

If you have knowledge,
let others light their candles in it.
—Margaret Fulleredge

Two youths shot, bus driver beaten when mob of juveniles flood the Loop, Millennium Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two teenagers were shot, a CTA bus driver was beaten, and about 20 juveniles were taken into custody as a “large group incident” unfolded in the Loop on Dec. 4, according to police and initial information from sources.

Acting on intelligence gathered through social media and other sources that hundreds of young people planned to gather downtown, CPD leaders deployed extra

resources to the area late Saturday afternoon.

Among the more serious incidents: A CTA bus driver was beaten on the 100 block of N. Michigan when he stopped his vehicle to inspect it for damage after he heard a loud noise around 8:50 p.m. As he examined the bus, a male and female began to push him and then punched him repeatedly before running away, police said. An ambulance took the 49-year-old driver to North-

western Memorial Hospital in fair condition with bruises to his face and body.

Later, a 15-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl were shot during an argument that erupted when he bumped into another teen on the 200 block of S. Wabash around 11:20 p.m., police said.

The offender pulled out a handgun and began shooting at the victim as the argument escalated,

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Ransomware attack exposed personal info of Hancock unit owners

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

A ransomware attack on a property management company in Chicago did not get ransom but exposed personal information about unit owners and prospective unit owners at John Hancock Center.

Cancelled checks, credit reports, and loan documents were exposed in the attack that was first noticed by Sudler Property Management on Oct. 31.

At a meeting on Nov. 15 of 175 E. Delaware Place Homeowners Assoc., Alfred Saikali, a privacy

and data security lawyer with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Miami, told owners there is evidence their name, address, and bank account information were “probably taken” if they paid Sudler with a paper check.

The news was worse for prospective unit owners whose credit reports were shared with Sudler. Those reports may have been taken, including their name, address, social security number, date of birth, and some bank account information.

And loan documents may have been intercepted that included the name, contact information, social

security number, date of birth, and driver’s license of board members who obtained loans on behalf of the association.

Saikali said the attack, described by Sudler as “sophisticated,” was discovered when certain computer files could not be accessed because they had been encrypted by an unauthorized third party. He says the files were restored from a secure cloud-based backup.

“It allowed them to become operational again, fairly quickly relative to how other companies

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Landlords beware: revised Rent Control Act still active

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

The battle between tenant advocacy groups and Chicago apartment landlords is far from over with a proposed—and recently amended—statewide Rent Control Act still alive in the Illinois Legislature.

Under the newly amended House Bill 116, Illinois would be transformed from a state in which no local unit of government is permitted to enact rent control, into a state which would allow any municipality’s voters to call a referendum to remove the ban on rent control.

HB-116 was introduced by State Rep. Will Guzzardi [39th] early in 2021. It was amended on

April 19, and referred to the House Rules Committee. If passed by the Illinois Legislature in 2022, Rep. Guzzardi’s bill would repeal the state’s 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act, a law, which prohibits local governments from enacting rent-control ordinances.

If a municipality’s voters pass a Rent Control referendum, it could limit the amount a landlord can raise rent at the end of tenant’s lease, regardless of the owner’s excessive expenses or financial hardship.

Since there are currently no limitations on landlords demanding excessive or unfair residential and commercial rent increases, Guzzardi said this has led to “skyrocketing rents and encroaching gentrification of once stable

neighborhoods” in Chicago and throughout Illinois.

“While passage of the highly controversial HB-116 is far from certain, it should serve as a wake-up call to property owners,” said landlord advocate Mike Glasser, president of the Rogers Park Builders Group.

The upcoming floor vote likely will be a referendum on whether Illinois Legislators choose to support working-class renters or the wealthy corporate real estate lobby, with “Ma-and-Pa” landlords caught in the middle, apartment experts say.

The first rent-control laws in the U.S. were adopted at the local level in the 1920s. They gained

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Chicago restaurants rise to new challenges in second year of pandemic

(Right) Flores (left in photo) and Kwon, owners of Kasama.

Photo by Kristen Mendiola

With COVID-19 vaccination relatively widespread, restaurants are now permitted to have indoor dining and full occupancy, but that does not mean the challenges have ended.

BY ELISA SHOENBERGER
Loop North News

It had been about a year since I spoke with Michael Muser, who in July 2020, along with Michelin-starred chef Curtis Duffy, opened Ever Restaurant, a fine-dining eatery west of the Loop. Talking with him in November, Muser was happy to report they are busy – like many other restaurants – but there is a new problem.

“You don’t have staff to handle the numbers that are coming at you right now,” he laments.

Muser says he has had zero applicants for his open positions.

He is concerned that the amount of work, spread so thin, is taking a toll on his staff and himself, especially after dealing with the challenges of the pandemic like everyone else.

Ever Restaurant is not alone with having difficulty finding staff. The news is awash with stories of businesses – including many service-based businesses – having difficulty finding workers. In September, the Dept. of Labor’s

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey [JOLTS] reported job openings in the United States in July were at a record high of 10.9 million. The JOLTS report also noted that four million workers had voluntarily left their jobs.

When asked why he thought people were not applying for jobs at Ever, Muser surmised that part of the issue is that many wait staff are out of college, figuring out their careers in other fields – often creative and teaching ones – while working at restaurants. Because of the “Big Pause” during the pandemic, many took the necessary steps to get to their dream job and no longer need to work in the service industry to pay their bills.

Muser is grateful for the staff that he has, saying loyalty means even more now for a small business trying to realize its dream. He also says mask compliance has not been an issue at the restaurant with staff and customers but he noted the sacrifice of staff who wear their masks for 14 hours – both in the front and in the kitchen.

Getting back to the plan

For other restaurants, the challenge has been to get back to the

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Sterling Bay hosting open house Dec. 14

Sterling Bay, the financiers behind the Lincoln Yards megadevelopment, is hosting an open house 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Lincoln Yards Experience Center, 1324 W. Concord Plc. The general public is invited to come by and take tours.

The developers will review their plans associated with Lincoln Yards South parcels C1, D1 and the Park, all of which are all along the West Bank of the Chi-

cago River, and included in the Lincoln Yards Planned Development approved in 2019.

Representatives of Sterling Bay and the site development team will be available to engage directly with members of the community, answering questions on plans for each parcel.

An RSVP is requested for this event, by e-mailing your contact information to info@lincolnyards.com.

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Could heavy dose of American wartime rom-com free us from forced woke culture?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

If you watch the vintage film "Christmas in Connecticut," you will feel as if the yuletide is unfolding. Starring the great Barbara Stanwyck as a young magazine food columnist (who can't cook), it is the bright humor of wartime American comedy.

Veteran character actor Sydney Greenstreet's comedic performance is top drawer. His bluster, bossiness and sense of privilege would put any snowflake over the edge.

Actor S.Z. Sakall, Stanwyck's adoptive uncle, a fat, lovable wise friend to all, does cook, and operates a popular Hungarian restaurant in this New York City and Connecticut country rom-com.

Handsome young war hero Dennis Morgan, an Irish tenor if there ever was one, croons his way through the picture as a combat naval chief. An artist before the war, he is the lovable interest of Miss Stanwyck, invited by Greenstreet, the titan magazine publisher, to spend Christmas on a posh Connecticut farm.

It's loaded with harmless but well-written wisdom done in a period of world disaster, the close of World War II. It's a great vintage view of America in wartime. War bonds and all.

This is my go-to Christmas movie. That, and "Come to the Stable." Both really capture the humanity of the season, in beautiful settings. What can compare with rural Connecticut before the development of post-war suburbia, outlet malls and the Skakels?

Actress Loretta Young plays the Mother Superior to a group of French nursing nuns. Sister Margaret comes to the U.S. with no money and the goal of building a hospital. Hit tunes, Broadway shows, an eccentric woman painter, the Mafia and rural Connecticut itself are the magic ingredients that jump-start faith, friendship, compassion and good music.

Both these films are packed with just the right ingredients of nostalgia and common sense to make them worthy annual objects of attention. Funny. But food figures prominently in both films. That's the season in a nutshell for me.

I think of all this nostalgia as I look long and hard at the antics of the Art Institute of Chicago (AIC) and the shenanigans of poor Mayor Lightfingers. I'm left with a bad taste in my mouth as a result. I'd better eat some West Coast oysters in a hurry.

The AIC is once again using George Orwell's "1984" as their playbook. Must be some literary types in the President's office. Take a look at their website. Someone, à la Orwellian dystopian subterfuge, has been going through past texts on the AIC website, translating texts into the vocabulary of woke culture. A little every day.



Is that you Winston Smith? If you don't recognize that name, and recall what his job was, google it.

This re-writing of history was pointed out by a vigilant reader of ours, and a now former AIC member, who has a detective's nose for skullduggery. Imagine that, if you will, the AIC doctoring up the x-rays surrounding their midnight purge of docents, and their own history. Could they bring any more shame on the AIC? Glad Bertha Palmer isn't here to witness that.

What are the members of the Board up to?

Museums across America are nervously watching what's unfolding here. President James Rondeau is certainly earning his stripes. Hope he remembers what Nixon discovered too late - "the cover up is always worse than the crime."

And Mayor Lightfingers has been in my holiday thoughts, too, especially after the looting and pillaging in my neighborhood of shops along Milwaukee Ave. in the wee hours of Black Friday.

Our local liquor and wine store was also pillaged.

Nice for her that her special violence reduction co-ordinator has exited their 5th floor office in the dead of night so the story

could be below the fold in what passes for Chicago's two newspapers.

She's probably hoping no one pays attention to Jussie Smollett's trial. Or Kim Foxx's snoopers with their noses under the tent.

I'm not surprised that at the height of her colossal failures to keep Chicago safe, Lightfingers is filled with bravado when talking about any challengers she might have in the next election.

Several groups of well-heeled, influential Chicagoans from DuSable Dr. think she should do jail time for her failures and behind the scenes racialization. But then nobody goes to jail in Cook County anymore.

Everywhere you go these days you hear real engaged Chicagoans speaking eloquently and methodically about tossing her, and not in a good way. More like about tossing her to the pavement at the ballot box.

She is another reminder of the Nixonian penchant for self-delusion, thinking she could win another election.

Hubris isn't only a sin favored by aldermen, it lingers deeply in the Mayor's deteriorating, isolated 5th floor bunker.

Perhaps both President Rondeau and Mayor Lightfingers should make some popcorn and watch Loretta Young and

her nuns make their way through American life.

Perhaps a heavy dose of American wartime rom-com could free their tortured souls in their struggle to force the woke culture down our throats.

In the meantime I'm calling French President Macron for emergency assistance with America's most feared export: cancel

culture. We probably need more oysters. And more folk taking the AIC out of their wills.

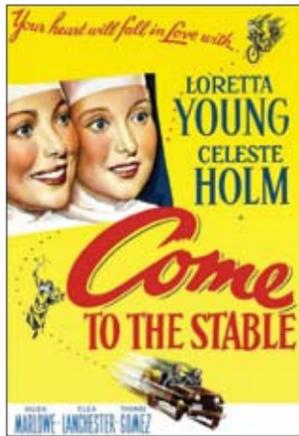
LOOTINGS: Why do the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune refrain from stories covering extensive looting around town? What, you say there's no room left after publishing long-form COVID story number 7,984? The pillaging of Ulta, Burberry and Canada Goose stores is not given a mention in **Mayor Lightfinger's** newsletters.

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Songs of the Season. Join them for this 65th anniversary celebration and performance featuring their world-renowned Voice of Chicago ensemble, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir, and a consortium of Choir alumni. Saturday Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland Ave.

WEDDING BELLS: Heartiest congratulations to former Illinois Lieutenant Governor, and Appellate Court Justice, **Neil Hartigan** and bride, **Mary Lou Block**, on their recent marriage at the Chapel of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church surrounded by happy family members. That's in the heartland of the 49th Ward, long the home of the Hartigans. Neil's father, **David Hartigan** was alderman of the 49th Ward. Neil's greatest gig was as **Mayor Richard J. Daley's** personal assistant.

BOOKSTORE RETURNS: Volumes Bookcafe is opening a holiday pop-up shop in Wicker Park, 1373 N. Milwaukee Ave. In the meantime, Volumes has been operating online and out

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Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

By the time you read this, God willing, I will have a new grandchild. A little boy. Our bonus baby.

At 36, my daughter is considered a geriatric pregnancy and she also developed gestational diabetes. I've been worried sick. It has been impossible to concentrate on getting anything done. You'd think I was the one having the baby, as nervous as I've been.

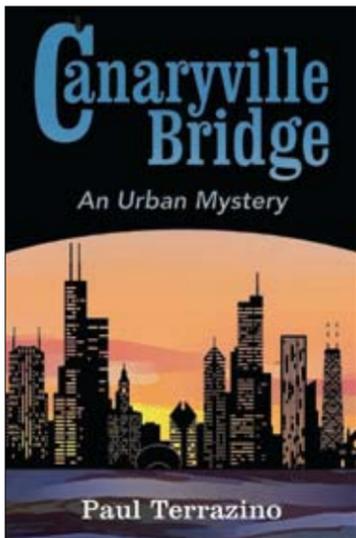
So this week I leave you with some noteworthy things to do, see, and to know about around town. And of course, you'll be hearing all about our latest family addition in the near future.

Enjoy!

I attended Truman College when it first opened in the mid-1970s, and it was then and there that I met the talented writer Paul Terrazino, who recently authored his first book, the excellent, urban mystery "Canaryville Bridge."

The book is based on the true story of Terrazino's search, both in Chicago and abroad, for the natural mother/parents of his adopted wife, an Irish lassie originally named Mary Eileen O'Brien. I actually wrote about Terrazino's quest for info in this column a few years back. (He gives me a shout out in the book for that, thanks Paul.)

Mary Ellen was surrendered to a Catholic orphanage in Chicago, and Terrazino does some amazing sleuthing that eventually leads to her birth mother in Ireland. After relentless searching by Terrazino, his wife finds out who she is and the family that she's looking for. It's a fascinating story for any



Paul Terrazino's urban mystery, "Canaryville Bridge."

adoptee or adopter to read, told with emotion, humor and honesty. And, it has a happy ending.

Terrazino is now seeking adoptees who didn't know they were adopted until they were older who'd like to share their story. Complete anonymity is guaranteed. Contact Terrazino's Facebook page or email paulterrazzino@gmail.com.

Holly Jolly Christmas... Barbara Martensen of Lakeview, and her daughter Kyla Martensen of Logan Square, took Barbara's sister Marlene Lindbach -- in town visiting from the Florida Keys -- to see "Kiss Me Kate," at the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre. Worth the drive, they said.

"The male lead had a great voice, the dancing was wonderful, the mobsters were refreshing," said Kyla. "A good time was had by all."

Great to hear, ladies.

Joy to the world... and around the world. Former 49th Ward alderman Joe Moore and his wife, Barb, are braving the fierce weather of Antarctica. Moore said he's "having the time of my life." His photos/videos on social



On the last day of Chanukah, the menorah in Loyola Park memorializing Eliyahu Moskowitz shone brightly.

media are supporting that.

The pair is on a ship carrying about 90 people through the Arctic waters. I got seasick just looking at the videos of the waves. However, the rest of the scenery is absolutely breathtaking, including the penguins.



Left to right: Kyla Martensen, Marlene Lindbach and Barbara Martensen at "Kiss Me Kate."

Bold Barb even took a real Arctic plunge into the frigid waters!

It all looks so beautiful and the adventurous pair is very daring but my preferred vacay would be a shady spot on a warm beach in Jamaica, swimming in the Caribbean Sea and partaking in the island's native plants and foods.

Do you hear what I hear... that my fellow columnist, Thomas O'Gorman, is opening up his O'Gorman Studio "for some really fine sales and bargains," this



Former 49th Ward alderman Joe Moore, and his wife, Barb, made some new penguin friends on a fabulous trip to Antarctica, where Barb also braved a real Arctic Plunge!

weekend. O'Gorman promises "lots of paintings," which make fine Christmas gifts.

The studio will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1059 N. Winchester St. Park on the garage apron at the back of the house and enter the garden gate.

Silent Night... each night of Chanukah, the huge menorah in Loyola Park lit up the sky and reminded everyone not only of the miracle of the holiday but also of the fragility of life. The religious symbol has been faithfully erected by the Chabad of East Rogers Park each year since 2018, memorializing 24-

year-old Eliyahu Moskowitz, who was murdered at the site. The Rogers Park killer, who randomly killed two men within a couple of days, has never been found.

Falalalala... on over to The Rambler Kitchen and Tap, 4128 N. Lincoln Ave., for some amazing Christmas cheer. Bring the kids, who will delight in this pop-up tribute to the Island of Misfit Toys.

Each room is inspired from a different scene from the 1964 be-

loved classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (which I just watched again this weekend) and staffers are dressed in character. Festive cocktails and holiday food add to the fun ambience.

I've not been yet but can't wait to check this place out.

Holiday Inn... this is one of my favorite Christmas pastimes. Been a while since I've been there but I hope this year to once again be part of a tradition steeped in history: Holiday Tea at the Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton St.

It's gotten a little bit pricey, but compared to other holiday teas

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Bank hosting food drive

North Side Federal Savings and Loan will be hosting a Care For Real Food Drive for the holidays, now through Dec. 16.

Donations can be dropped off in the bank lobby, 5159 N. Clark St., Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Toy drive

Communities Partnering 4 Peace and ONE Northside are hosting a toy drive this December to help families in need. Those who would like to purchasing a gift for a child (up to 16 years old) may drop it off at one of their locations. They will accept donations through Dec. 12. For more information, email Lbdfa@hotmail.com.

CHA cleaning up waitlist

The Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] is updating its list of all applicants on the Public Housing and Project-Based Voucher program waitlists, to verify whether those people are still in need of CHA housing.

The CHA has sent two notices to people on their waitlists this year. Applicants must complete the update by Dec. 31, or they may be removed. Applicants on CHA's waitlists can call 312-913-7400 or email CHAOccupancy@thecha.org.

Public meeting on RPM postponed, rescheduled for Jan. 5

A virtual public meeting that was scheduled for this week on the progress of the CTA's Red Purple Line Modernization [RPM] project has been postponed.

The CTA has pushed it back to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022.

In moving the meeting date, the CTA hopes they will be closer to the start of the work and can provide more information on the scope and timing of the work going on between W. Cornelia St. and W. Belmont Ave.

Representatives from the CTA and Walsh-Fluor Design Build team will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

For more information write to RPM@transitchicago.com or call 331-303-2499.

Those who wish to attend the Jan. 5 meeting will need to register.

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it's not too bad I guess. But there's nothing quite like the festive and elegant feeling of sitting in the hotel's Palm Court, listening to the peacefulness of a live harpist and wanting to sing along with the Christmas carolers.

And the lobby, it's always so beautifully adorned. This year, St. Ignatius students did a magnificent job creating the annual Gingerbread Village, takes more than 80 hours and incorporates 300 lbs of powered sugar, 20 lbs of meringue mix, 150 lbs of candies and 45 sheet pans of gingerbread. Wow!

The Drake is a great spot to do what I'm all about this season... making memories.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer... might or might not be at Zoolights, which lights up our already gorgeous Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Dr. in the most delightful way. The lights and happenings in the zoo surrounding this phenomenal show are not to be missed. Bundle up and catch the beauty of this incredible place!

Jingle Bell Rock... and roll on over to see for miles and miles at the Signature Room, on the 95th floor of the John Hancock building, 875 N. Michigan Ave. On a clear day you can see forever, so you can wonder at the Mag Mile, Zoolights at night, and the city dressed up in its Christmas best. It's all visible from the restaurant, as well as Big John's observation deck, whose



Cute holiday delights abound at Rambler Kitchen and Tap.



Check out the festive Gingerbread Village at the Drake Hotel.

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popularity in the 1930s as the economy recovered from the Great Depression, and cities saw an influx of workers during World War II. As the cost of housing soared after the war, with no new apartments being built, New York and other cities enacted price ceilings and rent freezes.

A recent survey by the Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance [NBOA], which represents small to medium-sized apartment owners, revealed that due to the pandemic one-third of Ma-and-Pa landlords have expenses exceeding their revenues and many no longer have the funds for basic building repairs.

One North Side landlord, who manages a family portfolio of about 20 apartments in four small buildings, recently had four furnaces go out.

The good-hearted landlord rushed to provide portable electric heaters because his furnace servicer said repair parts were on back order as a result of the pandemic and shipping/logistical delays.

Earlier in the fall, the same landlord had to make \$3,000 in roof, gutter, hall and

stairway repairs caused by last winter's ice storms and gutter failures.

Because of the city's rat epidemic, the landlord also has added more rodent boxes at all of his properties, and more frequent pest service at a cost of several hundred dollars. He even had to make an emergency call to his pest-control company to battle a swarm of wasps that invaded one building. Wasp control cost was \$275.

NBOA says Illinois Legislators should be focused on "the real housing crisis."

The beleaguered landlord was hit with 2021 reassessment increases ranging from 38% to 63% on the four buildings in Old Town, Logan Square, and Lincoln Square.

"We are expecting huge real estate tax increases on these properties when the second installment of the 2021 tax bill comes due in summer of 2022," he said. "Rent increases are going to be mandatory, just to pay our mortgages."

NBOA says Illinois Legislators should be focused on "the real housing crisis." Property owners can no longer maintain their buildings, while so many tenants are unable or unwilling to pay rent during the pandemic.

Nationwide, just six states today—Calif-

ornia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, plus Washington, D.C. have localities with some form of rent control.

Last month, voters in Minneapolis and St. Paul approved ballot initiatives to enable the Twin Cities to cap rent increases at 3%. Santa Ana, CA, capped rent increases in October. Michelle Wu, Boston's newly elected Mayor, campaigned this year on restoring rent control, and 59% of voters polled support it.

Regardless of Illinois' proposed rent-control legislation, apartment owners and managers argue that Chicago's 2021 reassessment and Mayor Lori Lightfoot's aggressive property tax hikes, combined with sharply higher water and sewer charges, and higher garbage fees are forcing landlords to raise rents to maintain thin profit margins or just to break even.

Some owners of apartment buildings in the city's lakefront neighborhoods are scratching their heads and wondering if they soon will be required to go into the rent-subsidy business like Uncle Sam.

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

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Taxpayer-funded hostile takeover of Lincoln Square parking lot underway

Developer gets tax credits

BY PETER VON BUOL

On Monday, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Housing Cmsr. Marisa Novara announced that a clout-heavy Boston-based developer will be gifted a multi-million dollar city-owned parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave.

The mayor and Novara announced the developer, The Community Builders [TCB], was among those awarded the coveted federally funded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits [LIHTCs] by the city, part of \$19 million in tax credits they just gave out.

These tax credits are highly sought after by development companies and enable them to have taxpayers help finance their projects.

During a telephone conference call with reporters on Dec. 3, Novara was asked by this reporter why TCB was being given the valuable site for free.

Novara responded tersely.

“The city gives away lots all the time, and throughout the city,” she said.

She implied there was nothing unusual with giving away a valuable multi-million dollar parcel to a development company which includes Patrick Nash among its board of directors. Nash is a former official with the Chicago Housing Authority during the administration of Mayor Jane

Byrne, and is the grandson and namesake of Patrick Nash, founder of Chicago’s powerful Kelly-Nash Democratic Machine. The Nash family owns some of the oldest clout in the city.

When this newspaper pointed out these city-owned lots were usually given away in neighborhoods in which city officials were attempting to spur economic development, Novara’s spokesperson, Dr. Eugenia Orr, stepped in to say the commissioner’s time was limited and she would be able to provide more detailed responses, later. So we submitted formal questions. As of deadline, the commissioner has not provided a response as to why Boston-based TCB was the only company that had the opportunity to be gifted the Western Ave. parking lot.

A lack of transparency is the signature of this insider deal, and disinformation the hallmark of this real estate transfer since this newspaper first started covering it in late 2019. Our tip came not from City Hall or the local alderman, but from a city worker - passed along in a local tavern - about the scheme.

Nash’s involvement was not the only indication TCB has long been promised the valuable parking.

The architect for TCB’s development is Gabriel Ignacio Dziekiewicz, vice-chair of Lightfoot’s Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Ald. Matt Martin [47th] was among those who had re-confirmed Dziekiewicz’s appointment.

According to campaign finance records posted by the State of Illinois, the chair of

the city’s Landmark’s Commission, Ernest Wong, has made two donations totaling \$1,000 to Ald. Martin. Wong is president of Site Design Group, an architectural

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landscape firm based in Chicago. His most recent contribution was on June 27. Martin was among aldermen who voted to re-confirm Wong to the city’s Landmarks Commission. In 2019, Wong contributed \$500 to former 47th Ward Ald. Ameya Pawar, Martin’s predecessor.

It appears that even before we first reported the city would be gifting the parking lot to TCB, it was already a fait accompli. At the time, Martin denied the decision had already been made and claimed he was still listening to community reaction. In his defense, by the time he was elected, Martin may have had no influence on the final decision.

During neighborhood meetings hosted by Martin, and groups closely connected to him, it was obvious TCB was the only developer being considered for the lot. These groups included the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Assoc., a group Martin co-founded as a way to introduce himself to the community prior to seeking office,

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Resident’s chance is now to comment on City Hall’s redistricting

Anyone wishing to comment at a City Council committee meeting conducted by videoconference may call 312-744-6800 in advance of the meeting and leave a voice message with their name and telephone number. Requests to comment will be accepted from 10 a.m. two business days prior the scheduled meeting until 9 a.m. the business day before the scheduled meeting.

So that means now, ... the next meeting is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10.

Any individual wishing to participate must be available at the scheduled start time of the committee meeting and have access to a touch-tone telephone.

City Council rules limit the public comment period to 30 minutes overall, with each participant limited to three minutes (subject to the discretion of the Committee chairman), so there is no assurance that every person who calls will have the opportunity to speak.

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Police Beat...

Mob steals \$67,000 worth of purses from Burberry's flagship as shoplifting raids and overnight burglaries continue unabated

The hits just keep on coming for the Mag Mile's high-end retailers as another shoplifting mob made off with over \$60,000 worth of merchandise during an afternoon raid Nov. 29.

And, this reporter has learned, the 18th (Near North) Police District that serves the area will be just a little less prepared to handle problems as CPD suspended four of its officers Nov. 29 for refusing to report their COVID vaccine status.

Around 4:40 p.m., four or five ski-masked men entered the Burberry store, 633 N. Michigan, and began gathering purses from the luxury retailer's display shelves, according to a CPD report.

The crew plowed into a customer who tried to keep the store's door closed as they ran for the exit.

They escaped eastbound on Erie Street in a stolen car with about \$67,000 worth of merchandise, according to initial estimates.

Groups of organized raiders have repeatedly struck boutiques along Michigan Ave., Rush St., and Oak St. this year, with purses being a favorite target. According to sources, the teams sell the bags, which retail for thousands of dollars each, online and on the black market.

Just a couple of hours after Burberry was struck, CPD issued a community alert to warn retailers about another ongoing problem: Late-night burglaries by groups of thieves who've broken into Mag Mile retailers to steal large volumes of merchandise.

The break-ins and shoplifting raids are happening despite CPD leaders' best efforts to tamp down on crime by deploying extra resources to the area.

And those overnight burglars will have fewer cops to worry about in the 18th District. Four cops assigned to the graveyard shift in the district were stripped and put on no-pay status Nov. 29 after they refused to enter their COVID-19 vaccine status into the city's employee database, a source confirmed.

We have also learned that CPD's total manpower slipped below 12,000 officers in November for the first time in years. About 100 cops left since October alone, according to department data provided by a source.

Cops have seized over \$1 million in stolen goods, and investigation is just beginning

It all started with a guy getting kicked out of a River North nightclub last weekend.

By Friday, Illinois' top law enforcement officer called a press conference to announce a major bust.

Here's how a nightclub ejection, sharp-eyed beat cops, and a brand-new CPD investigative unit led investigators to a cache of stolen goods that was so big, it took over 100 man-hours to recover it all.

Shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, employees at a nightclub on the 300 block of W. Chicago Ave. asked 30-year-old Mahdim Alhaw to leave because he was "unruly and belligerent," prosecutors would later say.

After being kicked out, Alhaw



Mahdi Alhaw

threatened to shoot up the club and walked to his car, which was parked about 20' away, according to officials. He retrieved two loaded handguns from the vehicle and started walking back to the bar, prosecutors said, but nightclub employees tackled him and pinned him to the sidewalk until police arrived.

Responding officers arrested him and found a third gun in his car, but it wasn't loaded, according to prosecutors, who charged Alhaw with multiple felonies last week.

The unloaded gun wasn't the only thing of interest that patrol officers allegedly found in the vehicle, according to a source.

'Hey, something is wrong here'

During Friday's press conference, CPD's chief of detectives, Brendan Deenihan, repeatedly praised "very astute beat officers" for getting the ball rolling on the investigation: "A beat officer who made an arrest and said 'Hey there's something wrong here. There's something different.'"

What was "different?" Deenihan didn't say. But a source said the beat cops found boxes of brand new clothing, storage unit contracts, and cargo manifests, in the car.

Within hours, information about the discoveries landed at CPD's Organized Retail Crime Task Force, which had been formed just a week earlier.

The unit's detectives began working the case with officers in suburban departments and at the state level. During the Dec. 3 press conference, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said federal authorities are interested in the case, too.

Within days, investigators secured search warrants for eight self-storage lockers in the suburbs. They found the storage units packed floor to ceiling and front to back with stolen merchandise still in their shipping boxes. Raoul said 15 investigators worked for eight or nine hours to recover all of the merchandise, which was worth "over a million dollars."

He said the stolen goods include "electronics. Sort of high-end food items ... hair extensions, beauty supplies, and stuff like that. Leggings."

While news reports on Friday linked the recovered goods to ongoing shoplifting mob raids on high-end boutiques, beauty supply stores, and other desirable targets, the seized items were most likely stolen as they were being shipped to stores for sale, according to our source.

As of Friday, no charges have been filed against anyone, including Alhaw, as the investigation continued across all levels of law enforcement, Raoul said.

But the case is a "very active and ongoing investigation," Deenihan said, calling the investigation a "real team of team effort."

Man shot and killed outside his Lincoln Square apartment building

A 59-year-old man was shot and killed outside his Lincoln Square apartment building Dec. 1, according to police and public records. No arrests have been made.

The victim was in an alley next to the building on the 2600 block of W. Catalpa when a sedan rolled up at 7:05 a.m., according to police. A man got out of the car's passenger seat and began shooting.

The victim suffered gunshot wounds to his cheek, chest, and back. EMS took him to St. Francis Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead.

Police said the gunman returned

to the car he arrived in, and it headed east through the alley before turning north on Rockwell. Initial information suggests that the vehicle is a gold, older-model Toyota. A witness said the gunman was a Black male who wore a tan sweater.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.

This shooting is the third since Nov. 26 in the Lincoln Square area.

A 29-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were traveling south on Western near Lawrence when someone began shooting at them from a dark-colored sedan around 12:05 a.m. Nov. 28. The woman stopped the car to tend to the male victim just south of the Western Brown Line CTA station, but the gunman's car returned, and the shooter began firing on her again, a source said.

Police officers in the area heard the gunfire, and one unit followed a vehicle that likely carried the gunman, but a CPD supervisor terminated the engagement as the suspect vehicle headed down the Halsted St. bar strip in Boystown.

An ambulance transported the male victim to St. Francis Hospital in serious condition with three gunshot wounds to his torso. The woman, shot in the hip, was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition.

On Nov. 26, a 26-year-old man dropped off at Swedish Covenant Hospital with gunshot wounds to his chest told police he was shot on the 2700 block of W. Foster around 11:19 p.m., according to a CPD statement. Police did not release any other information about the incident.

Carjackers strike twice in about an hour, prompts CPD warning for West Rogers Park

Two carjackers brandished a rifle and a pistol to carjack a man in West Rogers Park Nov. 30. An hour later, they followed the same script to carjack a woman in the neighborhood. Chicago police issued a community alert about the hijackings on that day.

According to the alert, both victims were inside their vehicles when the men ordered them to get out at gunpoint.

Police said the duo displayed a rifle and handgun to carjack a man of his Toyota Corolla on the 7300 block of N. Western around 3:30 a.m.

Then, around 4:35 a.m., they arrived on the 6400 block of N. Oakley in the Corolla and ordered a woman to get out of her 2012 Volkswagen Touareg, according to a separate report. After she complied, the men told her to run away and not look back. Then, they drove away with her car and the Toyota.

The community alert said both suspects are Black males between 15- and 25-years-old who stand 5'-10" to 6'-2" tall and weigh 180 to 200 lbs.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three investigators at 312-744-8263 about pattern #P21-3-135.

Chicago police recorded 151 carjackings through the first 22 days of November, the most recent time period for which data is available. That's one carjacking fewer than during the same time period last year.

By comparison, the city had 136 carjackings during the first 22 days of October.

Twice-convicted robber is charged with committing 2 more robberies this week — then asks the judge why his bail is high

A Rogers Park man who received probation for his first robbery case, then received "boot camp" for his second robbery in 2018, was charged Nov. 30 with his third and fourth robberies.

In 2016, Markus Turner pleaded

guilty in a case that accused him of choking, punching, and robbing a man in the 7700 block of N. Paulina on Aug. 18, 2015. A judge sentenced him to two years probation in a plea deal.

Then, in Oct. 2017, Turner was charged with beating and robbing a man of a computer bag and schoolwork as he walked near the 7200 block



Markus Turner

of N. Greenview. Judge Earl Hoffenberge eventually sentenced him to three years with a recommendation that Turner be sent to a diversionary "boot camp" program instead of prison.

Turner, 25, completed parole in that case in February.

The boot camp program didn't work, apparently. Shortly before 5 a.m. Nov. 29, Turner and three other men beat and kicked and robbed a 40-year-old man at gunpoint on the 7300 block of N. Greenview, according to police and prosecutors. That's just a block away from where Turner allegedly robbed the victim in 2017.

The group took the victim's backpack, wallet, phone, watch, and keys, then ran away, Assistant State's Attorney Gail Bembnister said.

About 40 minutes later, another man was walking to his car on the 1500 block of W. Fargo when four or five men began beating and kicking him while one pointed a gun in his direction.

The victim struggled with the gunman and managed to eject its ammunition magazine Bembnister said. The group ran away empty-handed, and the victim called the police with some descriptions of the offenders.

One of those descriptions was of a Black male who was wearing a white coat.

As police were talking with the second victim, an officer spotted Turner wearing a blood-stained white coat about a quarter-block from the robbery scene, Bembnister said. They detained him and the second victim allegedly confirmed that he was one of the robbers.

Turner crossed paths with the first robbery victim at the police station, and that victim identified him as one of the robbers, too, Bembnister continued. She said Turner just happened to have the first victim's wallet, phone, watch, and keys in his possession when police arrested him.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said Turner is the father of two.

Judge Charles Beach set bail for Turner at \$300,000 and ordered Turner to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the mandatory 10% deposit to get out of jail.

"Why is it so much?" Turner asked Beach.

The judge, who moments earlier strongly suggested he would have held Turner without bail if prosecutors asked him to, pointed to Turner's background and the violent nature of the newly-alleged crimes.

Retail raiders stole more than \$13,000 in merchandise from two Ulta Beauty stores

Prosecutors charged two people with carrying out separate shoplifting raids on two Ulta Beauty stores — thefts that netted them more than \$13,000 in stolen merchandise, according to the allegations.

Around 12:30 Nov. 28, Jaheim Jackson and three women entered the Ulta store at 3015 N. Clark St. in Lakeview, but there was a problem. Prosecutors said that Jackson wasn't wearing his COVID mask properly, and an employee asked him to leave if he couldn't put it over his face and



Jaheim Jackson and Jazmine Nooner.

mouth. He and the women left.

They all returned to the store within an hour and loaded baskets with merchandise from the fragrance department, prosecutors said. The group allegedly walked out with \$8,500 worth of goods.

Police located a car bearing a license plate that a witness linked to the thieves about four hours later. They pulled it over. Jackson was driving it with all of the Ulta merchandise lying on the back seat, prosecutors said. Armed with store security images, the cops noted that Jackson appeared to be the same person who didn't wear a mask at the Ulta store and then returned to steal fragrances.

Jackson is charged with felony theft and a driving offense. His public defender said he has one child and is a high school senior.

Judge Susana Ortiz set bail at \$5,000 and ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he could post a 10% deposit. She also told him not to set foot in any Ulta stores.

Earlier in Ortiz's bond court session on Monday, prosecutors charged 26-year-old Jazmine Nooner with participating in a shoplifting raid on Ulta's Greektown location, 16 S. Halsted, on Nov. 27.

Prosecutor said she and at least one accomplice loaded \$4,655 worth of fragrances into shopping bags and walked out. Cops allegedly found her sitting in a car with the Ulta merchandise on Nov. 28. She reportedly identified herself in still images and video from the store.

Nooner has a 9-year-old child and recently began working at McDonald's, according to her public defender.

Ortiz released her on her own recognizance and told her to stay away from Ulta stores, too.

When cops stopped man for urinating on a downtown street, they found 15 credit cards with 15 different names in his pocket

Here's a cautionary tale for bargoers as we head into the weekend.

After cops allegedly saw 31-year-old Micah Anderson urinating on a street not far from the Mag Mile, and they stopped to give him a citation.



Micah Anderson

But it got really interesting when the officers patted Anderson down as a safety precaution. That's when they found

15 credit cards bearing 15 different names in one of his pockets, according to Assistant State's Attorney Sergio Gomez.

Considering the discovery to be a "clue," the officers took Anderson in for a little investigation and started calling some people whose names appeared on the credit cards. They managed to contact four of them, and, not surprisingly, none of them permitted Anderson to have their credit cards, Gomez said.

Coincidentally, according to Gomez, all four of the people that

Bullet flies through wall of guest room at River North hotel

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are investigating after two River North hotel guests reported that a bullet flew through the wall of their room on Dec. 5. No arrests have been made.

The incident reportedly unfolded on the 17th floor of the Eurostars Magnificent Mile Hotel, 600 N. State, which was recently fined \$10,000 by the city for a series of "nuisance" incidents involving guns and drugs.

Officers responded to a call of shots fired at a hotel on the 600 block of N. State around 11:50 p.m., CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli said. She did not identify the hotel by name.

At the hotel, cops met with two men, ages 28 and 50, who said they heard a loud sound and then discovered a bullet hole in the wall of their room. Bartoli said cops went to the room and found

damage to the wall and a headboard. No injuries were reported, she said.

Humorously, police dispatch records indicate that one of the men told a 911 operator that he called the front desk to report the incident, but they put him on hold.

The city began "nuisance" proceedings against the Eurostars Hotel in April.

"Large gatherings, guests throwing bottles from balconies, lighting fires on balconies, and not enforcing proper safety protocols or other COVID-19 restrictions" were all reported, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] said as he announced the city's action. "Most alarming was a recent media report that a CPD traffic stop in River North led to the arrests of six individuals for handgun possession; these individuals were all guests of the Eurostar Hotel."

The city's itemized complaints

against the hotel included 12 separate incidents involving firearms in the hotel or on adjacent property between Oct. 2020 and April. Other allegations included a Dec. 8, 2020, armed robbery on the premises and a criminal sexual assault in the hotel on Feb. 18.

Hotel management agreed to a "28-paragraph 'nuisance abatement plan,'" to resolve the complaints, Loop North News reported in September.

The property was also fined \$10,000, and managers "agreed to ban parties and guns on its premises. Banned weapons include firearms, explosives, pepper spray, tasers, knives, and other weapons," according to the Loop North News report.

Short of airport-style screening stations, it's not clear how a hotel can be expected to ensure that guests don't bring a gun onto their property.



Weihnachtsmarkt at DANK Dec. 11

A Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave., in the Marunde Ballroom, 5th Floor.

Chicago center of German culture, the event will include German food and drink for sale as guests stroll through rows of festive stands selling holiday gifts during this all-ages event.

Bring the children for a visit with Santa in the ballroom. Admission to the market will be a suggested \$5 donation at the door. All proceeds from the event will support cultural and educational programming at the DANK Haus.

The DANK Haus will also be hosting a Christmas party Stammtisch 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17.

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and the North Center Neighborhood Assoc., a group founded by one of his most significant financial contributors, Julie Hobert.

Hobert's husband, William Hobert, is chairperson of the Illinois Finance Authority [IFA], the state's biggest bond-issuing agency. He also is the head of WH Trading, a global proprietary derivatives trading firm.

Those two political groups, posing as community organizations, were the only outspoken supporters this newspaper was able to identify in the 47th Ward in two years.

It appears TCB has been given a city-owned surface parking lot, which may be worth \$3 to \$4 million dollars, in a no-bid deal. Nobody involved in the sweetheart deal has ever tried to put an actual value on the gift.

And no other developer was ever even considered for this gift, just TCB. For some unknown reason, no official Request for Proposal [RFP] was ever issued for the project.

Novara was asked about the RFP process, but she did not provide a response. Her spokesperson later provided a response about the RFP process with the LIHTCs but that was not the question Novara had been asked.

Neither Ald. Martin, nor any of his staff, or any other City Hall officials have said why TCB was the only developer being considered for this lucrative deal, despite having been asked that question dozens of times.

Based on emails obtained by this newspaper through Freedom Of Information Act requests, TCB officials are also lobbying City Hall and the Mayor's Office for the rights to receive any and all parking revenue that may come from that site in the future, and are seeking Tax Increment Financing funds as well. That is - property taxes paid by neighboring properties - which they would use to finance their construction, thereby putting fewer of their own dollars at risk.

The project will be designated a Transit-Oriented Development [TOD] and will only contain a few parking spots for residents. TCB would like to see the income for whatever public parking would be made available, flow to the themselves.

In transferring those parking lots to TCB, Ald. Martin and City Hall will have to replace that lots' parking spaces through the creation of new metered spots of equal value to compensate Chicago Parking Meters, LLC, who now owns the rights to the current parking spots. Those new spots could go around Welles Park and Sulzer Library, near Winnemac Park, in North Center - or they may be the new metered spots the city added to Lincoln Park near Montrose Point. Again, neither Ald. Martin nor City Hall will answer direct media questions about that detail.

There is nothing preventing TCB from selling the entire development, and cashing out, the day it opens. Sales of affordable housing properties have become a hot commodity in real estate.

Major investors recognize their investment potential. These properties are only required to operate as affordable housing for a limited time. Some can be converted to market-rate housing, without penalty, after 15 years.

With an initial investment of zero dollars and with investors paying for construction of what will be a valuable property in a prime location, this Lincoln Square project will be a lucrative, highly profitable deal for TCB. Based on 2021 dollars, the com-

pany may instantly net \$10 million or more in net profits.

According to data from the 2020 US Census, residents of already-built TOD buildings may not have had a car when they moved into their building, but many eventually find changing circumstances

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which cause them to lease or purchase a car. Those new cars will then be parked on adjacent residential streets as TOD buildings - by design - do not include enough parking spots.

TOD buildings also create a great deal of new traffic congestion with shared ride service vehicles visiting the building, food and grocery delivery vehicles, Amazon, UPS, FedEx and others.

The Lincoln, Leland, Western avenues intersection today is already horribly congested. City Hall allowing all those shared ride services and delivery trucks to now double park in that intersection if this building is added, could recreate the kinds of traffic jams that the original 1975 reconstruction of the intersection - and the addition of public parking lots - was intended to alleviate.

The parking lots are critical pieces of commercial infrastructure for the community, and the lots were originally bought and paid for with federal funds as part of the 1975 reconfiguration of the

commercial district. Those federally-funded assets will now be turned over to TCB for free.

According to Orr, more than 51 proposals were submitted and four of those were for TCB projects. The company's other projects are Southbridge Phase 1c at 5 E. 23rd St., Oakwood Shores at 37th and Cottage Grove and Cornerstone II at 636 E. 50th Street.

The City's own data shows that TODs built on the wealthy North Side, so far, have not yet benefited Black, Indigenous or Hispanic communities, but rather mostly attracted White tenants. In fact, city data shows that minority populations typically fell after construction of TODs on the North Side.

Of the over 50 units TCB hopes to build on the parking lot, only 10 units would be considered affordable housing.

At one point TCB promised to fill those 10 units with "artists." That remains to be seen.

In July, some local neighborhood business owners privately told this newspaper they felt a sense of relief, and hoped they would be spared from TCB's redevelopment.

Supporters of the LIHTC program say it enables private developers to build housing for low-income tenants. After a developer is awarded LIHTCs by a government entity, they are monetized

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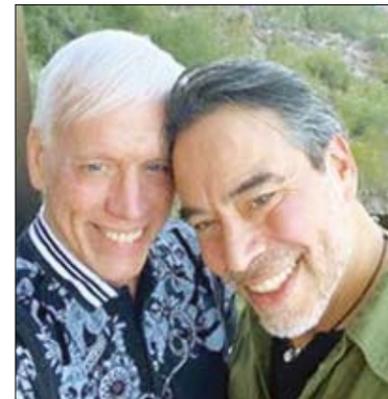
Sherry Lea Fox and son Taylor.



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of its Downtown location at 900 N. Michigan Ave. Owners **Rebecca** and **Kimberly** say the store is under contract for a permanent Wicker Park storefront.

IRISH EYES: Slainté to **Rose Marie O'Neill**, recipient of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago's first Lifetime Achievement Award for a gracious long history of leadership and philanthropy. The Hilton Christmas lunch was the largest in a century.

HOLIDAY TRAIN: The CTA Holiday Train is traveling all eight rail lines now through Dec. 22. It's really a great and happy ride.

DON'T MISS IT: Mary, Mary Gifts, 706 N. Dearborn for the best stocking stuffers in town.

DICKENS: "A Christmas Carol" has returned to the Goodman.

SPORTS HISTORY: Fenwick High School in Oak Park are the high school football champions in the State of Illinois. They defeated Kankakee in DeKalb making it their very first football championship. Bravo Fenwick Friars. The list of noble alum is a Chicago



Brian White, Lyndsay Pond, Jim Kinney and Susie Kealey.

"Who's Who's," the **Wicklancers**, the **Goggins**, **Comiskey's**, **Careys**, **Kennedys**, **Brennans**, **Saccos**, **Damores**, **Kelleys**, **Jacobs** and on and on. Congrats to the Dominican Friars.

ARRIVEDERCI AMICI: It's been announced **Ivana Trump's** fourth husband, **Rossano Rubicondi**, has died at 49 from skin cancer. The couple never fully separated after their divorce in 2009. I knew them in New York when they would come to events for our Hibernia magazine. She was kind and soft spoken. So was Rossano, in a demure Italian sort

of way. Always found them a tad sad.

TOO HOT: Get your tickets now for Too Hot To Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah, Saturday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 16 at 3 p.m.

Experience the Messiah like you never have before featuring world-class musicians filling the Auditorium's historic stage with a chamber orchestra, jazz combo, a huge choir, and three gifted soloists: **Alfreda Burke**, **Karen-Marie Richardson**, and **Rodrick Dixon**.

WHO'S WHERE: **Brian White** hosted his wonderful mamma, **Lyndsay Pond**, visiting from Sarasota FL, to a festive Thanksgiving Dinner at the Racquet Club with **Jim Kinney**, **Susan Kealey**, **Peter Mark** and **Dragon Filipovich**...Yes, that was **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** making their way around the autumnal streets of Paris... also nearby in Paris, Christmas tree shopping, was **Susie Braman**, dusted in snow... **Sherry Lea Fox** doing Turkey Day in Southern California with her talented son, **Taylor**... **Nikki Friar** decorating the Marchesa Christmas tree... **Tracey Burns Scuto** enjoying the warmth down in Naples FL with **Joyce Fitzgerald**, **Jane Fitzgerald**, **Carla Schlemmer**, **Barbara Hills** and **Kathie Hudson** at tasty Veranda E... Hope **Brenda McKenna** was in Venice, Italia cuz the streets around her hotel were all filled with water... **Karen Zupko** and **Mr. Mike** at **Heather** and **Andy's** tree trimming party looking festive... **Christopher Clinton Conway** on Rodeo Dr. Christmas

shopping... Architect guru **Blair Kamin** crossed the finish line of the Lincoln Park Turkey Trot 20 years after back surgery, bravo... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiner** and the twins Christmas tree shopping at Abbey Farms in Aurora and chopping their own tree Clark Griswold style... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** with pal, **Steve Price**, celebrating his birthday at the Drake Hotel... **Peggy Snorf** making her way from Norfolk, VA to sunny Carmel, CA... **Bennett Lawson** and **Pete Mendoza** cooling their turkeys in Mexico... **Judge Rhoda Sweeney** making it a most elegant Hanukkah... **Sherrill Bodine** at the Lodge in the Fairmont escaping the mayhem of holiday shoppers... **Julia Jacobs** and family doing **Charlie's** 13th birthday at Benihana... **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan** celebrating the first man of Chicago film, **Michael Kutza**, with an elegant birthday dinner at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Dr. Jaoquin** and **Jennifer Sutton Brievea** in Napa, CA... After 20 years looks like **Christopher Dovalina** and **Verne Jay Thomas** just tied the love knot in Phoenix AZ, big congrats boys... **Dan** and **Laurie Baker Lawlor** had the gang together for Thanksgiving, ever expanding in numbers and festive cheer... Sky-line colleague **Felicia Dechter** celebrating early Hanukkah with the grandchildren at the Walnut Room and then Le Cirque du Soleil at the Chicago Theater... **Monica Calvin-Rogers**, **Alisha Moran** and **Michelle Martinez** having a few frosty ones... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** out celebrating on the town with **May Sabastawi** and birthday girl **Shireen Hazem Rasekh**... **Ikram Goldman** celebrating 26 years with the love of her life and still says "I do, I do"... **Eamonn Cummins** in Malibu, CA, visiting bro **Lawrence Cummins** and finding Cummins Irish Pub nearby in the environs they label Butch McGuire's West... Well done to author **Judy Bross** on the publication of her Murray Bay book in French featured by the Musee de Charlevoix that's available all over Quebec... Chicago's



(L) David Heiner, Whitney Reynolds and the twins.

once most effective aviation boss, **Margaret Houlihan Smith**, in a great holiday embrace of her great family... the full cast and crew of Mart Anthony's Italian Restaurant on Hubbard and Racine assembled for the holiday as one big family, how proud the old man would be... **Ken Norgan** making his way around the fab city of Madrid, Spain... **Shelley Howard** doing the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Tavern with son, **Shaun Howard**, **Cindy Adams** and **Ed Corey**... **Susie Kealy** doing dinner at the Women's Athletic Club with **Lyndsay Pond**... Congrats to **Kipper Lance Hendrick** on her recent birthday, hope it was well celebrated... belated birthday wishes to **Wynn Mackie** celebrating with her Monday night posse at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Bethany Florek** out in style with fiancé **Andrew Kitick** at Big Brothers Big Sisters Gala and birthday girl **Hanna Michael Kitick** and a posse of swells... So glad my neighbor painter **Cynthia Prokov** could join me for last minute Thanksgiving dinner... and stopping traffic at RL was the very elegant **Cynthia Olson** and the fabulous Florindo... Bravo **Jim Kinney**, reading through the magnificent oeuvre of Belgian writer **George Simenon**.

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.

— Dr. Seuss

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Letters to the Editor

Shhhhh, this is a quiet zone

“Quiet—hospital zone” signs. Whatever happened to them?

Everywhere we go these days we are besieged by myriad vehicle alarms and sirens of one kind or another: police vehicles, fire department trucks, ambulances, and cars with hip hop bass so loud it makes you cringe.

I live by St. Joseph and Illinois Masonic hospitals and can't believe the racket they and their patients must put up with daily.

These notorious shrieking noise-makers keep their noises

going even as they drive next to or up to hospital settings, where countless patients and those connected to them await or recover from diverse medical and emotional situations.

What might be required to help us return to our earlier civility?

Shush, let's discover a way to regain our former, necessary peace and quiet in such zones.

*Leon J. Hoffman, Ph.D.
Lakeview East*

Bike lane bollards continue to baffle bus rider

I've taken more time now to observe what's going on with CTA bus trips on Clark St. now that the city has installed the bike lanes and bollards in Edgewater. I observed more ways in which those lanes and bollards are interfering with the traffic arrangements.

We've all noticed the new no-parking signs next to the curbside bike lanes, even on the same poles as the established no-parking sections for bus stops. The city has now taken parking away from many Edgewater businesses and residents who need them.

From Rosemont to Glenlake avenues, there is a stretch along which nearly all of the businesses are car-related. It's been like this for decades. Even the brand new George's Pizza, 6221 N. Clark St., is designed as a pick up-only business.

Odd that as soon as this instantly popular pizza palace opened, the city eliminated the parking right in front of their shop. There is a painted bike lane next to the curb. Nobody picks up pizzas on a bike.

On a recent CTA bus trip down Clark St. I saw many cars parked in the new bike lane.

Outside Domino's Pizza, 5912 N. Clark St., there are bollards on the left side of the curbside bike lane. On the day I passed by there was a big-rig truck double-parked just to the left of the bollards, to make its appointed delivery. It was parked next to Domino's own delivery vehicles who were also double parked out in the main lane of traffic.

Domino's has been there for years, and this is surely a routine delivery. This double-parking situation is just like the one the AutoZone semi-truck is using at

6201 N. Clark St.

On the 5900 N. stretch of Clark St. there are three southbound driving lanes; this pavement is still carrying traffic for Ashland Ave. also, which splits off near Rosehill Dr. It is challenging for motorists in the rightmost lane who need to suddenly merge left to pass the big rigs and pizza delivery vehicles, who now can't park by the curb as they could pre-bollard and pre-bike lane.

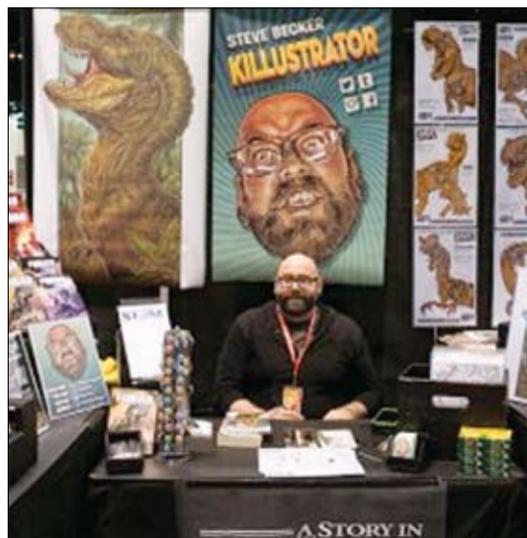
I wonder what the linear footage amounts to of how much curb-side parking has been eliminated - without compensation in the form of nearby alternate parking places - by these bike lanes next to the curbs?

They shifted the parking lane to the left of the bike lane in the southbound segment from Thome to Granville (so bicyclists can get doored by the car's passenger instead of the driver).

This bike lane project continues to impress me with its bad planning and poor design, and the damage it is doing to our local small businesses.

*Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge*

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(L) Playing dress up goes to an epic level when it comes to cosplay. The largest and most prestigious cosplay competition in the world takes place at C2E2. Photo courtesy of Choose Chicago (R) Artist Alley is a creative melting pot where you can get up close and personal with the artistic masterminds behind your favorite comic books, graphic novels, and artistic creations. Get to know local Chicago art talent, or rub elbows with the rich and famous of the comic book world. Photo courtesy of C2E2

Fandom continues during the holidays with C2E2 at McCormick Place

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

The Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo [C2E2] opens at McCormick Place on the weekend of Dec. 10 - 12, again embarks on its pop culture extravaganza of entertainment, the first since before the pandemic.

We should all be thankful that any large group of people are willing to gather at the mostly empty convention center. McPier needs the money. All respects to the comics crowd, they show up.

The Chicago-based fan convention dedicated to comics, pop culture, graphic novels, anime, manga, video games, toys moves and TV draws thousands of attendees every year from around the world.

One of the biggest draws seemed to be the never-ending Cosplay, or costume play, of performance art in which participants wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific character or idea. Cosplay is done individually or in groups and best represents what is trending in pop culture.

C2E2 has panels that stretch across the vast world of pop culture from My Hero Academia to All Elite Wrestling, Star Wars, and everything in between.

A galaxy of guests include Ming-Na Wen on Saturday, Dec 11. You know her as Fenec Shand from The Mandalorian, Melinda May from Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., and the fierce Disney princess, Mulan. Also from The Mandalorian is Diana Lee Inosanto (Morgan Elsbeth). Other guests include Maxwell Jenkins (Will Robinson) from the Netflix original series Lost in Space,



John Cena from Suicide Squad, and Hayden Christensen from Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith, Matthew Wood, voice of General Grievous and Battle Droids in the Star Wars Prequels and Bib Fortuna in The Mandalorian.

Meet My Hero Academia voice actors Justin Briner (Midoriya), Clifford Chapin (Bakugo), David Matranga (Todoroki), Trina Nishimura (Jiro), Kristen McGuire (Nakagame), along with Ricco Fajardo. OG Mortal Kombat video game actors Daniel Pesina, Katalin Ogren, Phillip Ahn, Richard Divizio, and Tony Marquez. Catch the Mortal Kombat: Behind The Kombat panel on Saturday.

Twilight stars Kellan Lutz (Emmett Cullen), Ashley Greene (Alice Cullen), and Jackson Rathbone (Jasper Hale) are coming on Dec 11 and 12 for photo ops, autographs, and even a reunion panel.

Comic guests include Mirka Andolfo (Unnatural), Joëlle Jones (Catwoman), Doc Shaner (Strange Adventures), David Mack (Daredevil), Stephanie Williams (Nubia and The Amazons), Gene Ha (Top 10), Amanda Conner (Harley Quinn), and Jimmy Palmiotti (Harley Quinn) are joining the lineup added to Artist Alley.

The 10th Annual C2E2 charity art auction is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 11, in Room S403. Bid for the chance to own a piece of original art from amazing creators. All proceeds benefit lifesaving research and treatment for the children. Also, Comicsketchart.com is doing CGC Facilitation at Booth #2193 (next to Artist Alley) all weekend long. Bring your comics with you for CGC grading.

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It can be debated that Cosplayers, media celebrities, and organizers are turning the emphasis of shows like this more towards pop culture and away from comics as lines can be blurred. The comic book show, however, came first and there were plenty of vendors on display with comic books and merchandise galore, many discounted in price.

A convention can also be the best place to find high-end and hard to find items that cater less to what is trending and more to what hardcore fans crave.

As the attendance of C2E2 fans, vendors and artists grows so will the number of items of merchandise, selfies, autographs, and comic book art itself.

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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 ALLIANT CREDIT UNION, AN ILLINOIS STATE
 CHARTERED CREDIT UNION
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 LAKE POINT TOWER RENAISSANCE PLAZA,
 LLC F/K/A LAKE POINT TOWER COMMERCIAL,
 LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
 LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
 AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION,
 EVANGELINE GOULETAS, AN INDIVIDUAL,
 A. ROBERT ABOUD AND COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS
 CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
 CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 2019 CH 00969
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 212-A)
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 Defendants,
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 LOWELL HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
 AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 DAVID VALENTINE
 Defendants
 20 CH 5568
 88 WEST SCHILLER AVENUE, #1609
 CHICAGO, IL 60610
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 29, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 88 WEST SCHILLER AVENUE, #1609, CHICAGO, IL 60610
 Property Index No. 17-04-209-043-1237
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 The judgment amount was \$86,585.09.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB
 D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR WINSTED FUNDING FINANCE TRUST SERIES 2016-5
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 ROBERTO MARQUEZ, EVA MARQUEZ, PARK-

Real Estate For Sale

LAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 17 CH 16869
 1627 W. TOUHY AVE., APT 104
 CHICAGO, IL 60626
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 Property Index No. 11-31-203-023-1004
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 The judgment amount was \$258,412.07.

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Case # 17 CH 16869

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 DAVID J. MOYLAN, KODIAK CAPITAL GROUP, LLC, THE 2016 CLEVELAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 19 CH 04693
 2016 N. CLEVELAND AVENUE, UNIT 1N
 CHICAGO, IL 60614
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 30, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2016 N. CLEVELAND AVENUE, UNIT 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60614
 Property Index No. 14-33-130-069-1001
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$433,411.28.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

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

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 Attorney File No. 367867
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 Case Number: 19 CH 04693
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Case # 19 CH 04693

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 NEWREZ LLC, DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RALF KIND; WATERFORD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.;
 Defendants,
 19 CH 10708
 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 5, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-16-304-039-1027.
 Commonly known as 4170 North Marine Drive, 6C, Chicago, IL 60613.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
 Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluver Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SMS000064
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 1900 CAPITAL TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 JOHN C. TURI, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AND DESIGNATED THE JOHN C. TURI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012,
 JOHN C. TURI, GRAN-OAK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Defendants
 18 CH 12532
 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3
 CHICAGO, IL 60659
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 21, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60659
 Property Index No. 14-06-106-036-1020
 The real estate is improved with a condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$268,757.11.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h)-1 and (h)-2, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1, you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g)-1 of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

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For information, the sales department, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com.. Please refer to file number F19040095.
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 Case Number: 18 CH 12532
 TJSC#: 41-2692

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Case # 18 CH 12532

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-5
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 MARIA REMEDIOS TELLO AKA REMEDIOS VEGA AKA MARIA TELLO, SALVADOR VEGA AKA SALVADOR VEGA GUTIERREZ
 Defendants
 18 CH 7167
 2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE
 CHICAGO, IL 60625
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 23, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- SANDRA TOBACK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 20 CH 447 1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-32-126-051-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$697,612.34. 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

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estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and

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then ran from the scene. One bullet struck the boy in his right wrist. He was taken to Lurie Children's Hospital in good condition.

Chicago police learned on Monday that the girl was shot in Millennium Park during the mob action. CPD learned of the shooting after the girl, initially hospitalized in Indiana, was transferred to Comer Children's Hospital for treatment on Dec. 6.

No one is in custody for either of the shootings, according to a police statement.

The "large group" began arriving in Millennium Park right on cue around 6:30 p.m. Within 20 minutes, the teens were already fighting and deploying Tazers near The Bean sculpture.

Other antics that are familiar to anyone who's seen previous "large group incidents"

followed: teens were running through the streets, jumping on cars, and battering each other as well as passersby.

Around 8:15 p.m., a group of teens beat up a boy and stole his shoes on the corner of Michigan and Monroe. Officers gave the boy's age as 13, then 10-years-old. He was taken via ambulance to a hospital for bleeding from his nose and the back of his head.

Another group beat up a 7-Eleven clerk at 33 W. Adams around the same time.

Millennium Park security began closing the park at 8:30 p.m. after someone lit fireworks that some people mistook for gunfire, causing many to run for safety.

According to initial tallies, 10 people were arrested, primarily for minor charges like mob action and battery. About 10 more were detained for curfew violations.

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One resident, Scott Klemm, who lives on Michigan Ave. near Millennium Park copied this newspaper on a note he sent to Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] saying it was "safe to assume that the lack of real news coverage, statements from city officials, and continued lack of plan means this is condoned."

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is building for an even bigger tragedy to occur at Millennium Park" in the future.

Dec. 4's incident is the first large group takeover in the Loop since July 4.

But the area saw a string of similar incidents from late April into the summer that police seemed unwilling or unable to control.

Sources with knowledge of the operations said things changed on July 4 when the mayor's office gave CPD leaders the OK to make mass arrests. At least 52 juveniles and eight adults were arrested that night.

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plan. Kasama, a Filipino restaurant based in Ukrainian Village, also opened in July 2020 and had spent the months leading up to their opening rethinking their plan of opening a lunch and dinner restaurant to work under the pandemic limitations.

Chef/owner Tim Flores says they were more fortunate than other pre-existing restaurants who had to figure out how to pivot their operations, because Kasama had time to figure out its operating model before it opened. Originally, Flores and chef/owner Genie Kwon had expected that dinner would be where they would make the most money and help supplement their daytime bakery and lunch operations.

"Because of the opening during the pandemic, it ended up switching for us," explained Flores.

Lunch and the bakery were the money-makers instead of dinner. People would wait in line in the morning to get their baked goods.

But now Flores and Kwon are finally able to think about the future. They just announced the opening of dinner service in late November with a tasting menu.

"Our goal is always the same," said Kwon. "We want to keep our employees employed. Create the culture that we've always been looking for."

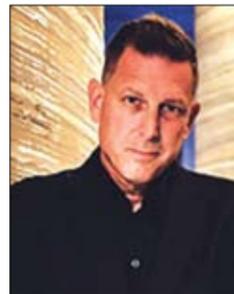
They already offer health insurance to full-time staff. "We want to offer them something more and something different and new, and they've been with us through it all," Kwon continued.

While Flores says Kasama did not have the same issues with staffing that Ever had, he did note they are seeing prices double for food – and he does not feel they can

double their prices. He says they want to remain a neighborhood restaurant and do not want to charge, for example, \$16 for a breakfast sandwich.

Muser says that like many businesses, they are having challenges sourcing foods.

"All the chefs [are] waiting at the back dock for produce, waiting for the van [of food] to get there," so they can get the food prepared for dinner, said Muser



Michael Muser.
Photo by Kristen Mendiola

However, not being able to find certain food items is causing issues with their tasting menu. Muser likened the tasting menu to an album, where changing a song can impact the entire album. If enough ingredients are unavailable, a new dish may have to be made, which can take two to three weeks. And changing one course means a new wine pairing. He compared it to running on a hamster wheel.

Muser remains optimistic. He says it's like being in the middle of a marathon – the end is coming but there's more to go. Kwon and Flores say they did the best they could with the pandemic but look forward to executing their original plans for the restaurant with full dinner service.

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experience these incidents," said Saikali.

When Sudler notified the HOA on Nov. 9, they thought only the association's bank account number and routing number had been accessed. However, by Nov. 12, they realized more information may have been taken.

Sudler called the conclusions "preliminary" but advised unit owners to monitor their bank accounts for unauthorized activity. Saikali also recommended they implement multi-factor authentication – for example, a password plus other identification such as a code number sent to them by text – on accounts where sensitive information is at risk.

He said once more is known about the incident, "within a month or two," Sudler will send a formal notice to owners and, if a social security number or driver's license was exposed, offer credit monitoring.

Paying ransom not an option

Saikali says the FBI, Illinois Attorney General's office, and other law enforcement agencies were notified about the ransomware attack. Paying the ransom,

however, the amount of which he did not disclose, was not an option.

"With ransomware, there is a [federal government] list of...threat actors or terrorists that you [are] just not allowed to make any payments [to]," he said. "If you do it, you potentially go to jail and face civil sanctions."

Saikali, who says he has handled more than 1,500 cybersecurity incidents, says Sudler is still investigating the incident but has addressed the "underlying vulnerability" that led to the attack.

"What I can say from my personal experience is that...if there's any silver lining in it, that companies really learn their lessons and they...implement much stronger security measures," said Saikali at the November 15 meeting. "But I represented...some of the top Fortune 50 companies that spend billions of dollars in security, and they still have these major data breaches."

Saikali says regardless of how much an organization spends on cybersecurity, there will always be a risk of a data breach.

"It just happens, unfortunately," he said. "It's the world we live in. I'm not saying that excuses it. I'm just saying that's just sort of a reality of doing business these days."

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