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— Maya Angelou

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Lane Tech's Dodger Friedrich hold Maine South to one hit.

Lane Tech shuts out Maine South 5-0

STORY AND PHOTO
BY JACK LYDON

Lane Tech baseball is on a roll. The Champions (16-4, 8-0) defeated the Maine South Hawks (11-9, 4-2) 5-0 at Kerry Wood Cubs Field Saturday afternoon. Fifteen straight wins for the Champions after a rocky 1-4 start to the 2026 campaign.

Champion's sophomore right-handed pitcher Dodger Friedrich tossed a gem of a game against Maine South. Six innings, 79 pitches, 52 strikes, 6 strike-outs, one walk, one hit and no runs. Friedrich improves his record to 4-2 on the season.

"In the first inning, I had a little bit of adrenaline. I was excited to be there. In the second and third innings, I found my stuff a little

better. I settled in and was able to cruise more," said Friedrich, a Ukrainian Village resident.

Lane opened the scoring in the bottom of the second inning. Catcher Jacob DeVinney was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a walk to Conor Sullivan. With two outs, DeVinney scored from second on a ground ball to first base after the double play attempt failed. Nice manufacture of a run with no hits.

It was a tense 1-0 game until the Champions broke it open with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning on three hits including a triple by shortstop Paris Head, a single by Eric Acevedo and a double by Tanner Toback.

"I am glad [Friedrich] is pitch-

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The Arches are coming to Lincoln Ave. just south of Wrightwood, and will include four illuminated archways featuring integrated LED sensors that activate a dynamic light display when people and CTA trains pass by.

Arches coming under the tracks at Lincoln Ave.

A new art installation called "The Arches" is coming to Lincoln Ave. beneath the CTA tracks near Lincoln and Wrightwood.

The Arches are four illuminated archways featuring integrated LED sensors that activate a dynamic light display responding to both pedestrians and passing trains – creating a well-lit, interactive gateway that connects businesses along this stretch of Lincoln Ave.

The work is now under construction between 2475 N. Lincoln and 2550 N. Lincoln, with an estimated completion at the

end of May.

The taxpayer-funded project is part of the broader Lincoln Ave. Gateway Improvement Project, and the Lincoln Ave. Revitalization Strategy – a community-driven plan developed in 2018 to strengthen Lincoln as a commercial corridor. A key recommendation from that process was to introduce distinctive gateway elements at important connecting points along the corridor.

The Arches, designed by the consultancy PORT Urbanism, hopes the corridor and lighting will draw people in.

Loan default spells trouble for Hotel Lincoln

The ownership behind Hotel Lincoln allegedly defaulted on a \$35 million debt package for the 184-room Old Town property at 1816 N. Clark St., according to public data.

The New York-based Nakash family reportedly had their loan for the property put into special servicing, after it reached its March 6 maturity date without a payoff or refinancing. The action is another troubling sign for commercial real estate in Chicago.

Like many failing commercial properties in Chicago, the owners of that debt must now decide whether to grant the Nakash family a loan extension and give them more time to pay off the note. The special servicer is LNR Partners.

The family has reportedly asked for a three-year extension on the loan, according to Morningstar Credit.

The Nakash family, founders of Jordache Enterprises, acquired the hotel overlooking the Lincoln Park Zoo in 2016 for \$73 million from a venture of Neil Bluhm's Chicago-based commercial real estate giant Walton Street Capital. The family members made fortunes as the manufacturer of the Jordache clothing brand and other apparel businesses.



The 184-room Hotel Lincoln in Old Town has allegedly defaulted on a \$35 million debt package.

Chicago's commercial real estate crash indicates the value of the Hotel Lincoln today could be well short of the family's investment.

Last year, the Claridge House Hotel in the Gold Coast sold for less than two-thirds of the overall \$33 million investment by its owners. Further south, investor Vijay Patel purchased the former Tremont Hotel for just \$12.2 million, taking advantage of its financial distress. That property had a nearly \$20 million loan on the 122-room property before falling into default.

Making matters more challenging for the Nakash family, they

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also own part of the mixed-use office and retail building at 645 N. Michigan Ave., a street that now has its own well-known real estate struggles.

Whole Foods announces plans for new Lake View store

Last week Whole Foods Market announced plans to open a new store location in Lake View at the corner of Belmont Ave. and N. Halsted St.

The grocery chain owned by Amazon has reportedly signed a lease for a two-level space in the 60,000-square-foot building developed by the Hubbard Street

Group.

The building was completed in 2023, and other tenants there include Fifth Third Bank and Blum Animal Hospital.

The new grocery store shows there is still strong demand for retail space in that area, and it will certainly add a great deal more traffic to an area already facing

regular traffic tie-ups and parking problems. Neither Amazon or Whole Foods has announced an opening date.

Whole Foods already operates two stores close to the planned new store in Lake View, one further north on Halsted St. at Waveland, and a large store at Belmont and Ashland avenues.

10-time felon gets eight years for carjacking Amazon driver in Lakeview

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 61-year-old career offender who slipped out of court in February as he was about to plead guilty to carjacking an Amazon driver in Lakeview has been recaptured and sent to prison.

Prosecutors said William Peterson attacked a 53-year-old delivery driver around 7 a.m. on Aug. 26, 2024, in the 500 block of W. Briar Pl. The victim had arrived in a Toyota Camry to make a delivery when Peterson shoved him against the side of the car, pressed a sharp object into his side, and demanded the keys, prosecutors said. A Chicago Police Department case report identified the object as a knife.

Investigators assigned to the vehicular hijacking task force quickly began tracking the stolen Camry through the city's license

plate reader network, according to the report. An undercover officer watched as Peterson



William Peterson

parked in the 7700 block of S. Muskegon Ave. Additional officers then moved in and made the arrest.

Prosecutors said he still had the Camry's keys and admitted taking the vehicle. Despite the allegations, Judge Ankur Srivastava denied prosecutors' request to detain Peterson and instead released him on electronic monitoring a few days later.

Last November, Judge Jennifer Coleman removed Peterson's ankle monitor. Then, during a Feb. 4 court hearing, Coleman noted

that Peterson had "left" court, and she issued a warrant for his arrest, records show.

Sheriff's deputies brought Peterson back before Coleman on March 31 and he pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon.

Under Illinois sentencing rules, he must serve 50% of his sentence. He will also receive credit for 453 days spent on electronic monitoring.

Illinois Dept. of Corrections records show Peterson has spent decades cycling through the prison system. His prior convictions include a five-year sentence for theft from a person in 2017, two one-year shoplifting sentences in 2012, gun convictions in 2002 and 1990, and armed robbery convictions in 1991 and 1986.

Embrace your bubbling celebrity over mixed flavors



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Despite all the thunder, lightning and rain, the streets and eateries really embrace the joviality that comes with bright spirits and hometown pride. The wintry doldrums are behind us and the warmth on local pavement is restorative.

That's what races through my mind as I dine at one of my favorite eateries and sip my Grey Goose Martini, tapping out newsy items about local celebs and folk about town as they pass by my table.

I'm now on day 21 of eating fish for dinner. Perfect for the low calories, absence of fat, enhanced brain function support and appeal of mixed flavors. The salmon keeps me focused and ensures my diet has me on the right track,

filling me with the excitement of weight loss.

I love our Italian food specialists who are so imaginative and creative. So highly social, and critically discerning, Spring seems to bring out the best in everyone.

That's certainly true at Mart Anthony's at 1200 W. Hubbard, which is usually loaded with familiar faces. There's a true Chicago sense of restaurant style there. The Campos boys, daddy, John, and sons Jack and Michael, received this Chicago treasure from their late Pappa and Grandpa Mart Anthony Campos himself. They have added to the comfortable surroundings since taking charge, bringing fresh vittles to the fine menu.

A remarkable set of diners are regulars here. You'll see some former City Council members often, and other traditional Chicago politicians. So, great stories often abound.

Some local judges visiting tables with some of Chicago's well-known singers. There's never a shortage of fellow restaurateurs and saloon keepers cocktailing and twirling pasta. As well as wagonloads of true blue Cubs and Blackhawk supporters. Toss in a few crazed Bulls fans to the mix. Whole families. This makes for a true Chicago favorite, a place where everyone feels at home.

Nearby Piccolo Sogno on Halsted is another singular Chicago eatery where our readers assemble and thrive. Jamie Hernandez directs the parking and secures the arrivals and departures of all guests, ebullient by his organiza-

tion. **Ciro Longobardo** and **Chef Tony Pirola** have a wonderful owners partnership that enhances the charm and quality of the menu.

It's another establishment where I can be assured of remarkable fish for supper. I have developed deep affection for Bacalhau, often served on holidays. A most traditional cod dish of superb whitefish in a special sauce of tomatoes, olives and herbs. Of course the wines are worthy of the entrees. I usually order the Montepulciano, a classical Italian masterpiece from Abruzzo or Marche.

The dining rooms are filled with our readers and friends of a lifetime. We've often engaged **Sen. Dick Durbin**, and former President **Joe Biden** and wife, **Jill**, just had dinner there the night before **Rev. Jesse Jackson's** funeral.

It goes without saying that **Piccolo** has the finest outdoor dining space in Chicago. An expansive garden of antiquity filled with character. They also can boast one of the finest and most able staffs in the city. Charming, resourceful, hard-working and entertaining.

Last year **Ciro** invited me to lunch with **Salvatore Ferragamo** of the Italian fashion design family. **Salvatore** runs the wine branch of their empire. He's a charmer and so intensely knowledgeable about wine. No wonder **Ciro** stocks the finest Prosecco we've ever tasted. Their name and crest of nobility are on the label.

Across the street on Grand, just east of Halsted, is **LaScarola**. A grand and deeply wondrous Italian eatery. All presided over by the great **Joey Mondelli**, who first

arrived from Italy to Chicago at the age of 17. In the ensuing seven decades, he has created several famed eateries. But none as gracious and delicious as **LaScarola**. It reminds me of a West Side New York restaurant, a tighter sense of space, always packed and always hopping.

Joey always winds up sitting at our table, making for a historic, charming gab fest. Food here, of course is tops. And for a fish-eater, that means a stunning Mediterranean sea bass, preceded by escarole soup. **Joey** has all the details of his remarkable life at the ready, and he knows everyone.

Diners here include a great gaggle of **Blackhawk** and **Bulls** fans in full fan costume - gotta support the team. They've been coming pre-game, for decades. That's also where we see out pal, **WGN Radio's** on-air attorney **Karen Conti**. And of course **Maria Pappas** who loves **LaScarola**. She is never far away. Usually near my colleague **Candace Jordan** and her raconteur husband **Chuck**.

Michael Kutza, founder of the Chicago Film Festival is a frequent flyer there. And lots of hungry attorneys are on deck for **Joey's** vittles on Fridays.

The walls of the place are filled cheek to jowl with photographs of Chicago stars. All snapped by the late **Victor Skrebneski**, **Joey's** best pal. We love it when **Joey** tells stories of their friendship.

He also can boast one the the finest staffs in the city. They never forget customers. And their favorite cocktails and dishes. They're from all over the world, but they quickly become savvy Chicagoans.

That's the story of the bubbling beauty of places that are the crossroads of Chicago. Places that are second homes to locals. Just three of a thousand other places that make room at the table for folk and nourish them with food, drink and fabulous humanity. *Tutti grazie*. Embrace your bubbling celebrity.

VATICAN VITTLES: Fr. Manuel "Manny" Dorantes, 35, is the major duomo these days at **Castel Gondolfo**, the Pope's Summer residence 16 miles from Rome in the Alban Hills. He is Mexican-born but grew up in Chicago. Well-loved in his parishes, former pastor at **St. Mary of the Lake** and **Our Lady of Lourdes**, where he began a program to assist young immigrants with education in the service industries, very successful in Chicago.

When **Pope Francis** heard of this he asked **Fr. Manny** to come work for him in Rome in 2024. He assigned him to do the same at **Castle Gondolfo**. Train immigrants for employment and help give them life in a new country. They now average 1,000 students a years. **Pope Leo** is excited by such efforts. In addition **Fr. Manny** has brought the olive groves back to life, soon the first olive oil presses will be ready. He's recreating the farm there for vegetables and herbs. And he is reconstituting the vineyards with substantial

grapes and better tended vines.

Pope Leo uses the papal residence there and goes there every Tuesday. **Phil Stephani's** new restaurant there will employ some of the cooking program grads. It's a mini Chicago. Officially **Fr. Manny** leads the "Borgo Laudato Si" project, transforming the former papal summer home into a training center for sustainable farming and education.

VINO NOBILE: "More Than Grapes" wine expert **Giovanni Cerretani**, a Milan native, gave an enchanting presentation of Italian wines at a special wine dinner at **Il Girasole** that added so much to the courses of storybook foods, course after course, from the chilled Gazpacho, cold veal, risotto, short rib in red wine to the puffed pastry. So pleased to spend time with company COO

Enrico Muzzetta, a native of Sicily. Bossman **Christian Hernandez** was thrilled with the event. His staff worked hard to create a night of great cuisine.

A MUST TRY: Angelo's Wine Bar, 3026 W. Montrose, serves fabulous food and luscious wines in a cozy, comfortable setting.

RUSTIC: We were delighted to have met restaurateur **Rudy Medina** at **Il Girasole**, his "Rustico" is the talk of Oak Park, though he has three more eateries, with one in at **Ashland** and **Division** Mexican cuisine.

CHICAGO SCULPTURE: The late **Richard Hunt's** sculptures, "Hybrid Muse" (1985) and "Steel Bloom, Number 1" (1956), are on view through June at the **The Peninsula Chicago's** "Confluence" exhibition, curated by

EMBRACE see p. 8



Fr. Manuel "Manny" Dorantes



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Sports betting challenged city's 10.25% gambling tax

City fast-tracks video gambling, Bally's issues warning

STORY AND PHOTO
BY BOB ZULEY

The Sports Betting Alliance [SBA], representing major operators like Draft Kings, FanDuel, and BetMGM, is suing the City of Chicago to block a proposed new 10.25% municipal tax on sports gaming revenue, that was effective Jan. 1.

The lawsuit claims the tax and accompanying licensing requirements are unconstitutional, arguing only the state has the authority to tax, and that the fee could force operators out of the city.

The city would lose an estimated \$26 million-plus in projected annual revenue if the tax is invalidated. The city has not detailed any alternative to replace the sum.

The budget anticipates another \$6.8 million in revenue by legalizing video gaming wagering machines in Chicago, which could be increased if other revenue streams fail.

The 10.25% tax was to be on adjusted gross gaming receipts from online sports betting, a factor that has reimagined professional and collegiate sports industry athletics in the U.S. The gamblers cash was intended to help close a \$1.15 billion deficit in the city's budget.

The SBA argues the state's Sports Wagering Act does not permit local governments to impose additional taxes or license fees, thus violating the Illinois Constitution.



DraftKings Sportsbook at Wrigley Field, 1012 W. Addison St.

The industry warns that the tax forces an "impossible choice" to operate without a license or cease operations in Chicago.

A lawsuit was filed in Cook County Circuit Court although operators received last-minute licensing. Operators already pay hefty state-level taxes of 20% -to- 40% [graduated rates] on top of a per-wager fee.

Perhaps in response, Chicago officials are seeking to speed city licensing approvals to allow video gambling at bars and restaurants under a measure that passed the City Council despite warning that it may

handicap the city's lone permanent casino [Bally's].

The City Council's Licensure and Consumer Protection Committee voted to direct the city's Dept. of Business Affairs

and Consumer Protection to begin processing requests from bars and restaurants that want to offer video poker and slots even as state gambling officials process their applications for licenses.

Ald. Brendan Riley [42nd] cast the lone "no" vote against the measure.

The city's new impetus for gambling revenue came after Elizabeth Suever, Bally's vice president of government relations, issued the most direct warning to the City that its move to green-light video gaming would kneecap the city's lone permanent casino, scheduled to open later this year in River West.

The city's own finance team warned legalized video poker will actually cost the city \$3 million in 2026 and result in elimination of nearly 400 jobs at the casino, according to a report from a city consultant.

Johnson and his allies have warned that allowing video poker and slots in neighborhoods will reduce the quality of life by increasing gambling addictions and lead to a spike in burglaries and robberies.

The kicker is that Chicago will earn less tax revenue from bets placed via video gambling as compared with bets placed at Bally's.

You may be owed money for overpaying property taxes up to 20 years ago

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Our office is managing \$105 million in potential refunds for property tax overpayments going back 20 years that we're eager to send back to property owners. But determining who's entitled to a refund isn't simple.

Most overpayments occurred because more than one person paid the same tax bill. Reasons why duplicate payments were made include that both the property owner and the property owner's mortgage company paid the property tax bill; Both spouses paid the property tax bill without telling the other; or two or more mortgage companies, banks or title companies paid the same taxes during a property purchase or refinancing.

You may be entitled to a refund even if you bought or sold your property long ago. The law allows refunds for duplicate payments made as many as two decades ago. So even if you've moved, you're still entitled to that refund if you overpaid.

Ella McWilliams learned she'd be receiving a refund after discovering there was a substantial overpayment back in 2004 when both the title company and the mortgage company made payments. Also, McWilliams made smaller overpayments in 2007, 2008 and 2009. But they add up. In all, McWilliams was owed just under \$1,350.

McWilliams told the story of her \$1,346 refund as a guest on my "Black Houses Matter" radio show which airs at 11:30 a.m. every Monday on WVON-AM 1690.



Maria Pappas

"I guess God put it in my heart to call and I did," said McWilliams.

Employees in my office helped the 80-year-old widow file the paperwork she needed to apply for her refund. She filled out a form labeled, "Refund Application: Duplicate & Overpayment." The form can be filed electronically and is available online at cookcountytreasurer.com.

After providing contact information, you may be asked to submit proof of payment. We require documentation to ensure refunds are issued only to the person who made the overpayment.

- If you paid cash, a copy of your receipt serves as proof of payment.

- If you paid by personal or business check, a copy of the front of the canceled check used to pay the taxes or a copy of the monthly bank statement showing the corresponding check number and payment amount is needed.

- If you paid online at cookcountytreasurer.com, you'll need a copy of your bank statement showing the transfer of funds to the Treasurer's Office or a copy of your credit card statement showing payment.

- If a mortgage company paid the taxes, you can provide a copy of the IRS Form 1098 indicating taxes were paid for the tax year in question.

In McWilliams' case, she had to provide proof that she made the property tax payment back in 2004 when the largest overpayment was made.

"I had no idea I was going to be talking to the right people and getting what I needed to be done. But I got it done and I thank you all so much for that," said McWilliams.

Visit cookcountytreasurer.com to find out if you are owed a share of more than \$100 million in overpayment refunds. But you can only get refunded for payments going back twenty years, so the time to act is now!

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Lions Club holds pancake breakfast April 30

The smell of delicious homemade pancakes will fill the air 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, when the Chicago Central Lions Club will hold its 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast.

The fundraiser will support a weeklong summer camp for students who are blind and visually impaired. Breakfast is served at The Chicago Lighthouse cafeteria, 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd.

"We invite all our friends and neighbors to come out and enjoy a pancake breakfast while at the same time lending meaningful support to an essential program," says Dr.

Tricia Grant, president of the Chicago Central Lions Club and chief research officer at The Chicago Lighthouse.

The effort is co-hosted by Lighthouse President and CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk and her staff. Szlyk and many of her work colleagues are also Lions.

Food for Thought has donated the breakfast items again this year, which will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and coffee.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance. For more information, call 312-447-3234.

Journalist to discuss oral history of Chicago dining April 30 in Old Town

The Old Town Triangle Assoc. [OTTA] is inviting foodies and history buffs to a free exclusive evening with Michael Gebert, the James Beard Award-winning journalist and creator of Fooditor (fooditor.com), to celebrate the release of his new book, *The Chicago Way: An Oral History of Chicago Dining*.

The event will take place 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the OTTA center, 1763 N. North Park Ave.

Gebert will be joined in conversation by journalist and local resident Chris LaMorte to explore how Chicago evolved from a "steak-and-potatoes" town into a global culinary capital over the last half-century.

In this oral history, Gebert tracks down the chefs, restaurateurs, critics, and "kitchen rebels" who shaped Chicago's fearless food culture. Attendees will hear behind-

the-scenes stories from some of the nearly 200 interviews conducted for the book—ranging from legendary figures like Charlie Trotter and Rick Bayless to the unsung servers and cooks who witnessed the revolution firsthand.

"This book is the result of years of tracking down the people who lived this history," said Gebert. "It's about the secrets, the disasters, and the triumphs that made Chicago the most exciting food city in America."

The evening will conclude with an open invitation for guests to share their own favorite Chicago dining memories. This event is free and open to the public, though registration is encouraged through the Old Town Triangle event calendar.

The event is free but reservations are requested at <https://bit.ly/OldTownChicago>.

Skin cancer awareness, cancer resource fair May 5

Summer is almost here with long days out under the sun. As a precaution for sun worshipers, Northwestern Hospital will be hosting a skin cancer awareness fair 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Robert H Lurie Medical Research Center, Searle/Atrium, 303 E. Superior St.

Guests can join medical professionals for a complimentary one-hour educational session focused on skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

To register for the free event, visit <https://lcc.northwestern.edu/registrations2/connections2026a/>.

Designed for patients, caregivers, and community members, this program features expert physicians who will share practical tips on recognizing warning signs, what to expect during a skin exam, and how skin cancer is diagnosed and treated—including the latest advances in care.

The program includes a live Q&A with physicians and a boxed lunch. Stay after the lecture for a resource fair featuring local organizations offering support services for patients, families, and caregivers in the adjacent Ryan Family Atrium.

Presentation May 13 on what AI can do for local content creators

A Chicago startup thinks it can solve some of storytelling's oldest problems — and it wants to hear what Chicago writers of all kinds think.

VocaTales, a homegrown platform built for novelists, screenwriters, playwrights, comic artists, and anyone else who wrestles a story to the page, is making its case to the city's literary community 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Thursday, May 14, at Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

VocaTales is an all-in-one, AI-powered storyboarding and writing software platform designed to help writers and creators organize ideas, plan and create stories from concept to final draft. Founder

Anubhav Srivastava will demonstrate the tool live and take on the questions, What can software actually do for your creative process — and what can't it?

The event, free and open to all writers, is co-hosted by Beyond the Margins, the Chicago Writers Association, and Conspire Creative.

It will take place in the library's Lerner Auditorium, with an optional after-gathering at nearby Gideon Welles.

Srivastava notes that tens of thousands of users, content producers, film schools and universities are already using VocaTales as an instructional tool.

Finding friendship after 50: A growing community helps women reconnect

Women aged 50 and older face a range of challenges, beginning with a sense of invisibility in society. For those who have raised children, this stage of life may bring an empty nest. Careers may be winding down, and many are navigating relationships with aging parents—or the loss of them.

On top of it all, many women find it increasingly difficult to form new friendships as they get older. Life can begin to feel isolating. After years spent caring for others, some women find they no longer know themselves as well as they once did.

That's where Finding Female Friends Over 50 [FFF>50] comes in. Now, FFF>50 is launching a chapter in Chicago and is welcoming members.

Founded in 2016 by Dale Polekoff, FFF>50 began after she moved to California and experienced difficulty building new friendships. The organization provides a platform where women can form online groups that lead to in-person connections.

Social connection plays a significant role in overall health—both mental and physical—and research has shown a strong link between loneliness and depression in older adults.

While health advice often emphasizes exercise and nutrition, meaningful friendships are equally vital. FFF>50 was created to foster those connections.

Polekoff explains that what makes FFF>50 unique is its focus on empowerment. "It's a place to come not just for making friends and finding a community of supportive women, but also to build self-confidence and discover purpose. We provide the tools members need to create and initiate their own endeavors. Our mission is to empower members to create the life they want in their second act—one that includes fun, friendship, support, learning and purpose," said Polekoff.

The organization prioritizes meaningful relationships above all else. "We are not simply a group that meets for activities like book discussions, travel, or hikes. Our primary purpose is making friends. Everything else is secondary to that overarching

goal."

The mission of FFF>50 is to serve as a "cure for the loneliness epidemic." The organization helps women rediscover purpose, joy, and friendship through member-hosted classes, discussion groups, support circles and in-person gatherings. Whether online or in a local chapter, you'll find women who understand, uplift and inspire you. The guiding philosophy is simple: life after 50 is not an ending, but a beginning.

One of the features of FFF>50 is its accessibility. Membership is free, and all members are encouraged to create and host their own events. Through a shared calendar, participants can post gatherings and connect with others who share their interests, as well as try new things they may not have otherwise considered.

Jennifer, one of the group's newest additions explains that she recently moved to Chicago after more than 40 years in Miami, "and finding a sense of community is really important to me. At this stage of life, being over 50, it can sometimes feel more difficult to make new connections. I'm hoping this group will help create those connections while also giving me the chance to explore parts of the city I haven't experienced yet."

Whether new to the city or a longtime resident, women will find opportunities for connection. The organization has grown to include 19 chapters nationwide and more than 6,300 members. The Chicago chapter builds on the success of groups in cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor, Chapel Hill and Portland, Maine. With Chicago's vibrant neighborhoods, potential activities are nearly endless—from lakeside walks and coffee meetups to farmers markets, theater outings, festivals and dinners.

As the Chicago chapter continues to grow, organizers hope to reach more women seeking genuine connection and friendship.

To learn more or join, visit www.fff50.org or email rachel.s@fff50.org with questions.

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'Obamaville' landlords vs anti-gentrification ordinance



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The threat of rising apartment rents in "Obamaville" and other South Side lakefront neighborhoods is sparking a battle between tenants and landlords.

A new anti-gentrification ordinance that gives tenants the "right-of-first-refusal" to buy their building in certain South Side neighborhoods took effect in April, and the action is profoundly rattling landlords and realty industry insiders.

Suddenly, apartment investors are infatuated with Jackson Park and other nearby lakefront neighborhoods because of the upcoming grand opening of the Obama Presidential Center this summer. The library is expected to be a major tourist attraction, along with the Museum of Science and Industry.

The new "Jackson Park Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act" requires neighborhood landlords to notify tenants when they plan to sell an apartment building and wait a whopping 180 days for tenants to make an offer on the property, if they choose to do so.

Opponents say the process is unnecessary because tenants have the right to buy a building without the waiting period, and it only delays sales and gives both lenders and buyers cold feet.

Additionally, the ordinance breaches the basic "principle of uniformity" creating a two-tier class of property owner's rights, said Sara Benson, a veteran appraiser and Gold Coast Realtor.

"The legislation further diminishes an owner's bundle of rights by encumbering the right-to-transfer of the real estate—as compared with property owners outside the affected district," explained Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty.

Proponents of the new ordinance, which was passed by the City Council in Oct. 2025, but underwent an administrative period before taking effect in April, say it will help slow down displacement of longtime residents in the Jackson Park, South Shore and Woodlawn neighborhoods on the South Side lakefront.

Meanwhile, Realtors, apartment investors and "Ma and Pa" landlords expressed grave concerns about the "Northwest Side Housing Preservation Ordinance," which went into effect in 2025 in a six-square-mile area on the North Side.

This ordinance currently covers Avondale, Logan Square, West Town, Humboldt Park, Hermosa, and part of the Pilsen neighborhood on the Northwest and West Side.

"By layering a highly technical and time-sensitive process onto already complex transactions, the Jackson Park Tenant ordinance

introduces additional uncertainty for renters, nearby residents, sellers and buyers already faced with the rising cost to own property on the South Side of Chicago," said Tom Benedetto, Illinois Realtors' Senior Director of Local Advocacy.

"These are real-market dynamics that should have been addressed upfront through discussions with the real estate industry, before implementation," Benedetto said.

The mandatory waiting period is the main worry for real estate investors and landlords who say it will stymie lending and cause unnecessary delays in neighborhoods where the ordinance applies.

"While owners are required to take additional steps throughout the sale, we believe the [Tenants' Right-to-Purchase] provides vital opportunities for displacement prevention while maintaining a property owner's ability to sell at a fair market value," said Michael Cox, a public relations representative for the City of Chicago's Dept. of Housing [DOH].

However, Stephen Rich Jr., a South Side landlord and board member of the Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance [NBOA], said he worries that the ordinance will have unintended consequences.

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Lenders are likely to hesitate to grant investment loans to both risky, novice buyers and experienced purchasers in the ordinance's coverage area, Rich said.

For tenants, who may be inexperienced in commercial real estate, lenders may choose not to issue mortgages at all, or attach stricter loan terms, such as larger minimum down payments or higher interest rates.

A lender also might apply a similar mentality to out-of-town buyers shopping for a building in the hot Obamaville area, which would result in higher rents and potentially hinder the re-sale process later on.

Neighborhoods could see market separation, "where you have units that are renting higher than they were last year—and the year before—and then next door, you could see apartments that are blighted, abandoned or boarded up," predicted Rich.

The South Side—especially South Shore and Woodlawn—saw an influx in investment in the wake of the pandemic. But many of those deals have fallen into distress, as out-of-state buyers got in over their heads.

As a result, banks are foreclosing on properties and ending up



The threat of rising apartment rents on the South Side lakefront neighborhoods is sparking a battle between tenants and landlords that is also being fought daily on the North Side.

with the deeds to the distressed properties. Trying to sell a property within the pilot area can also slow down the process of banks offloading such buildings and giving them cold feet in the future.

A better approach, Rich advised, would be to allocate resources to educate renters about the process for buying a building if they are interested, without requiring the lengthy and burdensome waiting period for sellers.

"If renters living in these properties want to be owners, then great. We at the NBOA would welcome helping them out with that process," Rich said. "But it's not a flip of a switch. There's a lot of things that go into learning these things."

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The Northwest Side Housing Preservation ordinance, which went into effect in 2025, also ran into pushback from both property owners and Aldermen. Last year, the City Council deleted sections of the 31st and 36th Wards from the Northwest Side ordinance's coverage area map, at the request of the Aldermen of each ward.

So far, only one instance of tenants taking advantage of the waiting period has been widely publicized, according to a report by The Real Deal.

In late March, landlord Francisco Miranda listed for sale his five-unit apartment building at 2648 N. Francisco Ave. for nearly \$1.4 million.

Tenants responded by forming a tenants' union with the goal of influencing who buys the building without purchasing it themselves, according to a Block Club report. Regardless, only one non-tenant buyer has navigated the purchase-process maze successfully on the Northwest Side.

In December, investor-seller Tom Shanabruch said his compa-

ny faced a "frustrating process" to comply with the ordinance while trying to market a building. The action required notifying all 134 renters at the AM1980 apartments in Bucktown via certified mail, and securing signatures via DocuSign to prove they declined to form a tenants' union, or wanted to purchase the property. The investor group ultimately sold the apartments at 1980 N. Milwaukee Ave. to Cedar Street for \$35 million.

The DOH has since developed a process for helping sellers comply with the ordinance's notification requirements, Cox said.

"We recently implemented updates to the Northwest Side Preservation Ordinance—including clearer forms, expanded language access, and an online portal for submission. The Jackson Park Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act's initial rules aligned with those updates," Cox said.

A separate policy was passed by the City Council in April that is also aimed at helping existing tenants.

The ordinance requires landlords to issue advance notice to renters if they choose not to renew lease agreements, typically due to a sale or renovation process.

Renters who have lived at the property for less than six months must receive 30-day's notice, tenants who have resided there for less than three years must receive 60-days' notice. And, renters who have lived at the property for more than three years must receive 120-days' notice, according to the ordinance.

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Police Beat...

Lake View liquor store victim of smash-and-grab

Pelly's Liquors in Lake View was targeted in a smash-and-grab burglary April 16.

Police say a group of people broke the front glass window around 4 a.m. and stole merchandise from the business at 3421 N. Lincoln Ave.

The suspects then entered an SUV and drove off in an unknown direction.

Pelly's is the latest Chicago business to be hit by burglars during a recent surge in overnight break ins.

Teen arrested in Rogers Park for hold up

A male juvenile, 16, has been arrested in Rogers Park and charged with one felony count of Aggravated Robbery/Indicate Arm with Firearm on April 20, in the 6600 block of N. Bosworth Ave. near Sullivan High School.

He was identified as the offender who, on April 18, implied a firearm and took personal property by force from a 47-year-old female riding the CTA Blue Line in the 5500 block of N. Harlem.

Former CFO convicted of Embezzlement

A federal jury in Chicago has convicted the former Chief Financial Officer of a Chicago-area company's subsidiary on fraud charges for embezzling more than \$1 million.

Tina Feuerstein, 53, of Hanover, Penn., was convicted of eight counts of wire fraud. The jury returned the verdicts on April 9, after a four-day trial in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Each count of wire fraud is punishable by a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge LaShonda A. Hunt set sentencing for Aug. 26.

Feuerstein served as the CFO of a Pennsylvania company that was owned by a company in the Chicago area. Evidence at trial showed that Feuerstein used a company credit card over the course of five years to purchase personal items, including luxury furniture, designer apparel, and everyday expenses.

To conceal her theft, Feuerstein falsified entries in the company's general ledgers to offset the amounts that she had stolen. She also deleted items in the company's expense-reporting system to hide more than 3,800 credit card charges that she had made totaling more than \$1 million.

In addition, Feuerstein prepared false consolidated financial statements misstating the company's total expenses that her employer relied upon to make business decisions. The evidence at trial also showed that Feuerstein had previously embezzled more than \$250,000 while working in the accounting department of another company.

Strip club gunman's home curfew counts as prison time, reducing his 5-year sentence to 13 days

A Chicago man has been given a five-year prison sentence for shooting a bouncer outside a downtown strip club, but because the state automatically reduces most sentences by 50% and he already spent nearly 2½ years under a nighttime curfew at home, he is expected to be released after serving 13 days in an actual prison.



Guadalupe Martinez

The case against Guadalupe Martinez, 29, appeared weak from the beginning. Prosecutors said at an initial court hearing that Martinez and two other men were ejected from Deja Vu Showgirls, 750 S. Clinton St., around 4 a.m. Nov. 9, 2023. During an argument between the men and club staff members outside the club, Martinez allegedly motioned toward his waistband before the trio climbed into a white Tesla.

Once the men were inside the vehicle, someone raised a gun through the car's sunroof and started shooting toward the staff members, prosecutors said. One of the employees returned fire, and another was shot in the leg.

Surveillance video showed flashes coming from the gun, but the footage did not show which of the three men inside the Tesla fired the weapon, prosecutors said.

Police compared video footage with IDs provided by customers that night to quickly identify the three men and the Tesla's license plate number.

Cops found Martinez sitting alone inside the bullet-riddled Tesla in the 1700 block of S. Lake Shore Dr. about 90 minutes after the shooting. They allegedly found a gun under his seat and shell casings inside the car.

A witness identified Martinez as the man who motioned toward his waistband during the altercation outside the club, but no one identified him as the shooter.

After confirming with prosecutors that nobody saw Martinez with a gun and that there was no video, eyewitness, or other evidence that he fired the weapon, Judge Charles Beach found at Martinez's initial detention hearing that the state failed to provide "clear and convincing" evidence of his responsibility. Beach said that while Martinez was "part and parcel" of the shooting, state law prohibited him from being detained.

Martinez was released from custody with a daily curfew from 8:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Under state law, however, observing the curfew earned him day-for-day credit toward his prison sentence.

On April 8, Martinez, who faced attempted murder charges, pleaded guilty to a reduced count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon before Judge Tyria Walton, records show. She sentenced him to concurrent terms of five years and three years, respectively, and credited him with 881 days already served.

According to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections, he entered state custody April 14, and was scheduled for release Monday, April 27.

Street gang leader sentenced to life for racketeering conspiracy, multiple murders

A leader of the Four Corner Hustlers street gang in Chicago has been sentenced to life in federal prison for participating in a criminal organization that terrorized Chicago for two decades by committing murders, robberies, extortions, witness tampering, and drug dealing.

Labar Spann, 47, of Chicago, was convicted in December 2025 after a five-week trial in federal court in Chicago on all four counts against him,

including racketeering conspiracy, two murders in aid of racketeering, and extortion.

The jury found that Spann committed a total of four murders in a premeditated manner as part of the racketeering conspiracy, including the killings of Rudy Rangel on June 4, 2003; Willie Woods on April 16, 2003; George King on April 8, 2003; and Maximillion McDaniel on July 25, 2000.

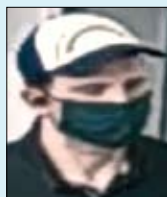
On April 20, U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin imposed a life sentence on Spann during a hearing in federal court. Given the gravity of Spann's crimes, the life sentence was a mandatory penalty under federal law.

"At [Spann's] direction, his co-conspirators murdered, extorted, and robbed anyone in their way, from rival gang members, to law enforcement cooperators, to innocent bystanders," Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meghan C. Morrissey, Michelle J. Parthum, and Emily C.R. Vermeylen argued in a sentencing memorandum. "His actions ended the lives of four men, the harm and pain caused to these families can never be repaired."

The Four Corner Hustlers operated primarily in Chicago neighborhoods. According to evidence presented at Spann's trial, the gang dealt drugs and robbed and extorted rival dealers, while using violence and intimidation to prevent victims and witnesses from cooperating with law enforcement. The gang engaged in numerous acts of violence, including multiple murders and armed robberies. During the trial, the jury heard testimony from other members of the Four Corner Hustlers, eyewitnesses to numerous crimes, law enforcement officers who responded to crime scenes, and expert witnesses who analyzed forensic and other evidence.

Spann was indicted in 2017 along with eight other members of the Four Corner Hustlers and two additional defendants. All the defendants were convicted.

Perv alert! Chicago cops warn of man who committed 'indecent act' on the Brown Line



A close-up of the suspect's face.

Chicago police are searching for a man who allegedly committed an indecent act while riding the CTA Brown Line in Lincoln Park earlier this month.

In a community alert issued April 23, CPD said investigators are seeking the man shown in released photos in connection with an incident reported at 3:30 p.m. April 13 near the Diversey station. The alert did not provide details about what occurred or say whether anyone was victimized.

Police described the man as White and said he was wearing a black surgical mask, a black-and-white hat, a white-and-black polo shirt, black shorts, and black-and-white shoes. He was carrying a black backpack.

Anyone who recognizes him is asked to contact CPD's Public Transportation Unit at 312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com using case number JK216731.

Woman charged with shooting three outside Irving Park bar

A woman pulled her minivan to a stop and opened fire on a group of people trying to enter an Irving Park bar early on April 12, wounding three men and sending a fourth to the hospital after he tore a ligament in his knee diving out of the way, prosecutors said April 23.

Officials offered no motive for the shooting, noting that the accused woman, 27-year-old Isathia Perez, is licensed to own firearms but does not hold a concealed carry license.

Prosecutors said the victims were in a group of people who were trying



Shane Doty, left, Sir Russell, right, and the weapons they are accused of possessing on the CTA.

CPD catches 2 men carrying guns during one encounter at Loop CTA station

Chicago police officers seized two firearms and arrested two men during a single incident at the same CTA station in the Loop on April 19, the latest sign of progress in a reinvigorated push to reclaim the city's train lines from criminals and ne'er-do-wells.

Officers assigned to the CPD's Public Transportation Section Tactical Team were conducting a train check at the Clark-Lake station around 11:30 a.m., when they noticed Shane Doty, 25, sitting inside a train with an open bottle of alcohol, police said. Officers asked Doty to step off the train and began issuing him a ticket when they spotted a bulge in the front pocket of his sweatshirt. The bulge, police say, was a loaded ghost gun.

As officers were taking Doty into custody, they saw 23-year-old Sir Russell adjust his waistband and quickly walk away, according to CPD. Officers moved to question Russell, who fled into a nearby train car and resisted the officers, police said. The cops allegedly found a firearm in his waistband.

Russell's arrest carried added weight: Illinois Dept. of Corrections records show he was released from prison on Feb. 5, after serving time for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Before that conviction, he went to prison in 2021, also on a weapons possession charge, according to IDOC data.

to enter Marinero Bar, 2916 W. Irving Park Rd., at 2:47 a.m. The bar closes at 2 a.m. nightly, according to its business listings.



Isathia Perez

Surveillance cameras captured a grey Honda Odyssey with distinctive damage to its front right fender passing the bar heading eastbound, then turning around and stopping in the middle of Richmond St., prosecutors said. The driver, allegedly Perez, stepped out of the minivan and opened fire on the crowd, sending victims scrambling for cover behind parked cars and trees. She then got back into the minivan and drove off, prosecutors said.

Police recovered 14 9mm shell casings at the scene, according to a detention filing, which noted that Perez has a 9mm handgun registered in her name.

The victims included a 37-year-old man who sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his abdomen, hip, back, and arm. He was transported to Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition. A 38-year-old man was shot in the left thigh and was also taken to Masonic. A 31-year-old man suffered a gunshot wound to the right calf and was transported to St. Francis Hospital. A fourth victim, whose age is not known, tore a ligament in his knee after diving away from the gunfire and was also taken to Masonic.

Witnesses told police the shooter was a heavyset Hispanic woman.

License plate reader technology captured the Odyssey's plate near the scene, and detectives learned the vehicle is registered to Perez, according to prosecutors. Detectives allegedly

Judge Shauna Boliker detained Russell on charges of being a felon in possession of a weapon and obstructing police. Prosecutors did not seek detention for Doty, who faces a charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

The Trump Administration has put intense pressure on the CTA, threatening to withhold federal funding if the agency does not improve safety on the city's transit lines. An initial plan to boost patrols by CPD officers went over like a lead balloon in Washington, prompting an immediate demand for an even more robust plan by the Federal Transit Administration.

Last month, the Cook County Sheriff's Police began patrolling CTA train lines and immediately began appearing in social media videos as they shooed troublemakers from trains and took a no-nonsense approach to problematic riders. The sheriff's office has also made several arrests for illegal gun possession on the Red Line.

On April 20, the CTA canceled one of its big-buck private security contracts, saying it will redirect that money to law enforcement patrols and "specially trained professionals" who are "better equipped" to get the job done.

pulled CPD surveillance camera footage to track the minivan from the shooting scene to Perez's home in the 1300 block of N. Keeler Ave. Additional CPD footage recorded by a camera near her home showed her parking, placing something in the trunk, and running into the house at 3:04 a.m., prosecutors allege.

Teen charged with two counts of Armed Robbery

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with two felony counts – Robbery – Armed with Firearm after he was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Dept. Citywide Robbery Task Force April 13, in the 1100 S. Hamilton Ave. He was identified as one of the offenders who, on March 17, took property at gunpoint from a 25-year-old male and a 47-year-old male victim in the 400 block of W. Erie St. in River North.

The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Takeover robbery at downtown diner ends with one hospitalized

A crew of armed robbers targeted a downtown diner and its customers April 23, pistol-whipping one man before racing to Logan Square and hitting a convenience store minutes later, according to Chicago police reports.

The robbery spree began about 3:12 a.m. at Griddle 24, 334 W. Chicago Ave. Police said three men entered the restaurant, displayed firearms, and demanded money. The offenders took cash from the register and safe, then robbed people inside the diner of money, phones, and other belongings.

Victims included a 56-year-old

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Sigma Comics' vigilante fights animal abuse

Kickstarter begins May 1

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

Fighting animal abuse and comics usually don't cross paths. However, the problem of animal abuse still is present today just as an incident on March 3 shows, which unfolded just outside Chicago in Will County.

An investigation is underway of "gruesome" details in which six dogs were found dead in trash bags.

The company Sigma Comics has unleashed a series called Calico in which the title vigilante comic book character fights those who harm animals. The comic routinely sells out at conventions all across the country.

Sigma recently announced the introduction of its new, vigilante comic book character, Pig Bath. The character is the main antagonist in Sigma Comics' upcoming trade paperback, entitled Calico: Unwanted Men. The new book launches for pre-orders on Kickstarter.com. The new character shares some similarities with Sigma Comics' flagship character, Calico, however, there are notable differences.

"Whereas Calico's war is against people who abuse animals, Pig Bath is focused on getting bad cops off the street. Permanently," said character creator, H.H. German, who also created Calico, and is the founder of Sigma Comics. "They're both very dark characters, antiheroes, but Pig Bath is definitely operating in darker territory. Hector Gil, Calico, is a character who, deep down, wants to be one of the good guys. He knows his tactics are extreme, but he tries to uphold a moral code. Pig Bath goes far beyond any semblance of morality, which is why I positioned him as an antagonistic force," said German.

The latter will be Sigma Comics' third trade paperback, following Calico: Street Math and Calico: Morality Play, and will contain 176 pages, and is expected to launch May 1 on Kickstarter. Sigma Comics is unique among comic book publishers in that every penny is dedicated to fighting animal cruelty. The publisher works with charities that are vetted to ensure that their efforts go, overwhelmingly, to stated causes. As a result, Here Comes Calico has quickly become the best-selling independent comic book series on the North American comic book convention circuit. "We're not sales people yet, we're selling hundreds of pounds of Here Comes Calico at conventions, and we have an awesome team," said German. While writing duties fall to H.H. German, Renato Pinto and Mithun Roy handle the interior art, Garnabiel is on cover art, and writer Mike Baron is on editorial duties.

The title's grassroots success has not gone unnoticed, and this time around, has picked up endorsements from some of the biggest names in the industry.

"This is a great book, by great people, for a great cause," said David Finch, the legendary artist whose past works include Marvel Comics' The New Avengers and



Sigma Comics was created to give a stronger voice to animal rights supporters.

DC Comics' Rebirth, and who currently draws Skinbreaker, his project with Skybound Entertainment's Robert Kirkman, of The Walking Dead fame.

"Really great cause! Fight animal abuse," said Ryan Ottley, an artist for the best-selling series Invincible and Battle Beast, both from Robert Kirkman's Skybound Entertainment.

"Be a REAL HERO! Help save animals and you're a superhero," said Jeph Loeb, a writer known for DC's Batman: The Long Halloween and Hush, with Jim Lee.

Humans have superheroes. Animals don't. That changes with us. Sigma Comics was created to give a stronger voice to a group that cohabitates this planet with us, yet are routinely encroached upon, threatened, abused and killed. Through both print and digital mediums, Sigma creates

and distributes stories inspired by actual events, which often receive very little [attention]. Sigma's creation is Calico, the first vegan antihero in comics, created back in 2020.

Calico: Unwanted Men on Kickstarter can be pre-ordered on May 1 at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/sigmacomics/here-comes-calico-issue-8/posts/4665033>. Sign up for the new Sigma Comics title at [Kickstarter.com](https://www.kickstarter.com).

Look for other Sigma titles at Fan Expo Chicago: Aug. 14-16, in Rosemont, and at Chicago Comics, 3244 N. Clark St.

If you're looking to help out animals in your neighborhood contact local animal shelters like Chicago Animal Control and Care, PAWS Chicago, Chicago Canine Rescue and the Animal Welfare League.

Special film screening, 70 Years of Godzilla celebrated at JASC

The Japanese American Service Committee [JASC] will celebrate its 80th anniversary of service, cultural exchange, and community building by destroying Tokyo.

To honor this anniversary, JASC, 5700 N. Lincoln Ave., is partnering with Doc Films at the Univ. of Chicago, the nation's oldest collegiate film society, to present a special May 9 film screening event of 70 Years of Godzilla. The showing will take place at Univ. of Chicago, 1212 E. 59th St.

They will be showing the 1956 Godzilla King of Monsters, and the 1964 Mothra vs. Godzilla. For ticket information write to nfo@jasc-chicago.org.

This event will highlight the enduring legacy of Godzilla as a cinematic icon and cultural touchpoint that has connected audiences across the globe for generations.

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CTA surveillance images of the suspects.

Nine people attacked CTA passenger in the Loop

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are looking for nine people, including seven women, who attacked a passenger aboard a Red Line train in the Loop.

CPD offered few details about what happened, saying only that the people being sought "committed an aggravated battery to a transit passenger while on a CTA train" in the 600 block of S. State St. around 9:36 p.m. April 14.

At the time of the attack, a large number of teens were heading home from an otherwise uneventful "trend" at North Avenue Beach that sparked incidents along the CTA.

CPD described the individuals as:

- A Black male wearing a black t-shirt with white lettering and denim shorts
- A Black male wearing a long black sleeve shirt
- A Black female wearing a blue t-shirt and blue shorts
- A Black female wearing a white top with red hair

- A Black female wearing a purple sweater
- A Black female wearing a black flower print sweater
- A Black female wearing a black zip-up sweater and black shorts
- A Black female wearing a black hooded sweater and black pants
- A Black female wearing a black t-shirt with white lettering and black pants

Anyone with information about the suspects can contact Mass Transit detectives at 312-745-4447 or submit a tip anonymously at CPDTIP.com. The case number is JK-189284.

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Dara Pizzuti and Chanelle Lacy, Director of Art Initiatives.

WOES: Soon-to-shutter Trinity Christian College campus in Palos Heights is now up for sale.

CASH WOES: Architecture critic **Lee Bey** announced cash-strapped DePaul is closing the curtain on Downtown's historic Merle Reskin Theatre. The university's decision places in limbo a landmarked 1,400-seat Beaux Art playhouse designed by **Benjamin H. Marshall**, one of Chicago's preeminent architects. All this comes nearly 120 years after its opening. DePaul is citing budget troubles, and this news comes as the university is also preparing to shutter its art museum in Lincoln Park in June.

MORE WOES: Chicago favorite **Hersey Felder** in Salzburg, Austria after working in Prague on a 60th anniversary project of "The Sound of Music," but developed a serious upper respiratory condition plaguing the Czech Republic's capitol. Now he's warning people after half his crew picked

up the "Prague Cough."

STAR TREK WOES: Actor **George Takei**, 88, can now barely walk without assistance. The Star Trek legend was just spotted in Los Angeles looking frail — using a cane and tightly gripping the arm of **Brad**, his husband of nearly 40 years.

UPTOWN JOE: The Chicago Dept. of Buildings has issued a building permit to build a space for Trader Joe's on the ground floor of 804 W. Montrose Ave.

The property management has confirmed that Trader Joe's has signed a lease at this location and construction is now in progress. There has not been an opening date announced.

MURDER: Last Friday Ald. **Gilbert Villegas** joined the **Carvajal family** to highlight the FBI increasing the reward amount for information leading to the arrest of suspect, **Joseph Matos**. Matos has been charged with the murder of Chicago National Guardsman, **Chrys Carvajal** in 2021. He remains at large and considered armed and dangerous. The FBI says Matos who could still be in the Chicago land area.

AND WE'RE ROLLING: **Michael Kutza**, famed creator of the Chicago International Film Festival, was recently honored by the Republic of Poland for his historic role in bridging international

understanding and international cinema. He received his award from the Polish Consul General at their diplomatic mission in



Michael Kutza, Myra and John Reilly.

Chicago. Kutza was surrounded by proud Chicago friends, including **John** and **Myra Reilly**, for the event.

NEW SHOW: TimeLine Theatre Company member **Will Allan** plays Dr. Thomas Stockmann, a doctor who makes a deadly discovery that threatens his entire village, in TimeLine's premiere of **Amy Herzog's** new version of **Henrik Ibsen's** An Enemy of the People. Herzog's version of Ibsen's masterwork, the Tony Award-nominated talk of Broadway last season, is the inaugural production at the theater's new home in Uptown at 5035 N. Broadway. Performances run May 6-June 7.

TALENT: Broadway In Chicago has announced the 24 student nominees for Best Performer in an Actor and Actress role, as well as student nominees for the Backstage Champion Award, and nominees for Best Ensemble, Best Direction, and Best Production,

for the 15th Annual Broadway In Chicago Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards (IHSMTA). IHSMTA celebrates excellence in high school theatre throughout the State of Illinois and is the state's regional program that feeds into the National High School Musical Theatre Awards.

The 24 high school student nominees were selected from 348 student applicants from 95 participating schools across the state, a record-breaking number of applicants for the program. The nominees will participate in the Awards Program, which will be held at the Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut, Monday, May 11.

During the ceremony, the nominees will perform a musical number from **Cameron Mackintosh's** acclaimed production of **Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's** Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon, *Les Miserables*.

AMBASSADOR EAST: Executive Producer **Joey Majumdar** was thrilled to attend the Ambassador East Gold Coast 100 year anniversary along with **Sen. William A. Marovitz**, producer **Army Granat**, soap opera actress/singer **Irene Michaels** and **Denise Rosen**. His inspiration, **Irv "Kup" Kupcinec** used to interview all the Hollywood stars including **Marilyn Monroe**, **Cary Grant**, **Frank Sinatra** and many other A list movie stars, singers, sports stars and politicians. He was known to hang out

at the Pump Room. It was an outstanding event.

HAT LUNCH: **Cathy Bell Bartholomey**, **Myra Reilly**, **Claudine Schramko** and **Sherry Lea Fox** say mark your calendars and get your tix for the May 20 fashion show. The sheer joie de vivre of this invite says it all. Fashion, fun, and fabulous hats are all at the Service Club of Chicago's annual Spring luncheon at the Ritz.

WHO'S WHERE: Famed ballroom dancer **Rhonda Liesenfelt** dining in Antwerp, Belgium at Grand Duca II Ristorante... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** with mom, **Georgia Leese**, enjoying the Chicago city Spring... **Liz Lombardo Stark** celebrating daughter **Maggie Stark's** Confirmation at Old St. Patrick's Church with **Frankie Lombardo** as her sponsor... **Laila Robbins** with friends **Cynthia Adler**, **Penny Fuller** and the great actor **James Cromwell** at WORD Theatre's presentation of "Still Talking/Celebrating Lore Segal in Performance" at the Leo Baek Institute. Also with them were **Toni Kalem**, **Mary Beth Peil**, **Vincent Piazza**, **Samantha Mathis**, cellist **Susan Salm** and director **Cedering Fox**... Andersonville's **Cases & Pencils** is moving in May... Gold Medal skating star **Ilia Malinin** admits his two cats 'don't care' that he's the quad god: "They just treat me like trash"... **Sean Eshaghy** was a Confirmation sponsor for a former student, a soccer player, at St. Josaphat's where he teaches and has the deep loyalty of students.

WGN: **Karen Conti** was honored to be the keynote speaker at the Beyond the Crime Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Over 500 attendees who ranged from crime victims, missing persons advocates, forensic psychologists, and everyone's favorite—search dogs.

HATS: The White Sox are honoring Pope Leo XIV, by giving out pope-themed hats to some in attendance for their home game against the Reds on Aug. 11. Good luck getting one, an instant collector's item.

NEW HANGOUT: Fathom, a queer cocktail bar from the team behind Dorothy, has opened in Lakeview. **Whitney LaMora** and **Zoe Schor** said their focus is on creating a more casual, accessible neighborhood bar that will host events and community pop-ups.

The first thing I do in the morning is brush my teeth and sharpen my tongue.

- Dorothy Parker

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'Ukulele Virtuoso returns for May 5 show

BY PETER VON BUOL

Hawaii's 'ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro will return to town May 5 to perform at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.

Known for his fast and complex finger work on the 'ukulele and a unique style which combines elements of traditional Hawaiian, jazz, rock, bluegrass, and classical music, Shimabukuro, 49, became known as a solo performer in 2006 through a viral video of his rendition of the Beatles' classic *While My Guitar Gently Weeps*.

Up until that point, outside the state of Hawaii, Shimabukuro had been best-known for his performances with late Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band.

Shortly after his music video went viral, he made his first appearance in Chicago at the now-closed Border's book store in Lincoln Park, which was quickly followed by his first-ever solo concert at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Since that first show, Chicago has been a regular stop on his tours.

"The North Shore stage is great. The acoustics are really nice. It has that performance hall type of feeling to it. It is larger [room] but it still has that intimate feeling. The stage at Old Town has that wraparound feel, which makes it a really intimate venue to perform. As an instrument, I really believe the 'ukulele has an amazing and magical quality to bring people together. It is so joyful. I also think it attracts people of all ages. Our audience often includes little children and senior citizens, as well as the in-between," said Shimabukuro, who will once again be accompanied by Jackson Waldhoff on electric bass.

"Jackson played with me the last time I was there at the North Shore. We have some exciting new songs and some new arrangements of older songs. I have also been experimenting with slide ukulele, in honor of musical pioneer Joseph Kekuku [who invented the lap steel guitar in the late 1800s and would use a metal bar to slide across his strings]. We do that as a tribute to him," said Shimabukuro.

In the early 20th century, due to the efforts of native Hawaiian musicians who travelled across the mainland to perform and also through their musical recordings, steel guitar was adopted by jazz musicians and also numerous genre of American Roots, including blues, country and western and bluegrass music.

In the 1920s, Kekuku moved to Chicago, where he taught countless students, including some who would influence the development of Chicago blues.

In 2024, Shimabukuro released *Blues Experience*, an instrumental album featuring Mick Fleetwood, the legendary drummer of the band Fleetwood Mac. In its original version, in Great Britain, Fleetwood Mac

had been a highly-regarded blues band.

"To go into a recording studio with Mick Fleetwood and to be able to record an album was just an 'oh man' experience. He was so generous and gracious to do that. He didn't have to do that. Playing live with him in the studio was incredible. And then to hear his stories was great. I also learned about how he thinks about arranging songs. Just his energy [is infectious]. To be able to play a blues shuffle with him, there is just nothing like it. It was a real honor," said Shimabukuro.

For several decades, Fleetwood has called Maui his home. Since the devastating Lahaina fire of 2023, Fleetwood has been actively involved in local fundraising efforts.

"Mick has such a giving heart for Hawaii. He has embraced Hawaii. What happened in Lahaina deeply affected him [Fleetwood owned a popular eponymously named restaurant on Front St.]. He [is] a part of the local scene in Lahaina. I don't know how often he goes back to England but he has long been considered almost a local-born resident. He is always giving back to the community and he is just so humble. He cares deeply about Maui... about Maui schools and local children. He has done a lot of fundraising on their behalf," he said.

On some of his previous visits to Chicago, Shimabukuro has also performed the National Anthem at Chicago Cubs games at Wrigley Field. Those performances rank among his career highlights.

"I have gotten to do that a couple of times. It's such an honor to have that opportunity. I have also performed the National Anthem before a New York Knicks game and at the NFL Pro Bowl. When I toured with Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, Jimmy would put me out on stage before everyone else and I would open the show with the National Anthem. On the last three chords of the anthem, the rest of the band would join me and then we would go right into the band's first song," he said.

On his new album *Calm Seas*, Shimabukuro has taken a somewhat different approach from his previous albums. Among his influences on his current recording are nature sounds he recorded which were played back in the recording studio.

"This is a very different album. It was a reflection of my early childhood where I grew up and would experience the natural sounds around me. For example, on the song *Hakalau* (about the Hakalau Forest on Hawaii Island), we took recording equipment into the rainforest and actually recorded the sounds of the native birds. Afterwards, we brought those field recordings in to the studio and we improvised music to them. It was a reverse of what we had done before. That is, we would record a song and then match a natural recording to it," said Shimabukuro.



Jake Shimabukuro.

Courtesy Ukulele Magazine

As a young child, Shimabukuro would spend summers with his grandparents on the island of Molokai. Their home was in the isolated Wailau Valley on the island's north shore.

"The only way in is to hike over the mountain, or to have a boat take you there. It is amazing. There was absolutely nothing from the modern world there. All of their drinking water came from the mountain. We would catch prawns and fish. My uncles would go out and hunt deer and pig. That was our food. We would go on camps of up to two weeks long. I would also just sit on the beach and play 'ukulele, while listening to the ocean. I'd just play along. It's those memories that inspired this record," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro is pleased in the explosion of interest that has occurred in the ukulele since his 2006 recording and how the 'ukulele has helped spark a greater awareness about Hawaiian history and culture.

"I play a lot of different styles of music that aren't necessarily traditional. I make sure that I play at least one or two traditional songs to honor the culture and the music that I experienced. [As a] teenager I began to experiment and to try different styles of music. My 'ukulele teacher, Roy Sakuma, was a student of Herb Ohta, Senior, (who is known professionally as Otha-san). His teacher was the late Eddie Kamae [who played 'ukulele for the legendary Sons of Hawaii musical group]. All of them also played non-traditional music, along with traditional Hawaiian," said Shimabukuro.

Shimabukuro also credits the late Peter Moon, Jesse Kelima, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and Gordon Mark as influencing his style of play as well as the

still-active Kelly Boy DeLima and Troy Fernandez.

"I feel so fortunate to have Roy Sakuma as my teacher. Ever since I was a young student, I have had this passion for the 'ukulele. I was fortunate to have been exposed to all those amazing 'ukulele players," said Shimabukuro.

Not surprisingly, Shimabukuro has developed a relationship with other artists from Hawaii who have a significant following in Chicago, including Henry Kapono, with whom he will soon be touring the mainland. With his band, C & K, Kapono had recorded three albums in the 1970s for Columbia Records and which received airplay on the mainland and were best-sellers in Hawaii. Kapono's groundbreaking 1997 solo album *Home in the Islands* earned a Grammy nomination.

"Like Mick Fleetwood, Uncle Henry is a living legend. He is an incredible songwriter and performer. He really helped change people's perspective about what Hawaiian music can be. [C & K] were the biggest band to come out of Hawaii. Their style of music was just so different but it still had that island vibe to it. It was also very modern. People just immediately connected to it. Uncle Henry has been a solo performer for quite a while and yet, whenever I hear him on guitar and singing, I still get chicken-skin [goosebumps]," said Shimabukuro.

Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$120. For more information call 847-673-6300 or visit nothshorecenter.org.

Jazz Day is April 30

Chicago has been selected as the Global Host City for International Jazz Day 2026, on April 30. It is the 15th anniversary of Jazz Day.

The Chicago Jazz Alliance is organizing the celebration to promote jazz throughout the city. Led by jazz legend Herbie Hancock, the event will include performances by artists such as Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kurt Elling, Marcus Miller, and many others. The primary event will be an All-Star Global Concert at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, which will be streamed live on YouTube to a worldwide audience.

In addition to the concert, Chicago will host various educational programs, workshops, and a "Jazz Club Tour Experience." Former information, visit <https://jazzday.com/chicago/>.

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SHIPS THAT MADE CHICAGO HEADLINES THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 6:30 PM WITH CHUCK BETZOLD

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Stories abound, from the early lake schooners to modern day freighters, and from houseboats on the Chicago River to excursion ships like the ill-fated *Eastland*.

Chuck Betzold is a local historian. He currently leads tours of Bohemian National Cemetery where he serves on their Board of Directors. Betzold was also a docent at Tribune Tower, where he worked as a graphic artist for the Chicago Tribune for over 30 years.

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First Friday music returns May 1

The First Friday music series returns May 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. along Sheridan Rd. between Devon and Pratt avenues. Enjoy performances on Sister Jean Plaza by the Loyola Red Line station and outdoor patios at Raising

Cane's Chicken Fingers, Mama's African Cuisine, Khmai, The 400 Theater, Great Wall, Arepa Pa' Los Pana, and Giordano's.

First Fridays will be held on May 1, June 5, and Sept. 4.

Bridge Work almost done at Montrose Beach

Construction on the four replacement bridges at Montrose Beach is nearly complete. All bridges should be open permanently to vehicular traffic by the end of April and the City expects the underpasses to open up to

pedestrians and cyclists by late May or early June at the latest.

There may be one short additional closure later in the summer or fall to complete the final exterior masonry work.

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POLICE BEAT *see p. 10*

man, a 63-year-old man, a 64-year-old man, and an adult woman whose age was not immediately available, according to police. During the robbery, one of the gunmen struck a 23-year-old man in the back of the head with a firearm. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition. No other injuries were reported.

The robbers, described as Black men wearing gray hooded sweat-shirts, fled westbound on Chicago Avenue in a black sedan, possibly an Infiniti.

About 15 minutes later, masked men wearing similar clothing entered the 7-Eleven at 2366 N. Damen Ave. in Logan Square, according to a preliminary police report.

Investigators said two of the offenders were armed with pistols

and a third carried a compact rifle. They demanded money, taking cash from the register and cigarettes from behind the counter before fleeing in the same dark-colored sedan seen leaving Griddle 24 minutes earlier.

Responding officers said it appeared four or five robbers may have been involved in the crimes, including individuals who remained inside the getaway car. No arrests have been announced.

Assailant stabs man in the neck while walking with girlfriend near Buckingham Fountain

A 23-year-old man was stabbed in the neck April 23 while walking with his girlfriend near Buckingham Fountain, according to Chicago police.

The victim and his 27-year-old girlfriend were in the 500 block of S. Columbus Dr. at 11:27 p.m. when they

became involved in a verbal dispute with a man they did not know, CPD said. The confrontation turned physical, and the unknown man stabbed the victim in the left side of his neck before fleeing north on Lake Shore Dr., police said.

Bystanders applied pressure to the man's wound to slow the bleeding until paramedics arrived. EMS transported him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious condition.

Officers were told to look for a Black man wearing a black hoodie and headphones, but no arrests have been announced.

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>292929 ----- 222222 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Plaintiff, -v- MELINDA RODRIGUEZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE MELINDA RODRIGUEZ LIVING TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, RIVER PLACE ON THE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025 CH 00193 700 N LARRABEE ST. APT 1914</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>CHICAGO, IL 60654 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 17, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 700 N LARRABEE ST. APT 1914, CHICAGO, IL 60654 Property Index No. 17-09-113-018-1202 AND 17-09-113-018-1323 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$81,359.66. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact WELTMAN, WEIN-</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>BERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number 24-000967-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400 CHICAGO, IL 60601 312-782-9676 Fax #: 312-782-4201 E-Mail: ChicagoREDG@weltman.com Attorney File No. 24-000967-1 Attorney Code. 31495 Case Number: 2025 CH 00193 TJSC#: 46-514 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025 CH 00193 8232-964053</p> <p>151515 -----</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>
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<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v- JOSE R. GONZALEZ, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 6528 N. FRANCISCO CONDO ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 07717 6528 N FRANCISCO AVE, UNIT 1E 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 January 5, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6528 N FRANCISCO AVE, UNIT 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-317-019-0000 810-36-317-041-1002 The real estate is improved with a condominium. 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Gista; Lunt Court Condominium Association; First American Bank; AIK Restoration & Repair LLC; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendants. 2025CH08370 1217 W Lunt Avenue, Unit 3B, Chicago, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/13/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 5/18/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on May 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1217 W Lunt Avenue, Unit 3B, Chicago, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-114-031-1012 The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$176,363.91 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1217 W Lunt Avenue, Unit 3B into the search bar. 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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-06538 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2025CH10616 TJSC#: 46-270 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025CH10616 13285628</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>SATESH B. DAIBY, GAITRI DAIBY, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants 2025CH10616 1826 W PRATT BLVD CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 26, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1826 W PRATT BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-224-029-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family Residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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CHASE AVE., 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 2/17/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 5/18/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 5/20/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2856 W. CHASE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-25-324-015-0000 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$87,043.15 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 2856 W. CHASE AVE. into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. 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Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 24-01287 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 24 CH 6236 TJSC#: 46-800 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 24 CH 6236 8231-963807</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 18, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-30-422-032-1023 AND 11-30-422-032-1027 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$174,734.17. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-05340 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2025CH09852 TJSC#: 46-400 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025CH09852 13285159</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 13, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6437 N GLENWOOD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-328-017-0000 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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Plaintiff,
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PARK HARBOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

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Plaintiff,
-v-
CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ERNEST O. KIN (DECEASED), ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERNEST O. KIN, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2024 CH 10962
611 W PATTERSON AVENUE, UNIT 314
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Property Index No. 14-21-109-019-1043
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The judgment amount was \$51,189.56.
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Porchlight to stage 2026-27 season at Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre

Porchlight Music Theatre's 32nd season will launch in September at the historic Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., boosting the visibility for one of Chicago's most famous entertainment sites.

The nonprofit North Side company will stage its full upcoming 2026-27 season at the 230-seat Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre, a venue that has been mostly dark since the COVID pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown.

Victory Gardens Theater owns the Biograph Theater, but has mostly kept the facility dark since an ugly period when staff and management got into a public fight over hiring and race. That fight grew vicious when it landed online in some bizarre social media posts. Management won that fight and then the Board of Directors fired the entire staff.

Porchlight's arrival should bring with it some fresh air and new crowds to Lincoln Ave.

Letter to the Editor

Incomplete record and conclusions remain to be addressed

The Fern Hill proposal comes down to one question: have conditions changed enough since 1991 to justify what the underlying zoning prohibits? The record says no. The declaratory judgment was dismissed on procedural grounds [April 22 story]. The incomplete record and its unsupported conclusions remain to be addressed.

The 1991 downzoning of the North/LaSalle corridor, entered in the Journal of the City Council on Sept. 11, 1991, page 5486, reflected a specific judgment about density, traffic, and site capacity.

Planned Development 89 [PD 89] was delivered without demonstrating that any of those conditions had materially changed. The record shows what was offered instead: a handful of parking spaces removed on North Ave. and a shift of access onto LaSalle St., a corridor already burdened by school and commuter traffic and the loss of a grocery store that once served local demand. These are not changed conditions. They are workarounds.

The proposed mitigations confirm the problem rather than solve it. There is still no alley. The bus stop configuration requires no relocation. Easements do not add capacity; they redirect congestion. Cameras at North/LaSalle and Eugenie/LaSalle record risk. They do not reduce it.

The Treasure Island site has been vacant since Oct. 2018, held for a tower and parking garage that are simply too massive for the site.

There is plenty in the real estate development pipeline. North Union and Foundry Square are major planned developments already underway. The corridor will see luxury housing supply. Meanwhile, whole neighborhoods cannot move the needle on housing because corridors are already jammed with rezoning commitments. The allocation decisions have been made. Old Town has drawn its line in the sand.

Capital under pressure seeks approvals. That is not a reason to grant them. Sometimes there is not enough gas in the tank for ambitious plans. The 1991 downzoning is the benchmark. PD 89 should be remanded for review grounded in facts, not momentum. First things first.

Tim Carew
Old Town

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The Porchlight season will include the 11th anniversary edition of Porchlight's signature concert series New Faces Sing Broadway with New Faces Sing Broadway 1976, Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15; the musical hit Little Shop of Horrors, Nov. 4 - Dec. 13; a co-production with Theater Wit of the "Best Musical" Tony Award-nominated musical Dead Outlaw, Feb. 10 - March 21, 2027, and the world premiere of a new musical play Shake It Away: The Ann Miller Story, April 2 - April 25, 2027, which will be staged at the the Richard Christiansen Theatre, where for the first time it will be backed by a live band.

Porchlight will also return to Chicago Live at Navy Pier, a Broadway in your Backyard performance, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, followed by their ICONS Gala, Sunday, Sept. 27.

"We will invest in being in the Biograph," Porchlight's Artistic Director Michael Weber told Chris Jones of the Chicago Tribune. He told Jones this was a one-season deal at this point but also potentially a long-term residency. "We are going to discover whether we are a good fit for the venue and whether the venue is a good fit for us."

For tickets or more information, visit PorchlightMusicTheatre.org.

Porchlight has built a well-earned reputation for reimagining classic musicals, supporting new works and young performers, and showcasing notable local music theatre artists.

Their repertoire includes more than 70 mainstage works with 15 Chicago premieres and five world premieres. They have 178 Joseph Jefferson Award nominations and 49 Jeff awards, as well as 44 Black Theatre Alliance nominations and 15 BTA awards.



John Primer will perform at this year's Blues Fest.

World's largest free Blues Festival back again at Millennium Park

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Star Media

Chicago turns up the volume every summer when the legendary Chicago Blues Festival returns to Millennium Park June 4-7 and this year also to venues across the city.

Celebrated as the world's largest free blues festival, this iconic event honors the city's deep musical roots while showcasing the genre's past, present and future.

Launched in 1984 to honor the legacy of Muddy Waters, the festival has grown into a global destination that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Opening night begins at the historic Ramova Theatre before the celebration moves downtown to Millennium Park for three full days of performances across multiple stages.

Programming will also expand into neighborhoods and venues citywide, bringing blues music to communities across the city.

Highlights include a 55th anniversary tribute to Alligator Records and a celebra-

tion of Billy Branch and his 75 years in music.

Founded in 1971 by Bruce Iglauer to record Hound Dog Taylor & The House-Rockers, Chicago-based Alligator Records has grown from a one-man, one-album project into the world's leading independent blues label. Known for its raw "Genuine House Rockin' Music" sound, it has released over 350 titles, including Grammy-winning artists like Koko Taylor and Albert Collins, while nurturing talent like Christone "Kingfish" Ingram.

Additional festival tributes will recognize Mama Yancey, Big Mama Thornton, a centennial salute to B.B. King, and a Women in Blues tribute honoring Denise LaSalle.

The lineup features iconic performers and contemporary stars including Mavis Staples, Ra'shad the Blues Kid, Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, Taj Mahal and Ruthie Foster. Audiences can expect electrifying guitar riffs, powerful vocals and the unmistakable sound that helped shape modern music.

Even better, admission is completely free, making it one of Chicago's most beloved summer traditions and a must attend experience for locals and visitors alike.

LANE from p. 1

ing with some fire. We talked about [Maine South] knocked us out of the state playoffs last year. It was a tight, well pitched ballgame on both sides. I am super proud of [Friedrich]. He just keeps getting better. Not only the pitching or the strike throwing but also covering first base, holding runners, picking guys off," said Lane Tech head coach Sean Freeman.

"We have a lot of good hitters especially at the top of the order. That was a big swing by Paris [Head in the bottom of the fifth inning]. He drove that through the wind. And then Eric Acevedo came through with a big hit. A lot of clutch hits, with two outs and guys in [scoring] position. We have been working hard on situational hitting," Freeman added.

"We had a young talented team last year that had a lot of success. We had a really good group from our JV coming up. So I knew we were going to be really talented this year. I wasn't sure how long it was going to take us to mesh into a team and figure out who was doing what."

The sky is the limit for this Lane team. They are undefeated in the Chicago Public League. They have only lost twice to in-state teams: Libertyville, the reigning 4A champs and Mount Carmel, a top Chicago Catholic League team. Those were the first two games of the year.

The next hurdle for the Champions is the CPL City Championship with the Championship Game at Wrigley Field on May 21.

"I am very excited [for the City playoffs]. Hopefully we can get back to Wrigley. I have never played there. It would be awesome to start at Wrigley," said Friedrich.

With the Champions on this roll, he may well get his chance.

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