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I'll go to Florida."**
**Is \$1 billion in art
leaving town?
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Bankruptcy sale of former Cité Restaurant

The fate of the former Cité Restaurant site got a little clearer after Hilco Real Estate, LLC [HRE] completed the bankruptcy sale of the 7,536 square feet of commercial space, including the penthouse space atop Lake Point Tower in Streeterville.

Bankruptcy trustee Robert Handler set a minimum bid of \$4 million, with Hilco getting a final price of \$4,680,000. A venture led by Jiazhao "Frank" Chen acquired Cité, according to Crain's.

Cité, the former high-end restaurant, filed for bankruptcy after calling Lake Point Tower home for over 30 years. The property includes a 4,706-square foot 70th floor penthouse unit and four commercial spaces on the building's second floor. It is the only commercial building east of Lake Shore Dr., and the top floor boasts a 360-degree view of the city.

"We are thrilled that the sale will allow Lake Point Tower to benefit from the potential value-add of an incoming restaurant that will be putting money into the space and, more importantly, will represent a significant building amenity," HRE VP Chet Evans told Connect CRE. He added that Hilco's sale process allowed the seller to maximize the property's value and minimize the time and costs that typical of a Subchapter V, Chapter 11 Bankruptcy sale process.

The building, at 505 N. Lake Shore Dr., opened as apartments in 1968, and construction of the entire structure was completed the following year. The Gouletas family's development firm, American Invesco, converted the building to 875 condo units in 1988.

Man who shot Mag. Mile restaurant manager, tied up employees during robbery, gets 46 years

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Chicago man has been sentenced to 46 years in prison for shooting a Magnificent Mile restaurant manager and tying up several of its employees during a robbery five years ago.

Marcus Norwood, 45, is scheduled to be paroled in May 2038 after serving half his sentence.

Norwood had recently been fired from Lawry's The Prime Rib, 100 E. Ontario, for fighting with another employee when he entered the restaurant at closing time on Oct. 29, 2017. He restrained three employees in a locker room with duct tape and zip ties and struck two of them in the head, likely with a hammer,

prosecutors said.

Moments after he took the three victims' valuables at gunpoint, the restaurant's manager entered the locker room and recognized Norwood.

"Marcus, what are you doing?" the manager asked, according to prosecutors.

Norwood replied, "Get on your knees, motherf*cker," and shot the manager in the arm. His gun jammed when he tried to fire it again.

As the crime unfolded, another employee who was in a restroom still heard what was going on and texted people for help.

Chicago police arrested Nor-

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Saks Off 5th returns to State St., but office vacancies, public transportation struggling

After closing their store in 2019, Saks Off 5th is returning to State St. in the Loop. The discount apparel retailer said it's reopening a store at 6 S. State St., along with an additional location in Chicago. The move will lower the retail vacancy rate on State St.

According to Crain's, Saks Off 5th was among the bigger retail tenants on the Loop shopping strip, opening its 23,500-square-foot store there in 2016. Though the store has been closed since 2019, the chain, a unit of Toronto-based Hudson's Bay, still controls the space through its original long-term lease with the owner of the property, a joint venture between New York-based Madison Capital and Bethesda, Md.-based ASB Capital Management.

Five Below and shoe merchant JD Sports—Saks' neighbor to the south—have also opened stores on State St. recently. The Central Loop's retail vacancy rate was 23.1% at the end of 2021, down from 26.1% in mid-2021 but still well above 14.7% in 2019, according to Chicago retail brokerage Stone Real Estate.

But more retailers are seriously shopping for space on the street, retail broker Luke Molloy, senior vice president in the Chicago office of CBRE, told Crain's. He's encouraged by the return of Saks.

"It's a sign that things are coming back," he said.

The recovery in downtown office vacancies is still struggling, with the Chicago Loop Alliance

[CLA] reporting a 49% occupancy rate at the end of September. (In Sept. 2021 the rate was 34%).

The CLA says the hotel occupancy [76%] and pedestrian impressions have also dipped again at the summer travel season came to an end.

Meanwhile, public transportation ridership numbers remain pathetic, at just 57% for the CTA and 37% for Metra.

Presently, people heading downtown continue to prefer to take their own cars, as garage parking is booming. Parking reservations are at 149%, whereas in 2019, before the pandemic and recent escalation of crime, shootings and violence, they were at

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Plan Commission signs off on Near North Side affordable housing project

On Dec. 18 the Chicago Plan Commission approved plans for a new affordable housing project on Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] property in the shadows of the former Cabrini Green complex.

The Parkside of Old Town will be built on two separate lots near each other at 520 W. Hobbie and 542 W. Elm streets.

The multi-building plans by Holsten Real Estate will rise on the former site of the Cabrini Green complex, one of the most notorious CHA developments in Chicago history.

The project is done in collaboration with Holsten, the CHA and the Cabrini Green Community Development Corp. Local design firm Landon Bone Baker Architects are the designers.

Both parts of this proposed project will now require a zoning change during this month's City Council meeting. Ground-breaking is anticipated for sometime in mid-2023, with work expected to be done around Dec. 2024. No overall cost of the proposals has been announced.

The smaller of the two lots is on Elm St., where the new building will rise three-stories and 42-feet right behind the eight-story Larrabee Place Apartments. It will replace what is now mostly



520 W. Hobbie St.

Courtesy Landon Bone Baker

an existing surface parking lot.

A large part of the Elm St. site will be occupied by a new playground and dog park, along with landscaped areas and new bike racks.

The building will contain six residential units made up completely of three-bedroom layouts averaging around 1,350 square-

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A farewell to AIC's paintings and their frames, they're off to Florida



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It appears that very quietly, in the still of a Chicago night, Art Institute of Chicago trustee, Ken Griffin, the billionaire collector of great art, had several of his great masterpieces moved out of the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC].

They were shipped to their new home, The Norton Museum, a West Palm Beach, Florida institution of growing national importance.

Griffin's actions become more potent when examined against the climate of mistrust and suspicions about the AIC. That would be since their shocking display of poor leadership earlier this year in invoking a regime of woke culture within the confines of Chicago's longtime home of fine art.

Chicagoans, though, are too familiar with a long urban history for local shenanigans not to second guess the realities behind the actions of the talented and intelligent Citadel Financial guru.

Griffin's love and respect for great art flows from much more than his great fortune and skill for making smart art purchases. You know, he doesn't blink when a price tag reaches \$300 million. Just ask David Geffen, the founder of Dream Works.

Griffin is way more substantive. First and foremost, a student of great art and artists, demonstrating his respect for great painting. Especially the historical movements in American art.

He is a Chicago-cut celebrity, but deep down he will always be a Florida boy whose abilities to command in the financial markets

has permitted him to amass a vast fortune of almost unthinkable wealth. Some say \$2 billion a year.

In spite of such wealth and intelligence, a certain moral generosity has shaped his success that has come to benefit a wide circle of the nation's citizens.

He appears energized by great art and seems to find deep value in its ability to transform his fellow Americans. I prefer it to the more austere style of titans of our city's past like Potter Palmer and Marshall Field.

Griffin has a certain modern humanism about his efforts that is hard not to like. There is dignity and civility in his art collecting. A certain humor.

He also appeared to have the proper Chicago sense of X-ray vision that sees through what's cheap, shady and ill-construed in a deal. That's a handy gift to have if you are going to make your fortune in Illinois.

It's interesting to note what paintings were shipped out of the AIC. They tell us a lot about Griffin's artistic sensibilities. As he is of course possessed of a fine artistic sense of taste and understanding. And that's certainly wed to his elegant Harvard education.

So he can be as "outré" as he chooses. From what he buys I think his sensibilities demonstrate a broadly masculine, erudite, modern, abstract reverence for what painting has meant in America over the long stretch of the 20th century.

He genuinely understands the unfolding magic in the works he purchases. Works of art are not his trophies, but rather valued companions for the journey of self understanding. I'm certain he cherishes the unique beauty they display with modern simplicity.

That's deeply true of the works he sent to West Palm Beach, an area that is just beginning its wander through the world of great art.

The story of the transfer of Griffin's art was first broken by Vanity Fair. And comes following the AIC's full embrace of woke philosophy. The main driving force behind their dismissal of all longtime volunteers for basically being over-privileged. And the hiring of paid museum staffers.

Inside the museum, AIC board members are said to have been at odds, internally, with one another regarding such public policies causing deep conflicts over the strange actions wrought by the museum's support of woke culture policies.

Griffin, on the other hand, has been a generous and valued mem-



(L-R) Roy Lichtenstein's masterwork, "Ohhh...Alright..." (1964). Ken Griffin.



Among those works so quietly removed are Mark Rothko's "No. 2" (Blue, Red and Green) (Yellow, Red, Blue on Blue), 1953.

And Roy Lichtenstein's masterwork, "Ohhh...Alright..." (1964).

Plus an untitled work of the monochromist Robert Ryman.

Abstract-expressionism is boldly represented in that group by the great Dutch-American artist Willem de Kooning, in his masterpiece "Interchange," and by American Jackson Pollock's "Number 17A."

All are now on display at the Norton Museum in sunny West Palm Beach. Moved to their new home in poetic artistic quietude. You could hardly hear the museum doors close. It was all that quiet. Even for the gossip, rumor-clad conversations of the art world museums.

In shocked silence is more like it. Artistic earth tremors is closer to the truth. Hold on to your pince-nez.

Griffin is on record as saying he wants South Florida families, students and visitors to experience these works and be uplifted by them, as well as the thousands of works of art on display at the museum named for the steel magnate Ralph Hubbard Norton.

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ber of that board. He's a team player who encourages his mates, and always struggles to maintain an esprit corps. He must have been scratching his noggin over the antics within the board?

Always willing to provide wide financial leverage with enhanced purchases for the AIC's permanent collection, who can forget his quick purchase of the Jean Michel Basquiat work "Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump," for well over \$100 million?

It appears his vision is expanding with his move back to Miami. He has also been deeply embracing of the exciting world of South Florida where he has now set up his public and private bases.

It was only a matter of time before the AIC's poor leadership and frightened embrace of the racialist philosophy of woke culture would chase away the generous sustaining donors of real intelligence.

The effects of their poor decisions begin to spotlight real life among museum supporters. Bequests from many regular members is also believed to be falling off because of these policies, especially the bitter dismissal of volunteers. Have a cocktail at the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest and listen.

Griffin's gift of \$20 million to the Norton Museum gave him the naming rights for the museum's new wing. The Norton expansion is by Foster + Partners, and features the new 59,000-square-foot Kenneth C. Griffin Building. To the delight of Ghislain d'Humieres, the museum's CEO.

This drama is a great peek under the tent of that most ubiquitous of institutions, the fine arts museum. Not a place comfortable with outside snoopers taking a peak. The sacred domain of fine art collections is supposed to be the private sanctuary of the specialist. You know, the dilettante

expert. The superior person of over-the-top intelligence. The grandee who has command of their own empire of vast collections of public financial support. And even more vast resources of successful philanthropic donors.

In our historic past many donors were people who had pulled themselves up by their bootstraps. They had vast fortunes and often little education. No ivy halls of posh education for them. So frequently they spent their lives at the mercy of the more posh directors of museums and fancy art centers. So often

they could operate with a certain amount of privacy over their conduct and their payrolls.

Often the philosophical postures of their directors rarely entered into the scheme of everyday museum operations. Imagine the stunned look on Mrs. Potter Palmer's face had she been around for the "dismissal of the docents."

She would have quickly recognized the familiar patronizing tone of chauvinism in a world that had little room for women involved in fine arts affairs. After her lifetime of championing the role of American women artists, I think her judgment would be quick. And final. Few Impressionists of her famed collection would have wound up on the walls of the AIC.

But poor judgements are often the reckoning of even the most august institutions.

Perhaps a donor having an annual income larger than most small nations has given Griffin the courage and spine to properly respond. Maybe after observing

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Three Arts gives out life-changing grants



**Heart
of the 'Hood**
by Felicia Dechter

The 15th annual 3Arts Awards celebration was held recently and nearly \$500,000 was given out to Chicago's women artists, artists of color, and deaf and disabled artists.

What a sweet holiday gift for these lucky and talented folks. We congratulate those who were awarded and we want to introduce you to a couple of them from our coverage area. Each was the recipient of \$30,000.

Rogers Parker Akenya Seymour is a multi-genre singer, pianist, composer, and arranger. Her music is an eclectic synthesis of jazz, hip-hop, soul, pop, classical, and world music, and Seymour has collaborated with influential artists including locals Chance the Rapper, the legendary Mavis Staples and more. Her debut chamber orchestral piece, Fear the Lamb - a tribute to the life of Emmett Till, was commissioned and premiered by Palaver Strings and featured on their debut album Ready or Not.

She has performed her music globally and is preparing to release her first full-length album, Moon in the 4th.

Seymour said a large chunk of her grant will go toward helping her finish the upcoming record. She also will live off of some of the money, and pay off some debt among other things, she said.

"I've already used some of this money toward some charitable causes, whether it's donating supplies to shelters, helping contribute toward medical expenses, or helping pay someone's rent," said Seymour. "I'll also be putting money in a lot of Chicago artists' pockets by being able to adequately pay them for their time in helping me finish my album."

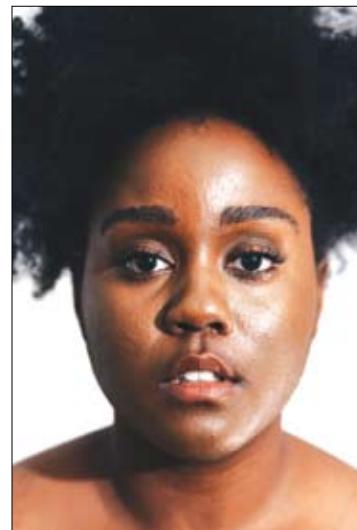
The 3Arts genuinely cares about "furthering the creative spirit of the artist and that is so needed in today's world," said Seymour.

"Artists create the cultural shifts that bring us into new paradigms, yet there is often so little support for us," she said. "This organization has truly shown its investment in the care and uplifting of artistic communities, especially those who are underrepresented and marginalized."

Seymour will be performing at a New Year's party and will hit the stage for abortion rights at Schuba's in January. She's also working on putting together a short late spring/summer run to promote Moon in the 4th.

Receiving the money has been a resounding sense of affirmation, she said. "It can be very hard to be an independent musician, and so getting this recognition, especially from an organization that is so rooted in celebrating artistic greatness in Chicago, has made me feel seen and affirmed in my purpose."

Since its founding in 1912 as The Three Arts Club of Chicago by activist Jane Addams and other visionaries, women have been leading the 3Arts organization in its mission to support under-represented artists. In addition to marking the 110th anniversary of the founding of The Three Arts Club of Chicago, 2022 also marks 20 years of women-led leadership under its excellent executive director, Esther Grimm, who has helped grow the awards to include all performing arts disciplines and be the largest grant program for teaching artists



(L-R) The 3Arts grant recipients Akenya Seymour and Omer Abbas Salem. Abby Laczkowski, her daughter Elise, and son Chase. Daughter Tessa was home sick, but Santa Randy is holding her letter.

in the country.

"The 3Arts is more than a granting organization: it is truly a community of artists supporting each other and coming together to enrich and empower our great city," Grimm said.

Another local recipient, Lincoln Square resident Omer Abbas Salem, is an actor and playwright working in our theater community every day. Salem said he is work-shopping a few plays with some different Chicago theaters, and that his next, fully-produced play will be with Jackalope Theatre, located in the Broadway Armory, in the spring.

When he heard the great grant news, "It was a shock," said Salem. "I was walking my dog and we had to stop so that I could shout a bit and be a surprised mess. It took me a couple of days to tell anyone and even then it didn't feel real yet."

"It will make life easier!" Salem exclaimed. "This gift feels like a huge relief in that already it makes it easier to make art. This is the most supported I've felt by any organization."

"We get information about events, meet-ups, grants and awards, residencies, you name it. They really make it possible for artists to make more art and that's the biggest service."

In its 15-year history, 3Arts has distributed a whopping \$5.8 million in direct grants and supported more than 1,800 artists across all program areas. We wish all the recipients the best of luck and want to also be sure to mention Albany Park's Peregrine Bermas, a teaching artist who also received a grant.

We're looking forward to seeing what these talented folks do next!

Taylor made... this info came from Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI), and its involving one of my very favorite places, the Black Ensemble Theatre (BET) in Uptown.

CNI is partnering with BET, "to expand its long-standing theatre site and adjacent properties into a cultural center for artists and community use." The info said that when completed, the 'Free to BE' village will offer affordable housing, geared towards but not exclusively for artists; a media, film and technology education and training center also for professional and community use; and the Jackie's Soul, a soul and Southern food restaurant. "Great progress on the \$47 million project has been made with sites secured, city approvals in process and fund-raising moving steadily ahead," the info said.

This just adds so much to this theater that has already brought so much to its community.

It sounds awesome, especially Jackie's Soul, because besides the fact that I'm sure

it's going to be some amazing soul food, the name is apropos because founder Jackie Taylor has given her heart, and soul, to BET.

Good jump start, they just got a bonus in the recent omnibus bill that just passed in Congress... \$3 million is coming their way.

Very merry... was the Cocoa with Santa after school event held Dec. 14 in a park tucked away in the Lincoln Park community, Adams Park, 1919 N. Seminary Ave. The sweet afternoon was sponsored by the Adam's Park Advisory Council, which is made up of neighborhood parents who support the functioning of a park, or in this case four parks: Adams, Clybourn, Privet and Park #535, a toddler park at Wisconsin and Halsted streets.

The advisory council works with Chicago Park District Supervisor Colleen Felke to support the park, throw events, and make suggestions regarding park issues. "We've helped rebuild all four parks mentioned, along with updating the Adams Park water park in 2018 raising \$30,000 on a GoFundMe to match (former Ald. Michele) Smith's grant," said emeritus member Randy Steinmeyer, a Lincoln Parker who is the current liaison with the RANCH board of directors, as park chairman, and he also doubled as Santa. "We produce a concert series called Third Thursday over the summer for neighbors and their families. That's a sample of the types of things we do for the Adam's PAC."

The PAC's president, Abby Laczkowski, and treasurer Kate Burks came up with the idea and Steinmeyer, who happens to be an actor, played one of his finest roles, that of

the Big Guy in Red.

"I volunteered to be Santa, because I'd done it before," said Steinmeyer. "I was a store Santa at the downtown Carson Pirie Scott while a student at the Goodman School of Drama in 1981."

Thanks Randy and we love the pic.

Final thought... A wonderful, smart, and beautiful 10-year-old young lady that I know spent Christmas in the hospital, having surgery to correct a problem that's part of her ongoing treatment against brain cancer, which she has successfully battled since she was three-years-old.

When I heard the news it put life into perspective, and reminded me what's really important at holiday time and every day of my life. All of our lives. There's nothing more precious than time and good health and being able to be with your loved ones.

We wish you all just that and more in 2023. May it be a year filled with spending time with those you love and making amazing memories, the best of health, and lots and lots of happiness.

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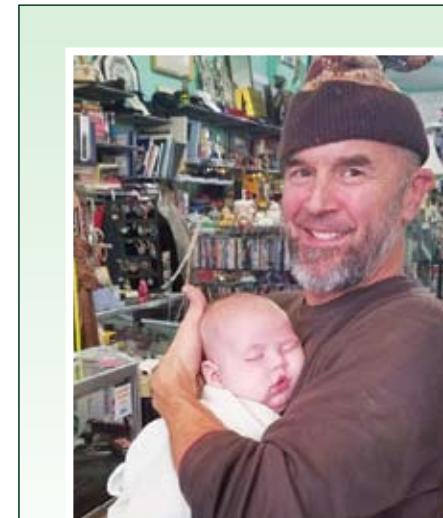
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(80% of AMI for Chicago is \$58,350 for a single person, \$66,700 for two people, and \$83,350 for a family of four.)

Enrollment will be accepted until April 1, 2023, or until all funds have been exhausted. The application package is available online at www.chicago.gov/ehtp or by calling 312-744-3653.

For those suffering from high energy costs, People's Gas is offering low income home energy grants, also based on your income. To see if you're eligible to apply, call 800-571-2332.

For customers who have fallen behind on their bills, but don't qualify for financial assistance, arrangements are available to help pay and manage heating bills this winter.

Elevate, an energy equity nonprofit, is conducting outreach for their own savings program. They are seeking buildings with three units or more to be assessed to determine the energy-saving projects they qualify for. Projects such as air sealing and insulation, pipe insulation, and HVAC equipment replacements are examples of projects that can be completed from start to finish via the program at little to no cost.

To initiate a free energy assessment visit www.multifamily-portal.com and fill out the online form.

DePaul offering free game tickets through Jan. 11

DePaul Univ. athletics is offering Chicago residents a chance to attend a DePaul men's or women's basketball game for free through Jan. 11, 2023.

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Chicago housing market may be flying into rough 2023 skies



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The Chicago housing market likely will be flying through some dark clouds and rough skies in 2023.

One of the biggest mountains on the horizon is the cost of mortgage finance, experts say. Although benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates trended downward to 6.27% from 7.08% over the past six weeks, the Federal Reserve Board is still struggling to control inflation.

The Fed boosted its key short-term funds rate for the seventh time this year to a range of 4.25% to 4.5% in December—its highest level in 15 years. Forecasters say it is likely that the rate will reach a range of 5% to 5.25% by the end of 2023, causing mortgage interest rates to rise past 7% again.

On Dec. 22, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that 30-year home-loan rates slipped slightly to 6.27% from 6.31% a week earlier.

What a difference a year makes—the 30-year loan average was a near rock bottom 3.05% in late Dec. 2021. On Dec. 22, 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 5.69%, up from 5.54% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed loans averaged only 2.30%.

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

"Rates have declined significantly over the past six weeks, which is helpful for potential home buyers, but new data indicates homeowners are hesitant to list their homes, noted Sam Katter, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

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"Many of those prospective home sellers are carefully weighing their options because more than two-thirds of current homeowners have a fixed-mortgage rate of below 4%."

Analysts say potential home buyers are experiencing sticker shock due to today's higher monthly mortgage payments without a corresponding decrease in home prices. That's one reason why demand for mortgages is the lowest we've seen in 25 years.

The Home Front column also sees bumps in the road next year:

North Side landlords—especially commercial property owners—are especially nervous because the first installment of the 2022 real estate tax bill is due on March 1, 2023, only two months after the second installment of the 2021 bill must be paid on Dec. 31, 2022.

Inflation slowing? While inflation is miles away from the Fed's goal of 2%, the economy is getting better. Consumer prices rose 7.1% in November, compared with the same month a year ago. That was down sharply from 7.7% in October, and a peak of 9.1% in June.

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Kaigi. Reassessment increases ranged from 38% to 55% in Lincoln Park and Old Town.

Landlords vs. renters: Rental apartment management is a business designed to make a profit. So, if real estate taxes rise, apartment owners eventually will increase rents. If utility bills and maintenance costs rise, rents eventually will move higher.

"If the demand is there, landlords will find a way to absorb the increased costs of operating their buildings by passing rising expenses along to their tenants in the form of higher rents," explained veteran Chicago landlord Stuart Handler, CEO of TLC Management.

Why don't more renters buy? Faced with hefty rent hikes when new leases are drafted in spring and summer of 2023, one wonders why more renters don't opt to become homeowners?

It is simple economics. As long as home-loan interest rates stay high, the average income of renters in Chicago isn't quite enough to allow them to afford an entry-level home.

As of Oct. 2022, when interest rates on a 30-year fixed loan were 7%, the average household income needed to cover a mortgage payment on a Chicago starter home was \$63,400. However, the average income of renters was only \$43,600, according to Point2 Homes research. Chicago renters earn only 69% of the income needed to become first-time homeowners.

Apparently, the nation's home-building industry is studying the trend. In the 1940s, 70% of all new starter homes were built for veterans returning from World War II. By the 1980s, that number declined to 40%. In 2019, the first-time new-home buyer market shrank to 7%, according to Census Bureau figures.

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.



Name a snowplow

The City of Chicago is encouraging residents to name a Chicago Snowplow. The inaugural contest closes on Jan. 6, 2023, or when the City receives 20,000 submissions whichever comes first.

The Dept. of Streets and Sanitation will choose 50 finalists. In the second phase, which will begin on Jan. 15, 2023, residents may vote for up to six names of their choice. The contest ends Jan. 31, 2023.

To participate visit <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/streets.html>.

Gas taxes going up Jan. 1

BY PATRICK ANDRIESSEN

Plenty of us are on the road this holiday season, with record-high travel across the nation.

Travel tip for all our neighbors: Before crossing back into Illinois, fill up on gas on the other side of the border.

Filling up for the trip is pricey in Illinois and will get even pricier on Jan. 1, 2023. Gas taxes are going up again.

Illinois gas taxes are already No. 2 in the U.S. and are about to go up again Jan. 1. Happy New Year!

The AAA year-end holiday travel forecast predicts 2 million more motorists will drive 50 miles or more to visit friends and family this December, 10.3%

more than the pre-pandemic decade average.

Despite November gas prices reaching their most expensive price point in the past 21 years – 29¢ more than the same time last year – more than 90% of Americans will elect to travel by car this holiday.

The region including Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan is expected to see more than 17.1 million drivers on the road between Dec. 23, 2022, and Jan. 2, 2023.

The average gallon of gas in Illinois cost \$3.39 in mid-December, 20¢ more than the national average and 63¢ more than neighboring Missouri. While these prices are down from a month ago, Illinoisans still pay 24¢ more

Data from the Tax Foundation found Illinois' average gas tax rate became the second highest in the nation after Gov. J.B. Pritzker doubled the state tax from 19¢ to 38¢ in 2019 to fund his \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois initiative.

per gallon than anywhere else in the Midwest.

And inside Chicago city limits, that cost is even higher. For those traveling within the state, leave Chicago before you stop to fill up.

Fake 'city inspector' scamming business owners

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are warning about a scam artist who poses as a city worker to bilk North Side businesses out of cash.

The man seen in these images entered a business in the 6400 block of N. Sheridan around 11:15 a.m. Dec. 13 and claimed to be an inspector who was checking on a gas leak, according to a CPD community alert.

Police said the man spent time walking around inside the business and then demanded payment for "services" while claiming to be a City of Chicago employee.



This man poses as a city worker to scam businesses out of money, according to a Chicago police alert. *Photo courtesy Chicago Police Dept.*

On Tuesday, the Oak Lawn Patch reported that the man posed as an electrical inspector and stole a cash box from a bar in the suburb.

People with information about the man can call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding case #JF-508874.

Argyle Lunar New Year Celebration Jan. 28

The Argyle Lunar New Year celebration will take place this year in Uptown from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. The popular New Years parade will step off at 1 p.m. at Argyle and Winthrop.

Due to CTA construction work, the parade is being rerouted. The parade will head west on Argyle, north on Broadway, east on Winona, and south on Sheridan back to Argyle. The parade will not be proceeding down Ainslie this year.

Co-sponsored by Uptown United and Ald. Harry Osterman [48th], events will take place on Argyle St. as Uptown continues an annual tradition going back over 40 years of celebrating the Lunar New Year.

To welcome the Year of the Rabbit, the parade will feature more than 20 local community groups, cultural institutions, dancers and performers. In addition, a number of local organizations are planning pop-ups with family-friendly activities that day.

Since 1981, Uptown has celebrated the start of the new Lunar Year with parties, programming, food, and art. For kids, the Year of the Rabbit Storytime and Crafts will take place noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Beazian Library, 1226 W. Ainslie St.

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Data from the Tax Foundation found Illinois' average gas tax rate became the second highest in the nation after Gov. J.B. Pritzker doubled the state tax from 19¢ to 38¢ in 2019 to fund his \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois initiative.

He also added an automatic annual inflation adjustment each July, but delayed the 2022 hike until after the election. That hike hits Jan. 1 and is expected to take the state tax from 39.2¢ per gallon to 42.4¢ a gallon. Come July 1 the automatic increase hits again – meaning two tax hikes in 2023 – and is expected to put the state gas tax at 44.3¢ a gallon.

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Police Beat...

FBI seeks two men who robbed Uptown bank branch



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The FBI's Chicago field office has released surveillance images of two men who robbed an Uptown bank. The agency is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 "for information leading directly to the arrest and conviction" of the men.

Working together, the men robbed Huntington Bank inside Jewel-Osco, 4355 N. Sheridan, around 10:10 a.m. Dec. 10, the FBI said. The pair demanded money by passing a note to the teller.

The FBI did not release any descriptions of the men other than of the clothing seen in the surveillance images. A Chicago police officer who responded to the scene said one robber was Hispanic and stood about 5'-6" tall, while the other was Black and about 5'-8" tall.

Anyone with information about the men can contact the FBI at 312-421-6700.

Slow-poke catalytic converter crew graciously waves another driver to pass as they work in West Rogers Park

They may be the most courteous catalytic converter theft crew in Chicago — and probably one of the slowest. But a video of this three-man team at work on the North Side earlier this month shows how bold and carefree the city's catalytic converter crews are.

The video, taken on Dec. 3 in West Rogers Park, shows the team pulling up next to a vehicle around 6:12 a.m.

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Unlike the lightning-fast, armed crews that routinely steal catalytic converters in under a minute, this team takes a leisurely three minutes to complete its task.

And when another driver comes down the street, one crew member courteously waves them by while another vigorously cranks a floor jack.

Last month, federal authorities arrested 21 people who were allegedly part of a massive nationwide operation that trafficked and processed stolen catalytic converters. The ring, which officials said had revenues of at least \$545 million, even had its own apps, website, and formal shipping arrangements to make trafficking in the stolen parts easy.

But theft teams are still prowling the city, usually at night, to get a piece of the action.

Just three days after the video above was recorded, an off-duty Chicago police officer fired shots at a catalytic converter crew that pointed a gun at him in the Irving Park neighborhood. No injuries were reported.

A few days before Thanksgiving, another crew fired shots at a security guard who interrupted their work near a hotel in the South Loop. No injuries were reported there, either.

Man threw boyfriend's Goldendoodle to its death during an argument on Brown Line CTA platform

A Chicago man slammed his boyfriend's miniature Goldendoodle against a CTA station wall and threw it to its death during an argument Dec. 22 in Lakeview, prosecutors said.

Demetrice Spencer, 43, was allegedly seen arguing with his boyfriend, who was holding the dog, as they waited for a train at the Paulina Brown Line CTA station around 12:01 a.m. According to prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt, the video shows Spencer throwing items from the platform, including his own phone and a backpack.

At one point, Spencer picked up the dog, slammed it against the train station wall, and tossed it from the platform to its death, Dale-Schmidt said.

Spencer then left the train station, walked to the 2800 block of N. Ash-

land, and asked a convenience store employee to call the police so he could surrender, according to Dale-Schmidt.

Police found the dog dead beneath the El tracks with a leash still around its neck.

Dale-Schmidt said Spencer admitted to throwing the dog during a fight with his boyfriend. Prosecutors charged him with aggravated cruelty to animals.

Judge David Navarro ordered him to pay a \$5,000 bail deposit to be released. Spencer is prohibited from possessing or living with any animal while the case is pending, Navarro said.

Four teens in custody after stolen car crashes on Lake Shore Dr. following North Side robbery spree

Four teenagers, three of whom are just 14 years old, crashed a stolen Hyundai on Lake Shore Dr. after using it in a series of robberies on the North Side on Dec. 18, according to Chicago police reports.

Police announced that one of the 14-year-olds is charged with five counts of robbery for a robberies on Bittersweet and Cullom. Another 14-year-old is charged with two counts of robbery for a Cullom and Western robberies.

Around 12:35 p.m. Dec. 18, the group implied that they had a gun to rob a 35-year-old man in the Jewel-Osco parking lot, 3400 N. Western Ave., according to police records.

Minutes later, the group confronted a 32-year-old man and 35-year-old woman as they walked in the 1900 block of W. Cullom in North Center. Four offenders pointed a firearm at the couple and demanded their property, a Chicago police spokesperson said.

The robbers later confronted two men and two women, all in their 20s, during a robbery attempt in the 700 block of W. Bittersweet in Uptown.

Police officers spotted the crew's getaway car and followed it onto Lake Shore Drive. The vehicle spun out, crashed, and flipped over near the Bryn Mawr exit. A CPD crash report said the car struck a tree, went airborne, and landed on its roof. Eric Tendian tweeted video of a tow truck righting the car.

Two teenagers ran from the passenger side of the wreckage as police arrived, the report said. They were arrested at the scene. Two others ran from the crash site and were arrested near Kathy Osterman Beach.

Police found one of the Cullom robbery victims' wallets at the scene.

All four juveniles were taken to area hospitals to be checked out. One is 16 years old, and the other three are 14, according to CPD records.

The crashed car, a 2013 Hyundai, was reported stolen from the 900 block of West Bryn Mawr on Dec. 18.

Nine-time convicted burglar broke into Rogers Park home while on bail for breaking into Bucktown home

A nine-time convicted felon burglarized a Rogers Park home while he was on bail for burglarizing a home in Bucktown, prosecutors said on Dec. 21.

Michael Edwards, 42, was charged in June with burglarizing a home in the 1700 block of N. Winchester on Valentine's Day 2020. Prosecutors said the victim returned home and found their front door broken, their computer missing, and a glove on the floor.

Chicago police collected the glove, and tests of DNA material allegedly linked it to Edwards.

When police arrested Edwards on June 1, he allegedly told them that he could not possibly be the burglar because he stopped committing bur-



Frank Vargas (inset).

Crypto trader had 16 lbs of pot-infused gummies in his car during traffic stop

A Lakeview man had 16 lbs of cannabis-infused gummies in his car during a traffic stop on the North Side, prosecutors said. And Chicago police say they found nearly 10 pounds of marijuana in his back seat.

Chicago police pulled Frank Vargas over for a traffic violation in the 5400 block of N. Sheridan shortly before 9 p.m. Dec. 19 and "smelled fresh, unsmoked cannabis" as they spoke with him, prosecutors said. The cops also saw bags of pot in a cardboard box in Vargas' backseat and small baggies of suspected cannabis on his center console, according to the allegations.

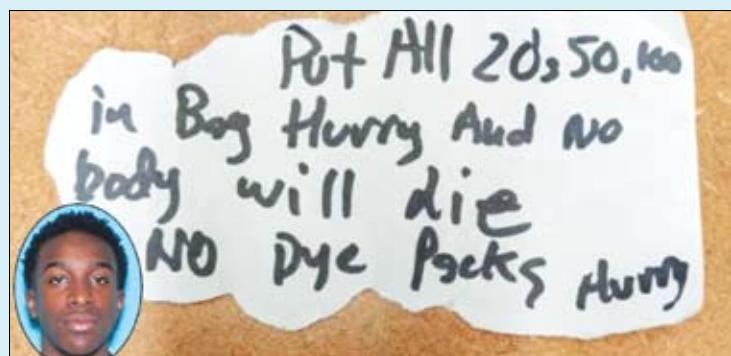
Officers searched Vargas' vehicle and allegedly found eight large, clear bags containing 9.9 lbs of suspected cannabis inside the cardboard box. They also found 16 lbs of cannabis-

infused gummies divided between two large bags, according to the allegations. The contraband has a total street value of \$49,550, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said he was convicted of manufacture-delivery of a controlled substance in Cole County in 2014.

Vargas, according to his private defense attorney, is a self-employed crypto trader with a master's degree in communications.

Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered Vargas to pay a \$6,500 bail deposit to get out of jail. He is charged with manufacture-delivery of more than 5,000 grams of cannabis and possessing more than 5,000 grams of cannabis.



Myles Thorpe (inset) and his bank robbery note.

Fifty-two minutes after landlord demanded rent payment, Lakeview man robbed a North Side bank

A 19-year-old Lakeview man robbed a Boystown bank on Dec. 19, less than an hour after his landlord threatened to begin eviction proceedings if he didn't pay past-due rent, federal officials said in court documents.

Chicago police located Myles Thorpe near his home in the 400 block of W. Diversey after following a GPS tracker that the bank's teller hid in a stack of cash.

An FBI agent's complaint against Thorpe said his landlord knocked on his door 52 minutes before the robbery to demand payment of \$1,924.75 in back rent.

Just before 2 p.m., Thorpe allegedly slid a note under the teller's glass at a Huntington Bank branch located inside Jewel-Osco, 3531 N. Broadway.

"Put All 20, 50, 100 in Bag Hurry And No body will die No dye Packs Hurry," the note read.

While the teller complied with the

demand, Thorpe allegedly told her that he wanted the \$10 bills, too. He got away with \$2,141 — and a GPS tracker, the FBI agent alleged.

Various cameras recorded Thorpe as he left the apartment building before the robbery, arrived at the Jewel on a bike, committed the robbery, and bicycled down Broadway to get home, the agent wrote. The complaint included a picture of Thorpe wearing an orange camouflage hoodie that appeared similar to one worn by the bank robber.

Chicago police followed the GPS pings and saw a man matching the bank robber's description enter Thorpe's apartment building. Thorpe allegedly ran up the alley as police closed in. Officers who arrested him in the 400 block of W. Surf found the GPS tracker nearby, according to the federal complaint.

glaries around that time because he was on drugs. But after being confronted with the DNA evidence, he acknowledged that he did commit burglaries with two White guys named Jason and Chris, prosecutors allege.

Judge Charles Beach allowed Edwards to go home by posting a \$2,500 deposit bond.

While out on bail, prosecutors said Edwards burglarized a Rogers Park couple's home on Sept. 23.

The victims were awakened around 2:40 a.m. by a burglar alarm in their home in the 1200 block of W. Columbia. They went downstairs and found a front window open, items out of

place, a wallet missing, and a small bat and a pry tool on the porch, prosecutors said.

Surveillance video allegedly showed the burglar moving toward the home's front window, forcing open the front door, and jumping the home's back fence. Chicago police officers identified Edwards as the offender by searching a database of known burglars, prosecutors said.

Edwards' felony convictions include a 2019 theft, four burglaries in 2014, identity theft in 2013, resi-

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Four men charged after stolen truck containing three guns crashed into Lincoln Park monument

BY CWBCHICAGO

Charges have been filed against four men who allegedly ran from a stolen pickup truck after crashing it into the Goethe Memorial statue in Lincoln Park on Dec. 19.

Chicago police had been looking for the Dodge Ram 1500 TRX since it was used by a gunman who fired an AR-15 rifle and a handgun at a man near Lake View High School on Dec. 17, officials said.

Officers spotted the truck, which was stolen in November and bore a separately-stolen license plate, speeding east on Diversey Pkwy. near Sheridan around 2 a.m. As Chicago cops watched, the truck slammed into a tree, then plowed into the base of the towering Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Monument near Diversey and Sheridan Rd., prosecutors said.

Four men who allegedly ran from the vehicle were arrested after foot chases.

Police found a semi-automatic rifle and a handgun on the truck's rear floorboard and another handgun in the front passenger area, according to prosecutors. Investigators are conducting DNA and fingerprint tests on the weapons to determine if any of the men possessed the firearms, according to a Chicago police report.

Luis Rodriguez, 28, is charged with possession of a controlled substance and criminal trespass



Victor Galarza and Luis Rodriguez (Inset: mugshots left to right) are charged in connection with Monday's crash of a stolen truck into the Goethe Monument in Lincoln Park.

to a vehicle. Prosecutors said he was carrying \$9,185 in cash and two plastic bags containing suspected crack cocaine in a fanny pack when police arrested him. Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered him to pay a \$5,000 bail deposit to be released.

She also held him without bail for violating bond on a set of similar allegations stemming from a traffic crash in River North on Oct. 29. In that case, a stolen Audi crashed in the 100 block of W. Hubbard, and a paramedic told police that they saw a man dressed in a banana costume run from the Audi, then return to the scene and rummage through the wreckage, according to CPD records.

Rodriguez, wearing a banana costume, returned to the scene again when police were present. In his arrest report, officers noted he was "the only person in the area wearing a banana costume."

Police said he tossed a bag containing about \$2,500 worth of cocaine shortly before they arrested him.

Police allegedly recovered a loaded handgun with an extended magazine from the Audi's driver's door, but Rodriguez is not charged with possessing it. He has previous convictions for unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 2018, two narcotics cases in 2017, and burglary in 2012.

Also charged in connection with Monday's incident is Victor Galarza, 22. Prosecutors said he had a prescription bottle containing 11 pills of doxycycline. But Garza's defense attorney said the medicine is his girlfriend's acne treatment and has no recreational use. McCarthy ordered Garza to pay a \$2,000 bail deposit on charges of possessing a controlled substance and criminal trespass to a vehicle. Galarza has a pending DUI case.

Two 18-year-old men are also charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle: Yahir Rodriguez and Michael Smith. Mugshots for Yahir Rodriguez and Smith were not immediately available because the Chicago Police Dept. embargoed misdemeanor mugshots for four days.



Johnny Cobbs (Inset) faces felony charges of identity theft and illegal possession of a credit card.

Identity theft charge for man who allegedly crawled on movie theater floor, went through purses

BY CWBCHICAGO

Prosecutors say a retired New York City police officer became suspicious when he saw a man crawling around on the floor of a Lakeview movie theater this month. And his curiosity led to Chicago police arresting a man for allegedly stealing the identity of an 81-year-old woman.

Last week, the retired cop called 911 after seeing Johnny Cobbs, 44, "crawling around on the floor in the dark movie theater and reaching into people's purses," prosecutor Rhianna Biernat said. According to a Chicago police report, the theater is located at 2828 N. Clark.

Cops searched the area and found Cobbs in the 600 block of W. Diversey. Biernat said that officers ran his name and found that he had two outstanding warrants: one for a robbery in 2019 and another for escaping electronic monitoring.

Cobbs was found with two credit cards belonging to women, a residential ID in the name of another man, and two \$200 Visa gift cards, according to a CPD report. One of the cards belonged to an 81-year-old woman from Lincoln Park. On Dec. 2, she reported that her stolen credit card had been used fraudulently.

Coincidentally, the woman's card had been used to make a purchase at a restaurant and bar just steps away from where police arrested Cobbs last week. A bartender there told police they remembered Cobbs and noticed that the name on his ID didn't match the woman's name on the credit card, Biernat said. But the bartender processed the transaction anyway and noted Cobb's name on the receipt.

Police could not locate the woman whose name appeared on the other card Cobbs allegedly had, a CPD report said. The officers could not find any victims at the movie theater either.

Cobbs' public defender told Judge Susana Ortiz that he was on medication for a mental health issue and he could not afford to pay any money for bail.

Yet, after Ortiz ordered Cobbs to pay a \$1,500 bail deposit to be released from custody, Cobbs spoke up to say he could pay \$1,000 if the judge would reduce the bail amount. She did.

Cobbs faces felony charges of identity theft and illegal possession of a credit card.

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Letters to the Editor

JG holds a python which will be on view today at the Conrad Sulzer Library.

Reptile Road Show at Sulzer Library today

The JG's Reptile Road Show will be taking their act to the Conrad Sulzer Library 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

The show is a live, hands-on, experience that brings guests an exciting, educational, interactive, and hands on experience with reptiles found all over the world.

The show will include a 15-foot python, a 65-lb tortoise, a baby alligator and creepers and crawlers.

Guests are part of the show and they will get to ask questions during the show, on top of being able to touch, pet, hold, and handle animals that one would usually only get to see through glass from far away at the zoo. The show's mission is to get as many kids and adults as possible to better understand, and have a new respect for reptiles and other misunderstood animals.

This is an in-person, free show, but reservations are requested at <https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/636d7e293e38fd2f00891899>.

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Remembering Walking Man

Thank you, Thomas O'Gorman, for remembering "Walking Man," Joseph Kromelis in your [Dec. 14] column. Very saddened by his passing - with mixed emotions, may his soul rest in peace.

I was dismayed to learn he had lived in an SRO for 30 years until the building was made into condos, at which time he and the other residents were turned out. Were there no advocates for Kromelis and the others? If Chicago is able to assist immigrants (and I believe all human beings are created in the image of God and should receive help when there is genuine need), I hope it is also able to assist susceptible residents at a time like that.

This was the second time Mr. Kromelis had been severely attacked on the street. Are there no

laws or protections to prevent vulnerable residents of SROs from simply being turned out onto the street during such a transition? If so, do they need adjustments? If not, this may be the time to create one. Perhaps called "Joseph's Laws," or "The Walking Man Law." It might bring some purpose from the pain and difficulty he endured on the street.

He was a very private, yet kind and sensitive man. He may have favored something that would help his peers. It would reflect Chicago in a positive way.

Additionally, in passing others on the street in the city, people seem to generally walk briskly past the homeless as they go on their way, while some may offer a little money for food. But I have also noticed, though rarely, oth-



James Kromelis, Walking Man.

ers who as they walk past, make a disparaging comment about them as if they were deaf, too, which is just another form of oppression. They are already so

defenseless, it may be a time to simply let them be.

Daleen Reed, Sandburg Village

A woke nativity scene

buddy told me he thought it was cultural appropriation by using blackface.

Then a niece got upset because I did not include a transgendered person of snow... then the neighbor lady came back and complained again because she thought I purposely built a voluptuous trans snowwoman that objectified females.

Then a teacher from the nearby grade school complained that I used charcoal for the snowpersons' eyes and thought that ridiculed green energy, while the vegan chef from the corner grill complained that I used a genetically modified carrot for the noses and cursed me as a meat-eater.

My fundamentalist evangelical Sun-Times paperboy complained that the snowpeople were not clothed and thought that was a sin. Then a Middle Eastern Uber driver stopped in the street, and shouted that the snowwoman's head should be covered in a scarf.

The feminist came back to

complain that the broom signified that I believed women should be subjugated to domestic housework, and then a neighborhood dog did his business and the dog owner did not pick it up.

That's when the Ward Superintendent stopped by and wrote me a ticket for the dog doo doo, and reminded me to make a donation to the fundraiser at his kids' school.

Alerted by the Ward Super-city inspector came by and wrote me tickets for creating a public display of art without a permit, and for not obtaining a building permit to erect a 24-inch tall nativity scene.

The Chicago Federation of Labor noticed the Nativity, and picketed my home because I did not hire union workers to put it up. They put up an 16-foot tall inflatable rat, but they didn't have a permit either, so the Ward Superintendent came back and wrote me another ticket for having a rat on my property and to encourage me to put an election sign in my

Why use TIF funds for Uptown's grocery-rich area?

Instead of just reporting that a new grocery store financed with Tax Increment Financing [TIF] funds will be at 4607 N. Broadway, the article in the Dec. 21 edition of the Inside-Booster should also have questioned why TIF funds were being used to put a grocery at that location when there are already many large grocery stores quite near to that location: Target and ALDI, next door to each other at around 4500 N. Broadway - one block away, the Jewel at Montrose and Broadway - two blocks away, Shop & Save, 4605 N. Sheridan Rd., and the plant-based XMarket, 804 W. Montrose.

TIF funds should only be used to put a grocery store - coop or otherwise - in an under-served neighborhood. This neighborhood hardly qualifies as under-served in terms of grocery stores.

Holly Reiter, Uptown

window for the alderman. The city inspector came me back and gave me another ticket for not having a permit for the rat.

Then the Montana militia picked my house for having an interracial snow couple and for associating with commies from the labor unions. That's when Antifa showed up to picket my home for associating with the Montana militia, and the City inspector came back and cited me for having a public assembly without a permit or a public amusement license for the crowd that was gathering. Then the Chicago Dept. of Health fined me because no one picketing me was wearing masks or socially distancing.

I don't think I'm gonna put up Peter Cottontail at Easter.

Mike Sullivan, Avondale

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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

v.
SHAHBEGUM ALI, PRATT-ARTESIAN CONDO-MINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

2022 CH 05045

6749 N. ARTESIAN AVENUE, APT. 2B

CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 3, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 24, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6749 N. ARTESIAN AVENUE, APT. 2B, CHICAGO, IL 60645

Property Index No. 10-36-407-037-1019

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$100,253.19.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 29 9610.

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Janet Owen, Carol Blaney Eshagh, Peggy Snorf, Sean Eshagh and Mamie Walton.



Laura Lein Cavanaugh



John E. Smyth

FAREWELL from p. 2

the antics of wokists at work in the AIC offices, he's found the energy surge he needed to scrap their worthless idolatry, and see in the sunny streets of West Palm Beach a better opportunity to actually lift American minds and hearts to the spirit of great art. Without the mindless misjudgments of museum politics or the crafty exploitation of trustees. Or even the AIC Millennials who don't know a paint brush from a toilet brush or a linen canvas from a linen hanky.

Art museums rarely serve artists or painters in the making of their art. Museums seem to be there to simply guard the treasure and find the cash. And to make sure the barricades are always fashioned high. For protection is the name of their game from philosophies to painting expressions, all for the benefit of being included in the bequest of someone's will or in the tax return of a generous patron who couldn't get a job now at the museum as an unpaid volunteer.

ABOUT TOWN: The coming of the holiday season is music to our ears. Sacred Heart School Sheridan Road Liturgical Choir sang at Winterfest in Roscoe Village. Grateful to the students for sharing their beautiful musical gifts and to everyone who supported them. It was a wondrous occasion.

NO FEE: Ald. Scott Waguespack reminds us of a new law, that there are no fines and fees for carjacking victims. House Bill 3772 removes any fees or fines when a vehicle that was stolen was caught on red light or speed cameras. So don't be a victim twice.

THE PAT SHE KNEW: Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** writes to let us know that the burial for **Pat Michalski** is today. "She moved among many people who thought they were one of kind. And some of them were. But even among these, it was Pat who was truly one of a kind. I have never met anyone like her," said Pappas.

"Her work ethic was off the charts. Her knowledge seemed infinite. There are 24 hours in a day but Pat seemed to be on duty for 25 hours. She seemed to know everyone in our ethnic communities, and they knew her. Her beloved husband **Harry** often accompanied Pat, a willing participant in his

irrepressible wife's labor of love. When Pat walked in, the event suddenly got better."

"Pat visited every ethnic and racial group and knew what was important to that group – knowledge that came to her with her keen observant intelligence and kind heart. If you were a person of any sort, Pat loved you. People sensed it, and returned the love."

"The work she did for my office can scarcely be described. There was before Pat and there was after Pat. Before Pat, we struggled to find our way across Chicago and Cook County. After Pat, no problem. Pat knew who was who, what was what and why it was so."

God bless Pat Michalski, who is in Heaven right now arranging the tables.

THE ADMIRAL: The Admiral at the Lake recently welcomed **Brit Vipham** as a new project manager. Brit is a seasoned financial professional with over 10 years of communication and business management experience in the field of construction. Brit shares her excitement about joining a non-profit rooted in Quaker values. Brit oversees the Admiral's strategic plan, and is also a key decision-maker for large capital projects, with work including the recently renovated Bistro.

ART NEWS: Many thanks to everyone who turned out to visit the studio and purchase art for Christmas. What great visits to my other place of work.

WHO'S WHERE: **Virginia and Al Shorey** at Amakhala Game Reserve, Eastern Cape, South Africa... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Elizabeth Bertucci** at Russian Tea Time for the best goulash in Chicago... **Paul R Iacono** and niece, **Jennifer Goodwin** at Butch McGuire's... **Carol Blaney Eshagh** hosting her annual Lake Shore Dr. Christmas lunch with her son **Sean Eshagh** and pals **Janet Owen**, **Barb Bailey**, and **Peggy Snorf**... **Kathy Packer** celebrating her yuletide birthday in Paris no less... **Jolanta Ruege** looking holiday gorgeous in red, Wesolych świąt, my dear... **Lee Bey** enjoying chicory coffee from Cafe du Monde in New Orleans...

Susie Fortsmann Kealy Viking River cruising on the Danube... Blackhawks outing at the United Center for **Irene Mohica**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Tina Gravel** and **JoAnn Fakhouri**... **John E. Smyth** in town from Florida singing with the Drudge... **Ken Norgan** toasting Christ-

mas cheer with **Matt Olaveson** and his wonderful neighbor **Mara Mills Barker**...

Meg Steele, looking Christmas chic in a great sweater, now Mother Madame and Head of Sacred Heart School Sheridan Rd... **Eamonn Cummins**, **Aaron Soboloski**, **Pennie Taylor** and **Cindy Leske** catching up on a Saturday evening with dynamic newlyweds... **John and Desiree Glapion Rogers** with their lovely daughter, **Victoria Rogers**, doing Christmas in Washington, DC.

CHRISTMAS BASH OF BASHES: Mayor **Shelley Howard** and Maestro **BJ Murray** celebrity hosting the 3rd Annual Biggest Lil Christmas Party and Sing Along at Marchesa on Wells St. What a night. Everyone's Pally "Elf On The Shelf" aka **Buttons Corduroy McCoy** was missed big time but managed to be there in spirit. What fun.

HOLIDAY CHEER: A smiling **Todd A. Smith**, a longtime Lincoln Park resident and a founding partner with **Brian LaCien** of Smith LaCien LLP, hosted a holiday party at Joe's Stone Crab for some 50 family, friends and colleagues. The personal injury law firm was ranked in Chicago

Lawyer as the number-one firm in mass tort/litigation for a \$42 million settlement and also listed in the magazine as among the top 10 personal injury firms for the total amount of recoveries.

SPECTACULAR BIRTHDAY BASH: Chicago designer Lauren Lein Cavanaugh had her almost Christmas birthday friends pull out all the stops on this high society soirée with food and bubbly only Marchesa on Wells could provide thanks to the inside helping of lovely **Nikki Friar**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Tina Gravel**, **Barb Bailey**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Elizabeth Bertucci**, **Elyse Kennard** and **Beena Joseph** all sang a harmonious Happy Birthday to our favorite girl.

NEW YEAR OUT, NEW YEAR IN: Cardinal **Blase Cupich** sends his best of blessings to all on the fresh 2023 year.

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. This year, I challenge you to start each day by writing down one thing you're grateful for.

- Willie Nelson

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POLICE BEAT from p. 6

dental burglaries in 2007 and 2002, burglary and two residential burglaries in 2000, and robbery in 1999.

His attorney said he has been working at a tattoo shop in Gurnee while working on his associate's degree.

Judge Kelly McCarthy ordered Edwards to pay a \$15,000 bail deposit to be released on electronic monitoring while the Rogers Park case is pending. Separately, she held him without bail for violating the conditions of his bond in the Bucktown burglary case.

Michael Edwards


After kicking woman onto Red Line CTA tracks, attacker told passersby she jumped in a suicide attempt

After kicking a woman onto the Red Line tracks as an "L" train pulled into the Chicago-State CTA station on Dec. 20, Donald Jackson called the woman a "b*tch" and told bystanders that she threw herself on the tracks in a suicide attempt, prosecutors alleged Wednesday. The attack was captured on CTA surveillance video.

Jackson, whom Chicago police identified in a press release by the alias Ashley Goss, was ordered held without bail by Judge Kelly McCarthy on a charge of attempted murder.

The 23-year-old victim was waiting for the incoming train when she felt a hard push to her back, and she fell onto the tracks below around 9:31 a.m. She missed the electrified third rail by a "very small distance," prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said

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during Jackson's bail hearing. Jackson and the woman had never met before or had any interactions, according to Dale-Schmidt.

Officials said the CTA train operator saw the woman fall and was able to stop the train as she hurried off the tracks.

After the woman fell, Jackson allegedly called her a "b*tch" and told other CTA customers not to help her because she had thrown herself from the platform. The woman suffered a laceration to her forehead and bruising on her body.

Chicago police used CTA and CPD surveillance cameras to track Jackson before, during, and after the attack. Officers, directed by a camera operator, arrested Jackson inside a Taco Bell near the train station.

Jackson was free on a recognizance bond for a misdemeanor battery case at the time of the alleged murder attempt. The battery case, filed in August, accuses him of hitting a downtown Dunkin' employee in the face because she refused to buy him a donut.

He was convicted of felony aggravated battery in 2011 and 2003. Dale-Schmidt said that the 2011 case resulted in 42 months of mental health confinement. He also has 11 misdemeanor convictions, most recently from 2010. In one of those cases, he allegedly knocked a victim's teeth out at an ATM.

Jackson's public defender, Mat-



Donald Jackson (inset) was free on recognizance bond for a misdemeanor battery case when he allegedly pushed a woman onto the CTA tracks.

thew Shepard, said he had not seen the CTA video, but he speculated that the incident could be a "mutual combat situation." Shepard claimed that Jackson was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps after serving three years.

Dale-Schmidt said Jackson has a history of providing false names and birthdates to law enforcement, putting him somewhere between 39 and 51 years old.

Men wearing ski masks dropped off a dead gunshot victim at downtown hospital

Police are investigating after two men wearing ski masks dropped off a gunshot victim at Northwestern Memorial Hospital Dec. 23. The injured man, 31, died.

Chicago police said a blue pickup truck arrived at the hospital, 251 E.

Huron, around 12:41 a.m. Two occupants of the truck delivered the victim, then drove away. Police said the man had suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Police had not received any reports of shots fired in the downtown area, and detectives are working to determine where the man was injured and who is responsible.

The victim has a history of making contact with Chicago police in West Town, particularly around Humboldt Park and Logan Square, according to CPD records.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSRMF MH MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST II Plaintiff,
-v.-
JENNIFER ALTOBELLI, 4132-4142 KENMORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2022 CH 03095
4134 N KENMORE AVE UNIT 1 CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 30, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 4134 N KENMORE AVE UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-17-401-073-1005 (14-17-401-027 underlying)
The real estate is improved with a condotownhouse.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagor acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Case Number: 2022 CH 03095
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Case # 2022 CH 03095
I3209631

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC Plaintiff,
-v.-

STACY K EPPEN A/K/A STACY KRISTIN EPPEN, DANE EPPEN A/K/A DANE GREGORY EPPEN, BERKSHIRE BANK, 625-33 W. BARRY AVENUE CONDOMINIUM Defendants
22 CH 05076
631 WEST BARRY AVENUE UNIT 3G CHICAGO, IL 60657
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Commonly known as 631 WEST BARRY AVENUE UNIT 3G, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-28-107-078-1021

The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence, two to four unit apartment building with no garage.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v.-

LEE M BERENBAUM, KAREN BERENBAUM, HAWTHORNE COURT TOWNSHOME CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
19 CH 01241
1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155 CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 20, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-28-107-078-1021

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagor 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.

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (309) 794-9876
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Real Estate For Sale

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
v.-
DOROTHÉE A. WEATHERSBY, PARKSIDE OF OLD TOWN MIDRISE LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PARKSIDE OLD TOWN I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2015 CH 06555
511 W DIVISION #304
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 25, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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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Commonly known as 511 W DIVISION #304, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4347

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof 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.

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Real Estate For Sale

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Two in car from which gunman fired on cop plead guilty to felonies; case against alleged shooter continues

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two men who were in a hijacked car from which a gunman allegedly shot at a Chicago police officer in the Loop earlier this year have pleaded guilty to felonies in connection with the incident, according to court records.

Edgardo Perez, 25, continues to fight a charge of attempted murder of a police officer stemming from the Jan. 26 incident. But the driver of the vehicle he was in, Noel Centeno, pleaded guilty to possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and the man in the car's back seat, Jesse Sanchez, pleaded guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, the records show.

Video from a city surveillance camera showed officers approaching a Honda Ac-

cord in the traffic lanes of Lower Wacker Dr. near Columbus Dr. around 8:48 p.m. The Accord was hijacked on the 1400 block of W. Farwell about a week earlier, according to a CPD report.

Prosecutors said a bodyworn camera on an officer who approached the car's passenger side recorded the officer ordering its occupants to show their hands. The Accord backed into another vehicle that was stopped behind it, and Perez allegedly fired a handgun toward an approaching officer at close range from the front passenger seat.

Two other officers immediately fired on Perez, who was struck in the chest, arm, and leg. A bullet also grazed his forehead.

Camera footage shows smoke emanating from the passenger's gun as they fired

through the closed passenger-side window, sending shards of glass into the cop's eye, prosecutors alleged. While the bullet did not strike the officer, he was treated at Rush Hospital for eye injuries. Another officer was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for a rapid heartbeat.

Centeno, the driver, allegedly told police that he found the car on Howard St. with the keys inside, and he didn't know how long he had possession of it. He denied carjacking anyone. Prosecutors said he was AWOL on a pending felony gun case at the time of the Loop incident.

In a plea deal with prosecutors, Centeno pleaded guilty to possessing a stolen motor vehicle in exchange for a four-year prison sentence from Judge Aleksandra Gillespie. He also pleaded guilty to the earlier gun

case, receiving a two-year sentence, records show. He is scheduled to be paroled in Oct. 2024 after serving about half of his sentences.

Officers also found a chrome revolver in the back seat near Sanchez, prosecutors said. Sanchez allegedly told police he didn't know anything about the vehicle but admitted that his prints would be on the revolver.

He received a one-year sentence after pleading guilty to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in a vehicle. He reported to Stateville Correctional Center on Aug. 2 and was released the same day after receiving credit for the time he had already spent in custody.

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63%.

During the depth of the pandemic and government-imposed economic shutdown, both the CTA and Metra saw 90%-plus drops in ridership. Metra today is still at about the same rate of ridership as it was at a year ago. For a year or more they essentially collected little to no fare income, and only existed off of government bailout money.

Crime, shootings and violence downtown and at CTA train stations continues to frighten people away from using public transportation. Fare income has dropped drastically. From 2014 through 2021 CTA

farebox revenues as a percent of operating costs plunged from 42% to 18%.

CTA ridership in 2022 still remains nearly 40% below levels in 2019. RTA officials – who coordinate the CTA, suburban Metra commuter trains to and from Chicago, and the suburban PACE bus system – say there will be no full ridership recovery post-COVID. They say that more taxes will have to increasingly replace falling farebox revenues.

They identify as causes increased violent crime, the rise of remote and hybrid work, and ride-share services like Uber and Lyft. According to a recently released RTA report, "Transit has survived the pandemic, but ridership – and with it, revenue from

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fares – sustained precipitous declines and has not returned to pre-COVID levels. Related economic shifts and other factors have resulted in a system more vulnerable to violent crime and labor shortages have impacted every aspect of service....(Regional) ridership crossed a million daily rides threshold in the fall of 2022. However, this return is not enough for fiscal sta-

bility and puts into question the reliance on fares moving forward."

"Moreover, ridership isn't expected to recover to 2019 levels for the foreseeable future. The public health and safety restrictions in place during the pandemic, the increase in people working from home, and changes in how people travel have all combined to drastically reduce transit ridership since March 2020. While riders are returning to the system, the impacts of the pandemic and permanent changes in remote and hybrid work are projected to result in lower levels of ridership for the remainder of the decade compared to 2019."

The CLA's fourth quarter report is due out in early 2023.

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feet in size.

An additional vacant lot to the south will be built, subject to a future plan review.

Over on Hobbie St., the full block-long 93-unit development will be built at the same time as the Elm St. project.

The Hobbie St. project will include three-separate buildings forming a U-shaped development, but offer only a 65-car surface parking lot, 28 parking spaces fewer than the zoning would have required a few years ago, before the city changed their zoning priorities allowing less than the usual one-for-one ratio of new units to parking spaces.

The relatively low-density planning for the project located adjacent to the Gold Coast matches that of previous phases nearby. A mid-rise will anchor the site's southern end rising eight-stories and 105-feet. Two adjacent three-story 35-foot tall

town-home structures will complete the U shape, with the parking lot in the center.

The complex will made up of nine studios, 28 one-bedroom, 27 two-bedroom, 21 three-bedroom, and eight four-bedroom layouts ranging from 530 to 1,630 square feet.

The taller building will contain 69 of those including ground floor town-houses with the remainder split evenly, of the total 35 of the residences will be for CHA placement, 34 will be market rate, and 30 will be affordable.

Opened between 1942 and 1958, the Frances Cabrini Rowhouses and William Green Homes started as a model effort by the CHA to replace slums run by exploitative private landlords with affordable publicly-funded housing.

While the homes in the multistory apartment blocks were cherished by the families that lived there, years of neglect by the city and CHA fueled racism, attracted gangs

and criminals, and drew broadly negative press coverage. In time they became a symbol of blight and failure of federally-funded public housing.

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wood at the Chicago/State Red Line CTA station. Officers allegedly found a bag containing a gun, duct tape, zip ties, and other items in a trash can near the "L" station.

According to court records, he pleaded guilty on Dec. 7 to three counts of armed robbery with a firearm and one count of kidnapping. Judge Lauren Edidin sentenced him to 43 years for each robbery count, to be served concurrently. His three-year sentence for kidnapping runs consecutively, bringing his effective sentence to 46 years.

In their plea agreement with Norwood, prosecutors agreed to drop 40 other felony

charges, including multiple counts of attempted murder, aggravated battery, and kidnapping.

He had a significant violent crime background before the Lawry's robbery. In 2011, he received a 54-month sentence for aggravated discharge of a firearm into an occupied vehicle. He was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm that same year. He received a 12-year sentence for armed robbery in 1998 and three years for aggravated battery causing great bodily harm the same year.

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