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— John Steinbeck

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Stalled Old Town development hit with foreclosure

Just as the Fern Hill high-rise gets ready to take hold in Old Town, another project nearby has fallen on hard times now that Canadian lender CIBC has filed a lawsuit and foreclosure papers on a project at 1520-1528 N. Wells St.

The lender claim it's owed more than \$10.2 million after developer Condor and Barket, who guaranteed the loan, defaulted on the debt back in 2021.

The 2018 loan was reportedly modified several times to give the borrower more time to pay it off.

For more than five years, the firm Condor Partners had been making plans to build a 12-story hotel called the "Duke of Wells" on property that once held O'Brien's Restaurant and Bar. Those plans are now on hold after the foreclosure lawsuit was filed.

The Duke of Wells was envisioned by Sol Barket, the developer behind the highly successful Hotel Lincoln, located at Clark and Wells streets.

Condor Partners has been scrambling to save its 203-room



Artist rendering of potential project at 1520-1528 N. Wells St.

hotel proposal for the last four years. The plan was altered in 2024 to add a few more rooms and tweak a few other design elements, after it was first granted initial approval back in 2020.

Unlike the 36-story Old Town Canvas high-rise project at North Ave. and LaSalle Dr. that is dramatically out of character with

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The B-A-R's long battle

Bureaucracy leaves dog bar project in limbo, bleeding funds and blocking fun

BY ADRIANA FOUSTANOU

Opening a small business in Chicago can sometimes feel like an impossible task. Scott Deady and Morgan LaPorte, owners of The B-A-R, know this firsthand. For more than two years, they have battled city bureaucracy, conflicting demands, and suffered expensive delays while trying to open a simple, community-oriented dog bar at 2457 W. Montrose in North Center.

In a recent interview, Scott shared that the idea for the dog bar began after he and Morgan visited Bark Bar in Little Rock, Arkansas. "Why don't we have this in Chicago?" Deady wondered, envisioning a relaxed, tavern-style space for people and their dogs.

So they found a former greenhouse, ideal for their concept, and signed a lease in Jan. 2023, which was followed by a staggering series of bureaucratic and community missteps.

According to The B-A-R's internal timeline, after signing that lease in January, incorrect zoning measurements in February led to an improper denial, and then critical paperwork was lost by the zoning office in May.

Following a July directive banning off-leash dogs, the business model was overhauled, but zoning approvals were again mishandled,

resulting in a corrected denial by late August.

Throughout the fall, Deady submitted revised plans, completed a ZBA site inspection, and filed a Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] application. Public notices were posted by November, and a required community meeting was scheduled for Jan. 2024.

"We would be told one thing by the city — like, 'you can't do this, you have to do this' — and then the next meeting they'd say, 'wait, you're changing your business plan?' We were doing exactly what they told us," Deady said. "It felt like they were questioning our integrity just for following their instructions."

Throughout 2024, Deady and LaPorte worked to address neighbor concerns, hosting open houses and attending community meetings with a Q&A session. Despite all this work, Deady said, "We posted notice that their doors were open, and to come on by. We're here to answer questions. We bought coffee and cookies. Morgan and I just sat there, and all night one person came by, and it wasn't even a neighbor. It was just a person randomly walking by."

Still, the 47th Ward Office continued to push for changes based on complaints, but after a while, the issue wasn't a priority, so complaints were kept in the office. "They kept forwarding complaints but wouldn't share the actual concerns or emails with us," says Deady. "We were told it was due to the 'privacy of constituents.' How do you address is-

sues if you're not even allowed to know what they are?"

City officials' indecision added to the delays. Despite noise studies showing that airplanes overhead and a nearby Aldi parking lot traffic were louder than anything inside the bar, planners still pushed for a continuance.

The timeline shows a Feb. 15, 2024, ZBA hearing. "They told us if we went forward and lost, we'd have to wait an entire year to reapply," says Deady. "After 14 months of waiting just to get to this point, we had no choice but to accept another delay."

Delays weren't minor either. "We were informed that a continuance would likely be until April, not March," adding months to an already stretched-out process.

Meanwhile, Deady was paying rent on a vacant space at \$7,500 a month.

By April 19, 2024, at their second ZBA appearance, they finally received approval. A few weeks later, Ald. Matt Martin [47th] introduced a motion to lift the liquor license moratorium on that stretch of Montrose Ave., enabling The B-A-R to proceed. On June 12, 2024, City Council approved lifting the moratorium.

But by that time, the financial damage was done. They had already sunk about \$200,000 into the effort.

"We haven't even started construction yet — we've gotten through all of the red tape, but now we have no money," said Deady.

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Patricia Sharkey addresses the Community Rally at Patio Beef.

Photo by Bob Zuley

Community opposition to Broadway upzoning intensifies

Send your drawings of Broadway in 50 years, asks alder

BY BOB ZULEY

In a sign of intensifying community opposition to the hastily conceived upzoning scheme on the Broadway corridor, nearly 200 Edgewater stakeholders gathered on a blustery Saturday morning to meet in solidarity at a Community Rally in the parking lot of Patio Beef, 6022 N. Broadway.

The goal was to stop City Hall's plan to force an upzoning on Broadway.

They residents were there to rally around their goal of protecting their Broadway corridor neighborhood from a tone deaf City Hall seemingly intent on ignoring them while satisfying the desires of developers who may wish to build an urban canyon in their backyard.

Since the first gathering to showcase their new Broadway upzoning framework on Oct. 7 at Furama Restaurant on Broadway, the city's Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] has remained resolutely averse to take into account the concerns of community stakeholders.

And therein lies the major problem of many stakeholders in refusing to quietly accept a city plan to literally upzone their neighborhood and acquiesce to having an unwanted plan unilaterally imposed.

The City seeks to upend the communities' well-served 2-year zoning process and vote, concluded by then 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith in 2006, and subsequently agreed to by former Ald. Harry Osterman [48th].

The frustration in the community is palpable. They seek a new

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Emergency closure of Lincoln Square Mall to car traffic extended

Anti-car activist pushes for permanent closure

BY PETER VON BUOL

Seizing an opportunity presented with the extended emergency closure of the 4700 block of N. Lincoln Ave. to car traffic, a board member of the Heart of Lincoln Square [HOLS] neighborhood organization is advocating to keep the Lincoln Square Mall permanently closed to car traffic.

In an April 26 interview with NBC-5 Chicago, Heart of Lincoln Square board member Rony Islam said his group conducted a poll of more than 300 people and 60% of the respondents believe the 4700 block of Lincoln Ave. should become a full-time pedestrian mall.

Islam did not share the raw data HOLS used in the survey.

Originally scheduled to be

closed for just a week due to ongoing construction work being done on Leland Ave., emergency work by Com Ed has caused the street to remain closed for an extended time period.

Metered customer parking that turns over quickly is a critical infrastructure need for the survival of neighborhood commercial districts, and now Lincoln Square has lost its third parking lot. The metered parking along Lincoln Ave., the farmers market lot on Leland - that will be closed for CTA plaza construction, and the parking lot formerly located at 4715 N. Western Ave. that was gifted to an out-of-town developer for an apartment project.

In the near future, Islam said his group will bring the results of his survey to Ald. Matt Martin [47th] to convince him to support permanently closing the mall.

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What are they waiting for, a jet exploding on the runway?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

My father loved the silver screen in the 1950s, and we always went to the movies with our parents. Looking back now, I cannot believe the array of films we were exposed to. Nothing salacious. But deep stories of terrifying fears and doubts.

Like the film "The High and the Mighty." A feature filled with human conflict and drama aboard an airplane, coming from Hawaii to San Francisco, that developed engine problems over the Pacific, beyond the point of "no return."

This 1954 film, an aviation disaster movie, filmed aboard a DC-4, with John Wayne and Laraine Day, is filled with all the interior human conflicts its well-traveled sophisticated individuals faced with the possibility of falling into the ocean before they reach the coast.

Despite losing an engine and throwing all their luggage and possessions overboard, even a mink coat, they actually arrived none the worse for wear, but stripped of all their interior "untruths." They are transformed by the edge to which the flight brought them.

At age 6, the film terrified me. Still does to this day.

I thought of that film recently while reading about the human nightmares unfolding at O'Hare. It left me asking 'is anyone in City Hall awake?' Is anyone checking the numbers of near misses and runway close calls here in Chicago?

Is Mayor "Treasure Room" Johnson really keeping an eye on things beyond his skewed queerdo shenanigans with the County of Cook? I considered whether President Preckwinkle, herself, could help him out. Seems he needs all the help he can get. Better binoculars for a start. I'd feel safer landing at Gary International.

Apparently Chicago City Aviation employees have been blamed for three breaches on active runways at O'Hare International Airport during the past year. That makes me squirm. You really can't bank on second chances on runways at "Butch" O'Hare Field. Who wants to be a frequent flyer if we're experiencing Chicago runway shenanigans?

Breaches over and over and over again. Sure makes me want to visit the loo. I can only imagine what the great Mayor Richard J. Daley would be doing at his special baby, "O'Hara Field." Back in his day he made sure employees were vigilant and on the ball. No crippled landings due to employee mistakes. No skidding off the tarmac thanks to asleep at the wheel work crews. No excuses were ever permitted on his runways. Everyone who worked there knew it. Even President John Fitzgerald Kennedy knew that. That's why



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he was such a huge supporter of Daley's aviation efforts, giving Chicago a jet-age airport to be proud of.

Recently, newly obtained records show municipal workers in Chicago were disciplined or ticketed for the three incidents in which they accidentally breached active O'Hare Airport runways with their ground vehicles.

While there were no injuries or crashes occurring as a result, there was a mishap caused by a city worker when he drove his vehicle onto a runway and forced an airplane that was about to land to abort a touchdown, according to the records from the Chicago Dept. of Aviation.

Tragedy, it seems, hangs in the inept air over the world's "busiest" airport.

Thankfully, so does good luck. But how long can such luck last? A tragic, one-term, failed mayor should not count on it lasting much longer. What are they waiting for? A giant jet fireball exploding on the runway?

If dangers on the runways aren't enough, what about the approaching disasters on our summer streets during all of the neighborhood festivals?

From Rogers Park to Hegewisch, those shorts-and-sandals events of cold beers, hot dogs, funky music and neighbors meeting neighbors are treasured attractions after winter passes.

Apparently, there's elevated fears concerning a disintegration of these neighborhood festivals. Word is that many neighborhoods who long for their annual celebration of neighborhood life and singular cultural distinctions are struggling. The deep economic boosts that such festivals bring to local communities appear to be fading.

In Chicago friendships and revenues go hand in hand with the foot traffic that such festivals inspire. But the warnings have begun that the future might not be so bright for such undertakings. People are nervous.

I noticed that in a recent Chicago Tribune op-ed by Pamela Maass, the executive director of the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce. She raised the war-cry that if revenues and donations continue to evaporate it could be the end of many fests.

She held up the issue and the fears on behalf of a large group of city-wide festival organizers that also included many North Side events we've all come to know.

Some of our biggest events.

All of these neighborhood festivals are at low or no cost to the public and funded essentially by free will offerings and donations at the gates. Most do not receive any taxpayer support. What's really important are the fees they receive from festival vendors and sponsorships from local businesses and those friendly donations.

The complex issue is how to balance the growth of local attendance numbers with the plummeting resources and funds gobbled up by high overhead. Don't forget to pray for good weather.

The number of attendees are up, but the revenue from donations are down.

Neighborhoods need these events to expose others to their community and add life to the streets. It's not just an economic issue but a community reality. What is Old Town without their famous art fair? Boystown without the Pride Parade, and Lincoln Square without their 100-year-old German-American fest?

It's a cultural issue that needs to be resolved. But that can't happen when your leadership is asleep at the wheel and 777s are dodging city trucks on runways at O'Hare.

Who's watching the store?

Not being able to read the signs of health and well-being in urban communities is a critical sign of disaster brewing. They won't see the train coming until it hits.

At the moment Chicago is fast becoming the mayor's dream city. A tent city where the teepees hide the hungry and the isolated, and teen wildings downtown are a weekly occurrence. And so we wait for that crash we all know is not far away.

PAY THE PIPER: Mayor Brandon Johnson recently signed an executive order establishing a new "team." This one to assist in dealing with the nightmare of the city's \$1.12 (or more) billion dollar shortfall in the 2026 budget. That will only get worse each day. So he's lining up "budget experts" that will undoubtedly suggest layoffs and cuts in city services. Our own DOGE... Isn't this what he said that he'd never do?

Now that the COVID bailout cash has dried up we are faced with the wrath of budget cuts, and

that will undoubtedly begin unfolding harsh economic punishments. It's an urban "doomsday" scenario.

DAVENPORT'S UPDATE: Dave Gallagher says the new owner (who purchased the club in fall 2023) of Davenport's in Wicker Park is "changing direction." Big problems on Milwaukee Ave. Reports of firings and failure to pay artists who have performed.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS: They're back. After a two-year hiatus, the 200 cherry blossom trees in Jackson Park are now in full bloom. These gorgeous pink and white trees began being planted in 2013 to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the 1893 World's Fair, which took place on this site in the Jackson Park Basin.

A MAN FOR OTHERS: St. Ignatius College Prep has lost an alumnus and friend. With heavy hearts we share the tragic news of the passing of **Malik Murray '92**. Malik was a passionate Ignatian. He cultivated the ties he established as a young man at 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd. in ways that served current students and alumni. Malik was a Saint Ignatius Board Member from 2017 through 2023 and the founding Chair of the School Culture DEI Committee and a founding member of our Father Augustine Tolton Society.



Malik Murray

He was so proud of his alma mater and of his classmates.

SERVICE CLUB HATS: Anne Schwartz Sherrill says there's no one else she'd want to co-chair the annual Service Club fundraiser gala with more than **Kate Krause Prange**.

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Sen. Simmons addresses transportation needs

In face of \$770M transit deficit, 'cutting service not an option'

BY BOB ZULEY

Illinois state Sen. Mike Simmons [7th] addressed a standing-room only crowd at a Transportation Town Hall April 24 at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway.

The soft-spoken Simmons, recovering from a sore throat, spoke for 90 minutes on a raft of transportation issues. Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] made an appearance but did not speak. A staff representative for Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] was also in attendance.

Born and raised in the North Center community, Simmons regularly bicycles and is well versed in local bus routes and routinely travels to Springfield via AMTRAK. He does not own a car.

Addressing the elephant in the room, the daunting \$771 million transit fiscal cliff that may result in a 60% service cut to CTA bus and train service, Simmons said that, "cutting service is not an option." He attributed the deficit to the end of federal government's Pandemic-related bailout money for local government. He added that expecting any future federal bailout cash is not promising.

Simmons is exploring with transit officials the concept of Rapid Transit bus routes, using the Pace Pulse system for buses, hoping to eliminate extensive delays while waiting for buses/trains, and increasing service to a 24/7 system similar to other transit systems in Europe and Asia.

While that has been a goal for some for generations, most Americans still prefer to travel by car, either in their own vehicle, or in a ride share vehicle. Still, Simmons is an author of Senate Bill 5 [SB5] which is currently awaiting a senate committee vote. It seeks to consolidate the CTA, Metra, Pace, and the RTA into a single entity – the Metropolitan Mobility Authority [MMA].



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It is substantially opposed by the Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] who fears losing operational control over its vast transit system and CTA employees.

The alternative bill is Senate Bill 1938 [SB1938] which is also awaiting a senate

committee vote. It is a union-led (AFL-CIO) transit proposal that proposes new revenue ideas, safety improvements, and oversight mechanisms while maintaining the current organizational structure.

Portions of SB1938 may be added to SB5 via amendments.

Simmons also authored Senate Bill 1388 which is currently awaiting senate committee vote. It tasks the RTA with providing free transit for individuals with income below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level. But free rides won't help support the need for new revenue.

Simmons counts as successes the passage of Senate Bill 1892 which provides that people with disabilities and seniors may automatically renew discounted passes instead of re-proving their disability/age.

He also obtained passage of Senate Bill

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Networking event to celebrate 60th year for Geja's Café

A special evening of drinks, fondue, and networking will be held at Geja's Café, 340 W. Armitage Ave., as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

This Business After Hours event combines the ambiance of Chicago's legendary fondue restaurant with an opportunity to meet like-minded professionals, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13.

Guests may enjoy cheese and chocolate fondues while sipping on drinks, building relationships, and toasting to six decades of Geja's memories. Reservations are required, and tickets run \$25 to \$40, call 773-880-5200.

DePaul College Prep to hold 50th Anniversary Gordon Tech reunion

DePaul College Prep, formerly Gordon Technical High School, has scheduled a 50th anniversary reunion for the Gordon Tech Class of 1975. It will be Saturday, May 31, from 5-8 p.m. at DePaul College Prep—the old DeVry University campus—at 3300 N. Campbell Ave.

There is also an optional 4:30 p.m. Mass at the old Gordon Tech chapel, 3633 N. California Ave.

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WW II Vet tax break should be expanded to Korean and Vietnam wars too



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicagoans should give a salute to Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi for recently announcing a special property-tax exemption for World War II veterans.

The “World War II Veterans Exemption” was created by the Illinois state legislature and signed into law in 2024. It permanently exempts members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served during WW II from paying property taxes in Chicago, Cook County and the state of Illinois.

Illinois’ population currently includes an amazingly large group of 537,552 military veterans, or 5.4% of the people who are age 18 and older. This writer believes that all veterans who served deserve honor, respect and support regardless of how many are still living.

But why doesn’t the state expand this generous tax exemption to all Illinois service men and women who served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War? And what about vets who served in the Gulf War and the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan?

My suggestion to expand military-service exemptions basically would erase tens of thousands of dollars of local property taxes for financially squeezed Illinois war veterans.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, there were only 2,531 surviving WW II veterans in Illinois—mostly aged late-90s and 100-plus. However, there are 38,703 surviving Korean War vets, and 192,0981 Vietnam vets statewide.

Virtually all these veterans are 75-to-90-plus years old, living on a fixed income, and likely are struggling to pay their property taxes.

There also are 100,522 Gulf War veterans residing in Illinois. While the final numbers have not yet been calculated for the on-go-

ing “War on Terror,” 280 Illinois service men and woman have been killed in action.

Luckily, during the 1968 Tet Offensive in Vietnam, this reporter, a recent graduate of the Univ. of Missouri Journalism School, avoided military service because I was married and had an infant daughter. At that point in this endless, and meaningless war, the U.S. government was not drafting married men with children.

Unfortunately, my college friend wasn’t as lucky. While serving in Vietnam jungle combat, he was severely wounded by shrapnel, and nearly lost his legs.

In 1969, my wife and I visited the Purple-Heart medal winner at Great Lakes Medical Hospital in the north suburbs. I was shocked when I saw my friend—and dozens of other young, American-boy casualties—literally hanging from meat hooks while recovering from their shattered bones and severe shrapnel wounds at the facility.

That experience made me “gung-ho” and a devoted supporter of the U.S. military—in every right-or-wrong engagement to protect this nation from aggression.

Assessor Kaegi welcomes vets

In mid-April, Kaegi and his staff welcomed four WW II veterans and their spouses to the Assessor’s office to honor their service and celebrate the new program that will exempt them from property taxes.

The veterans in attendance were Eddie Durham, Leo Schmitz, Thomas Cernek, and Don Ferrone. Anita Hurwitz and Barbara Martin, surviving spouses of two deceased WW II veterans, also attended.

Assessor Kaegi presented certificates to all the attendees in honor of their military service and listened to each family share their story about serving their country.

The oldest veteran in attendance was 103 years old. His daughter, and caretaker, expressed her gratitude for the tax-saving program and shared that her father enjoys meeting other WW II veterans like himself.



Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, WW II Veteran Don Ferrone and Ferrone’s daughter at the Assessor’s office.

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“As the descendant of veterans, I was proud and honored to be able to thank these veterans and their families for their service to the United States,” said Kaegi. “Help us spread the word to other military families that may be eligible for these savings.”

How to qualify for WW II exemption

The eligibility rules for applicants for the Illinois World War II property-tax exemption include any Illinois resident who was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces during WW II from Dec. 7, 1941 to the end of the war in Sept. 1945. Proof of identity and discharge documentation is required. This includes a non-remarried surviving spouse of a WW II veteran that is a resident of Illinois from

the time of the veteran’s death through this taxable year.

The applicant must have occupied the property as a principal place of residence in 2024, and must be liable for payment of this property’s taxes. The veteran must own this property, or have a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in this property.

More exemptions for vets

The Cook County Assessor’s Office also offers exemptions for Veterans with Disabilities and Returning Veterans. The Disabilities Exemption is for veterans with a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

The exemption reduces certain amounts of the Equalized Assessed Value [EAV] on the pri-

mary residence of a veteran with a disability, very likely lowering the tax bill. The amounts of those EAV deductions depend on the level of disability.

Veterans 70% or more disabled receive an EAV reduction of \$250,000, and because of this, can be totally exempt from property taxes on their home. Disabled veteran applicants must reapply annually.

However, new Illinois legislation calls for Veterans who are rated 100% disabled, and classified as “permanently and totally disabled” by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs to be automatically renewed each year.

For more information, visit: <https://www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions>.

The exemption-application deadline for 2024 has passed. If a homeowner missed the April 21 deadline, he or she can file for what is called a “Certificate of Error” to redeem past exemptions. Applications can be downloaded at: www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions

Gung ho! And, thank all veterans for your service to our nation.

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

CORRECTION

Wrong building noted in last week’s newspapers

This newspaper published a story last week on page 5 of our April 23 -29 issues that incorrectly reported that Brookdale Lake Shore Drive has been listed for sale.

This is inaccurate. Brookdale Lake Shore Drive, located at 2960 N. Lake Shore Dr., is not being sold. We understand that many of that building’s residents were rightly upset over reading about this in their community newspapers, and we apologize to all of them. Apologies as well to building management, and ownership.

In a statement provided by a Ventas, Inc. spokesperson, the company confirmed that “Ventas has no plans to sell its Brookdale Lake Shore Drive community. In fact, Ventas has plans to invest in and enhance the environment at Lake Shore Drive.”

This newspaper had confused and merged two different properties. Brookdale Lake View is the property being put up for sale. Ventas notes that “With respect to Brookdale Lake View, located at 3121 N. Sheridan Rd., the community has been listed for sale. Any decision about how to operate the property in the future would be up to a new owner and any impact to residents or staff would be communicated well in advance.”

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Mayor signs order launching citywide budget review

Budget Working Group to address severe 2026 budget crisis

In economics, "Stein's Law," named for famed economist Herbert Stein, holds that if something cannot go on forever it will stop. Unsustainable trends ultimately yield to the inevitable in one way or another. Chicago is about to become a firsthand witness of Stein's Law.

On April 21 Mayor Brandon Johnson signed Executive Order No. 2025-1, launching an initiative to address the City's coming

fiscal crisis hoping to ensure a financially sustainable future for Chicago.

The executive order establishes a working group that will provide key recommendations aimed at cutting spending by streamlining operations and evaluating potential revenue strategies to address the city's structural budget gaps.

Chicago's challenges include rising personnel and pension costs, legacy debt obligations and a declining economic environment.

The order mandates a thorough review of City operations and programs by the Office of Bud-

get and Management [OBM]. In addition, the executive order directs OBM to establish a working group drawn from representatives of the local business community, non-profits, civic organizations, Chicago's labor community and City Council. Once established, the working group will be tasked with producing actionable proposals that address the City's drastic budget problems.

Under the order, the group will present a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations by Aug. 31, with a final comprehensive report expected by May 31, 2026.

"This working group represents an opportunity to rethink and recalibrate how we manage public funds," Budget Director Annette Guzman said.

Upon receipt of the preliminary report, OBM will work with City departments to implement the recommendations as part of the FY2026 budget planning process. The office will also oversee the execution of recommendations incorporated into the final approved budget to ensure meaningful and measurable improvements.

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Perennial Cubs fan Ronnie 'Woo Woo' in nursing home

Wickers welcomes cards as he vows return to Wrigley

BY BOB ZULEY

Perennial Chicago Cubs top fan Ronnie 'Woo Woo' Wickers suffered a letdown during the Cubs Convention in January when he was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis. It was a shock for Wickers, 83, since he had earlier been conversing with Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts and other fans at the convention.

Wickers now resides at the Pearl of Evanston, a skilled nursing facility where he is on continual oxygen and monitored closely by staff. "We've had so many people visiting, it's hard to keep track of everyone," his daughter Yolanda Linneman told the Chicago Tribune last week.

Cubs great Andre Dawson called Wickers and told him he would be visiting. Former Cubs player Glendon Rusch sent a card as did former Cub Ben Zobrist.

Over the years, players including Leon Durham would give Wickers money to supplement



Ronnie 'Woo Woo' Wickers at the Pearl of Evanston. Courtesy Facebook

his income from washing windows, shoveling snow, and other odd jobs. It was payback, Durham said, for supporting the team year after year.

In 1987, he was missing from the ballpark early in the season, which led to a Sun-Times story headlined, "Cubs 'Woo man' vanishes. Misses first game in 17 yrs amid murder rumors."

Radio personality Jonathan Brandmeier located Wickers working as a pizza delivery man, and a Tribune sports editor ordered a half-dozen pizzas with the stipulation that Wickers personally deliver them to Tribune Tower.

Wickers entered the fourth-floor newsroom holding the pizzas aloft and chanting, "I'm alive,

Woo! I'm alive, Woo!"

It was around that time that Wickers was hired at Gino's North, the pizzeria on Granville Ave. in Edgewater. The late pizzeria Peggy Gelsomino gave Wickers a job helping her in the kitchen and making local deliveries.

Wickers can oftentimes be found at Patio Beef with his acquaintance, Janet, on game days, located at 6022 N. Broadway in Edgewater.

Still, the outpouring of love since news of his latest health setback was posted on Facebook wasn't something Wickers was expecting. Those interested in sending cards to Ronnie 'Woo Woo' may send them to: The Pearl of Evanston, 820 Foster St., Evanston, IL 60601.

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Two parades in two days downtown this weekend

The Downtown area will be busy this weekend with two parades in two days.

The Polish Constitution Day Parade is Saturday, May 3 in Grant Park. The parade will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on S. Columbus Dr., from E. Balbo Dr. to E. Jackson Dr.

Assembly of the floats will begin at 8 a.m. and disassembly will be completed around 1:45 p.m. at Columbus and E. Monroe St., upon the completion of the parade.

Road closures will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on E. Balbo Dr., from N. Michigan Ave. to Lake Shore Dr., and on S. Columbus Dr., from E. Roosevelt Rd. to E. Jackson Dr. The parade is anticipating over 6,000 participants and over 100 floats and vehicles.

Then on May 4 the Saint Jude Memorial Police March Sunday will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Police officers will begin assembling for the march around 6 a.m. The march will begin at N. Michigan Ave. and E. Superior St. and will travel north to E. Chicago Ave. The march will then turn west and travel on Chicago Ave. to N. Clark St., where the parade will end between 10-11 a.m.

Streets and Sanitation trucks will be in place to block the march route on either side of N. Michigan Ave.

During the march, the follow-

ing streets will be closed to traffic: N. Michigan Ave., from E. Wacker Dr. to E. Chicago Ave., and Chicago Ave., from N. Michigan Ave. to N. Clark St.

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Police Beat...

LA real estate agent had 164 pounds of cocaine in his luggage at Chicago Union Station

A 57-year-old real estate agent from suburban Los Angeles has been arrested for the first time in his life — for allegedly having nearly 164 pounds of cocaine inside his luggage at Chicago Union Station.

"Wow. That's a lot. I mean, that's a lot," observed Judge Deidre Dyer during the first court appearance for the agent, Jerome Nalbandian.

Prosecutors said Nalbandian was arrested at Union Station April 13 with 75.15 kilos of suspected cocaine stuffed into four roller bags. That converts to 163.47 pounds.

"I have so many questions, but I know I'm not going to get the answers to them today," the befuddled judge commented.

"I'm totally shocked it's not a federal case," the judge commented, "but whatever. Nobody comes from another state with that many kilos. I don't know. But I guess somebody in the drug unit was just itching to file something."

After repeatedly confirming with prosecutors, a public defender, and court officers that Nalbandian had never been arrested before, and that the state was not trying to have Nalbandian detained, Dyer released him to await trial.

"So I'm just telling you," Dyer warned, "you can mess around and go back to California and think it's not just going to go away. So it would behoove you to get to all of your court dates. For this class of offense if you fail to come to court, I'm certain we would come and get you and assist you back here. Just so you know."

A mugshot for Nalbandian was not available. He's charged with trafficking a controlled substance.

CPD patrol cars provided 24 hour security at state official's home (until reporter asks why the state wasn't doing it)

After protesters showed up with bullhorns at the Lakeview home of Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs last month, officials did what you might expect: they beefed up security at his family home. Those efforts were redoubled after an arsonist set fire to the Pennsylvania governor's home on April 13.

But the added security services were not provided by the Illinois State Police, the agency responsible for protecting many of the state's highest-ranking leaders. Instead, the Chicago Police Dept. pulled patrol cars that would ordinarily be responding to 911 calls in the Lakeview-based Town Hall 19th District and had those officers spend their shifts sitting outside Frerichs' home.

Less than an hour after this reporter asked Frerichs' office and CPD about the unusual arrangements on April 22, police leaders stopped "detailing" city resources to Frerich's house.

Pro-Palestinian protesters, hoping to end the state's investment in Israel, first appeared at the treasurer's home in October. They threw red paint on his house and yelled into a bullhorn. About a dozen protesters returned at 3:15 a.m. on March 12. Following last month's protest, CPD began performing "premise checks" at Frerichs' home—sending an officer down the block once in a while to maintain a presence and keep an eye on things.

But the CPD stepped up its approach on April 15, two days after a

man set fire to the Pennsylvania governor's home. According to a source, that's when CPD leaders established an around-the-clock presence outside Frerichs' home. Each shift, CPD assigned a squad car that would have been patrolling the North Side to sit outside Frerichs' house instead.

Curiously, the squad cars were often parked directly next to a portable surveillance camera trailer that would seemingly allow Frerichs' property to be monitored remotely.

On April 22, one of Frerichs' neighbors sent us a message: What's up with the cop car that's been sitting on the block at all hours? It didn't take long for us to find out.

We immediately asked CPD and Frerichs' office why CPD beat cars were providing around-the-clock security for a state official when the state has its own law enforcement agencies. In fact, the Illinois State Police has an entire unit dedicated to executive protection.

A CPD spokesperson responded that "There is special attention in this residential area to ensure the safety of the community after recent public safety concerns."

Frerich's office was more forthcoming: "The Chicago Police Dept. and Illinois State Police are coordinating security measures following middle-of-the-night masked protests outside Treasurer Frerichs' Chicago home. The CPD and Illinois State Police best decide how to provide those services. In the wake of the arson at the Pennsylvania governor's mansion and other violence against elected officials, these measures are taken out of an abundance of caution. We appreciate the professionalism and judgment of CPD and ISP."

"Treasurer Frerichs will always defend the right of people to peacefully protest. Coming to his home with bullhorns at 3 a.m. and frightening his family simply goes too far. This is intimidation to cause fear through scare tactics. Treasurer Frerichs stands by his investment decisions to earn positive returns for the people of Illinois."

Less than an hour after the inquiry about Frerichs' city-provided security, CPD ended the "house detail" and resumed occasional "premise checks" at the family's home.

Burglar wearing mismatched shoes wanted in Uptown



CPD says this man wearing mismatched shoes is wanted for burglarizing an Uptown building.

The latest criminal featured in a Chicago police "wanted" bulletin has a unique calling card: he wears mismatched shoes.

Detectives have just released surveillance images of the man, wearing a white and black sneaker on his right foot and a gray sneaker on his left, as he burglarized the building's storage unit on April 4.

CPD said he entered the building in the 4800 block of N. Magnolia between 1:30 and 3:30 a.m. and took various items from the storage room.

They described him as White with a slender build and short facial hair. He was "wearing two different pairs of sneakers, a scarf, and a black leather jacket," the police alert said.

Anyone who recognizes the man can contact CPD at 312-744-8263 regarding case #JJ208120.

Man fatally shot in Edgewater

Chicago police are conducting a murder investigation after officers found a man shot in Edgewater April 22.

A condo building doorman called 911 around 2:17 a.m. after another employee heard a gunshot in the 6000 block of N. Sheridan and found blood and other items in a hallway.

Officers searched the area and found a 37-year-old man outside, suffering from a gunshot wound to his right thigh. While he was responsive when police arrived, the man succumbed to his injuries at St. Francis Hospital at 3:12 a.m., according to medical examiner records.

It was not immediately clear whether the man was shot inside the condo building or if he was shot outside and walked into the building briefly after being injured.

He is the sixth person shot in Edgewater this year and the second person murdered. The neighborhood had five shooting victims at this point last year, and two as of this date in 2023 and 2022.

North Side burglary suspect charged with more burglaries in Lakeview, Uptown



Chicago cops arrested James McClain, 37, last month for allegedly burglarizing a residential building in the 5800 block of N. Kenmore twice in February. They arrested him again a few days ago after he appeared at the Skokie courthouse for a routine hearing in that case.

Prosecutors now say he's the guy who burglarized three residential buildings in Lakeview and Uptown this winter.

On Dec. 18, he allegedly took a bike after breaking into an apartment building in the 3000 block of N. Southport.

On Jan. 16, he stole another bike while burglarizing a condo building in the 2800 block of N. Halsted, prosecutors said.

And on February 27, he allegedly stole \$2,500 worth of Super Mario figurines from a storage area of a condo building in the 4700 block of N. Kenmore.

Judge Susana Ortiz released McClain on the new charges, but he will be on 24/7 electronic monitoring.

Woman gets 3 years for anti-Semitic graffiti spree in Rogers Park

A woman accused of plastering anti-semitic graffiti at several locations in Rogers Park was given a three-year sentence on April 24.

Mariana Lynch, 31, pleaded guilty to five counts of hate crime in exchange for the sentence from Judge Aleksandra Gillespie. The judge also ordered



Lynch to perform 200 hours of community service. Lynch was arrested in late Dec. 2023 after witnesses identified her as the person who defaced several Rogers Park businesses with a marker. A Chicago police report said she used a permanent marker to put Nazi swastikas and the phrases "never again" and "bit188" on a business storefront in the 7000 block of N. Sheridan and a garden apartment in the 7600 block of N. Greenwood.

Officers who arrested Lynch said they recognized her from an internal CPD bulletin about similar defacements at a Jewish school in the neigh-



(Inset) Mugshot of Gregory Baldwin is accused of crashing his party bus into a fire department ambulance and at least 17 other vehicles in Boystown.

Wrigleyville party bus driver goes to prison for crashing into 18 vehicles, including a CFD ambulance

A party bus driver has been sentenced to two years in prison for crashing into 18 vehicles near Wrigley Field three summers ago. And, because Gregory Baldwin was home on bail while his case was pending, he will actually spend half of his sentence in a real prison.

Baldwin, 48, dropped off his passengers at the ballpark on a Saturday afternoon in Aug. 2022 and made his way through traffic that was especially congested because the annual Northalsted Market Days street festival was underway in Boystown.

Prosecutors said he was driving the party bus north on Broadway near Cornelia when he drove around a backup and headed into oncoming traffic, even as a witness tried to get him to stop.

Among the 18 vehicles Baldwin struck was a Chicago Fire Dept. ambu-

lance occupied by an EMT. In that case, Lynch allegedly drew similar markings along with a website address, "die KKK raka, and "schlom!!! [sic]"

Lynch told the cops she was being "personally persecuted by the 'Jews' and 'has to get attention,'" the report said.

She earned 558 days of credit toward her sentence while in jail awaiting trial. Combined with the state's automatic 50% sentence reduction for good behavior, she will not have to serve any time in prison.

Woman charged with murder of Lincoln Park man who had 'a bright mind, generous heart'

A woman from the south suburbs has been charged with murdering Kevin Patel, the 28-year-old Lincoln Park resident who was gunned down near his home last week.

Chicago police said Josalyn Fowler, 25, appeared for a detention hearing April 25 facing murder and attempted armed robbery charges. More details about what authorities believe happened on the night of the killing will be revealed in court.

Residents and passersby reported hearing gunfire in the 800 block of W. Lill, the same block where Patel lived, around 9:20 p.m. April 16. Witnesses rushed to his aid and told police they saw a man and a woman run toward Halsted St. after the shooting.

Patel, an actuary, succumbed to his injuries that night.

Investigators found a glove and a package near the murder scene, leading to early speculation that he had been shot during a confrontation with package thieves.

Court records show that Fowler was arrested in Englewood on charges of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in Feb. 2022. Prosecutors ultimately agreed to let her plead guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge for which she received a sentence of two days time served.

CPD specifically stated Fowler "participated in" the shooting that claimed Patel's life, suggesting that she may not have been the person who pulled the trigger. We'll know more about that after her court ap-

pearance, too.

An online obituary said Patel "had a bright mind, generous heart, and the spirit to put smiles on everyone's face. He was kind, caring, loving, and affectionate to anyone he met, whether it was someone he knew or a new stranger he met at his frequent workouts at the gym."

His brother, Neil, established a GoFundMe, promising that "100% of the proceeds will go to fighting for justice for Kevin, protecting communities against violence, and/or a cause close to Kevin's heart."

"He always looked for the best in people and had a positive influence on his friends, family, colleagues, and strangers he encountered throughout his life. His bright future was cut short due to the unlawful and senseless acts committed by others," the GoFundMe states.

"His parents and I are deeply devastated by his passing. While no amount of wealth will ever bring our dear Kevin back, we vow to do whatever it takes to bring justice to this vicious act and to help prevent this from happening to anyone else's child, sibling, significant other, or friend."

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Woman carjacked in Old Town, car found on fire a mile away

Police found a woman's car on fire in Old Town April 26, just minutes after she was carjacked at gunpoint near the Chicago History Museum.

The 36-year-old told police the carjacking occurred around 2:41 a.m. as she was sitting in her white Honda SUV in the 1600 block of N. LaSalle. She said a man displayed a gun, forced her from the car and headed south.

About ten minutes later, 911 callers reported a vehicle on fire in the 1700 block of N. Vine — about three-quarters of a mile west of LaSalle Street. It turned out to be the woman's vehicle.

No injuries were reported. The suspect was described as a Black man wearing a blue hoodie and black pants.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

Serial rapist is robbing and attacking women at knifepoint in West Ridge, Rogers Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

Less than a month after Chicago police solved a serial rapist case in Logan Square, there is a new predator to worry about. This time, the attacks are happening in a concentrated area of West Ridge and Rogers Park.

In a new community alert, CPD warns about a masked man who arms himself with a knife to rob and sexually assault women inside and near their homes during the nighttime hours. Four women have been targeted since late last year.

The first known case was re-

ported on the day after Christmas in the 6200 block of N. Bell. The man broke into a woman's first-floor residence around 2:50 a.m. and "made unlawful sexual contact" with her while armed with a knife, the alert said. He took the woman's keys and PlayStation before leaving.

On Jan. 25, a woman was walking into her residence in the 2300 block of W. Arthur when the man confronted her with a knife around 11:29 p.m. The alert said he robbed the woman, but it does not link any sex crimes to this attack.

He struck twice again, first

when he broke into the residence and stole items from the residence in the 6200 block of N. Artesian Ave. 9:03 p.m. March 25, and again around 9:20 p.m. March 25 in the 6200 block of N. Oakley. CPD said the man displayed a knife and confronted another woman as she entered her residence. He robbed her and "committed unlawful sexual contact" before leaving the area on a bike with fat tires.

Most recently, a woman was targeted in the 6100 block of N. Campbell around 8:55 p.m. April 25. Once again, a woman was walking into her residence when

the man confronted her with a knife, "committed unlawful sexual contact," and took her valuables.

CPD described the suspect as a Black man between 23 and 35 years old, who stands 5'-8" to 6'-1" tall. He usually wears a dark hoodie, dark pants, and dark shoes with a mask that covers part of his face. The first victim reported that the man may have had face tattoos.

Detectives from Area Three are handling the investigation. They can be contacted at 312-744-8261 or 312-744-8263 regarding crime pattern #P25-3-022.

Woman charged with attempted murder for knife attack in hospital cafeteria

BY CWBCHICAGO

A woman is facing attempted murder charges after she allegedly attacked another woman at random with a knife in the cafeteria at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Streeterville.

The victim, a 74-year-old woman from Wisconsin, was seated in the cafeteria when 64-year-old Lisa Joy walked up to her from behind and stabbed her twice in the back around 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, officials said. She allegedly threatened a second woman, a 56-year-old from Oak Park, with the knife, too.

Joy had been aiming for the woman's back and head, prosecutors said in a criminal complaint. She was detained at the scene and a knife was recovered.

Prosecutors said Joy has no relationship with the victim and the attack was completely unprovoked, officials said.

Joy allegedly admitted to committing the attack, which was caught on video.

She is charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Judge Susana Ortiz detained Joy as a safety risk, saying Joy was having delusional thoughts and "disorientation" issues.



Lisa Joy

Man gets 90 years for murdering off-duty cop days after being taken off an ankle monitor

BY CWBCHICAGO

On March 8, 2019, Menelik Jackson was standing in front of Cook County Judge Joseph Claps to address a probation violation.

After pleading guilty to attempted burglary seven months earlier, Jackson was ordered to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet and to observe a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. But prosecutors told Judge Claps that Jackson violated those terms by allowing his monitoring system's batteries to drain out.

Rather than penalizing Jackson for violating probation, Claps essentially rewarded him by removing the electronic monitoring requirement altogether. There was no punishment, only reward.

Two weeks later, off of electronic monitoring and on the streets well past his former curfew time, Jackson violated his probation again by obtaining a handgun. And he promptly used the gun to murder off-duty Chicago Police Officer John Rivera and gravely wound Rivera's friend in River North.

On April 22, five long years after Rivera's life ended far too soon, Judge Michael Clancy sentenced Jackson to 90 years in prison for the shootings. A jury convicted him of murder and



Officer John Rivera, left and his former partner, Officer Nate Smith, enjoy a lighter moment in this photo released by the 14th (Shakespeare) Police District after Rivera's death. Menelik Jackson (inset).

Courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

gun-related charges in October.

"Officer John Rivera was a dedicated public servant who sought to make our city a safer place, and his senseless death left a hole in our hearts that can never be filled," Cook County State's Attorney Eileen Burke said. "Today's sentence delivers long overdue accountability, as well as a measure of justice for Officer Rivera's family, friends, and fellow officers."

Two other men who played roles in the shootings were previously sentenced: Jaquan Washington received 13 years for conspiracy, and Jovan Battle received 65 years for directing Jackson toward Rivera's car.

The crimes

Around 3:29 a.m. March 23, 2019, Rivera, his girlfriend, an off-duty probationary police officer, and a fourth person had just entered Rivera's parked car on the 700 block of N. Clark. The group was heading home after spending time together at Stout Barrel House, less than a block away.

Unbeknownst to them, about an hour earlier, Jackson and Washington got into a fight with a group of Hispanic men at the former Rock and Roll McDonald's, 600 N. Clark, prosecutors said.

The groups split up, and Jackson and Washington returned to a nearby hotel where the women

they met at a concert that night had rented a room, officials said. Both men were still upset about what happened at McDonald's and decided to go back outside to search for the men who had fought them.

Outside, Jackson crossed paths with Battle and asked if he had seen a group of Hispanic guys in the area, prosecutors alleged. Battle guided them to Rivera's parked car in the 700 block of N. Clark St.

Jackson allegedly walked up to Rivera's driver's side window and opened fire, killing the 23-year-old off-duty officer and critically injuring a man in Rivera's back seat.

There were "no problems, no words were exchanged, no robbery demand, no carjacking demand" before the shooting, now-retired CPD Deputy Supt. Anthony Riccio said at the time.

Rivera had been a police officer for less than two years when he was murdered.

At trial, Jackson admitted to shooting at Rivera's car that morning, but he said he thought they were the group from McDonald's.

By law, Jackson must serve 100% of his murder sentence.

City seeks Poet Laureate

The City of Chicago is looking for its next Poet Laureate. The selected poet will serve a two-year term starting in 2026 and will be awarded an honorarium of \$70,000 (\$35,000/year) for the commissioning of new poems and for attendance at public events and presentations.

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The making of the Edgewater Glen Historic District, May 10

The Edgewater Historical Society and Chicago Public Library are co-hosting a presentation on the creation of the Edgewater Glen Historic District 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Edgewater Branch, Chicago Public Library, Betty A. Barclay Community Room, 6000 N. Broadway.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The effort was undertaken by resident Justin Colombik, who led the drive to get his neighborhood placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in record time. Colombia will present the process of the designation.

The long-time Andersonville resident and Edgewater Glen Assoc. board member will discuss the new district, the designation process, highlighting the neighborhood's history, and the key architectural styles seen throughout the district.

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And **Bobbi Panter**, **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Kathy O'Malley Piconne**, **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Paula Borg**, **Kathleen Haines-Finley** and **Tina Weller** encourage everyone to purchase their tickets now for the May 13 "Styles in Bloom" event at the Ritz Carlton. We know they sell out quickly. Haines Finley says, "It's a dream to co-chair with Sherry Lea and Paula Borg for this year's Spring Hat Luncheon." The luncheon is a reminder of how much we miss the late **Bunky Cushing** and **Hazel Barr** inspiration for so much of the hat event success.

GOOD PR: Embarking upon an ambitious agenda to grow its membership while strengthening ties with journalists, opinion-makers and other communicators, two distinguished PR pros **Kimberley Rudd**, president of Rudd Resources, and **Anne Marie Mitchell**, Senior VP of Reputation Partners, recently assumed the Publicity Club of Chicago's leadership mantle as Co-Presidents of the 84-year-old organization.

CUBS ZONE: Cubs came back on April 18, to win the most insane game of the season 11-13 final against Arizona... two grand slams, one per team and the most home runs in any game in Wrigley history, ever.

ON THE AIR: Joy, oh joy. "After Hours" with **Rick Kogan** and **Candace Jordan** are back on the air. Tune into WGN720 on Sundays. The best live radio in Chicago.

IRISH: Trinity Irish Dancers' **Mark Howard**, and **Nakamura Toshitaki**, "Toshi" their Japanese presenter, in Chi-town for a night

at the Galway Arms with **Ali Doughty**, musicians and dancers who showed up to share a pint.

SAIL: **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** and husband, **Greg**, attended NAVWAR's Sailor of the Year Ceremony. A stellar group of young sailors, thanks to Command Master Chief **Jeanette Hafer**, aka **Niece Jenn**.

FAREWELL: **Pat Brady** at Bloomington Country Club paying respects to grandfather **Frank Brady**, pro at the Club (1925 -34) with his grandson, newly elected Bloomington Mayor **Dan Brady**.

SAD SOXS: Sadly former White Sox closer **Bobby Jinks** revealed he has terminal cancer at age 44.

NOT FORGOTTEN: Remembering **Harry Volkman**, Chicago gentlemanly, celebrated "weatherman" who would be 99 years old this birthday, missing his civility. Sad also to learn of the recent death of the imperious and impeccable **Loretta Foxgrover** who was such a force for social elegance and British history, no one like her.

PICCOLO: Bravo to Chicago's fabulous high end Italian eatery Piccolo Sogno having been featured on NBC for their outstanding authentic cuisine. Owners **Ciro Longobardo** and Chef **Tony Pirola** and their fabulous staff are truly a Chicago classic.

OFF THE PORCH: Join Porchlight Sunday, June 1 at 1 p.m. for an open rehearsal of Shake It Away: The Ann Miller Story, written by and starring **Kayla Boye**, at Porchlight Rehearsal Studios, 4200 W. Diversey Ave.

On a soundstage at the 1970 MGM studio auction, dancer **Ann Miller** revisits the Golden Age of Hollywood and discovers her second act as a Broadway star. Featuring selections from the Great American Songbook, this love

letter to entertainment is directed by Porchlight Artistic Director **Michael Weber**, choreographed by **Tammy Mader** and music directed by **Linda Madonia**. This is a free event. RSVPs are required and seating is strictly limited and based on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit porchlightmusictheatre.org for more information.



Kayla Boye

WRITE IT DOWN: Join GENARRATIONS, a free seven-week writing and performance class for adults 55 and older. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. Classes will be held at Willye B. White, 1610 W. Howard St., and will take place Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Classes will be facilitated by Goodman Theatre Teaching Artist, **Liam Collier**.

For information on registration write to genarrations@goodmantheatre.org.

WHO'S WHERE: **Zurich Esposito** and **Brian McCormick** at the Living Desert Zoo in Palm Desert, Indian Well, CA for Living Desert's Glow with Pride Night... **Chuck** and **Candace**

Jordan dining on famed lasagna by filmom's **Michael Kutza**... **Jan Lisiecki** in London looking forward to hearing **Ludwig Von Beethoven's** Fifth Symphony with the London Philharmonic Orchestra... Z Bar, in the Peninsula Hotel, has been named one of the top hotel bars in the country by Food & Wine... **Karen McNulty Enright** at Maple & Ash, happy birthday **Liam** and **Jack**... **Irene Michaels** had some casual laughs with her favorite **Dr. Stoxen**... **Blase Foria** eating pizza with **Lisa Loza** at Joe's on Higgins... **Al Menotti** with **Judy Logue Gibbons** on her birthday... **Toni Antonacci** always has a great time with his angels, **Elle**, **Payton** and his wonderful son **Tony**... **Todd S. Davis** at Reclaim Democracy Protest in the Loop... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** at Syren Oyster & Cocktail Bar in Naples, FL... **Paul Schwenzen** has left the cast of "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway after a long celebrated run... **Sherrill Bodine** and **Debi Catanacci** made it to Versailles for an international dinner replete with historic 18th century costumes... **J William Curran** and **Peter Rooney**, of the Pittsburgh Steelers Rooneys, Dublin residents, dined at Claridges in London... **Fr. Bill Corcoran** celebrated Easter with his large family at the Barn of Camp Sullivan in the forest preserves near our homes in the far South suburbs... **Susie Forstmann Kealy** joined **James Staples** and friends for brunch at the Union League... A documentary about U2 frontman **Bono** will play at this year's Cannes Film Festival... Former White House Chief of Staff **Bill Daley** dining at Piccolo Sogno... **Doc Brieva** and birthday girl, wife, **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, in Springtime Paris celebrating her big day in the best places... Former 1st Ward Ald. **Manny Flores** bursting with pride over son, **Teddy Flores**, for earning his first varsity letter and jacket for Michigan wrestling.

DON'T DYE: Following the recent announcement of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and U.S. Food and Drug Admin. to phase out eight artificial dyes, State Senator **Willie Preston** announced his support for the decision and highlighted his efforts to remove harmful food additives that have been linked to dangerous health issues.

SING: The celebrated choir of St. John's College Cambridge, England finished their American concert tour by singing under the palms on Palm Sunday at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Sista Key.

You win some, lose some and wreck some. - Dale Earnhardt

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Letters to the Editor

Tear 'em up

Like the infamous chant, "Lock her up!," Chicagoans may soon be chanting "Tear 'em up!"

Are they thinking about the Blackhawks roster? No. They will be thinking about the North Side's concrete parasitic bike lanes and street plazas.

Once the CTA goes bankrupt, (article March 23) where will the buses go? Because the L trains will run no more. L trains cost 10 times more to operate and maintain than buses.

After bailing out the State, the County, the City, the Board of Ed, and the parks, the ATMs known as taxpayers will be broke. And D.C. will not be answering Pritzker's, Johnson's or Quigley's calls. There will be no federal bail out.

Now do that without raising fares.

Tomorrow's hipsters that migrate to Chicago will never know the joy of standing on an L platform with 20-below wind chills for delayed trains, walking through trains filled with smokers and exit smelling like Cheech and Chong, or having a sleeping bum in the three seats next to you relieve himself. Where else can you pay only \$3 to watch violent criminals beat up elderly ladies?

So when the Ls are silent and bus traffic is backed-up because a bike lane that doesn't see a pedal nine months out of the year, you will hear North Siders chant, "Tear 'em up! Tear 'em up! Tear 'em up!"

*Mike Sullivan
Avondale*

SB2111 and the "Idaho Stop" for bikes

[The April 16] article on IL Senate Bill 2111, allowing bicyclists to yield instead of stop at stop signs, is so rife with hysterics and bias, it makes me wonder if the author has ever ridden a bicycle.

The "Idaho Stop" is now legal in 12 states, plus D.C. No, it doesn't allow cyclists to "blow right through" stop signs - it requires them to approach with caution and yield to pedestrians and any vehicle having the right of way. Anyone who has ridden a bike knows that to come to a full, complete stop on a bike, you have to take your feet of the pedals and put them on the ground - otherwise, you fall over. That's why responsible cyclists slow down at stop signs, look in all directions, yield if needed, and

then proceed, without coming to a dead stop.

Cyclists in Chicago generally take the side streets, which have stop signs at nearly every intersection. Expecting a bicyclist to come to a complete full stop, and put their feet on the ground, at every single stop sign, is as ridiculous as expecting motorists to obey the 40 MPH speed limit on Lake Shore Dr. There are also many studies which indicate that the "Idaho Stop" not only encourages cycling, but makes those stop sign intersections safer overall than before.

*Mark Robbins
Lakeview*

Opposed to Broadway upzoning

I am opposed to the proposed changes in zoning on Broadway, particularly the shift from B1 to B3 and the accompanying expansion of permitted uses. While the proposed density changes are concerning and have garnered considerable attention, equally alarming is the expansion of allowed uses, many of which are wholly inconsistent with the goals the Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] outlined during its meetings with the community.

There has been no request - much less an outcry - for an expansion in permitted uses on Broadway. Expanding uses does nothing to support, and in many cases, contradicts DPD's stated objectives, including improving neighborhood housing affordability; supporting the local business environment; promoting a more active and walkable corridor to attract foot traffic; create a more livable neighborhood, and encouraging active uses along the sidewalk, as opposed to parking lots, strip centers, and drive-through facilities.

More than 20 new uses would become allowable by right, including car repair shops, entertainment venues with capacities up to 999 people, residential storage facilities, and recycling centers for materials like glass, metal, paper, and even inedible animal and marine matter. None of these options would enhance the walkability, foster local businesses, or contribute to affordable housing.

Worse still, B3 zoning also will allow for buildings to be used as pawn shops, crematoriums and gas stations, which also do not align with the goal of supporting and advancing a vibrant, community-oriented, walkable and affordable neighborhood. And while these uses may require a special use permit, there is nothing to ensure community input in the approval process. In fact, the Zoning Board of Appeals recently issued four variances for a building at 5600 N. Winthrop with no community input whatsoever because the Alderwoman's office failed to take any action on the application.

The proposed upzoning of Broadway is unprecedented and has not been adequately researched. DPD has not made a

convincing case for why upzoning would be beneficial. Before changing the zoning, DPD should thoroughly assess how such a change would affect the existing businesses and uses of property on Broadway, which include a children's playground, a preschool, small theaters, local and family-owned and -operated restaurants, and services like physical therapy. These existing uses are consistent with the walkable, affordable, local business-focus of the neighborhood. Advancing affordable housing does not require destroying the character of Broadway and its iconic small businesses.

The neighborhoods surrounding this area are real communities, people know one another, support each other, and are actively engaged in decisions that affect their homes and businesses. Development of Broadway need not undermine these communities and their quality of life. Careful research, community collaboration and discussion of alternatives - none of which has been done -- are needed before changing the permitted uses for the commercial properties on Broadway.

*Carole Silver
Edgewater*

Flower bomb coming to Andersonville May 1

Andersonville is undertaking a public flower bombing of their neighborhood on May 1, organized by the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce and Floriography Fellows.

The two organizations plan to flower bomb the neighborhood by transforming empty light pole stumps into cheerful floral displays. They are seeking volunteer community members to help fill the stumps with fresh flowers while awaiting permanent replacements.

Flowers will be provided and can be picked up at a 5706 N. Clark. To participate email info@andersonville.org.



Image courtesy Chicago Park District

Spring Games Opening Ceremony May 1 at Soldier Field

The 57th annual Opening Ceremony of the Chicago Park District's Spring Games will be held on May 1, with the parade beginning at 9:45 a.m. and the program starting around 11:15 a.m. The festivities celebrate the beginning of a multi-day track and field competition for athletes with disabilities.

The Spring Games are held at Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Dr., with the parade beginning at 9:45 a.m. and the program starting around 11:15 a.m.

The ceremony will feature about 3,000 people, including athletes, coaches, spectators, and volunteers, celebrating the start of the competition. The day begins with a parade of athletes, followed by a combination of recognitions, speakers, and entertainment.

Around 1,000 of the athletes competing come directly from Chicago Park District programming. This event serves as a pep rally to build excitement and create a fun atmosphere for the games to come in the following days.

Food pantry closed for move

Both Care for Real food pantries have close as they move to a new location. Free food distribution will resume Thursday, May 8 in Rogers Park, at 1545 W. Morse Ave., and in Edgewater May 14 at 5830 N. Broadway.

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(Top) Beatrice "Bea" Spachner. (Bottom) The Auditorium stage. Image courtesy Julia Nash

Bea Hive Bash June 6

1960's-themed celebration honoring the legacy of Beatrice "Bea" Spachner, the leader responsible for revitalizing the historic Auditorium building in that decade

Bust out your mini-skirts, tie-dye Dead shirts, and groovy go-go boots for the most far-out party of the summer, The Bea Hive Bash at The Auditorium Theater, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Dr. The party is 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, and is intended to celebrate the legacy of Beatrice "Bea" Spachner, the patron responsible for rescuing the historic building from being demolished in the 1960's.

Richard Christianson, who was the long-time drama critic at the Chicago Tribune, once said of Spachner's fund-raising skills, that "Bea Spachner played the role of an elegant, refined little lady, but that was all an act. Bea Spachner was a shark! She could s-m-e-l-l money!"

Spachner, a former concert violinist who performed under the name of Beatrice Teller, resolved that the Auditorium Theater would glow again. According to the Oct. 1967 Chicago Jewish Post, "Armed only with zeal for her cause and faith in the civic pride of Chicago, she has virtually singlehandedly raise the \$2.5 million

needed to refurbish the Auditorium and prepare it for a re-opening."

The re-opening occurred on Oct. 31, 1967 with a performance by the New York City Ballet and a full symphony orchestra. Tickets were \$10.

This year's iteration of The Auditorium's annual summer party is a fab 60's-themed bash paying homage to the theater's triumphant grand re-opening night in 1967. Held on the theater's iconic stage, the party features cocktails, food, an exclusive silent auction, and a live performance by the acclaimed Beatles cover band, Britain's Finest.

Tickets start at \$135. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Auditorium's three primary missions: restoring the historic Auditorium building, programming world-class presentations on stage, and engaging with the greater Chicago community. Tickets are available now at auditoriumtheatre.org or by calling 312-341-2300.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Docket No. PL25W0173WD
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Franches T Cruz VS. Yolanda Cruz
Plymouth Probate and Family Court,
52 Obery Street, Suite 1130, Plymouth,
MA 02360 (508)747-6204

Upon motion of plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s) for an order directing the defendant(s)/respondent(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Complaint to Establish Parcentage filed on February 21, 2025.

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot

be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent (s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is Ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) is/are directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the

complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of May 07, 2025.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
BONNELL J. LANGFORD A/K/A BONNELL LANGFORD; SHORELINE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
22 CH 5731
CALENDAR 60
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on June 9, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-08-412-040-1479.
Commonly known as 4950 North Marine Drive, Unit 1505, Chicago, IL 60640.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Real Estate For Sale

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST 2005-9 MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9,
Plaintiff,
-v-
JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
BRANISLAV ZURIC, DECEASED; STATE OF IL-
LINOIS; ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY
SERVICES; 4343 CLARENDON CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION; THE BOARDWALK CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CEDIMIR ZURIC;
RADE ZURIC; RUMICA KRUSCIC; FRIDA MU-
RUKAS A/K/A FRIEDA MURUKAS; RADULE ZU-
RUC; OLIVERA ZURIC; IVAN ZURIC; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BRANISLAV ZURIC;
STEFAN ZURIC,
Defendants.
2023CH02935

4343 North Clarendon Avenue Apt 2202, Chicago, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/24/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on May 28, 2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 4343 North Clarendon Avenue Apt 2202, Chicago, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-16-300-032-1044
The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$193,369.16 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
MICHAEL A. IGNACIO, AS INDEPENDENT ADMIN-
ISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ARTEMIO D.
IGNACIO, MICHAEL A. IGNACIO, MARIA C. GOR-
DON, TERESA JANE IGNACIO, RICHARD N. IG-
NACIO, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
ARTEMIO D. IGNACIO JR., LAKE POINT TOWER
GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIA-
TION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2024 CH 00453

505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 6512
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 12, 2025, 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 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 6512, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-214-016-1019
The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL C. MOORE; TAMARA MOORE; PAULETTE SMITH; COLUMBIA ESTATES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JOHN LYDON AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MICHAEL C. MOORE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.
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1260 W Columbia Ave, Unit 2, Chicago, IL 60626
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Property Index No. 11-32-305-029-1008
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. Banc Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Treehouse Series V Trust
Plaintiff
vs.

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3451 which automatically mandates annual reports from IDOT, RTA, CTA, and Metra detailing safety recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board each year.

Left unspoken was any call to move Chicagoland transportation system into using artificial intelligence and robotics that could help run the network with fewer employees.

Several U.S. cities are currently offering or have plans to offer driverless car services. These include Phoenix, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Austin, TX,

with Atlanta and Miami also on the list for future implementation.

Fully autonomous public transportation, including driverless buses and trains, is likely still several years away, with widespread deployment potentially taking until the 2030s or even the 2040s. While some autonomous bus and train systems are already operating in specific locations, and more trials are underway, the technology and infrastructure needed for widespread adoption are still under development.

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Simmons also sought passage of the 'Idaho Stop' for bicyclists allowing them to legally coast through stop signs without stopping when no other traffic is present. He adds that a future bill may grant bicyclists the same right to run red lights when they see an opening in cross traffic. It has passed the Senate and is currently awaiting action in the House.

For future information, visit Sen. Simmons at 1040 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. or call his office at 773-769-1717.



Sen. Mike Simmons

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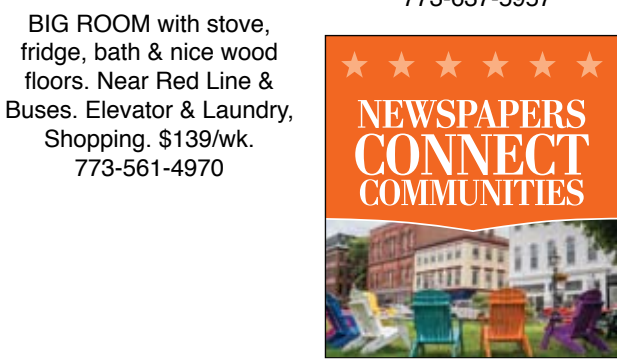
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CLOSURE from p. 1

Martin is a co-founder of HOLS, a group he started prior to announcing he would be running for alderman of the 47th Ward in 2019.

In addition to being a board member of HOLS, Islam is an "organizer" for Bike Grid Now, a nebulous group which organizes legally questionable mass bicycle rides that take over and clog up roads during rush hour traffic. These bike riders disobey all traffic signals and intentionally block intersections to make driving in buses, cars and trucks as miserable as possible.

Because many local city officials rely on political support from Bike Grid Now and related organizations, such as Active Transportation Alliance, no traffic citations are ever written during these mass bike rides.

BROADWAY from p. 1

path forward and to work with Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] who has rebuffed their entreaties. They invited their alder to their community meeting at the Edgewater Library. She said she found the presentation "biased" and then fired one of the speakers, Jack Markowski, from her ward zoning advisory committee.

Those 150 people attending that meeting asked for the process to be slowed down, only to be rebuffed.

Manaa-Hoppenworth has accepted the DPD upzoning framework hook, line and sinker and is now publicly acknowledged by DPD to be a supporter. This is the same framework that found approximately 80% of Broadway buildings/businesses are presently incompatible and underutilized in their city's future vision of the Broadway corridor.

It's a vision not shared by the locals who came out to protest April 26.

The city's plan is estimated to bring 10,000 new residential units to Broadway, roughly the same amount as are presently on Kenmore/Winthrop corridor. That signifies an increase not only in building height but in building density as well. Under that scenario, local family-owned businesses may likely be replaced with national chain stores and publicly traded corporate franchises.

And approximately 60% of those new residents will have access to motor vehicles at some point, yet no plans are afoot to address the current dearth of legal street parking in Edgewater. The city is actually actively removing commercial street parking in favor of privileged bike lanes.

On April 16, Manaa-Hoppenworth introduced an ordinance to the City Council that would have dramatically upzoned every building on the 1.5 miles of Broadway in Edgewater – from Devon south to Foster.

This is a city proposal with a stated goal

to streamline private developers' ability to raze so-called underutilized and incompatible buildings and replace them with the tallest and densest redevelopment allowed in a Business District under the Chicago Zoning Code. All that with no community input, concludes the new community group Edgewater Residents for Broadway [ERB], which has organized around protecting Broadway.

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They instead propose a "win-win road-map for responsible rezoning" which calls for creating a master plan for CTA parcels and the Bryn Mawr Historic District; Upzone the east side of Broadway (with greater lot depth - 250') but require the city to perform corridor planning to include parking, traffic, and small business displacement; Retain existing zoning on the west side of Broadway (125' lot depth); allow for project-by-project alder/community review; Retain existing permitted business

FORECLOSURE from p. 1

Old Town's architectural style, the architectural vision for The Duke of Wells is one of harmony and respect for Old Town's historic fabric. Condor now hopes to avoid losing the Old Town property to its lender.

"We are deeply committed to our developments and to finding paths forward even in challenging circumstances," the developer said in a statement released to The Real Deal online news site. "We respect that the banking industry has its protocols; however, we remain focused on the long-term potential of the project and are actively working on solutions to move it ahead."

BATTLE from p. 1

Deady is still working with Ald. Ray Lopez's [15th] office to push through city-wide legislation that would allow dogs off-leash in taverns that do not serve food, provided they carry additional insurance.

While the measure is still pending, Deady remains skeptical about the timeline. "Every month, I'm told 'maybe next month,' but it's still not on the City Council agenda," he said.

Today, The B-A-R has its zoning approval and liquor license path secured but lacks the funds needed to start construction. Meanwhile, in a city suffering from a glut of vacant commercial real estate, this building remains empty. And a neighborhood concept born out of love for dogs and community sits unrealized, after going through a seemingly unfair series of events that delayed the project and caused finan-

cial damage.

uses on Broadway, with no upzoning on the 45 Broadway historical buildings.

In Manaa-Hoppenworth's April 24 ward newsletter, she announced her "Broadway Drawing Contest." She asks, "What do you want the Broadway corridor to look like in 50 years? Draw us a picture and let us know."

"After all, development takes decades, not days. When you think about Broadway decades from now, what do you see? Draw us a picture of Your Broadway and submit it to our competition.... We can't wait to see what you come up with."

Many view this upzoning scheme as not well thought-out and rushed and seek to have it decelerated before the Zoning Committee meeting 10 a.m. May 20 in City Hall.

To contact Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth's office, call 773-784-5277 or email at info@the48thward.org. To learn more about the Broadway Upzoning framework, visit www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/broadway-land-use-lpanning/home.html.

To learn more about ERB, visit SaveEdgewater.com, or email SaveBWay@gmail.com.

Condor paid \$15 million for the Old Town property in 2018, when it was sold by a land trust that obscured the identity of the seller.

Condor also still has to pay back its architect on the project, Pappageorge Haymes Partners, which initially filed a mechanic's lien on the property in 2023 alleging it was owed about \$300,000 for its work on a \$2.2 million contract for the property. The architect's lien remains active, and so does a separate lien recorded against the property by National Wrecking Co. earlier this month for over \$33,000-worth of work it claims it performed for the property and remains owed.

The timeline shows a Feb. 15, 2024, ZBA hearing. "They told us if we went forward and lost, we'd have to wait an entire year to reapply," says Scott Deady. "After 14 months of waiting just to get to this point, we had no choice but to accept another delay."

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Deady said, "it makes you think how many other people [may] have dealt with this before and might not have a full-time job like I have to rely on, you know, and that they have already sunk all of their money."

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