials may undercount opioid deaths

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While Chicago, Cook County and Illinois continue to promote drug use by expanding the reach of recreational pot sales through free funding sources and eased regulations from the equity-oriented distribution of licenses, they also continue to see deaths related to drug abuse.

On Oct. 30, four young people overdosed, we're assuming by accident, at Y Bar, 224 W. Ontario St., a popular nightclub in River North.

Local authorities are now alerting the public of a spike in recent overdose deaths in the area due to cocaine laced with fentanyl. Officials believe the cocaine laced with fentanyl is 50 times more potent than cocaine or heroin.

Current data seems to contradict the dominant cultural narra-

tive that recreational drug use is safe and concern-free. Fentanyl and cocaine look alike so people do not always know what they are consuming. Some recreational drug users are consuming drugs laced with fentanyl, which can be fatal. And due to the potency of fentanyl, an individual may require additional doses of Narcan, the lifesaving antidote that can reverse the effects of an overdose.

And now, some research shows that city and county officials may be rigging the overdose and death numbers. Yes, in Cook County it seems that cheating is not just for elections.

Univ. of Illinois Chicago public health researchers have found that opioid deaths in Cook County have been undercounted by up to 15%.

The findings were reported in late October in the journal Epidemiology, based on an investigation

funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action program.

The analysis shows that the overdose deaths most likely to be missed were those among patients over age 50, patients with a diagnosis of malignant cancer, or patients admitted to the hospital or in the hospital for at least four days.

Chicago residents who died from an opioid-related overdose lived across the city. They occur in all of Chicago's 77 community areas. Those areas with the most opioid-related overdose deaths were Austin, Humboldt Park, and North Lawndale. These three communities accounted for over 30% of all EMS overdose responses.

The study was one of five led by Lee Friedman, associate pro-

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Meeting on casino permanent site Dec. 4

The city's Community Engagement Office and Bally's will host a Town Hall meeting to discuss Bally's Casino permanent site.

The meeting will be held 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at 700 W. Chicago Ave.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting as representatives from Bally's Corporation will be there to share information, respond to questions, and hear from community members. The meeting will also be live-streamed at chicago.gov/live.

No reservation is required to attend.

Winter parking restrictions start Thursday

The City's winter parking restrictions will go back into effect on Dec. 1 through April 1, 2023.

Residents who count on street parking are advised to consult the city's map of streets that qualify for parking bans.

Department of Streets and Sanitation is responsible for maintaining winter roadway safety on a route system of more than 9,400 lane miles. Routes consist of city main streets, neighborhood streets and Lake Shore Dr.

Winter Overnight Parking Ban is in effect on 107 miles of vital

arterial streets from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. So regardless of snow, you could be ticketed or towed. Motorists who ignore this seasonal tow zone face a \$150 towing fee (minimum) in addition to a \$60 ticket and an initial \$25 daily storage fee.

If you live on a main street, check for posted signs and avoid parking when it snows, so these routes can be fully plowed and salted. For more information, visit https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/street/svcs/snow_clearing.html.

East Ontario St. blockages for construction

Now that W.E. O'Neil and The Prime Group have begun construction of a new 28-story building at 150 E. Ontario St., Streeterville has some blocked streets and sidewalks.

Work is now ongoing at the RIU Plaza Hotel Chicago in Streeterville, after being vacant for more than ten years. The project site is an infill site off of N. Michigan Ave.

Throughout the project, 150' of sidewalk in front of 150 East Ontario, and 150' of curb lane in front of 150 East Ontario will be blocked for pedestrian and vehicle use.

The midblock location is bound by two adjacent buildings spanning the block between N. Michi-


gan Ave. and N. St. Clair St.

Work hours will be Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Some weekend work will also occur.

Pedestrians are being directed to the sidewalk on the south side of the street at Ontario/Michigan and Ontario/St. Clair.

Rising 345', once done the building will have 388 hotel rooms. The base of the tower will span two floors with 23 floors of guest rooms above, topped by mechanical space. Unfortunately, no parking will be provided as part of the project.

The entire project is expected to take 23 months, completion is projected for summer 2023.



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Living with your historic foods is significant



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you know what kind of food your family was eating 100 years ago?

What was your great-great grandmother putting on the table in the late 1800s?

Any of those family recipes travel down in history to you through the generations?

Do you still cook any historical favorites?

Like gumbo, homemade ravioli, oatmeal, of stuffed veal? Goulash, fish pie, whiskey cake, divinity fudge, cinnamon buns, or bubble and squeak?

What can we learn from such family concoctions and lore? Are there lessons to be discovered in the traditions of the kitchens from which we descend?

My O'Gorman relations were late arrivals in America. Late 1920s. They carried their love for Irish cuisine with them from their homeland. And though the Irish get bashed for low-level dining, I've never been comfortable with the judgment. My father's family was conditioned by their agrarian skills to expect bounty on their tables.

We are the people of the juicy roast beef. The succulent whole poached salmon. The roasted Guinea hen. Lamb stews that sticks to your ribs. Great cauldrons of chill-chasing soups, and baked goods from bread to scones to dumplings, tarts, butter pie crusts and loins of pork, legs of lamb and golden turkeys.

My O'Connor relations' earlier arrivals in Chicago absorbed larger bites of American culture with their cooking. Assimilating more. Their children, all soldiers in World War II, were Comiskey Park hot dog fans. Hamburger eaters from Chris Callas's ice cream parlor on Halsted St.

My grandmother, Nora O'Connor, loved to roast duck stuffed with a potato rosemary dressing, served with creamed cauliflower with nutmeg. And she always served some form of cooked fruit at dinner. Roast peaches or broiled pears in honey. I'm told they never went without during the Depression.

Nonie, as she was called, delighted in clove stuffed hams and kosher corned beefs, always great later for sandwiches with tea. A chop lover, she always did them succulent and juicy at home or out on the town. Though she was always suspicious of restaurants, saying they took too many shortcuts.

In her 90s, she would always sample a slice of pizza when we had one delivered. She'd chew but then always gently spit out the pizza in a paper napkin. The garlic and oregano were just too

much. She was our personal pizza food-tester.

She and her sister Nell enjoyed eating on American trains. They loved dining car meals by Fred Harvey on the Santa Fe Railway out to California, or on the Burlington trains bound for Miami.

These days I'm still hard at work on my cookery book that the divine Sugar Rautbord is editing. I'm fortunate that there is a trail of recipes and favorite dishes from the kitchens of my grandmothers to follow. I'm old enough to have eaten their favorites many times.

Here are a couple of savory items that will be up front in the final text.

Colcannon. A simple dish that I make every Christmas. Creamy mashed potatoes with plenty of Irish butter and heavy cream. I blanch the dark green leaves on a cabbage and then chiffonade (cut at an angle) the leaves and fold them into the mashed spuds. A dash of kosher salt and a pinch of white pepper to finish.

Colcannon is an ancient Irish vittles. Perfect with juicy rare prime rib. Beautiful in appearance on any plate. Texture and taste very high. Just a bit of crunch. Though served at Christmas, I love it year round, especially with roast pork and apples.

There's a wonderful chicken stew that was also a natural part of life on the dairy farm my grandmother O'Gorman grew up on. There was always abundant foods on their farm, even during Ireland's occupation by British forces.

The stew is very simple. Sauté chicken thighs. Brown till golden for 25 minutes. Then set aside. Chop onions, celery and carrots and sauté in the stew pot in Irish butter till soft. Pour generously chicken stock in the pot. Some flour to thicken sauce. Then some thyme branches. Kosher salt and pepper. Put the chicken back in the pot for 20 minutes. I toss in some good white wine that they did not have access to at the farmhouse in their day.

And then make a batch of gooey dumplings from butter and flour. Grated cheese. Chopped chives. Buttermilk, kosher salt and black pepper. Make small dumplings and put on top of everything in the pot. Cook 25 minutes. Then feast. Luxurious sauce.

My grandmother said that the first time she remembers eating the stew, in the 1880s, it was made from a rooster killed accidentally in the farm yard. That certainly adds to the mystique of the ingredients. I like to toss in a shot of Irish Whiskey to sweeten the flavor at the end. This is a spectacular supper on the farm or in your kitchen. Remember rooster is hard to find here.

My two grandmothers' kitchens always smelled of good baking. Yeast rolls fresh baked for Grandma O'Connor, at least twice a week. And big soda breads for Grandma O'Gorman filled with tea soaked raisins and caraway seeds. And her Apple cake. Or a rhubarb variety. Sweet and tart at the same time. What Americans

call a fruit pie. Both grandmothers were suspicious of "store bought" bread. Wonder Bread and Silver Cup bore little resemblance to what they considered bread to be. Warm. Crunchy crusts. Sturdy texture. Golden Brown loaves.

I don't think many recipes changed in the family during the 19th century.

My ancestors knew their way around the abattoir. They had a pig to slaughter every fall. Salted it for use during the winter. I first tasted the salted pork, as such, during the 1960s, on my first trip to Europe. It might as well have been 1860. Vittles of a true historical nature.

No shortcuts in these kitchens or cans of Campbell's Soup used in the preparations of string beans. Meals were real. Hearty. Food was kept in a larder and the butter was always soft. On my grandmother's farm, it was always made in a churn. The sweetness was real and electric. Just like the buttermilk.

In many ways Irish farmhouse cooking resembled farmers' cottages across Europe. From the Alps to the Urals. Of course the one great deviation was Italian food which was the last great gift of the Romans to the world of cooking. Pasta, cheese, tomato sauce, olive oil, garlic and crunchy breads left their deepest footprint on the soil of hunger and thirst. With wines of the Tuscans to wash down the tastiest food on the planet.

Living with the foods of your history is significant and important. It gives us a deeper taste, as it were, of who we are. And what it is possible to become. Who knew a Mediterranean diet would

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Lakeview loses a legend in Charlotte Newfeld



Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

I first met Charlotte Newfeld when I was 12-years-old, via her daughter, Julie, who quickly became my best buddy while in seventh grade at LeMoyne Elementary School.

It didn't take me long to realize that Charlotte was an outspoken, dynamo of a woman, a force to be reckoned with. And when I heard the news that she had died, I knew she had left this world a better place thanks to her tireless efforts as a community and gay rights activist, and also as steward of the place that brought her great pleasure, the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Lincoln Park.

On Nov. 17, Charlotte passed away, a week shy of her 92nd birthday. I thought she'd live until at least until 100. Julie thought she'd live forever.

"One of my friends called her a 'Badass' and I think that describes her," said Julie. "I liked that she was out there fighting instead of home baking cookies."

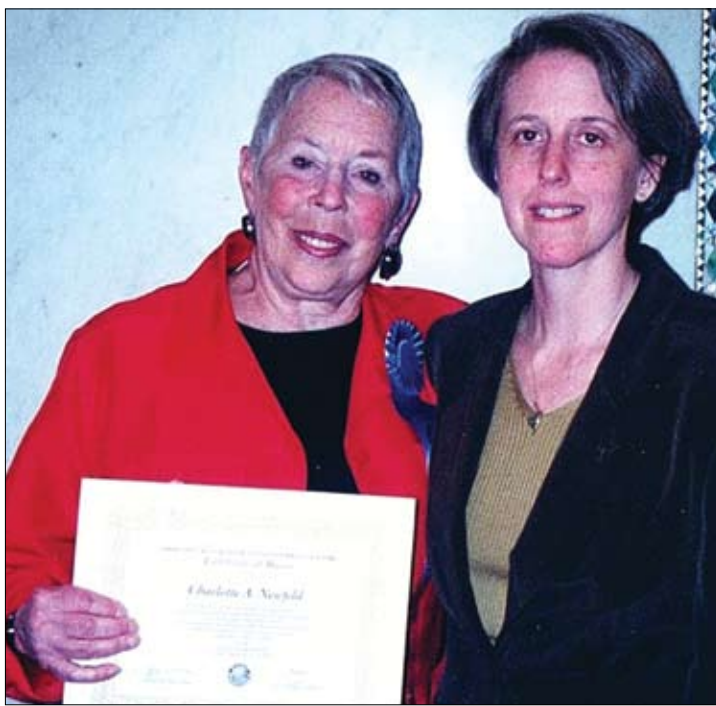
Charlotte was born into a Jewish family in Albany Park. She attended Von Steuben High School, and received her Masters of Fine Arts from the Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison. Although many in the Lakeview community knew her for her activism, she also had an incredible flair for art. She worked as a professional artist at a gallery in Old Town and later at Studio 23 on Lincoln Ave., where she created her works in ceramics, sterling silver and watercolors.

"My mother was an amazing artist," said Julie, who plans on putting together a book of her mom's pieces. "One of my great memories is sitting in our basement with a Bunsen burner with wax as she'd make sterling silver sculptures."

"I loved her as an artist," said Julie, who used to exhibit at the Old Town Art Fair with her mom. "She didn't have a good sense of humor but some of her art work was so quirky. We were going through her cedar closet and I found museum-quality soap carvings. She was like, 'Yea, I made those in kindergarten.'"

In addition to her artistic prowess, Charlotte was a fierce community activist. That's how and when I reconnected with her. When I first started working for this newspaper, Charlotte was always in the know and she became a great and well-respected source for me. She went from my being my childhood friend's mom to being a wealth of information about the Lakeview neighborhood.

Her contributions to that community, where she lived for nearly 60 years, included improvements in education, open spaces, neigh-



(Left) Charlotte Newfeld and her daughter, Julie. (Right) Always the bird lover, Charlotte sent this card in 2007.



borhood protections and AIDS awareness.

"She was a fighter, a strong advocate, if you said the wrong thing, the little pit bull would come out," said Julie. "She got things done, and wasn't afraid to say what she was thinking. She got up in (then mayor) Rahm Emanuel's face -- he came really close to hitting her. She could really rub people the wrong way."

Yet there were other politicians that Charlotte apparently rubbed the right way occasionally too. I found out that Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] was one of them when Julie told me he had visited Charlotte at Brookdale Senior Living, where she had spent her later years.

"Charlotte was a force to be reckoned with from the first time we met in the early 1980s," Ald. Tunney said. "She was a political candidate for alderman in Ward 46, a foe of lights at Wrigley Field, a LGBTQ rights and AIDS activist, and a leader in the Bill Jarvis Bird Sanctuary restoration."

"She re-enforced the meaning that community comes first, and always supported those who shared her vision for working together in a sustainable Lakeview neighborhood," said Ald. Tun-

ney. "There is only one Charlotte Newfeld. May she rest in peace and sanctuary."

Bennett Lawson, chief of staff to Ald. Tunney, seconded the alderman's praise, saying that Charlotte had led a "long, full life."

"What an amazing icon," said Lawson. "I met her 20 years ago during Tunney's first election. She was on another side but gave me a long neighborhood history lesson that day."

As chairwoman of Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine [CUBS], Charlotte led the "No Lights" campaign in an attempt to stop night games in Wrigley Field, with no luck. While the night games ultimately prevailed, the group ensured safety measures to protect the neighborhood and its residents.

But prior to that first night game, Charlotte went to the American Indian Center in Uptown. She asked if they could possibly do a rain dance, and they replied that they were from Northern Wisconsin and didn't do rain dances. Yet as fate would have it, a thunderstorm hit between the top and bottom of the fourth inning and after a two hour rain delay, the game was called.

Charlotte's response: "God, she peed on Wrigley Field."

Charlotte was also a tenacious advocate for gay and lesbian rights, being inducted into the LGBT Hall of fame in 1996. Julie recalled how she was a phenomenal cook, and how at Thanksgiving she had all Julie's grandmother's recipes and would invite everybody with nowhere to go for dinner—especially a lot of friends whose families had kicked them out.

"I was always touched by that," Julie said. "I really did respect and admire her dedication to the community and the Jewish value of giving back -- you give back if you can."

She was also an active participant in numerous political campaigns. In 1983, Charlotte ran for alderman in the 46th ward, and lost by just 66 votes.

"She really was a firebrand," said Sen. Sara Feigenholtz. "She

was tough as nails and she was sort of the oracle. She had a great deal of wisdom and she really knew how to frame things on more complex issues. I had a great deal of respect for [her], she was so wise."

"After I won, she congratulated me and she taught me how to win because she was so gracious," added Sen. Feigenholtz. "I just learned so much from her -- how to behave in politics. There was something about Charlotte that I gravitated to her for advice."

Charlotte's later years were dedicated to her passion for nature and our lakefront. She was the creative visionary for the aforementioned Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Lincoln Park, and was known as "the Jarvis Earth Mother." Along with a merry band of volunteers, she was instrumental in the sanctuary's restoration, protection and

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The International Museum of Surgical Science, 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr., is hosting a new book talk event with author Dr. Moira Dolan, called: Heroes & Scoundrels, 7 p.m. Dec. 8.

The book is about the good, the bad, and the ugly of the winners of the Nobel Prize in Medicine. All winners are explored in these entertaining biographies of the world's most highly recognized scientists.

From unapologetic Nazis to dedicated humanitarians who carried out prize-winning research while being resistance fighters or peace activists, these engaging true stories reveal the depths of both the human strength and depravity of the people who forged medical progress in the 20th century.

Heroes & Scoundrels provides readers with an eye-opening “behind the scenes” look at what one Nobel winner described as “a few odd crooks” in the Nobel Prize business of the post-War era, including researchers engaged in medical research dishonesty and fraud, and self-important scientists who leveraged their notoriety to influence public health affairs.

The role of Nobel Prize winners is revealed in public debates about everything from water fluoridation to “good genes” and “bad genes.” One laureate wondered, “whether mad scientists should really be allowed to police themselves” in light of the lack of informed consent for vaccine research and modified viruses escaping from labs.

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DePaul Prep defeats Niles North 71-49 to win Battle of the Bridge

BY JACK LYDON

The DePaul College Prep Rams defeated the Niles North Vikings 71-49 to win the 2022 Battle of the Bridge Thanksgiving high school basketball tournament at DePaul Prep's Tom Winiecki Gym on Nov. 25.

The Rams first three games of the season in the Battle of the Bridge were victories over Englewood STEM (68-29), Francis Parker (65-32) and Notre Dame (35-25).

Niles North similarly came into the game 3-0 taking the Lane branch of the tournament with wins over Legal Prep (73-29), Jones (65-51) and Lane Tech (77-62).

In marked contrast to the Nov. 23 low-scoring (35-25) affair against Notre Dame, the Rams ran the ball and shot the ball well despite not having junior stand-out forwards Payton Kamin and Jaylan McElroy. Senior guard Maurice Thomas led the Rams with 23 points and earned himself the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament. DePaul Prep's impressive sophomore guard Rob Walls earned a start with the absence of DePaul's junior stand-out Kamin.

Trailing 17-16 at the end of the first quarter, the Rams dialed up the running game in the second quarter. After junior center Jonas Johnson had to leave the game, DePaul head coach Tom Kleinschmidt went to a five-guard



DePaul Prep senior guard Maurice Thomas was the winner of Battle of the Bridge MVP.

lineup. Not his usual formula for success, but it worked. The Rams opened a 34-21 halftime lead and never looked back.

The DePaul Prep basketball program has been quite successful in recent years under the leadership of former Gordon Tech and DePaul Univ. star Kleinschmidt. The Rams had state tournament third place state finishes last year and in 2019 and 2022. (2021 had no state tournament.)

DePaul Prep looks to continue its success with a group of young players. Starting only one senior, Thomas, the Rams have two highly rated junior forwards, Kamin and McElroy.

McElroy is recovering from an injury and is not expected to

play until January. Junior P.J. Chambers and sophomores Makai Kvamme and Jonas Johnson will also start, to round out the starting five.

“Maurice Thomas is our lone senior in the starting lineup. He's our lone senior that's gonna get a lot of minutes. We expect him to be a leader. Although we may not have the experience on the floor, he has a lot of practice experience,” Kleinschmidt said of the leading scorer.

This is a new DePaul team. “I've got Rob [Walls] with 15, [Thomas] with 23, Jonas [Johnson] with nine, Maki [Kvamme] with 11 and PJ [Chambers] with 12. That's one senior, one junior and three sophomores. Jonas

Johnson did all the dirty work. He's a wing and he's playing big until McElroy comes back. He's doing an awesome job,” said Kleinschmidt.

It's been a while since DePaul scored 70 points, actually not since Dec. 17, 2021, with the 80-37 win over Providence-St. Mel. “We've just got a different team now. We've got guys that can shoot it. We've got some athletes that can get to the rim. We shoot it better than we've ever shot it. And we guard too,” said Kleinschmidt.

Neighboring high schools Lane Tech and DePaul Prep have jointly hosted the Battle of the Bridge Thanksgiving tournament since 2014. Notre Dame finished in third place this year with its 63-46 victory over Jones. The DePaul Prep Rams won the tournament last year with 66-51 victory over Notre Dame High School.

The Rams move into conference play in the Chicago Catholic League next week. The Catholic League is stacked this year with No. 2 ranked St. Rita, then there is No. 8 Brother Rice, No. 9 Mount Carmel, No. 10 St. Ignatius and there is always Loyola. The only stronger conference is possibly the Chicago Public School's Red-South-Central with No. 1 Simeon, No. 3 Kenwood, No. 6 Curie, No. 24 Hyde Park and No. 25 Perspective-Leadership.

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ongoing management.

Remembering that Charlotte was born around Thanksgiving, Sen. Feigenholtz recalled giving her a call on the holiday one year and meeting her at the Totem Pole in Lincoln Park. Charlotte brought the senator to the then brambly, overgrown, fenced in area of the park that Charlotte would give a complete makeover to -- for the birds.

“She always believed we were living in a concrete jungle and

the more things we had to enjoy the better,” said Sen. Feigenholtz. “I asked her what she needed to bring it to life -- she needed a shed and resources.”

“This is what she loved,” said Feigenholtz. “She was tenacious, got with the Chicago Park District -- made friends with the right people and made it into a destination.”

And thanks to Charlotte, that destination will continue to thrive. In death, Charlotte didn't forget her fine feathered friends. She left them a “huge” chunk of

money, and Julie said she will be setting up a 501C3, nonprofit account for the sanctuary's future.

“I'm very proud of her legacy -- the bird sanctuary,” said Julie. “It was always about the birds, the sanctuary. I was so impressed with what she'd done to the place.”

Of all the things that Charlotte left Julie with, “a passion for gardening and all things that grow in nature,” are among her most cherished. “Plants are my life,” said Julie.

I'll remember Charlotte as everything that everyone has talked about -- mother, artist, activist, dog and bird lover and more. But most of all, I'll remember how kind she was to me growing up. I spent a lot of time at her house, and what Charlotte probably didn't realize is that she had actually created a sanctuary for me years before Jarvis, right in her own home. You don't forget the people who were good to you as a kid. Nor do you forget those who were there for you when as an adult you needed their wisdom,

knowledge, and/or advice.

“Everyone knows her as a politician and activist,” said Julie. “But she was a committed loyal person to her friends and her daughter.”

She most certainly was.

Charlotte is survived by Julie, and son-in-law Greg Pranski. She was preceded in death by her parents; Rebecca and Jacob Aronson, sisters Janet and Arlene, husband Bernard and son David.

I'll be attending a private get-together at Julie's on Sunday to share Charlotte stories, drink a little wine, and eat some chocolate, as Charlotte loved her chocolate. But a Celebration of Life will be held for her in early 2023 at Ann Sather restaurant.

We'll keep you posted on the date. Meanwhile, on behalf of this newspaper, we send our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to Julie and Greg and also to all who loved and admired this ‘Badass’ woman.

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Not-so-happy New Years

Property-tax hikes seen in all North Side neighborhoods



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

With the unprecedented late Dec. 1 arrival of the second installment of 2021 property tax bills, many North Side Chicago homeowners will be shocked to see rent hikes of 20% or more.

"My office has finally received the figures to print 1.8 million property tax bills, said Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Property owners can view, download and pay their bills online at the Cook County Treasurer's website: www.cook-countytreasurer.com. Taxpayers—including homeowners and landlords—also can pay their bills at Chase Bank branches, or, in person, at Pappas' office downtown, 118 N. Clark St.

Property tax payments are due on Dec. 30.

Happy New Year!

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi has blamed the Cook County Board of Review for creating higher residential tax bills this year due to its appeal decisions that reduced assessment valuations of some large downtown commercial properties, leaving many homeowners to unexpectedly bear more of the tax burden.

In Chicago, tax bills vary widely from neighborhood to neighborhood, an analysis by Pappas' office reported. Reassessment increases of 38% to 55% in Lincoln Park and Old Town and higher assessments in neighborhoods along Lake Michigan were expected to send real estate tax bills soaring. Surprisingly, our survey revealed even higher-percentage tax hikes in townships west of Western Ave.

A spot survey by the Home Front column generally found widespread 2021 tax increases ranging from 9.4% to 24.3% on an assortment of homes and small apartment buildings. Here is the tax-bill analysis:

• **Old Irving Park:** The investor-owner of a red-brick six-flat south of Irving Park Rd. was billed \$16,149, up a staggering 24.3% over the \$12,224 paid in 2020.

• **South Avondale:** The owner of a gray-stone 3-flat just north of Diversey Pkwy. was surprised to be billed \$10,165, up a hefty 23.6% over the \$7,767 paid in 2020.

• **North Avondale:** The owner of a yellow-brick 2-flat just south of Addison

St. was billed \$8,411, up 23.6% over the \$6,340 paid in 2020.

• **North Lincoln Square:** The owner of a yellow-brick 4-flat building was billed \$9,704, an increase of 21.2% over the \$7,642 paid in 2020.

• **Buena Park:** The owner of a large historic single-family home on a wide lot was billed a whopping \$34,341, up 18.5% from \$28,004 in 2020.

• **Irving Park:** The owner of a stucco bungalow in the Villa Historic District was billed \$10,519, up 15.4% from \$8,896 in 2020.

• **Old Town:** The owner of a brownstone 6-flat in the Old Town Historic District received a bill of \$23,929, an increase of 9.5% over the \$21,652 paid in 2020.

• **Logan Square:** The owner of a gray-stone 4-flat north of Logan Boulevard was billed \$13,414, up 9.4% over the \$12,144 paid in 2020.

"The property-tax bill is determined by four factors: the assessment, the equalization factor, or 'multiplier,' the tax rate, and the exemptions," said Michael Griffin, a Chicago real estate tax appeal attorney.

The three primary exemptions are the Homeowner's, Senior Citizen, and Senior Freeze. The Homeowner's exemption recently was increased to \$10,000 from \$7,000, and the Senior Exemption was hiked to \$8,000 from \$5,000.

Those exemption amounts are deducted from the tax bill, which is the result of the assessment multiplied by the tax rate and by the multiplier.

Also, more seniors can qualify for the Senior Freeze because the Illinois Legislature recently increased the maximum annual income to receive the freeze to less than \$65,000 from less than \$55,000.

"Every homeowner should review their tax bill to see if they received the proper exemptions, and contact the assessor if the exemptions are incorrect," Griffin advised.

However, predicting a hefty future property tax increase really centers on two wild cards—the tax rate and the state equalization factor, which can't be challenged by taxpayers.

The equalization factor, or "multiplier," is established each year for Cook County to bring property tax assessments in line with other parts of Illinois. The factor is determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The tax rate in Chicago eased slightly

to 6.723% per \$100 of assessed valuation from \$6.911 a year earlier. And, the 2021 state equalization factor, designed to make assessments uniform statewide, declined to 3.0027% per \$100 of assessed valuation from 3.2234% a year earlier.

"With projected income from assessments rising sharply, some experts are wondering why the tax rate in the city of Chicago did not go down more?" asked Griffin.

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Property owners who think they are over assessed should appeal now, Griffin advises.

Visit the assessor's website: www.cook-countyassessor.com, or call 312-443-7550 to find comparable properties or start the appeal process. The Assessor is now working through the appeals process for 2022 where the north suburbs are being reassessed.

A taxpayer can file with the Cook County Board of Review (312-603-5542) or www.cookcountyboardofreview.com and later with the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board (217-785-6076), or www.ptab.illinois.gov. Or, call Michael Griffin, an expert tax-assessment lawyer, at 312-943-1789.

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.

Wrigleyville Wonderland Friends and Family Night Dec. 7

Wrigleyville Wonderland will return at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. This year, the expanded free events will be taking over 20-plus bars.

The holiday event claims to be the largest pop up shopping opportunity in Chicago. The baseball-centric neighborhood transforms into the North Pole with lots of holiday themed bars.

Guests may enjoy drink specials, ice sculptures, photo opportunities, costume characters, giveaways, free samples of Kilwins hot cocoa and a chance to sing your heart out to your favorite Christmas carols with dueling pianos at Sluggers Bar at 7 p.m. Later there will be an after party at Trader Todds with complimentary appetizers.

Santa will also be making a stop on the rooftop of Old Crow and Mrs. Claus making a stop from the North Pole to pick up the handwritten Christmas letters from the kids.

For more information call 773-348-8608.

The Factory Theater launches campaign to recover from fire

The Factory Theater, 1623 W. Howard St., announced a GoFundMe has been created to help the company recover from financial losses due to a building fire at their location in Rogers Park. The fire, which started – and thankfully ended – in their storage room happened in September.

The damage from the fire, however, continues to smoulder, in that expenses for repairs to the heating system were huge. The greatest expense has been replacing the boiler to ensure audience members and artists don't freeze during performances through the winter. Anyone who wishes to donate to help the theater recover from the financial loss may do so here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/an-unexpected-fire>.

While no cows, barns or lanterns were hurt in the ignition of this blaze, the great tradition of local Chicago theater might be, unless Factory receives support from the community and friends.



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Man who allegedly shot Rogers Park teen gets 15 years for gun charges; but prosecutors drop attempted murder

When prosecutors charged Trevious Hill with shooting a 17-year-old boy in Rogers Park two years ago, they said two surveillance cameras recorded the shooting.

Last week, Hill reached a plea deal with prosecutors. They dropped 10 felony charges, including all eight counts of attempted murder. In exchange, the 24-year-old pleaded guilty to three firearms charges, a total sentence of 15 years.

Days after the August 16 shooting, prosecutors said a group of people had been gambling on a sidewalk in the 2000 block of W. Chase when Hill walked up and asked if they gang-banged. When they didn't answer him, Hill pulled out a gun and fired 11 shots at the group, striking the 17-year-old, who collapsed nearby, according to the initial allegations.

A video from a nearby grocery store showed Hill buying a bottle of water, walking out, approaching the group, and opening fire, a prosecutor said. A Ring doorbell also captured footage of the victims gambling and the shooting.

Less than an hour after the shooting, police stopped Hill about a block from the crime scene. Prosecutors said he had a loaded handgun in his pocket that was missing some ammunition. Shell casings recovered from the shooting scene allegedly matched ammunition in Hill's gun.

Hill admitted that the man seen on video buying the water and walking out of the grocery store was him, prosecutors said. But he denied that the man seen opening fire during the same video was him because, unlike the gunman, he did not wear his hair in a ponytail. However, Hill's hair was in a ponytail when cops arrested him, according to prosecu-

tors.

Last week, Hill pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon with a previous conviction, according to court records. Judge Michael Hood handed down sentences of two, six, and seven years, respectively. Hood ordered the time to be served consecutively, resulting in an effective sentence of 15 years.

Hill's sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior, and he received credit for the 823 days he spent in jail before sentencing. He is scheduled to be paroled on Feb. 3, 2028.

Charges filed in South Loop crash that killed one, injured six



Kendall Sprouts

Kendall Sprouts, 18, is due in bond court this afternoon. More details will emerge about the incident during his bail hearing.

A Chicago police patrol unit pulled over 22-year-old Keyshawn Gray in the 1400 block of S. Michigan around 8 p.m. But Gray began to drive away from the traffic stop and performed a U-turn, authorities said.

About halfway through the turn, Gray's Hyundai was t-boned on the driver's side by an Infiniti driven by Sprouts, according to the allegations. Gray died that night. Police said six others, including Sprouts, were taken to area hospitals.

Chicago cops arrested Sprouts at the scene as he stepped out of the wreckage. In addition to reckless homicide with a motor vehicle, Sprouts is charged with felony aggravated reckless driving causing bodily harm.

CPD surveillance video, first posted to Twitter by Neal Edelstein, captured the crash.

Man crashed stolen Land Rover into River North Walgreens multiple times

Prosecutors say a Chicago man drove a stolen Land Rover into a River North Walgreens on Nov. 21. The 2019 Land Rover Discovery was reported stolen from O'Hare International Airport earlier in the day.

Chicago police responded to the Walgreens at 641 N. Clark after 911



Nathan Thomas standing in the street, and told police that he was the driver, prosecutors said.

In a media statement, Chicago police said Thomas drove the SUV into the storefront "multiple times." Prosecutors said Thomas admitted to crashing the Land Rover into the store.

He is charged with possessing a stolen motor vehicle, criminal damage to property, and driving on a suspended license.

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The woman tried to reason with the two men as they demanded her keys, but Murray-Lennan walked behind the woman, placed a gloved hand over her mouth, and threw her to the ground, prosecutors said last year. He put his leg on her neck and face area, then threatened to kill her as the other man took her wallet, keys, earbuds, and phone.

His accomplice started her car, and Murray-Lennan allegedly climbed into the passenger seat. They drove away, striking a neighbor's iron fence as they fled. A surveillance camera recorded portions of the hijacking.

About four hours later, a CPD license plate reader located the car, and cops moved in. The driver sped away from police but eventually drove onto a sidewalk and slammed into a railing near Michigan Ave. and Roosevelt Rd. The vehicle, which began smoking, was totaled.

Murray-Lennan was the driver at the time of the crash, and no one else was in the vehicle, prosecutors said. He allegedly had the car's key fob and the woman's earpods in his possession. The woman's wallet and phone were still in the car.

Prosecutors said that when investigators looked at Murray-Lennan's

callers reported that a driver had crashed into the store around 4:45 p.m. Two witnesses pointed to Nathan Thomas, 32, who was

standing in the street, and told police that he was the driver, prosecutors said.

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Thief steals Loop Salvation Army bellringer's bucket

Chicago police are looking for the man who stole a Salvation Army bellringer's donation bucket in the Loop on Nov. 25. It's not the first time criminals have targeted the charity's holiday donation drives.

The bellringer flagged down a Chicago police unit around 4:35 p.m. and reported that someone stole his donation bucket from the corner of State and Randolph streets and fled in a car.

About \$400 was believed to be inside the stolen bucket, according to a Salvation Army news release, which said the thief had to cut a lock to get it. The bellringer was

reportedly on break at the time of the theft.

A thief stole a Salvation Army bucket and the pole it was attached to from the same corner in Dec. 2019. Police found the bucket emptied of its money and the pole in an alley about a block away. Officers reviewed surveillance video and recognized the thief as one of the Loop's ubiquitous "bucket boy" musicians.

Another bucket was stolen in Dec. 2019 from the 600 block of N. Michigan Ave., but no arrests were ever announced in that case.

GPS tracker data, they found that his device pinged at the crime scene at the time of the hijacking.

This is Murray-Lennan's first adult conviction, but he was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile for possession of a stolen motor vehicle in 2017; residential burglary in 2017; unlawful possession of a handgun in 2018; and he had a pending juvenile robbery case at the time of the Lakeview carjacking, prosecutors said.

Murray-Lennan's sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior, and he received 552 days credit for time spent in jail before pleading guilty, according to court records. It's unclear how he received 1½ years of credit by spending less than a year in jail.

He is scheduled to be paroled on Sept. 11, 2024.

Man shot inside Loop hotel overnight is neighborhood's 35th shooting victim of 2022

A man was shot inside a Loop hotel room Nov. 26, bringing the total number of people shot in the downtown neighborhood this year to 35. That is far more shooting victims than in any year since at least 2001.

The latest incident occurred around 2:15 a.m. inside a seventh-floor room at La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1 S. Franklin, according to Chicago police records.

Officers at the scene said the offender shot the victim twice in the right thigh and then fled from the building with another man and two women. A Chicago police SWAT team was called to the scene because officers initially suspected that the gunman may have stayed inside the hotel.

EMS took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

Police said the gunman was a Black male with short dreads who stood 5'-6" to 5'-8" tall. He wore a white hoodie with purple writing on the sleeves and a graphic on the back.

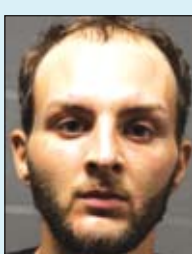
The Loop will set its third consecutive record high for shooting victims this year. According to the city's publicly available crime data, which dates back to 2001, there were a grand total of 13 shootings and homicides in the Loop from Jan. 1, 2001, through Dec. 31, 2009.

Man gets 10 years for robbing three stores in the Loop, stabbing an employee during one

Things were going pretty well for Shawn Dodd one year ago. He had been charged with Class X armed robbery and other felonies for allegedly robbing two stores in the Loop during the summer.

He was accused of stabbing one of the victims, a cellular store employee. But because witnesses didn't appear in court, prosecutors dismissed the charges in Oct. 2021. Dodd, who had been sitting in jail awaiting trial, was set free.

Less than a month later, he walked into the CVS at 101 N. Clinton and began loading Duracell batteries into his book bag, prosecutors said.



Shawn Dodd

When two employees asked him to leave, Dodd allegedly pulled out a knife, pointed it at the women, and — referring to the store security guard by name — said, "What's Rodney going to do?"

According to prosecutors, he left with \$1,150 worth of Duracell batteries and walked out. Cops rounded him up, and prosecutors charged him with the CVS robbery as well as the two other cases that were dropped weeks earlier.

Dodd's in prison now, and he'll be there until at least Jan. 8, 2027, according to state records. He pleaded guilty to three counts of robbery in exchange for three concurrent 10-year sentences from Judge Joanne Rosado.

Dodd has been arrested in Chicago 22 times since he turned 18 in 2014, according to CPD records.

In Feb. 2016, he pleaded guilty to punching a 53-year-old woman and robbing her of \$30 in the 5900 block of N. Kenmore. Judge William Lacy sentenced him to three years but also recommended Dodd for an alternative boot camp program.

In August 2018, Dodd was charged with misdemeanors for allegedly grabbing cash from a man's hand at the Addison Red Line CTA station. When the victim caught up with Dodd outside of Wrigley Field, Dodd punched him in the face and ran away, according to a CPD report.

North Side home invader beat victim with metal baton — until the victim stabbed him

Prosecutors have charged a Chicago man with beating a complete stranger with a metal baton during a Thanksgiving night home invasion on the North Side.

Al'Aswan McKay, 33, remained hospitalized with stab wounds inflicted by the victim as prosecutor Michael Magnowski laid out the allegations against him during a bail hearing on Nov. 26.

Bagnowski said a man and woman returned to their home in the 6300 block of N. Oakley after attending Thanksgiving dinner around 10:40 p.m. They soon heard a loud banging noise at their door.

The male victim looked out and saw McKay yelling at him to come outside. Instead, the victim shouted that he was calling the police. He did, then he handed the phone to

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Edgewater's Abraham Lincoln statue vandalized

BY CWBCHICAGO

A statue of young Abraham Lincoln in Edgewater was defaced and vandalized with red paint.

The much beloved statue has sat at the corner of Clark St. and Ridge Ave. since the city donated it to Senn Park in 1997.

Over Thanksgiving weekend residents around the park found the statue covered in splashes of red paint along with the words "Colonizer" and "Land Back."

The vandals also may have written "Dakota 38" in reference to 38 Dakota Sioux members executed on Lincoln's order following the U.S.-Dakota war in 1862.

Chicago's Lincoln statues, as well as many others in the city, are being examined as part of a commission set up by Mayor Lori Lightfoot after violent rioters, thugs and looters in 2020 targeted them for vandalism. Debate over former American presidents has proven especially contentious.

President Lincoln, known famously for helping end legal slavery in the United States, has faced criticism in recent years following renewed focus on his role in the Sioux uprising.

The armed conflict between the U.S. and several bands of eastern Dakotas raged for six weeks in southwestern Minnesota during Civil War after four young Dakota men attacked and killed five settlers.

Mayor Lightfoot capitulated to the violent mob and removed a statue of Christopher Columbus in Grant Park, and now her own commission has suggested further review for the Young Lincoln statue.

The Young Lincoln statue is the second one vandalized in Chicago in the past six weeks. Criminal vandals similarly spray painted a statue of Lincoln in Chicago's Lincoln Park in early October, writing the words "Dethrone the colonizers," "Land back!" and "Avenge the Dakota 38."



City Hall capitulation before the world's eyes in Grant Park, in removing a statue of Christopher Columbus due to radical mob violence, may be why the aggrieved today feel so safe vandalising other pieces of public art.

Charges filed in World Cup brawl that left three Chicago cops injured in the Gold Coast

BY CWBCHICAGO

A woman and a man face felony charges, and two other men face misdemeanor charges in connection with a fight between fans of opposing soccer teams in the Gold Coast on Nov. 26 that injured two Chicago police officers. Most of the accused are from the suburbs.

Police responded to calls of a large fight involving about 15 people outside Gold Coast Social, 7 W. Division, around 4:45 p.m. Witnesses reported that fans who were at the bar watching Argentina play Mexico in the World Cup began fighting after Argentina won.

The bar, which was scheduled to host a night of "FOXES WILD ... music mix of Rock, House, Country, and classic sing-alongs!" closed for the night, according to its Instagram post.

Gold Coast Social is the newest concept to occupy the storefront. It used to be home to Play Kitchen and Cocktails, a bar riddled by gunfire from a drive-by shooter at Christmastime last year.

An officer who was helping to break up the fight asked Cristian Munoz, 22, of Cicero, to get out of the street and stay on the sidewalk, prosecutors said Nov. 27. Instead, Munoz allegedly circled a car and punched the female officer in the face. CPD tased one person and arrested five. A firearm was also recovered from a woman's purse nearby.

The officer deployed her Taser to subdue Munoz, who proceeded to kick a male officer in the face and cause another female officer to suffer bruising and abrasions to her knees, prosecutors allege.

He is charged with two counts of felony aggravated battery of a

peace officer and resisting.

During the incident, officers radioed that some people involved in the fight had fled the scene in a vehicle. Cops found a car matching the description

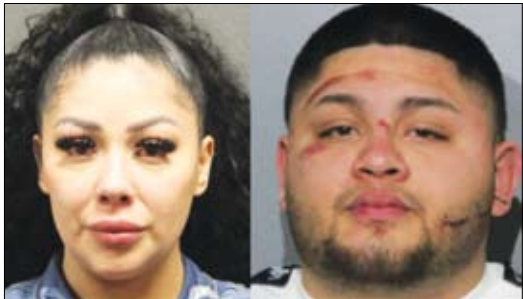
unlawful use of a weapon with a previous conviction, driving with a revoked license, and possession of cannabis.

Her criminal background includes felony convictions for aggravated fleeing in 2013 and 2015 and aggravated DUI in 2013, prosecutors said. Judge Mary Marubio ordered her to post \$100 toward bail to get out of jail.

Munoz must pay a \$300 deposit, Marubio said.

Two other men were charged with misdemeanors related to the incident.

Patrick Lopez, 26, of Grayslake is charged with battery, and Alejandro Dominguez, 22, is charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of criminal trespassing.



Mugshots of Amanda Jimenez and Cristian Munoz.

about a block away in the first block of E. Goethe with Amanda Jimenez, 36, of Orland Park behind the wheel.

After asking Jimenez and her passenger to step out of the vehicle, police found a loaded handgun inside a bag that was in a purse on the passenger floorboard, prosecutors said. Jimenez allegedly told police that she owned the purse and a phone that was inside it.

Prosecutors said surveillance video showed Jimenez walking and running with the purse before police confronted her. She is charged with aggravated

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Police warning of North Side armed robberies, vehicular hijackings

Police are warning North Side residents of a group of armed men who have committed at least nine armed robberies and carjackings on the city's North and Near West sides in just over an hour on Nov. 25.

The crimes are committed in the morning hours by unknown African-American male(s) who approach the victims in vehicles and demand their property. In some incidents the unknown offenders brandish handguns.

Incidents include one where three masked men in their late teens or early 20s tried to carjack a man at gunpoint in the 800 block of N. Campbell around 7:30 a.m. The crew failed to get control of the victim's Jeep, and they fled in a black SUV with a broken rear window that was covered with tape and a trash bag.

Around 7:40 a.m., a group of masked men robbed a woman of her purse, backpack, and phone in the 800 block of N. Rockwell. The group struck again in the 800 block of N. Campbell around 7:45 a.m. This time, they opened the victim's car door and ordered them out of a gray 2010 BMW, which they stole.

A woman was getting into her car in the 6400 block of N. Hoyne around 8 a.m. when a dark-colored SUV pulled up and blocked her path. Three offenders exited the vehicle, pointed guns at the

woman, and robbed her.

They robbed a woman at gunpoint and tried to steal a car in the 6500 block of N. Damen at 8:11 a.m. But the vehicle crashed, and they fled in the black SUV they arrived in. Around 8:20 a.m., in the 6000 block of N. Campbell, they tried to carjack a man at gunpoint. The hijacking failed, but they did get the victim's wallet while pointing a pistol at his face. Then at about 8:15 a.m., they took wallets and a phone from two victims in the 6200 block of N. Claremont.

A woman walked into the Rogers Park 24th District police station and reported that two men each displayed firearms and tried to carjack her near Leavitt and Arthur in West Rogers Park around 8:10 a.m.

Around 8:30 a.m., a woman reported being robbed at gunpoint by two men who took her bag in the 1300 block of N. Maplewood. They escaped in a black Hyundai, according to preliminary information.

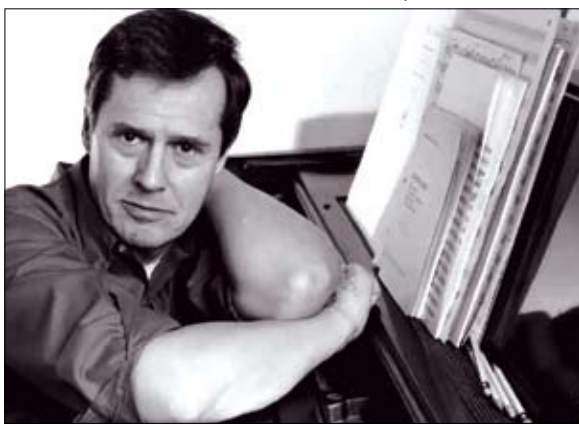
The offenders are described as Black males, 18-30 years old wearing black clothing, black ski masks, one wearing blue skull cap, and brandishing weapons.

Tips about the crimes, which are linked under crime pattern #P22-3-085, can be shared with CPD detectives at 312-744-8263.

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permit us longer lives, as well as more noble tables.

Don't tell the French, though. We don't want them removing their Coq Au Vin. Or rationing their Boeuf Bourguignon or limiting a drop of the Chateaufeud-Pape.

TWIN ANCHORS: Special congratulations to the amazing Twin Anchors, the house of ribs, on Sedgwick, and their wonderful staff who surprised co-owners **Paul and Mary Kay Tuzi**, and **Gina Manrique**, with a stunning bouquet in celebration of 90 wonderful years. Grateful to this newspaper, and other media like CBS2 Chicago for featuring Twin Anchors on Foodie Friday.

INSIDE EDITION: Is it true? There is a mass exodus of lawyers from the Cook County State's Attorneys Office including the most senior and experienced prosecutors. Actually it has been going on for a while now.

They refuse to work for **Kim Foxx**. Critics say her tenure has been an abysmal failure and she has destroyed public safety in Cook County and has done great damage to the office. While Foxx may try to fill open spots, she will fill them with brand new lawyers who lack any experience. Who suffers? The public and victims of crime. Who benefits? Criminals.

OPAH LOST AND FOUND: Relax. **Pete's** been found. AKA **Petros** the Number One favorite server at Greek Island for many years. He'd been out at their suburban location in Lombard. After a happy and smoochie reunion with snobby customers he's promised to stay on Halsted.

URBAN CLUB: Soho House founder **Nick Jones** has stepped down as CEO after winning a secret cancer battle. The 59-year-old, who set up the upmarket members club on London's Greek Street in 1995, will pass the reins to current group president **Andrew Carnie** after recovering from prostate cancer. His Chicago Club in the West Loop is very popular.

NED ROREM RIP: With the recent death of American composer **Ned Rorem** at 99, American music has lost a rare and treasured thread to an era of profound classical modernity. Rorem's compositions demonstrated a quiet triumph of intuitive lyricism over systemic dogma. That means he wrote the music he wanted to hear. His work was not feared or merely tolerated. He lifted America's classical soul.

CHICAGO FILMMAKERS: Remember those fabulously famous seven paintings that used to be in Riccardo's years ago? Well, Chicago filmmaker **Philip Koch's** current film project, "Riccardo's Art," tells that story. **Rick Kogan** featured them in the Chicago Tribune last week. Nice job. The paintings, named "The Seven Lively Arts," can be seen at the Madron Gallery, 1000 W. North Ave. Koch and his team also produced The Smashing Pumpkins latest music video, "Beguiled", featured on their international tour. Check them out on YouTube.

IN PARADISIUM: Brother **Konrad Diebold FSC**, a De La Salle Christian Brother for 65 years, longtime principal and president of St. Patrick's High School in Chicago, died in October. Always seeking to raise rea-



Ellen Stirling

soned leadership in their graduates who love the Church and are willing to help lead it.

THE SHEDD: The Shedd Aquarium had a stunning night for donors with great small bites and drinks. **Molly McGrath** and **Bonnie McGrath** were front and center. Heard a fascinating talk about mounting the Underwater Beauty show in 2018, a wonderful exhibit that is still a big attraction at the Shedd.

CHICAGO IMPRINT: **Father Arnold Damen, SJ**, the religious pioneer after whom Damen Ave. was named, was the founder of Holy Family Parish, St. Ignatius College Prep and Loyola Univ. But he is buried in Calvary Cemetery, a Roman Catholic burial ground located in St. Louis. Operated by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It has more than 300,000 graves, including those of **Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman**, **Dred Scott** and **Tennessee Williams**.

SADNESS IN LAKE FOREST: Oh no. **Ellen Stirling**, fashion guru, model, tasteful lady from the Lake Forest Shop founded by her grandmother, **Margaret Baxter Foster**, 100 years ago,

has died. The shop remains unlike any retail experience, anywhere. She gave everyone confidence.

Vice president of the Women's Board of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, she was a founder and vice president of the Auxiliary Board of the Art Institute of Chicago; a founding director of Lake Forest Bank and Trust, the first of Wintrust's banks; and chairman of the bank's Business Development Committee from 1991-2011.

WHO'S WHERE: **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and Bull's co-owner **Mickey Norton** at their B-ball game... **Todd S. Davis** snoopervising the Christmas decor on Michigan Ave... **Dan Kirk** still roaming the mountains of Peru... **Pat Toney** observing Founders' Day with the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity... **Jeffrey Banks** blowing out yet one more candle, recently, at Mark's Off Madison with **David Rosensweig**... **Lorenzo**, the Barman, "not a party until Lorenzo's in the house," at Oscar Iberian with **Mark Olley**... Fashion guru **Tom Ford** became a billionaire this week thanks to Estée Lauder... The Whitney Reynolds Show has officially moved production to CineCityStudios, Chicago... **Chuck Jordan** remembering his pal at Gene and Georgetti, at the "shrine" of the late **Whitey Pearson**... Artist **Rosemary Fanti**, and husband, **Richard Koranda**, stole all the glamor on the dance floor at the Hilton for the Wings to Cure Gala... Newsy **Carol Marin** remembering the gentle Scriptural scholarly soul of the recently deceased **Fr. Donald Senior**, longtime president at Chicago Theological Union, when she studied the Letters of St. Paul with him on a mountain in Turkey... **John Chambers** enjoying the full oyster tray at Hugo's on Rush... **Bruce Trivett** showcasing the very pink exterior of the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach...



Rosemary Fanti and Richard Koranda.

Christopher Clinton Conway back home in Beverly Hills, CA... Bravo **Liam O'Connell** upon his acceptance in the Electricians Union in the Apprentice Electrician program well earned by his hard work for the great people at Gurtz Electric... Impersario **Joe Shanahan** bringing birthday greetings to daughter, **Tara Shanahan**, in California... **Bianca Jagger** turned 77, happy day... **BJ Murray** getting hyperantsy with the cold and snow... Chicago actor **Nate Buescher's** new TV show is now airing on Apple TV, he's on the 2nd episode... **Stacie McClane** with **Sherry Lea Fox** at Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse... **Eamonn Cummins** says it's always a pleasure to meet up with the Ecuadorian Santa Claus **Jose Antonio Bustamante**... **Stacey Burns Scoto** at the Zoo Ball in Naples, FL... **Marius Morkvenus** and **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** at La Huella, in Jose Ignacio, Maldonado, Uruguay... **Linda** and **Richard Robin** with daughter-in-law **Ashley** out with the family celebrating son, **Neal Robin's**, 38th birthday and son, **Joel Robin's** making partner at his law firm... Belated Happy Birthday to the lovely **Helen Melchior** who celebrated well with pal **Ken Norgan** and others at Gibson's Steakhouse... It's now official, Thursday dinner is now at Gibson's for **Shelley Howard**, **Dennis Donn**, **Larry Wright**, **Carl Gondolfo** and **Joe Martin**.

You may be an undigested bit of beef, a blot of mustard, a crumb of cheese, a fragment of an underdone potato. There's more of gravy than of grave about you, whatever you are!

-- Ebenezer Scrooge

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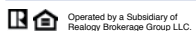
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Yet another Howard St. study?

When I read the Nov. 16 issue of News Star and saw that yet ANOTHER ‘study’ for ‘improvements’ to Howard was funded (with \$99,000 for the commercial revitalization plan) for the Rogers Park Business Alliance, at first I wondered if this was a reprint from over 30 years ago.

That’s right, when I was in grad school (Univ. of Illinois/Chicago, school of Urban Planning and Policy) in 1989, a study was done to show how the Howard L CTA station could be a transportation hub, and a shopping area would be built. It would revitalize the whole area. They even wanted to tear down the building on the southeast corner of Howard and Clark. They kicked Pivot Point Beauty school out [20 years ago]. Something about ‘sight lines’. They made Runge’s Auto & Tire move to Rogers Ave. Now, Chase Bank is in that building. Nobody ever considered what a small business had to gross every day to pay rent.

There was Community Development Block Grant money to revitalize storefronts and for streetscaping. And now, in 2022... here we are. Nothing’s changed. I know the Jamaican Bakery and Lost Eras are still there.

Others have come and gone, and we have Willie White Park.

As a resident, I know why I don’t shop on Howard:

One, I can get whatever is being sold at a lot of other stores without a parking hassle.

Secondly, men hanging out, begging, drinking, having nothing to do. You have

to run a gauntlet. You had to then, and you still do. That children believe just hanging around doing nothing (how about reading a book!) is a viable life choice is depressing.

Someone is taking care of these guys. I don’t feel safe walking into a store with guys hanging around the outside. They could hang out in a park, but maybe the police should enforce the no-alcohol ordinance. And what are the police supposed to do when they come back again and again?

So a consultant who doesn’t live in our area will make money, and I bet some cute street lights and planters will be bought with taxpayer money. My tax dollars at work.

P.S. What letter-writer Mike Sullivan addressed (in “What can you do with a drunken sailor”) is correct and our politicians are committing malfeasance. The amount spent on affordable housing -- making each unit costing over \$400,000 -- is awful. Yet we have churches that are vacant during the week, and they don’t pay taxes. And even worse, the politicians have people believing landlords are raising rents for no reason. Our property taxes are high because of waste, malfeasance, ineptitude, and greed. That our aldermen make more than our state representatives and senators is appalling.

Robyn Michaels, Rogers Park

Letters to the Editor

Gifts for 12 days? Can’t afford that with inflation. But what do Chicagoans really need? Let’s have a look.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot? Amnesia.

She needs every voter before the next election to forget she shut down small businesses, closed schools, threatened churches and let criminals take over Chicago. She doesn’t care about the city she didn’t grow up in.

Ald. Matt Martin [47th]? Development.

He needs to give away parking lots, parklands and plop a marijuana drug dispensary next to nursery schools to “earn” campaign cash for his next political campaign. He doesn’t care about the ward he didn’t grow up in.

Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th]? A Chicago street guide.

Maybe he doesn’t realize that Lincoln Ave. is the major artery through his ward. He really hasn’t done much to help it grow, has he?

This newspaper? Publicity. Now that the Tribune and Sun-Times are about to be printed in Milwaukee, by cheeseheads, maybe advertisers should look at one of the best deals STILL printed in Chicago by Chicagoans.

Maria Pappas? Silence. Don’t blame the Treasurer because the County Assessor and Board of Tax Appeals shifted the property tax burden from commercial to residential property owners.

Parents of Chicago schoolchildren? Choice.

Give them vouchers so they can choose their best educational options. Don’t sentence their children to failing public schools.

Twelve Days of Christmas

Congressman Quigley? Patience.

His party is in the minority. He has nowhere to move up to. Now he will spend the next two years fetching coffee for MAGA Republicans. Lol. He really never did anything anyhow.

Police Supt. David Brown? A clue.

He really has no idea what he is doing. He is supposed to arrest criminals not enable them. Watching him is like watching a Three Stooges film.

Chicago’s homeless? Hope.

Hopefully someone at City “Haul” will explain to the stupid, corrupt, naive aldermen and women, that giving scores of millions of dollars to connected developers is no way to solve our homeless problem.

Bulls Coach Billy Donovan? A winning lottery ticket. That is the only lottery he has a chance of winning with the Bulls.

Sister Rosemary Connelly, Misericordia? “Peace on Earth.” She is doing God’s work. Help her out this holiday season. Stop by and buy something at the Heart of Mercy Bakery or send a check to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

Lt. Jennifer Davidson, The Salvation Army? “Goodwill Towards Men.” No group in Chicago works as hard helping the LGBTQI community, the homeless and those with addictions. Help her out too. Send a contribution in money, clothing, bedding or personal toiletries to The Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630.

You see, gifts come in many forms.

God Bless. Merry Christmas. Happy Hanukkah. Happy New Year.

Mike Sullivan, Avondale

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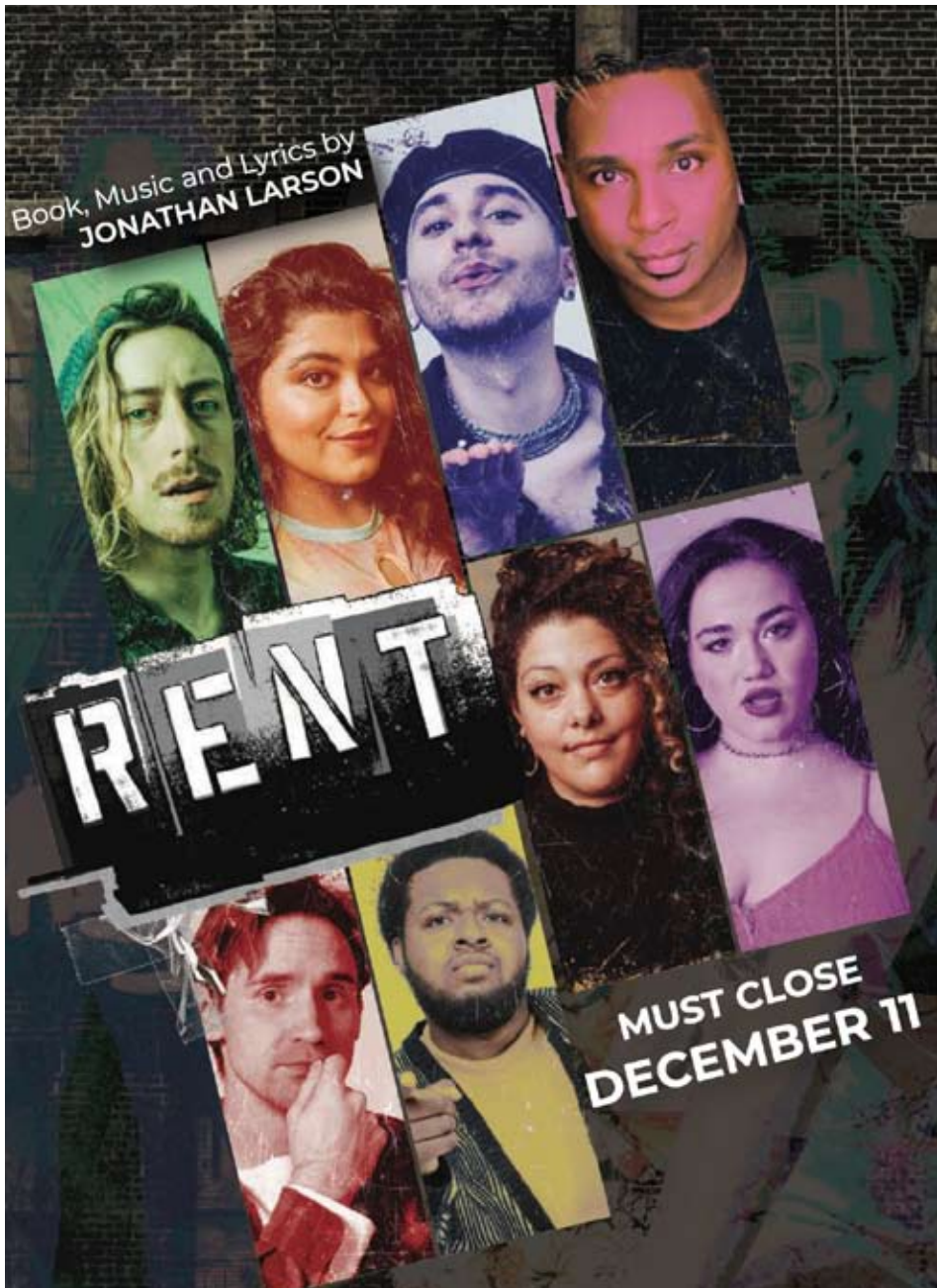
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They are Argentine Connections, 410 N. Michigan Ave., Colores Mexicanos, 605 N. Michigan Ave., and Nordic House, 400 N. Michigan Ave.

Each showcase has created retail space in a formerly vacant downtown storefront. Their goal is to highlight small, local businesses, providing shoppers and visitors with an enriching, immersive experience.

Others who might like to participate in this program in 2023 can apply through WBC by emailing Nicolette Peters at npeters@worldbusinesschicago.com for more information.

Webster Ave. Bridge opening delayed

Due to inclement weather last week, construction delays are expected for the Webster St. Bridge reopening in Lincoln Park. A few items were affected and work progress has been delayed. The plan to open the bridge and sidewalk is approximately Dec. 12.

POLICE BEAT *from p. 6*

his girlfriend and fetched a knife from the kitchen.

As the man returned to the front of the house, he saw McKay “donkey kick” the door, which broke the door jam, Bagnowski said.

McKay started beating the man in the head with a metal baton and didn’t stop until the victim stabbed him with the knife, according to Ba-

gnowski. McKay and a man with him, identified by Bagnowski as McKay’s brother, ran from the scene.

The victim was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. Doctors used stitches and staples to close wounds in five places on his head.

Meanwhile, police located McKay by following a blood trail for about four blocks, Bagnowski said. EMS took him to St. Francis, too, and the victim’s girlfriend identified him as the man

who beat the victim, Bagnowski said.

Bagnowski offered no motive for the attack, but he said the victims had never met McKay or his brother before.

Prosecutors charged McKay with two counts of attempted home invasion. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to pay a \$7,500 bail deposit to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COLONIAL SAVINGS, F/A Plaintiff, vs. BABAR SULTAN, 6300 SHERIDAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 22 CH 1744 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-202-019-1036. Commonly known as 6300 N. SHERIDAN AVE., UNIT 307, CHICAGO, IL 60660. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 22-00612 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13207840**

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government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 395734. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 601 E. William St. DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 395734 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 19 CH 12926 TJSC#: 42-2431 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **13207395** 232323 ----- 161616 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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mation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-02407 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 03043 consolidated with 2022 CH 01431 TJSC#: 42-3620 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-

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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 # 2022 CH 03043 consolidated with 2022 CH 01431 **13207929** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN M. LOCKE AKA SUSAN LOCKE; OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY; CHATEAU LE MANS CONDOMINIUM UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 571 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, January 3, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-30-311-024-1004. Commonly known as 7442 N HOYNE AVENUE, Unit 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60645. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 6706-181168 XOME INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13207826** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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GUARANTEED RATE INC.; Plaintiff, vs. ROSE CATHERINE CALOMINO AKA ROSE CALOMINO; BRETT CALOMINO; 7306 NORTH WINCHESTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 22 CH 6130 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-30-408-076-1054. Commonly known as 7306 North Winchester Avenue, Unit Number 506, Chicago, IL 60626. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 22-004745 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13207842** 303030 ----- 232323 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff, -v.- JASON GREGORY SPOOR HARVEY A/K/A JASON GREGORY SPOOR, GREENVIEW COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

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22 CH 4555 6417 NORTH GREENVIEW, UNIT 1E CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 20, 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 6417 NORTH GREENVIEW, UNIT 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-326-032-1012 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$156,812.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common

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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-01372. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 22-01372 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 22 CH 4555 TJSC#: 42-3366 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 22 CH 4555** 161616 ----- Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS- CARDONA A/K/A
GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS, SUSUKI ARELLANO GONZALEZ, THE 680 SOUTH RESIDENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
18 CH 9088
680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 15, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515, CHICAGO, IL 60611

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$542,005.85.

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Check the CPL website, chipublib.org, for upcoming in-person and virtual events at your library branch as well as at other branches. On the North Side, library branches are Near North, Lincoln Park, Lake View, John Merlo, Conrad Sulzer Regional, Bezazian, Edgewater, Northtown, Rogers Park and Uptown.

A new program at the Edgewater Branch, 6000 N. Broadway, is "Bright Beginnings: New Parent Resource Group." The next meeting is 10-11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 2. Babies up to age two can socialize and play with sanitized collection of toys while parent hear a relevant health or devel-

opment presentation.

For those interested in taking a trip down memory lane, join authors John Holden and Kathryn Gemperle as they discuss their book about the Edgewater Beach Hotel. The in-person program will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Edgewater Branch.

If Linus, Lucy and nostalgia are what you're looking for, then a free holiday concert may be for you. The in-person event from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, will feature music composed by Vince Guaraldi for "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in 1965. The program with the Mick Archer Trio will include a slide show and sing-along with lyrics sheets.

Many other free programs and activities are offered at CPL branches. If registration is required, you may do so online or call or email the particular branch.

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Adult night at the Zoo

Leave the kids at home and head to the Lincoln Park Zoo for Adults Night Out: Holiday, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Dec. 15. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Guests will enjoy animal chats, a live DJ, and multiple bars throughout the zoo. They promise no kids and no crowds.

Strolling among wildlife with a beer, cocktail, cider, hard seltzer or wine in hand. Proceeds benefit Lincoln Park Zoo and help the zoo stay free and open 365 days a year. So drink up Santa. For tickets visit <https://www.lpzoo.org/event/adults-night-out-holiday/>.

Oz Park tree lighting Dec. 3

Oz Park's 6th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony is on 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in Oz Park (just south of the Tin Man).

All are invited to join the Oz Park Advisory Council and Lincoln Central Association as they light up the neighborhood at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The sounds of the holidays will add to the mirth, performed by singers from Lincoln Park High School.

The event is free and open to the public.

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fessor of environmental and occupational health sciences in the UIC School of Public Health, in conjunction with the CDC and Alfreda Holloway-Beth, director of epidemiology at the Cook County Health Dept. and a research assistant professor of environmental and occupational health sciences at the School of Public Health.

According to the data, Cook County was ranked second in the nation in fatal overdoses in 2021, and the numbers continue to grow.

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The study compared hospital records with Cook County medical examiner data relating to deaths that included clinical signs of overdose and met a national case definition for opioid overdose. Researchers found that at least 633 deaths occurring in hospitals that met the criteria of opioid overdose were not correctly identified on death records reported by the CDC from

2016 to 2019. The majority of deaths the CDC missed occurred in hospitals.

Researchers also found that only 19.5% of deceased hospital patients who presented overdose symptoms had their cause of death confirmed by a medical examiner autopsy. Even when hospital staff flagged a patient with a medical code for opioid overdose, the medical examiner confirmed the diagnosis just 24% of the time.

Those least likely to be autopsied included deceased patients over 50 and patients of all ages diagnosed with chronic health conditions, especially malignant cancer, as well as those who were taking prescription opioids. This held even for cancer patients identified as having an opioid use disorder.

Previous studies have shown that nationwide, the undercount of opioid-related deaths may be as high as 20% to 40% based on death certificate records alone. This is due largely to the fact that many death certificates record an "unspecified drug overdose" as the cause of death rather than linking fatalities specifically to the opioid epidemic.

Prior studies also attribute undercounts to increased use of the synthetic opioid fentanyl, which is 10 times stronger than heroin. However, this new research from UIC shows that overdoses from prescription opioids are also significantly undercounted.

Friedman noted that since Cook County has one of the most well-funded and well-staffed medical examiners nationally, prescription opioid overdose undercounts in less well-funded regions could be even more severe. Officially, opioids were responsible for three-quarters of the 108,000 drug overdose deaths reported by the CDC in 2021.

Perhaps in response to the data, the Chicago Dept. of Public Health and the Illinois Dept. of Human Services Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery are partnering with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to scale up and expand distribution of harm reduction kits to everyone leaving Cook County Jail.

Under the expansion, Narcan nasal spray will be offered universally, and fentanyl test strips will be newly available. The program will offer direct referrals to medication treatment for opioid use disorder and add three care coordinators to work in the re-entry center to provide this support to all people being released from Cook County Jail.

The partnership comes as the city, county and state continue to see record-breaking opioid overdose deaths, due in large part to the presence of fentanyl, an extremely powerful synthetic opioid, in more substances.

If their numbers can be trusted, there were more than 1,400 fatal opioid overdoses

in Chicago in 2021, the highest number ever recorded in the City and more than three times the number of fatal overdoses recorded in 2015. More than 85% of these local deaths involved fentanyl. Overdose also remains one of the leading causes of the 10-year life expectancy gap between Black and white Chicagoans, a gap that widened during the pandemic.

People leaving jail are particularly vulnerable to overdose. Compared to the general population, people who have just been released from jail are 40-120 times more likely to die from an overdose in the first few weeks after their release due primarily to loss of tolerance while in jail.

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"Narcan is a life-saving medication that is too often inaccessible to people who need it most. We are proud to make Narcan available to everyone leaving Cook County Jail," said IDHS/SUPR Director, Laura Garcia. "It is critical that we collaborate as governmental agencies to ensure that returning residents have access to this life saving resource and to the supports necessary to connect to care."

In 2016, the Cook County Jail became one of the first jails in the nation to provide naloxone (Narcan) to individuals leaving custody, a natural extension of existing treatment programs offered inside the jail. To date, the jail has distributed more than 7,500 naloxone kits to individuals leaving jail. Distribution is currently focused on those treated in custody for opioid withdrawal symptoms. Thousands of individuals have also enrolled in the jail's specialized treatment programs and accessed medication-assisted treatment.

"As we work to improve public safety and save lives, we must help individuals struggling with substance use disorder," said Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart. "Providing this additional support builds on the care these individuals are receiving while in jail, and it is critical to helping them stay on the path to recovery."

Narcan is the nasal spray formulation of the medicine naloxone, which can be used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose until a person receives emergency medical treatment. If a person is not having an opioid overdose, the medicine has no effect. The city now makes Narcan freely avail-

able at locations citywide, including at 80 libraries. Fentanyl test strips are also now freely distributed, and allow people who use deadly drugs to test for fentanyl in their substances. Since Oct. 2021, over 80,000 fentanyl test strips have been distributed to individuals and organizations in Chicago.

Medication assisted recovery [MAR] involves the use of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder. MAR is the standard of care for opioid use disorder, and also serves as a harm reduction intervention. However, only 20-30% of people diagnosed with opioid use disorder nationwide receive MAR.

In May, CDPH and IDHS/SUPR launched the MAR Now treatment program, to expand availability by providing immediate opioid use disorder treatment, regardless of insurance status, income, or immigration status.

Family Guidance Centers, Inc., which has been providing medication assisted recovery in Chicago for over 50 years, operates MAR Now through the existing 24/7 Illinois Helpline for opioids and other drugs [833-234-6343].

"Research shows that individuals with opioid use disorder who receive medication as part of their care stay in treatment longer and are significantly less likely to experience a fatal overdose, compared to those not receiving medication as part of their treatment. Family Guidance Centers is committed to reducing the wait time for these life-saving medications," said Ron Vlasaty, FGC's Chief Operating Officer.

Additionally, Family Guidance Centers is working with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to park its mobile van that provides medications to treat opioid use disorder near the jail so that people leaving can immediately access this treatment opportunity.

The Sheriff's Office will also integrate the MAR NOW hotline into information shared at its reentry center in order to facilitate linkage to immediate opioid treatment for people leaving the jail.

To request Narcan or fentanyl test strips, email osu.cdph@cityofchicago.org To register with to become a Drug Overdose Prevention Program visit: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=58142.

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for outrageous costumes and uproarious behavior. The ball attracted thousands of people and raised large sums of money for the ward organization until pressure from reformers ended the event after 1908.

River North residents may rightly be suspicious now if in the future the new recreational pot dispensary owners suggest hosting a fundraising ball for local politicians.



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