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New colorful, raised crosswalk at Glenwood and Granville avenues.

Photo by Bob Zuley

## Are city's concrete bike lane barriers a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act?

BY PETER VON BUOL

As construction continues on the installation of protected bike lanes throughout Chicago, Mayor Brandon Johnson scheduled a day-long celebration on July 22 to mark the 35th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], unaware perhaps that his administration may be one of the primary violators of the act in the nation.

Signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H. W. Bush, the ADA was the world's first comprehensive civil rights

law for people with disabilities. The concrete barriers the city has installed have made it more difficult for those living with disabilities to access a bus or para transit vehicle from the curb, and appear to be an obvious ADA violation.

Despite the law, Chicago has been installing concrete barriers for bike lanes throughout the city which do not take into account the needs of those living with disabilities, while providing exclusive privileged lanes of egress that favor some of the healthiest, most able-bodied, citizen in Chicago.

Tens of millions of dollars have already been spent erecting barriers to the disabled community with protected bike lanes. These lanes put fast-moving electric-bicycles, electric scooters and as well as human-powered bicycles between curbs and parked cars.

In order for a person living with disabilities to access a parked para-transit bus or other vehicle, a person living with a disability can no longer easily enter the vehicle from the curb. Now, they must somehow get off of the raised

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## Frustration over Alderman's fealty to City Hall, city ramrods bike lane in over neighbors objections

Conflict of interest?

### Two CDOT commissioners live on Granville

BY BOB ZULEY

Since the Oct. 2024 edict by the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] to build a privileged bicycle lane on Granville Ave. [6200 N.] from Kedzie Ave. to Sheridan Rd., Edgewater stakeholders have been presented with a questionable rationale for why the change is necessary.

While many Edgewater residents participated in the No Kings protest June 14, what they never expected was for CDOT to declare themselves the King of the Road and force a Royal Edict on their subjects in the form of privileged bike paths.

"Privileged bicycle lanes" refers to sections of public roadway blocked off by manmade concrete

barriers, and other intentionally-engineered hazards, that allow only one class of roadway user to avail themselves to the use of a public way. Roadways paid for and maintained with taxpayer dollars, supported by commercial and residential property taxes, fuel taxes, commercial vehicle taxes, tire taxes, battery core taxes, city stickers, insurance and drivers license and license plate fees.

These privileged lanes are also the source of perhaps hundreds of daily American With Disability Act violations citywide as well as blocking off emergency vehicle egress in leaving no room for cars to "pull to the right for sirens and

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## \$2.4 M in TIF cash for Black Ensemble Theater expansion

The Black Ensemble Theater will add a 150-seat studio theater and rehearsal room to its Uptown performance complex through \$2.4 million in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] support approved by City Council July 16.

The \$5 million project at 4450 N. Clark St. will enable the nearly

50-year-old organization to increase its small theater productions from four to eight shows annually. The taxpayer funds will be used to replace vacant second-floor space with entertainment space.

Black Ensemble Theater has operated in Uptown since 1976.

## Aggrieved resident laments blocked ADA access to sidewalks

BY BOB ZULEY

Dr. Demetra K. Soter, M.D., is a long-time West Ridge resident and distinguished pediatric critical care medicine physician affiliated with Chicago's Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois [at Chicago] and the Cook County Criminal Court with over 45-years of experience in the medical field.

She and her husband own a home overlooking Warren Park.

After they were pleasantly surprised with the Pratt Blvd. arterial resurfacing about one month ago, they became dismayed by the suspicious spray paint marking and street-cuts that recently appeared on the roadway.

They were unaware that protected bicycle lanes and pedestrian safety improvements were part of the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] program, too.

The Pratt project includes both concrete work and asphalt re-

## City's bike lane madness now encroaching into West Ridge



This photo of the 6800 block of N. Bell Ave. shows a new CDOT design that impedes ADA access. The bump outs intentionally narrow the roadway, leaving paratransit drivers facing head on traffic troubles when their vehicles block roadways as they stop to pick up disabled riders. The narrowest, most constricted part of the newly redesigned intersection is where ADA sidewalk ramps meet the roadway, removing any buffer between the disabled and their mode of transportation, and oncoming traffic.

Photo by Bob Zuley

surfacing. The project features the now all-too familiar set of barriers and changes, including protected bicycle lanes, curb extensions/bumpouts at major intersections, pavement resurfacing, and sidewalk, curb and gutter, and Americans with Disability Act [ADA] ramp improvements.

As of July 17, CDOT reports 'continued sawcutting and removal of bike lane elements, me-

dians, and bus pads' is underway on Pratt.

The couple are upset at CDOT's lack of communication with the community about the roadway redesign and reconstruction. Dr. Soter is specifically annoyed about the newly designed crosswalk at 6800 N. Bell Ave. which precludes her access to the side-

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## CTA riders on board with stations reopening

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY BOB KITSOS

Four CTA stations reopened on July 20 as part of the CTA's sprawling Red and Purple Line Modernization Project [RPM] that started in 2019. The more than 100-year-old stations at Lawrence, Argyle, Bryn Mawr and Berwyn received upgrades as part of the company's \$2.1 billion renovations.

That day, CTA customers enjoyed a ceremonial "First Ride" on the new RPM tracks, including stops at the new, fully accessible Bryn Mawr and Berwyn stations.

On July 21, CTA Acting Presi-

dent Nora Leerhsen and other public officials hosted a celebratory station grand opening event to commemorate the reopening of the four newly rebuilt Red Line stations as part of the RPM Phase One Project, the largest transit investment to be completed in agency history

"I am grateful to the people in the neighborhoods that these stations will serve— including the residents, businesses and local elected officials that have partnered with us during construction—for their support," said Leerhsen. "Now is the time to celebrate together."

Interior improvements include

new turnstiles and fare machines; elevators and escalators address accessibility issues. Artwork from Chicago artists adds a personal touch to the entrance areas in each station. Exterior improvements include benches on wider platforms and overhead canopies.

Temporary stations at Bryn Mawr and Argyle serviced riders during construction, but the Berwyn and Lawrence stations were closed for more than four years. Berwyn CTA station attendant Karol Atkins said, "People are really excited to have this finally open."

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Entrance to the Berwyn L station; the station was closed for more than four years during renovation.

# The road that leads us home



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

This has been an unusual time of digging deep into old movies on my laptop.

It has made me a wee bit emotional. A shameful confession for an Irishman.

I'm exhausted from a week of writing, painting and medical advice.

I've once more uncovered the deeply moving film, "Chariots of Fire," for free, no less. Though I'd seen it 22 times before, I'm a repeat film fan of this incredible flick. I stayed away from it for far too long, as it broke my heart every time I watched it.

Dodi Fayed was the executive producer of the 1981 film. His father, Mohamed Al Fayed, helped to finance it. It was a triumph winning four Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

I didn't see it until I left Oxford Univ. in 1982. But I carried a practical embrace of it, through so much of the academic and cultural lifestyle portrayed in the film. This was a monumental time in my life. So the details in the setting of the film were a constant reminder of that I studied at the "other" ancient school.

Oxford University's similar spirit and lifestyle were timelessly woven with intimate detail into

the film's heroic Olympic runners' from Cambridge Univ.

It's a true tale of life set after the Great War. And the survivors of that post-war generation, now preparing themselves for the Paris Olympics of 1924.

Focused on the young runners who brought speed and unexpected "gold" to Britain. All against a soundtrack of enormous beauty by the musician known as Vangelis.

It's a full story of those young aristocratic athletes now looking for meaning and purpose in life following the massacre of their generation. Energized to return to Cambridge's academic opportunities to uncover again lost meaning and honor.

Because the film captures so much of the refined life of those times, I cannot watch without the tears of heartbreak. I wept during the scenes of the Olympics. The playing of the "The Song of Marseilles," the French National Anthem. And "The Star Spangled Banner" at the opening of the Olympics. And when the British runners won gold, as Eric Liddell, a Scot, did crossing the finish line first, "God Save the King."

Viewing the film again opened up untold memories and experiences of those Oxford days. From the study of Irish poetry, to exams, High Even Song in chapel, great meals, journeys to bookshops, pubs, country picnics and side trips to London, just an hour away.

Then there's the remembrance of fresh friends from new and ancient worlds. Refined, inquisitive, thoughtful and generous. The perfect blend of folk whose lives really did rearrange so much meaning in my life.



This columnist has watched the movie "Chariots of Fire," 22 times.

Next up, I rewatched that classic 1952 John Ford tale of Irish identity and self-discovery, "The Quiet Man." A tale set in the old Ireland, before the European Union and ready cash. The Ireland of my grandparents time. An Ireland I discovered as a boy when I traveled across the Atlantic with family on a Cunard liner, Georgian refinements and daily equestrian adventures.



The Quiet Man is based on a 1933 Saturday Evening Post short story by Irish novelist Maurice Walsh. The story was adapted for the movie by screenwriters Frank S Nugent and Richard Llewellyn.

John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara starred in this story of an Irish-American prizefighter who exiles himself after he accidentally kills another fighter in the boxing ring. He returns to the place he was born. The village of his early life. Buying his family cottage and incurring the enmity of the local big shot.

Wayne is Sean Thornton, a muscle-bound athlete who discovers fresh, new ways of life amid the local folk to whom he has returned for healing and hope. Though falling in love with his arch-enemy's sister creates fresh enmity. He's no hero among his angry, violent in-laws. Trouble brews.

Years ago this reporter used to meet up with Maureen O'Hara, who stars as the film's heroine, Mary Kate Danaher. She lived in New York off 57th Street and was a frequent diner at my buddy Jimmy Neary's restaurant. She loved to talk of the power of the film and the characters who filled

it. She was full of stories.

The film revolves around the details of Sean Thornton's fitting in among the town's folk. And his in-law, Red Will Danaher. Wayne's character Sean also needs to learn to fit in with himself and with the man he is capable of becoming. Only when he accepts himself, can he expect to resolve his in-law conflicts.

Ultimately, like those English runners of 1924, they, too, become heroes of bountiful athletics and humanity that discover fresh possibilities. When our Irish hero faces his fear and becomes ready to treat his bro-in-law to a worthy fist-a-cuffs, it reawakens both moral judgment and self respect. Lessons that always reshape the lives of such men of passion and self-determination.

So after all my wet tissues, I have come to the conclusion that these films saved and packed their best wallop for me. Their exposure of the curious actions of the heart helped me to rediscover what really is worthwhile. Important discoveries for anyone who seeks to uncover healing hope in life.

This is exactly the right road to radiant self-awareness that is healthy and wise. Something that we, as true Chicagoans, need to desirably rediscover.

It's the road that leads us home, despite the actions of an inept mayor. Or the horribly disorganized street construction currently underway across our city. Or the bombshell of Chicago's mass murders. And the critical shortage of adequate police numbers. Or the busted city budgets and stumbling steps of the Chicago City Council whose urban vision is too narrow. A terrible distorted understanding of what Chicago needs revolving around their bicycle seats. With one-way streets and bike lanes without end.

Do any of them know how Chicago has reached its refinement as capital of the American heartland?

Despite these unbridled emotions at the moment I still will take some clues from the cinema of the past, before the damage caused by "wokists." And the Gen Z layabouts who try to seize control of Chicago's civic understanding of itself.

Where's Mary Kate Danaher when we need her?

**ART INSTITUTE:** After all the mayhem unfolding at the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC] of late with AIC presidential hijinks on an airplane, and transfer of paintings of an important Chicago collector out of Chicago and down to a Florida museum, it seems the AIC just doesn't get it.

Apparently, the latest Summer exhibition of the dynamic work of French impressionist **Gustave Caillebotte** is a joint exhibit shared among three important museums. The collection first showed in Paris at the



Gustave Caillebotte

Musee d'Orsay, then it was on to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. At both museums the exhibition was called "Painting Men," a description of the painter's focused artistic intentions.

But when the exhibit finally opened in Chicago, it got a name change to "Painting His World."

Critics say that the AIC feared that questions would be asked concerning the painter's preoccupation with the male figure. So the AIC conducted an erasure. An exhibit "neutralized" for the Chicago audience. Any recognition of "queerness" in the artist had to be controlled.

There are some questions, too, about Curator **Gloria Groom's** soft pedal of the change she gave in a talk to AIC members. Caillebotte's painting, "Paris Street, Rainy Day," the pride of AIC's

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# When AI lies, who's at fault?

## CHA cites fake case in AI-generated motion, ChatGPT used in Rogers Park lead-poisoning appeal

The law firm defending the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] in a Rogers Park lead-poisoning case cited a fake ChatGPT-generated court case in a motion that could lead to sanctions. It will also complicate the CHA's attempt to overturn a \$24 million jury verdict.

The law firm defending the CHA cited a fictitious court case in a post-trial motion generated by ChatGPT, according to reporting in the Chicago Tribune.

The stunning details were disclosed during a recent court hearing, and may open

the door to sanctions. It may also become a test case on who to blame when AI provides lies in court proceedings. That January verdict found the CHA liable for injuries sustained by two children due to lead paint poisoning at a Rogers Park apartment.

Though the property had long been managed by real estate firms the Habitat Company and East Lake Management Group, both were cleared of liability and later settled with plaintiffs for smaller amounts.

That's when Habitat then filed suit against the CHA for breach of contract and legal malpractice, suggesting that the agency's trial missteps cost Habitat money and reputational harm.

The AI-related error centers on a motion

filed by CHA's outside counsel at Goldberg Segalla, which referenced a fabricated Illinois Supreme Court case called Mack v. Anderson in an attempt to challenge the original ruling.

That case does not exist. It never existed.

Now the firm has since admitted that partner Danielle Malaty used ChatGPT to draft the motion without verifying its citations. Malaty was fired, and the firm said it has since reportedly updated its AI policies.

Cook County Circuit Judge Thomas Cushing allowed plaintiffs' attorneys to move for sanctions, calling a special hearing on the matter. Meanwhile, The CHA told Goldberg Segalla that it will not pay for any expenses related to the AI filing.

The firm has already billed CHA nearly \$390,000 for work on the case.

Habitat ended its decades-long relationship with the CHA after alleging the agency failed to protect it in court. The authority postponed a July 15 board meeting to Aug. 4.

Goldberg Segalla isn't the first law firm to have used a ChatGPT-written text in a legal filing. A Houston Housing Authority housing voucher-related legal brief, filed in court last month by Fulton Law Group, included multiple fabricated case citations as well.

*Contributing on this story was Judah Duke of TheRealDead.com.*

## Cook County's Annual Tax Sale postponed

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas plans to postpone the Annual Tax Sale for seven months, during which time she hopes to work with legislators on comprehensive property tax foreclosure reform measures.

At her urging, the Illinois General Assembly recently passed legislation that allows the Treasurer to postpone the Sale previously set to be held this August. The legislation also provides that during the delay no additional interest will be charged on delinquent bills subject to the sale.

Once the legislation officially becomes law, she will be allowed to delay the sale until March 2026.

"I commend the members of the General Assembly for giving me the flexibility to postpone the tax sale, and for minimizing the amount of interest that late-paying property owners will face after the postponement," Pappas said. "The delay gives

me the time to collaborate with housing advocates and other partners on comprehensive property tax foreclosure reform legislation that's good for Cook County, the state of Illinois, and property owners. The time for stopgap reform measures has passed. Now is the time for significant and enduring reform."

Cook County's Annual Tax Sale is required by state law and typically must be held no more than 13 months after the second installment due date. During the sale, tax buyers pay delinquent property taxes in exchange for a lien on the property. If property owners don't pay off that lien, with interest, the tax buyer can take title to the property.

Pappas's postponement request came in the wake of a 2023 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that called into question the way property tax collection enforcement

has been conducted in Illinois and many other states.

"That decision presented my office with an opportunity to push for changes I've wanted for a long time," Pappas said. "I look forward to working with lawmakers in Springfield on reforms that will make the system more equitable for Cook County residents and all Illinoisans."

### Cook County Assessor's Office proposal for shared federal property data

The Board of Directors of the National Assoc. of Counties [NAC] called for the release of property characteristics data from the federal government last week, supporting a policy proposal by the Cook County Assessor's Office to improve assessment accuracy.

This is the first time that NAC has passed

a property assessment-related policy proposal. The resolution was approved unanimously during NAC's annual conference.

The resolution, sponsored by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and Maricopa County Assessor Eddie Cook, calls for the Federal Housing Finance Agency [FHFA] to release its dataset of millions of property appraisals to 16 of the largest assessment offices in the country.

Without incurring any extra cost, this data would provide assessors with a more accurate snapshot of residential property characteristics.

Nationwide, property assessments tend to be regressive. This means that less valuable homes are overvalued, while expensive homes are undervalued.

The effect of this can be that working-

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curb, then enter and pass through the active privileged bike lane traffic. Often, they must then also get through a lane of parked cars before they are able to enter a paratransit vehicle.

Readers of this newspaper have detailed their own experiences after witnessing the difficulties of others attempting to navigate getting from a curb into a vehicle on the street due to the installation of the concrete barriers used in protected bike lanes. Lanes that protect some of the most brazenly reckless violators of modern society's 'Rule of the Road.'

According to Michael Collins, a policy analyst with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning [CMAP], thoughtful planning must take into account all residents, including those living with disabilities. CMAP is a governmental agency representing northeastern Illinois communities.

"Safety improvements for bicyclists should not come at the expense of safety and access for people with disabilities. While our region is committed to improving safety for people walking and biking — such as CMAP's Safe Travel for All Roadmap [STAR]— communities must design and implement bike lanes that maintain

or improve accessibility for people with disabilities, particularly with parking and crosswalks," wrote Collins in an April 2, 2024 article posted on CMAP's website.

In order to remain in compliance with ADA laws, local jurisdictions must follow the latest recommendations of the federal Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines [PROWAG], published by the federal agency that advances the accessible design standards and guidelines in alignment with the ADA, the U.S. Access Board.

"The U.S. Access Board's updated PROWAG under the ADA expands the definition of vehicle lanes to include bike lanes. This means that the accessibility requirements related to parking and crosswalks for vehicle lanes also apply to bike lanes," added Collins.

On the city of Chicago's website, officials from the city's Dept. of Transportation describe their efforts to create "a safe, comfortable, and connected cycling network that serves all of Chicago not only improves and expands our city's transportation system—it also helps to make our communities healthier, cleaner, more vibrant, and more equitable."

According to Collins, before protected bike lanes are created, the needs of those living with disabilities must not be forgotten.

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walk and disability access.

The newly installed curb bumpouts at the crosswalk obliterated the two closest parking spaces adjacent to the sidewalk.

Instead of pulling up to the crosswalk and delivering a wheelchair-bound person safely onto the sidewalk and reparking her vehicle, she now has to stop near parked cars impeding traffic, drop off the wheelchair near parked cars, and return to her vehicle and repark it.

Dr. Soter has now reported these clear ADA violations by the City of Chicago to the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

In a missive to Aldermen Maria Hadden [49th], Debra Silverstein, [50th], Andre Vasquez, [40th], the U.S. Dept. of Justice and Mayor Brandon Johnson, Dr. Soter wrote, "...I am incredibly dismayed by what is happening in Chicago. I do not understand how young, healthy bicycle riders have taken priority over the safety of our elderly, disabled population, and emergency vehicle access. Both can co-exist, but this is not happening in Chicago."

She goes on to say that she has never seen scooter and bicycle riders being held to the same traffic violation standard as motorists. There is no helmet law and many riders at night ride without lights while weaving and speeding through traffic, talking on cell phones and riding the wrong way on one-way streets, a violation of state law.

Dr. Soter asks, "If Chicago cares about bike riders safety, why are these issues

ignored? When did the city decide that a minimally used bicycle lane is more important than families, elderly, disabled, etc.?"

In her note to this newspaper Soter says "I first was concerned about our patients at Stroger Hospital and Clinic when the concrete barriers were put up on Polk St. Cars cannot pull over to pick up patients. If they do stop they block traffic and a wheelchair cannot get near the car. It is difficult to even cross over the barrier walking and will be much worse with snow and ice."

"This is incredibly dangerous for elderly (14% of Chicagoans are over 65) and disabled, and even young people on crutches or balance problems," said Dr. Soter.

Between the bumpouts, roundabouts and concrete bike lane barriers on certain streets, the City of Chicago has made it very difficult for emergency vehicles, such as ambulances, and firetrucks to get to emergencies. Cars cannot pull over to let the emergency vehicles pass on certain stretches, such as on N. Clark St. The raised concrete barriers also make it harder for ambulances and firetrucks to get close to their destinations and load the patients.

Indeed the widest part of Clark St. north of Peterson today is the raised grassy platform used for plants and trees. The grassy area is literally wide enough to build a Venetian Canal on Clark St. and have gondola's transport commuters between Ridge and Devon avenues.

When community stakeholders raise these concerns, their input is mostly ignored or dismissed by city officials.

"Parking-protected bike lanes position on-street parking between the vehicle travel lane and the bike lane, meaning that street parking spaces are not directly next to the curb. This design poses accessibility challenges for people with disabilities accessing the sidewalk. They may need to walk or roll down a narrow buffer between the parked vehicles and bike lane to reach the crosswalk/sidewalk curb ramp. Alternatively, they may need to cross a busy bike lane and step up onto the curb where no curb ramp exists," wrote Collins.

Because the ADA is a federal law, those who have found themselves harmed are able to use the federal courts to seek a remedy.

"In 2020, a U.S. District Court judge ruled that a portion of the City of Los Angeles' parking protected bike lanes violated the ADA. The arrangement of on-street parking on the length of street in question required people using wheelchairs to roll in the bike lane to reach the sidewalk, which created a collision risk and was not considered "readily accessible."

To remedy this violation, the court ordered the city to install four ADA-compliant parking spaces along the section of street," wrote Collins.

In order to prevent such a situation, local governments should always begin with

pedestrians as the number one priority. In addition, civic planners should always engage local disability communities.

"Whenever changes are made to the public right-of-way — like sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and roads — they must comply with PROWAG and the ADA requirement that changes not reduce accessibility," says Collins.

To prevent future lawsuits, before planning any major changes, local governments must take into account the ADA requirements. To ignore the federal mandate will undoubtedly prove very costly, both through litigation and in government infrastructure budgets.

"The negative attention, litigation costs, and settlement agreements from legal challenges can pose significant burdens on communities. The duration of a remedy timeline is often dictated by the settlement agreement, which may interfere with a community's ability to independently plan and budget for accessibility improvements. Settlement agreement timelines may also impact budget and planning prioritization more broadly, with the accessibility remedy taking precedence, sometimes for years. Proactive accessibility planning has clear social, logistical, and financial advantages," warned Collins.

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"Today, parking is being eliminated on Pratt Blvd. adjacent to Warren Park for a bicycle lane used maybe five times in a 24-hour period." Oddly there already is a well-established existing bike path in Warren Park that is mere steps away from the new path being added to Pratt.

We love that families from outside our neighborhood drive to the park and enjoy it. We don't want to make it more difficult for families to enjoy the park. We are a neighborhood of inclusion, not exclusion," says Dr. Soter.

Dr. Soter learned the hard way of CDOT's secretive unilateral expenditures and construction of Chicago's growing bicycle pathway system. Ecologically speaking, bikes may be a worthwhile investment in bicycle-friendly cities like San Diego or Tampa, but Chicago has a limited bicycle-riding season.

There appears to be no oversight by ward Aldermen other than simply agreeing to whatever CDOT imposes on community stakeholders, even when the changes appear to be clear violations of the ADA. ADA is a federal law that prohibits making any access changes that result in less handicapped accessibility.

Untold millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent on disrupting parking, commerce and vehicular traffic flow throughout the city with zero accountability, transparency and oversight.

Many community stakeholders are now saying it's time to put the brakes on this scope-creep project.

"Scope creep" describes the uncontrolled expansion of a project's scope and deliverables beyond what was initially called for in its initial design. This may occur with vague project definition, stakeholder wishes and demands being ignored, and a lack of change control process.

Chicago's very birth as a city was based in large part due to its location, a location that allowed it to become a transportation hub for the entire nation. The city is now actively damaging its own ability to conduct transportation commerce efficiently due to the hundreds of road barriers

that are being created on commercial and residential streets as a privilege to 19th century transportation technology.

In the US, only a small percentage of people use bikes for daily transportation. Specifically, about 0.6% of all U.S. workers commute to work by bicycle, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In major cities, this number is slightly higher, reaching 1.1%, according to the League of American Bicyclists.

Chicago's financial situation today is dire, and getting worse. Chicago's total debt liability, encompassing various obligations like pension debt and other liabilities, is estimated to be around \$74 billion, according to a report by Illinois Policy according to Truth in Accounting. Financially speaking, Chicago simply cannot afford to throw more money into street redesign and reconstruction to appease the one-percent of the city's population who use a bike to commute. While cycling is a popular recreational activity, it's not a dominant mode of transportation for the vast majority of Chicagoans.

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class homeowners end up paying more than their fair share in property taxes, particularly compared to the wealthiest homeowners.

More accurate property data could help alleviate this regressivity, which researchers have suggested is due to a lack of information about homes.

The FHFA, a federal agency that oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, maintains a Uniform Appraisal Dataset with millions of home appraisal records from across the country.

"Property assessments in Cook County have become much more accurate over the last seven years, helping to make our property tax system fairer for everybody," said Kaegi. "But for us to continue improving, access to this data from the FHFA is crucial."

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# Sixteen-inch softball more like chess than baseball



The Home Front  
by Don DeBat

As the decades fly by, one fact is constant in the history of 16-inch slow pitch Chicago-style softball: the game is more like playing chess than baseball.

The biggest and best softball stars earn a master's degree in the art of hitting this strange, over-sized ball that comes out of a "Clincher" box as hard as a brick, and then turns pillow soft by the 7th inning.

To generate distance and power, some hitters have devised the "shuffle," a three-step run-up style that looks like a Fred Astaire dance step. Others have learned the spinning "cut" or "dump" move—much like a pool shot—to befuddle the defense.

In the 1960s at Clarendon Park, the top softball league on the North Side, the scores were so high Park Director George Morse developed the famed "juiced ball." He injected the Clincher with water, milk or heavy syrup. The idea was to add weight in order to restrict the flight of the ball and hold the scores down. By the end of a typical game, the ball had melted into an egg-shaped sphere.

In Morse's era, Clarendon's outfield fences were only four feet high. Fences were 270 feet to left, and a short 238 feet to right field.

"When strong hitting teams like Leister's Bakery, Dugouts, Beetle's Bombers, and Wolves came to Clarendon, a couple hundred home runs were tagged out each year," recalled Eddie Whitman, a long-ball hitter at the park for more than two decades.

"With the live ball, scores were usually around 26-19 and the games lasted 2.5 hours because of big innings and delays in retrieving homers out on Marine Dr.," Whitman said.

Often, Morse was forced to keep the lights on at the park until 2 a.m. for the third game of the night, instead of closing Clarendon at 11 p.m.

"In the mid-1960s, everybody gave up and started using 40-ounce Major League baseball bats. It was a matter of survival,"



The 1985 JETS. Bottom Row (L-R): Dale Hopkins, Bradley Trychta, Bobby Glover, Clarence "Boots" Cass, Pat Carroll and Keith Dickens. Top Row (L-R): Ricky Lewis, Chris D'Agostino, Robert Placek, Kenny Dower, John Zullo, John Clausen, Joey Alvinito and Gene O'Keefe.

said Gil Muratori, a Hall of Fame player.

To overcome the weight of the heavy ball, the most innovative hitters augmented their war clubs by drilling a six-inch channel in the end of the bat and inserting a lag-bolt inside.

In those days, Clarendon showcased a galaxy of slugging stars who later were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Eddie Whitman, Ed Searle, Frank Bufka and Lou LaSigna socked more than 25 round-trippers each. Eddie Mulligan, was nicknamed "Mr. Clean" because he shaved his head, and hit tape-measured shots of more than 300 feet.

By the late 1970s, even with the juiced ball, some of the strong hitters like Benny Holt, Ron Olesiak and John Straley had no trouble hitting it out of the park, said Frank Afafe, former Clarendon Park supervisor. Once, Holt hit a record 349-foot homer that landed on Marine Dr.

Softball historians note that Morse also should be credited with several other innovations that altered the modern game. He lengthened the bases from 40 to 50 feet. Morse also invented the rule that said batters who hit a foul ball with two strikes are out. That rule kept players from hitting continuous foul balls, lengthening the time of games, a pet peeve of the park supervisor.

Morse also allowed pitchers to take a "drag" step off of the mound before the ball was released. This extra big step to either side, back or forward, gave pitchers a

better angle on the batter, or put them in a better position to field the ball.

### Chicago Jets inducted in HOF

The juiced-ball era extended into the 1980s, when teams such as the Chicago Jets mastered the art of hitting the heavy ball. The Jets, a great North Side saloon team, was inducted on July 22, 2025 into the 16-Inch Chicago Softball Hall of Fame in Forest Park.

The Jets team was organized and launched in 1976 as a "B"-League North Side neighborhood saloon squad. Managed and coached by player-1st baseman John Clausen, the Jets won 22 Chicago Park League championships, a half-dozen major tournaments, and hundreds of big games, including the 1985 U.S. Slow-pitch Softball Assoc. [USSSA] State Tournament—all in a single decade.

In 1979, the Jets' season opener at Clarendon Park was against Royko's Raiders,

also a good "B" League team. Pat Carroll, the Jets lead-off man, smashed a line drive that hit Royko in the face, breaking his glasses and sending the Pulitzer prize-winning columnist to the hospital. The Jets won 16-0 on a one hitter pitched by Gene O'Keefe.

From 1976 to 1979, the Jets won four "B"-League championships, along with championships at Chase Park, Horner Park, Mather Park, Revere Park and Athletic Field Park.

By the early 1980s, the Jets ascended to the "A"-bracket at Clarendon, Portage, and Hamlin parks. The Jets won three more Clarendon championships, and eight additional championships at Portage and Hamlin parks. The Jets consistently beat all of the top North Side "A" teams, including Fusion, Rollers, Stones, Six-Pack, Playboys, Impalas, Lickers, and The Alley.

During the 1985 season, the Jets won 1st place in the USSSA State 16-inch slow-pitch glove tournament in Orland Park, beating the Coors Bombers for the championship. Jet's center fielder Keith Dickens batted .600 in the 1985 tournament and won Most Valuable Player (MPV) honors.

For a good read on the history of softball in Chicago, buy a copy of "The Greatest Game on Dirt" (2021) by HOF founder Al Maag. And, visit the 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame website: <http://16inchsoftballhof.com/shop>.

For more softball and housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). DeBat, inducted into the softball Hall of Fame in 1999, is writing "Chicago's Game," a book on 16-inch softball. He also is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

## Lake cruise July 27 with White Sox World Series team members

Step aboard for a White Sox World Series exclusive cruise event celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 2005 Chicago White Sox World Championship victory with City Cruises Spirit of Chicago, Sunday, July 27. The cruise casts off from Navy Pier, 600 E Grand Ave., and the cost is \$77 per person.

Hosted by All-Star catcher A.J. Pierzynski and Manager Ozzie Guillén, with special guest Jermaine Dye, this baseball experience will bring guests face-to-face with the players and coaches who made team history and provide a chance to

see the 2005 World Championship trophy up close.

Guests will hear behind-the-scenes moments, and first-hand reflections from the players who made it happen. A multi-course buffet dinner will be served.

Personal memorabilia, including items like bobbleheads, will not be permitted for autographs. Complimentary baseballs will be provided for all guests to have signed by the athletes. For more information visit <https://www.cityexperiences.com/city-cruises/live/>.

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# Police Beat...

## Chicago man posted bomb threat on alderman's Facebook, mentioned Wrigleyville terror plot

A Chicago man is facing charges after allegedly posting a bomb threat on a Facebook post made by Ald. Jason Ervin [28th], according to a detention proffer filed by prosecutors.

Authorities say Kenneth D. Weddington, 28, wrote a comment under Ervin's Independence Day post stating, "Bomb planted at your officer for support this bullshit and being a follower." Ervin reported the comment to police out of concern for public safety, noting that his ward office also functions as a church on Sundays and was expecting hundreds of congregants the next day.



Kenneth D. Weddington

According to the state's detention proffer, a Chicago police detective submitted an emergency disclosure request to Facebook and identified the user behind the comment as "Kenneth Daniel," a profile linked to an email address and phone number associated with Weddington. The account was reportedly still active, and the profile picture matched Weddington's appearance, prosecutors said.

The document states that the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force had also been alerted to the comment and located Weddington at a Hyde Park restaurant within hours of the post on July 4, the day before Ervin reported the post. Officers detained him and took him to the Univ. of Chicago Hospital for a mental health evaluation, according to the proffer. He was later transferred to Montrose Behavioral Hospital, where he remained until July 11.

On that same day, a Chicago detective conducting surveillance near Van Buren and Michigan saw Weddington walking nearby and confirmed his identity using a mugshot, Facebook profile photo, and a neck tattoo, according to the document. Officers took him into custody a short time later.

A search of Weddington's phone allegedly uncovered the original Facebook threat and linked Gmail account. Investigators also found a Facebook Messenger thread with a Wrigleyville neighborhood Facebook group in which Weddington claimed he had been part of a Discord group planning a terrorist attack on the North Side neighborhood, prosecutors said.

Weddington made "admissions" after being advised of his rights, prosecutors said. Judge Shauna Boliker detained Weddington during a court hearing July 14.

## Police investigate Ravenswood and Uptown robberies, plus two holdups that left victims shot

Chicago police are investigating two armed robberies that occurred about nine hours apart on the North Side — one in Ravenswood and another in Uptown — as well as two robberies in which victims were shot over the July 12-13 weekend, one in Lakeview and the other in West Ridge.

The most recent robbery occurred around 3:46 a.m. July 14 in the 1200 block of W. Gunnison St. A 24-year-old woman was standing near the sidewalk when four masked men armed with guns jumped out

of a white SUV and robbed her at gunpoint, police said. The offenders, described as Black males wearing all black clothing and masks, fled westbound on Gunnison with her belongings. No injuries were reported.

Another hold-up took place around 6:20 p.m. July 13 in the 2600 block of W. Gunnison St. A 20-year-old man, also standing near a sidewalk, was approached by two masked men who pulled a gun and took his wallet, police said. The robbers fled westbound on Gunnison. One suspect was described as Hispanic and about 5'-9", while the other was described as White or Hispanic and about 6-foot tall. Both wore ski masks. The victim was not injured.

A woman was shot during a robbery in Lakeview late Saturday night, marking another violent incident in a string of armed robberies on the North Side.

The attack happened around 11:25 p.m. in the 400 block of W. Wellington Ave. Police said the 35-year-old victim was standing outside when a man approached, pulled a gun, and demanded her belongings. During the encounter, the offender opened fire, striking her in the lower back and grazing her chin. She was in fair condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

In yet another robbery, a 17-year-old boy was shot and critically injured Sunday afternoon during a holdup on the soccer field of Stone Scholastic Academy, 6239 N. Leavitt St., in West Ridge.

According to police, the offender approached the teen around 4:55 p.m., pulled a gun, and demanded the boy's phone and backpack. After taking the items, the man fired a shot that entered the teen's forearm, continued into his chest, and exited his body. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition.

That suspect was described as a Hispanic male, about 5'-6" and thin, wearing all black and dark sunglasses. Authorities suspect the robbery may be connected to a similar incident reported last Wednesday night near Damen and Fargo, where a scooter-riding man in all black reportedly robbed another person. In that case, the victim was gone before police arrived and may not have filed a report.

No arrests have been announced in any of the cases.

## Man chased, cut, robbed in River North attack

A 23-year-old man was injured during a robbery on July 16 in the River North neighborhood, according to Chicago police. CPD has recently issued two warnings about late-night robberies in the area.

Officers responded to a 3:30 a.m. call reporting two men armed with a knife chasing another man in the 500 block of N. State. When officers arrived, they found the victim had been pushed to the ground and robbed of his phone and wallet.

According to a CPD statement, the attackers approached the victim on foot and assaulted him before taking his belongings. The victim sustained a laceration to his left arm, abrasions, and a busted lip. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in good condition.

A CPD surveillance officer reviewed surveillance footage and described the suspects as two Black males. One was heavy-set and wore a dark shirt, black shorts, and black shoes. The other wore a white shirt, light-colored pants, and white shoes.

No arrests have been made. Area Three detectives are investigating.

The attack on State St. comes amid a series of lane-night robberies in River North that have prompted two community alerts from Chicago police in the past month.

In the latest alert, issued this week, CPD warned of a pattern in which groups of men have been approach-

ing intoxicated bar patrons with friendly conversation before beating and robbing them.

According to the alert, the offenders have been targeting people near nightlife venues during overnight hours, often as bars and restaurants are closing. Police say the robbers "befriend intoxicated citizens and chat them up in a friendly manner" before turning violent and forcibly taking their belongings.

Four such robberies were reported between June 16 and July 6 on or near Wabash, Dearborn, and State streets. The suspects in these attacks are described as one to three Black males, ages 20 to 40.

The warning follows a separate alert issued last month after two people were violently robbed on W. Kinzie St. around 2 a.m. June 12. In those cases, three men reportedly assaulted victims in quick succession, with one victim saying the attackers initially posed as police officers. Those suspects were described as Black males in their 20s with dreadlocks, standing 5'-10" to 6 feet tall and weighing about 175 to 185 lbs.

## 13-time convicted burglar busted again — while on electronic monitoring for still more burglaries

A 52-year-old man with a long history of burglaries and thefts was arrested earlier this month while allegedly committing yet another burglary in Roscoe Village—even though he had three active warrants and was supposed to be on electronic monitoring, according to prosecutors and court records.



Ruben Malave

Ruben Malave, a 13-time convicted burglar and thief, was picked up by Chicago police around 3:23 a.m. July 7 after he allegedly broke into a residential building in the 1600 block of W. Belmont and stole packages. Prosecutors say Malave was carrying bolt cutters, wire cutters, and a flathead screwdriver at the time of his arrest. He's now charged with two counts of burglary and possession of burglary tools.

At the time of that arrest, court records show Malave had three outstanding warrants because he stopped attending court hearings in three pending burglary cases. He was also on electronic monitoring and subject to a nighttime curfew, records show, yet he was out after 3 a.m.

Those cases involve allegations that he broke into a West Loop condo building in the 800 block of W. Adams on Sept. 25, 2024, and stole bicycles. Police say he was identified through surveillance video.

Malave has been cycling through the criminal justice system for more than a decade. In 2022, he was sentenced to four years in prison for eight burglaries and two felony thefts. Back in 2011, he received more than seven years for burglary and 18 months for a separate felony theft conviction. In 2019, he was sentenced to two years for felony theft in a case originally filed as burglary.

He is now being detained for violating pretrial release conditions in the Sept. 2024 burglary cases.

## Man on gun probation charged with North Side robbery spree

A 19-year-old man on probation for possessing a firearm on the CTA has been charged in connection with a series of armed robberies that targeted people in Lakeview, Old Town, and Edgewater during the early hours of May 18, according to Chicago police.

Tsion Adams, of the 6100 block of S. Kimbark Ave., was arrested July 14 in the 700 block of East 111th St. Authorities say he was one of two offenders who carried out the string of gunpoint robberies while driving a white car.

Adams now faces three felony

counts of armed robbery with a firearm and one felony count of attempted armed robbery, according to a police statement released Tuesday.



Tsion Adams

The first robbery occurred around 1 a.m. in the 1200 block of W. Roscoe St., where a 22-year-old man told officers he was robbed at gunpoint near Southport Ave. and Roscoe St. by two men. The offenders took valuables and fled in a vehicle. The victim hid in a gangway until officers arrived.

About 12 minutes later, a 25-year-old woman was robbed near her home in the 1100 block of W. Grace St. She told police that two men — one wearing a ski mask — took her phone and other items, then forced her to unlock the device before fleeing in a white car.

At 1:30 a.m., a 22-year-old woman was robbed in the 1200 block of N. Sedgwick St. About an hour later, a 39-year-old woman was targeted in the 1000 block of W. Berwyn Ave. No additional details were immediately available about those incidents.

Court records show Adams was sentenced to two years of "first-time weapon offender probation" in February after he was caught with a firearm at the Roosevelt CTA station last summer. Since then, he has been arrested three more times: once for the current robbery charges and twice last month for misdemeanor offenses. Records also indicate he failed to appear in court for one of those misdemeanor cases on June 27, prompting the judge to ask their clerk to send Adams a postcard reminder.

Adams was to appear for a detention hearing at 26th and California July 22.

## Robbers pose as friendly strangers—then attack victims in River North

Chicago police have issued a second community alert in as many months, warning of a robbery pattern in River North that has left late-night bar patrons beaten and robbed after being approached by seemingly friendly strangers.

In the most recent alert, CPD said multiple men have been targeting intoxicated patrons near bars and restaurants during overnight hours as nightlife venues are closing. According to the alert, the offenders "befriend intoxicated citizens and chat them up in a friendly manner" before physically attacking them and forcibly taking their belongings.

Four such robberies have been reported: in the 400 block of N. Wabash — 1 a.m. Monday, June 16; 600 block of N. Dearborn — 3 a.m. Sunday, June 22; 600 block of N. Wabash — Monday, June 28, around midnight, and in the 400 block of N. State St. — 2 a.m. Sunday, July 6.

The suspects in these attacks have been described as one to three Black males between 20 and 40 years old, according to CPD.

The warning follows an alert issued last month after two people were violently robbed near the first two blocks of W. Kinzie St. around 2 a.m. June 12.

In those cases, three men reportedly assaulted lone victims in quick succession, using physical force to take property. One victim reported that the offenders claimed to be police officers during their initial approach.

The June robbery suspects were described as Black males in their 20s with dreadlocks, between 5'-10" and 6-foot tall, weighing approximately 175 to 185 lbs.

## Man in wheelchair shot on Near North Side

A 37-year-old man who uses a wheelchair was shot in the leg during what he described as an attempted

robbery in the city's Near North Side on July 14, according to Chicago police.

First responders went to the 900 block of N. Dearborn after receiving a 911 call from the victim around 4:55 p.m. He told police he was moving from the intersection of Division and Clark when someone tried to rob him. He said he was shot in the left leg during the encounter.

Officers in the area did not hear gunfire, and no other gunshot reports were received through 911. The victim was conscious and alert when emergency responders arrived. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

While the victim told authorities he didn't know who shot him, officials indicated that he may know more than he is willing to share. A witness described the shooter as a Black male wearing pink shorts.

No one is in custody. Area Three detectives are investigating.

The man is the 35th person shot on the Near North Side this year. However, 18 of those victims were shot during a single event on July 2.

## Man caught on video executing longtime acquaintance in Cabrini Green courtyard

A 51-year-old man with a decades-long criminal history is accused of fatally shooting a longtime acquaintance in the back and head during a chilling, caught-on-camera ambush in a Cabrini Green courtyard last weekend.

Surveillance footage shows Maurice Timms gunning down 41-year-old Devon LaSalle in a courtyard as LaSalle walked away from him just after midnight on July 13 in the 800 block of N. Cambridge, according to a detention petition by Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara.

After LaSalle fell, Timms allegedly approached and fired more rounds as LaSalle lay on the ground.

The petition states that the two men had known each other for years from the Francis Cabrini Homes and spent time together in the hours leading up to the shooting.

Video allegedly shows Timms walking from a residence on Locust St. to the courtyard, interacting with LaSalle about 15 minutes later, and then raising his arm and shooting LaSalle in the back.

Timms fled to a friend's red Ford truck parked nearby, removed his white shirt, and put it in the truck and walked back to a nearby apartment, Pekara said.

About four hours after the murder, a 911 tipster reported that the killer was inside the red truck, parked on a lot off Iowa St. Officers arrived to find Timms in the passenger seat, wearing a green shirt and dark pants, Pekara said. Two black 9mm handguns were in plain view — one on the floorboard and another on the seat next to him, according to the petition.

Ballistics testing confirmed that six shell casings recovered from the murder scene matched the firearm found on the floorboard, Pekara stated. That gun was legally owned by the woman whose apartment Timms visited after the shooting, but she did not give him permission to take it, according to the petition.

The white shirt Timms wore during the murder was allegedly found in the truck during a police search.

Three witnesses identified Timms on surveillance video that captured his movements before, during, and after the killing, according to prosecutors.

Timms' criminal history spans 30 years, including armed robbery convictions in Illinois and Georgia, an armed habitual criminal conviction in 2006, and a 2020 prison sentence for possession of a stolen

# 10-year sentence for man linked to 2022 Lakeview carjacking, Rogers Park shooting

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Rogers Park man who eluded prosecution for a pair of violent crimes was sentenced to 10 years in prison on July 15 after pleading guilty to both charges.

Michael Porter's convictions stem from two separate incidents: a broad daylight carjacking in Lakeview and a shooting incident in Rogers Park three weeks earlier that caused no injuries. But Porter remained on the streets for months until DNA evidence and video footage linked him to the cases, according to court records.

Porter's Nov. 2022 crime spree began in Rogers Park, prosecutors previously said. On the afternoon of Nov. 2, he was allegedly captured on surveillance video firing a gun at another person in the 1600 block of W. Juneway Terrace.

Then, on Nov. 27, Porter pulled a gun on two women as they parked a 2012 Toyota Camry in the 1100 block of W. George, prosecutors said. Wearing a mask, he pointed the weapon at the driver, snatched her keys, and climbed behind the wheel.

The woman's roommate was still in the back seat. As she tried to fight back, a second offender joined Porter, dragged her out of the car, and threw her to the ground before fleeing in the stolen Toyota, prosecutors said.

Chicago police recovered the car later that day and swabbed the interior for DNA. It wasn't until Nov. 2023—nearly a year later—that the test results came back with a match: Porter.

Detectives used the match to assemble a photo line-up, and the Toyota's owner identified Porter as the masked gunman, officials

said. Police arrested him early last year in Uptown.

At the time of his arrest, Porter had been missing from court proceedings for more than a year in an unrelated stolen vehicle case. In that 2022 incident, police in Streeterville allegedly saw him crash a stolen Mitsubishi on Lake Shore Dr. before fleeing on foot, wearing just one shoe and a ski mask. But he was only charged with misdemeanors and released.

Porter's juvenile record included convictions for robbery, burglary, and carjacking, prosecutors said.

Judge Timothy Joyce handed down the decade-long sentence after Porter pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon and aggravated discharge of a firearm toward an occupied vehicle.

# Two men sold guns, cocaine, and a 'Glock switch' to undercover agent

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two Chicago men are facing federal charges following an undercover investigation that targeted illegal firearms and cocaine trafficking in the city, according to criminal complaints filed this week in Chicago.

Erik Ocampo, who is accused of selling seven firearms and a Glock "switch" device capable of converting a semi-automatic pistol into a fully automatic machine gun, was charged with illegally possessing a machine gun. His alleged associate, Gerardo Ibarra, is charged with conspiring to distribute cocaine.

According to the complaints, signed by an agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [ATF], Ocampo and Ibarra worked together between March 19 and June 5 of this year to sell firearms and narcotics to undercover federal agents posing as buyers.

Court documents state that Ocampo was the central figure in arranging multiple deals with the undercover agents, often conducted through phone and text communications. In one instance on March 19, Ocampo allegedly arranged the sale of three AR-style pistols and an AR-style short-barrel rifle to an undercover agent for \$6,000. Ibarra delivered the weapons and collected payment from the agent, according to the complaints.

Prosecutors said the agent asked Ibarra during the exchange if Ibarra had any "work," slang for cocaine. Ibarra responded that he had "jale," Spanish slang for cocaine, and he would have brought a sample if Ocampo had told him in advance, according to the complaints.

In text messages with the undercover agent on April 1, Ocampo allegedly offered to sell four assault rifle-style firearms, two Glock pistols with machine gun conversion devices, and two ounces of cocaine for \$13,500. Ultimately, though, the deal was

scaled back to four firearms, one switch, and two ounces of suspected cocaine for \$5,900, the complaint said.

The complaint says Ocampo demonstrated how the device—a machine gun conversion device attached to a Glock pistol and described it as "like a whole assault rifle bro on a Glock." The switch was later confirmed by the ATF's Firearms Technology Division to meet the federal definition of a machine gun.

On May 14, Ocampo arranged to meet the agent at 51st and Kolmar, where they completed the sale of an assault rifle, an "UZI-style" firearm, "multiple" pistols, and about nine ounces of cocaine for \$16,000, according to the complaint.

In at least two other undercover transactions—on March 19 and May 22—Ibarra allegedly played a direct role in supplying cocaine to Ocampo for resale to the undercover officers, according to the complaint filed against him.

During a recorded interview on June 23, Ibarra allegedly admitted to supplying the drugs in both transactions and said he had been working with Ocampo since at least March to sell both cocaine and firearms.

Ibarra is charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, while Ocampo is charged with knowingly possessing a machine gun.

# Got him! Serial CTA groper detained after viral videos, six assaults

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man accused of groping young women on and near CTA train stations earlier this year has been detained by a judge who called him "a danger to women in the city of Chicago."

In February we reported that two Chicago-area colleges issued public safety alerts after viral videos surfaced of a man following and touching women on trains and platforms, triggering a wave of community concern and helping investigators identify the suspect.

Michael Anderson, 30, faces charges including criminal sexual abuse, public indecency, and multiple counts of aggravated battery in a public place, all stemming from a series of disturbing incidents that unfolded across the CTA Red and Blue Lines in February.

"All of these incidents were nonconsensual. All occurred in public. You don't know any of these victims, and they don't know you," said Judge Rivanda Doss. "You are a danger to women. I have no other choice but to find that you absolutely are a danger



Michael Anderson

to females—women in general." At a recent detention hearing, Assistant State's Attorney Todd Kleist said the social media videos, along with surveillance footage, facial recognition matches, and photo lineups, played key roles in linking Anderson to the crimes.

The most serious allegation involves a woman who said she was sexually abused by Anderson at the Fullerton Red Line CTA station on Feb. 18. The woman told police that Anderson followed her onto an escalator, then reached between her legs and forcefully grabbed her private areas over her clothing.

"She recorded a video of you following her around for about a minute," Judge Doss said, recalling earlier Kleist's presentation. "The video captures this entire incident... I believe the State has proven by clear and convincing evidence that you did commit this

offense."

Prosecutors allege Anderson struck five more times within days: Feb. 15, UIC-Halsted Blue Line: Approached a 20-year-old woman from behind and grabbed her thigh; Feb. 17, Loyola Red Line: Touched a 19-year-old woman's buttocks as she stood on the street; Feb. 18, near Van Buren and State: Groped a DePaul University student outside her dorm; Feb. 18, Blue Line train: Grabbed one woman's hand and another woman's phone, then exposed himself, and on Feb. 18, State-Lake Red Line CTA station: Groped a 29-year-old woman and was filmed by the victim.

Kleist argued the string of incidents showed a "pattern of preying on young women," often near college campuses. He emphasized the close timing of the Feb. 18 assaults—at 9 a.m., 9:28 a.m., 9:48

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## Edgewater Music Fest coming September 5-7

**Fest will feature punk, ska, punk, hip-hop, drag artists**

BY BOB ZULEY

The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce [ECC] announced the launch of Edgewater Music Fest taking place September 5-7 on Broadway from Thorndale Ave. to Ardmore Ave.

This marks the Chamber's first large-scale music fest in six years replacing Edgefest that was sidelined by the coronavirus global pandemic.

The new Music Fest will take place at the same location as Edgefest and features two stages and more than 80 local vendors.

The new festival will have a greater focus on music performances, featuring over 35 live music acts, including noted artists such as punk icon Laura Jane Grace, and stadium rocker Foxy Shazam, and hop/funk sensation Ric Wilson.

Punk rock band Sludgeworth, queer femme indie rocker Pink-squeeze, the punkers Broke-

downs, and drag queen-led garage pop band Bev rage & The Drinks will also perform.

"Edgewater has been craving a dynamic street festival for quite some time. Not just the same copy-and-paste fest we see in other places," said Garrett Karp, executive director of the ECC. "We [plan] to launch a new music-centric experience that feels edgy and exciting, features local food and drinks, and will bring tens of thousands of visitors and new economic investment into our business districts."

The effort is part of the ECC's broader mission to boost economic activity, tourism and Edgewater's brand recognition and strengthen the business community. Karp knows that many street festivals are not profitable in their first year, and so the ECC considers Edgewater Music Fest an upfront investment in the local business community.

"We are collaborating with Chicago's own Kickstand Productions [KSP].

## INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



Chef Art Smith



Steve Dahl



Shelly Zucker

### ROAD from p. 2

Chicago collection, should mean Chicago deserves better than this from the AIC. The French must be laughing out loud. AIC President **James Rondeau** must be laying low. Air-sickness? The exhibit, ironically enough, opened on Pride Day.

**JUST SHUTTERED:** The Mexican Shop at 605 N. Michigan Ave. just closed up. Is that Chase Bank building for sale?

**GREEN THUMBS:** **Mark Kolasa** tells us what's currently blooming at Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary introducing (aka invasive) species such as Yellow Sweet Clover, Purple Crown Vetch, and Reed Canary Grass.

**CHICAGO MUSIC:** Chicago Sinfonietta mourns the loss of its friend, long-time board member, generous supporter, and advocate **Philip Engel**. A leader in support for the arts across America, his love of the arts established a legacy of profound commitment and service. He reinforced the recognition that the Sinfonietta is "an orchestra for Chicago that looks like Chicago." Pax tibia, friend.

**LOST HISTORY:** Guide and researcher **Tony Szabelski** leads a Chicago History Museum tour of Lincoln Park history from the Couch Tomb, the last grave left in Lincoln Park, noon July 27 and Sept. 28, to review the tragic deaths along the High Bridge and the site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Fair warning, there will be discussion of death by suicide in association with the High Bridge.

**AIR TRAVEL:** United Airlines is scheduling the Airbus A321neo on seven new routes from Chicago O'Hare this fall. The jet is known for its fuel efficiency and longer range compared to previous A321 models.

**BOAT TRAVEL:** Matson, Hawai'i's largest ocean cargo carrier, announced it will no longer accept electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles for transport in either direction. The reason: rising safety concerns over lithium-ion battery fires at sea.

**COLONIAL WARRIORS:** **Jim Kenny** and **Brian White** had a colorful time at their "Society of Colonial Wars" Summer party with Washington, DC friends **David Von Nirschl** and **Phil and Terese Meers**, plus Brian's mother, **Lyndsay White**, **Peggy Snorf** and **Annie and Hopie Hambleton** at the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest. All looking tres chic.

**WHO'S WHERE:** **Sean Eshaghy** was center court at Wimbledon, sipping "High Tea" with crumpets to refresh and

meeting up with New Orleans college pals, then discovering **Stevie Wonder** performing in Hyde Park... the Art Institute's **Gloria Groom**, Chair of European Painting and Sculpture, visiting Paris inspecting the repairs at the Cathedral of Notre Dame... **Christie's Steven Zick** on the North Shore of Massachusetts between Marblehead and



Roz Varon and Lola.

**Annisquam**, visiting his sister, **Dianne**, and family... **Bobbi Panter** and **Mark Arnoux** in New York City with friends hobnobbing and dining at Ralph Lauren eatery... **Jim Kinney**, exhaustive reader, jumping right into the next **Helen Simonson** novel... **Susie Forstmann Kealy** so proud of grandson Trip graduating from St. Ignatius... **Irene Michaels** getting ready to go all the way to St. Tropez and looking forward to seeing pals again... **John Goggin** with **Megan Ennessy Goggin** at Trinke in Lake Geneva... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** off to Poland with a treasured stop in Krakow where **Chopin** fills the air...Violinist **Patricia Treacy O'Malley** on her way back home from Ireland after long entertainments in Europe... **Diane Abt** now settled in Berkeley, CA where I hope she has some big ideas... **Blase Foria** with the love of his life, **Liza Loza**, on her birthday at Foxtail on the Lake to celebrate... Happy Birthday to the wondrous artist **David Hockney**... **Muffie Snyder Sanfillipo** and pals turned out at Wrigley in Cub's foul weather gear for a great game... Happy Birthday to **Gino** of Manny's Cafeteria and Delicatessen, we so appreciate you, Sir... Bravo to super mom **Jane Justic** with the family bowling in Fontana, WI at Abbey Springs, as a very youthful and poised octogenarian... White Sox unveiled a new mural in honor of Chicago native and Sox baseball fan, **Pope Leo XIV**... Former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, **James Kenny** and wife, **Margaret**, had some court time at Wimbledon with daughter, **Courtney**, and husband, **Scott**... Get well wishes to jewelry designer **Takara Beathea-Gudell** following cataract surgery... **Helma**

**Wardenaar** in Bukhara, Uzbekistan on the ancient Silk Road... **Nick Champion** birthdayer, dapper as ever... lastly, apologies to **Shelly Zucker** for past birthday salute with wrong photo, correct one in place today.

**DINNER:** What a night. We ran into **Joan Coogan** at Piccolo Sogno, who back in my City Hall days was an organizational genius keeping things well ordered... at another table was **Ken Meyer** and **Rosa** each former important cogs in Mayor **Rich Daley's** wheel as Chicago's boss. Not far away was **Nick Howard** an erudite executive who was ripe for the famous Bronzino for dinner. Also dining was famed Chicago Chef, and **Oprah** pal, **Art Smith**. Banker **Jim Kiley** and wife, **Lyn** were on the Piccolo patio and awaiting the arrival of Father **Tom Hurley**, former pastor of Old St. Patrick Church.

**NEWSIES:** Retired ABC7's **Roz Varon**, 30-year traffic reporter, brought her pooch, **Lola**, on the "L" downtown to have lunch with longtime friend **Tom Schnecke** at Petterinos. She loves that they have a doggy menu. She loved catching up with Tom too. We love catching up with Roz.

**IN RETIREMENT:** Radio icon **Steve Dahl** says he's become a gentleman farmer. "No idea what I'm doing, but I've got cucumbers, tomatoes and 18 bags of dirt."

**SUMMER GARDEN EXHIBITION:** Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9 - 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the paintings of this writer will be exhibited in the lush garden, at 1059 N. Winchester St. Stop by and park on garage apron on Thomas St. Enter through garden gate.

**LIKE A ROLLING STONE:** My pal, **Henry Conyngham**, aka **Lord Mount Charles**, died at 74, in his ancestral Irish residence, Slane Castle. I remember back on June 1, 1985, Henry cracked open the door for a bright, modern, musical future for Ireland. Till then it was a rock'n'roll backwater. But he brought **Bob Dylan**, **Bruce Springsteen** and **The Rolling Stones** to Slane for concerts on the grounds. And changed history there forever. I hope there are good gigs in the hereafter, he was grand.

**Bring me my Bow of burning gold: Bring me my arrows of desire: Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold: Bring me my Chariot of fire!**

- William Blake

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**Letters to the Editor**

**We're #10, we're #10!**

The award-winning magazine Travel+Leisure, in their "World's Best Awards" section in their current issue, has ranked Chicago in the top 10 cities as an attractive destination for a vacation based on its museums, educational facilities, restaurants, beautiful lakefront, and other attributes. It came in as number 10.

Admittedly I would have liked to have seen it listed a little higher but interestingly none of the major California cities, San Francisco, Los Angeles, or San Diego made the list.

Yet reading or just skimming over Thomas O'Gorman's columns a reader would think that Chicago is a hell on earth as he

uses whatever talent he has to constantly bombard the city and especially the mayor (not to mention folks who dine at restaurants). He appears to be particularly upset that Mayor Brandon Johnson has some socialist oriented leanings as do a number of the aldermen.

New York City has also made the list at number 8 despite the fact that the mayoral nominee announced that he is a socialist and whose platform reads more crisp and bold than Mayor Johnson's. Congratulations to Chicago!

*Fred Case  
Lakeview*

**There's nothing automatic about the process**

Regarding Carl Beien's letter of July 9. Carl states: "We see single family home zoning as a bane not a boon to our quality of life." This is perplexing. If you already live in a "dense, amenity rich neighborhood" why would the fact that there are other areas of the city, primarily on the northwest and southwest sides that are zoned RS-3 or lower, be a reason for your quality of life to be diminished?

The city offers a variety of neighborhoods that vary in density. If you want to live on a block of only single family homes, you can find those areas; if you want to live on a block that has mostly medium size apartment buildings, there are many such blocks. And if you want to have a vertical-living Manhattan experience you can find that too. The North Loop, the West Loop, the South Loop and now even the Loop itself offers it.

Like many, Carl uses the term "restrictive zoning." It is really an oxymoron, because zoning by its very nature is restrictive. That is its purpose. Without zoning, a property owner could legally build anything they wanted. Of course some zoning classifications are more restrictive than others

In his last paragraph he states "If we simply built more homes where people want to live, principles of supply and demand suggest that costs would come down."

First, "We" do not build housing; investors or groups of investors called developers do, and most are savvy enough to research the market before seeking to build in an area. If they see

high vacancies, they will be hesitant to build.

Second, supply and demand as applied to real estate is not a simple thing. It is very complicated. The very high number of players, Federal tax law, Cook County real estate assessment rules, mortgage rates and the percentage of mortgage costs to total costs all affect decisions on pricing apartment rentals. To cite just one example, if a new apartment building is experiencing a significant number of vacancies after the first year of operations such that it threatens the owner's ability to make mortgage payments, the owner might well lower the asking rents for those vacant apartments, whereas an owner who has owned the building for 15 years and has no fear of not meeting mortgage payments, might not do so. One thing is quite clear: there is nothing automatic about the process.

*LeRoy Blommaert  
Edgewater*

**Stop kicking the can down the road**

Adriana Foustanou's article about problems with Illinois condo associations was interesting but limited in value because it relied solely on one source. I say that as both a journalist and a condo board member.

There are no doubt problems of fraud, lack of transparency, inadequate reserves, etc. at some condo associations. But your article paints with too broad a brush.

Our 203-unit condo in Uptown is managed by Sudler Property Management, which she cites in her article. But we have had a good experience with Sudler. Our condo board and manager, not Sudler, make all the major financial decisions. That's true at well-managed, well-led condo associations.

There may be a need to crack

down on questionable practices by some condo associations and management firms. But such regulatory efforts need to be balanced and should recognize that there are bad-faith condo homeowners who engage in malicious harassment of condo managers and boards and end up costing other condo homeowners unnecessary legal fees.

Perhaps a broader issue is that condo boards and condo owners need to face up to the true costs of maintaining their buildings and assess themselves adequately, rather than kicking the can down the road and seeding future fiscal crises for themselves.

*Harris Meyer  
Uptown*

**Chicago faces an insurmountable financial cliff**

We have a \$750 million budget shortfall. Besides \$27 billion of pensions liabilities and hundreds of millions of dollars in police and fire department back pay we owe.

And don't forget about budget shortfalls for the Chicago Public schools and CTA. Technically the schools and buses are separate from the City, but the same people mismanage both. And the same people (us) have to pay the bills.

Yet Chicago continues to hire more employees. Employees who get paid huge sums of money and get health and pension benefits.

But they aren't doing any work! Blocks and blocks of streetlights are always out. Traffic lights don't work. Alleys are infested with rats. Potholes are not being fixed. And blocks and blocks of neighborhood streets are torn up and unusable.

Ainslie Plaza, Granville Ave., Ridge Ave., Clark St., Lincoln and Leland avenues. Soon Lake Shore Dr. will be torn up. And the Kennedy Expy. is still torn up going on five, six years.

Because why?

To fight systemic global warming and somebody's supremacy? See what happens when you switch from drinking black coffee to organic soy lattes?

Who is running these wards? And hiring all these social justice warrior, do-nothing city workers?

Not the grumpy old men who used to run things. The old tough cigar smokers who cleaned and fixed the streets and yelled at the lazy bum city workers who did not pull their weight.

But now we have all these enlightened, educated, socially conscious people who don't know how to use power tools.

Chicago has to get its act together. We're broke. Cut the payroll. Cut the budget. Cut the spending. But first, bring back the old guys to run things and fix the streets you wrecked. Call it Chicago DOGE.

*Mike Sullivan  
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**Chi Food Truck Fest  
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The city has announced plans for the return of its popular Chi Food Truck Fest Taco Throwdown. The showdown takes place 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. The winner will be announced at 1:30 p.m. and be recognized as the People's Choice winner.

Taco enthusiasts are invited to purchase, taste and vote for their favorite tacos from participating in food trucks. From sizzling carne asada to innovative vegetarian creations, the Taco Throwdown promises something for every palate-all served under the iconic Chicago Picasso sculpture.

This event highlights Chicago's vibrant food truck scene and encourages public participation in culinary creatives.

The Taco Throwdown is part of the Chi Food Truck Fest, a beloved lunchtime event in its tenth season, running every Friday from May 16 to Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Daley Plaza.

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**POLICE BEAT** from p. 6

motor vehicle.  
Court records show prosecutors charged him with Class X armed habitual criminal in June 2022, but he ultimately resolved the case by pleading guilty to misdemeanor reckless conduct.  
Judge James Costello granted the state's request to detain Timms pending trial on July 15.  
Timms is charged with first-degree murder, being a habitual criminal, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a repeat felon.

—Compiled by CWBChicago.com

**GROPER** from p. 7

a.m., and 12:45 p.m.—to argue that Anderson posed a continued threat.  
Anderson is “a terror to every woman who is simply trying to get to work, every woman who is simply trying to get to school, every woman who is simply trying to get home,” Kleist said. “He is coming after these women. He is invading these women.”  
Public Defender Zoe Gatzimos urged the judge to deny the state's detention petition, pointing out that Anderson has no history of sexual offenses and that the al-

leged assaults all occurred within one week.  
She argued there had been “zero allegations” since February and added that Anderson cares for his elderly grandmother and could be monitored at home under electronic surveillance. Anderson denies the allegations, Gatzimos said.  
But Judge Doss rejected the argument, citing Anderson's parole status on an Indiana auto theft case and his prior convictions—including residential burglary and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon—as signs that he would not comply with release conditions.

“You are currently on parole. And I know I am absolutely positive that you on parole have been told not to commit any other crimes and yet here you sit,” said Doss.  
The judge ultimately sided with prosecutors, ruling that Anderson must remain in custody until trial.  
Anderson is charged with criminal sexual abuse by force, four counts of aggravated battery in a public place, aggravated battery of a transit passenger, public indecency, three counts of misdemeanor battery, and three counts of trespassing.

**Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Plaintiff, -v- JONATHAN MONTEZ, 3813 KENMORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 08423 3813 N. Kenmore Avenue, Unit #3 3813 CH 08423 3813 N. Kenmore Avenue, Unit #3 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 May 27, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 29, 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 3813 N. Kenmore Avenue, Unit #3, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-211-048-1005 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$600,727.20. 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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**Real Estate For Sale**

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Case # 2023 CH 08423 **13270125**

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Case # 2024 CH 00086 **13270034**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICES, Plaintiff, -v- MARIE LEE; JOHN LEE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2022CH11550 1615 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/10/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on September 3, 2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 1615 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-06-217-006-0000 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$406,396.36 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certi-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust Plaintiff vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Minnie Clarke; Kaye Clarke Barrett aka Kaye Toland; Tina Clarke aka Tina Bluit; Damon Ritenhouse as Special Representative of Minnie Clarke; Parvenu Condominium Association; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Karen Lee; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Krista Ellen Landrebe; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Defendant 22 CH 7915 CALENDAR 59 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 August 12, 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. 14-17-203-024-1066. Commonly known as 1000 W. LELAND AVENUE, 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.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6980. 1446-186160 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13269237**

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Commonly known as 30 E HURON STREET UNIT 2010, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-104-037-1120 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. 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. 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.  
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Case # 2024 CH 05851 **13270013**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, -v- OLLUGBENGA FADIYA, 474 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 24 CH 08170 474 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, APT 2904 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 May 5, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 22, 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:  
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Property Index No. 17-10-222-007-1154 The real estate is improved with a glass steel and concrete high rise apartment building with attached garage.  
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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Case Number: 24 CH 08170 TJSC#: 45-1335 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 08170 **13269736**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs. Gabriela Barrios; 1515 N. Wells Condo. Association Defendant 24 CH 10969 CALENDAR 63 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 August 19, 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. 17-04-204-057-1021. Commonly known as 1515 N. Wells Street, Unit 7D, Chicago, IL 60610. 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.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300, 14-24-07610 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13269523**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SECURITIES REMIC TRUST 2005-5001 Plaintiff vs. RICHARD F. SCHWEIG, HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO REPUBLICAN CONSUMER LENDING GROUP, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FORTY EAST CEDAR CONDOMINIUM

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ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 23 CH 2543 CALENDAR 62 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 August 18, 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. 17-03-201-069-1029. Commonly known as 40 E. CEDAR ST., UNIT 14B, CHICAGO, IL 60611. 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.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 22-03752 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13269474**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- XIAOLEI LU; SHANSHAN YU; CARL SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 2; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2024CH07241 1455 N Sandburg Ter, Chicago, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 5/15/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on August 20, 2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.  
Commonly known as 1455 N Sandburg Ter, Chicago, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-207-086-1417 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$148,850.24 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Robert-Anshutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC (561) 241-6901 please refer to file number 24-220607. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-220607 Case Number: 2024CH07241 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.  
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## Obituary

### Donna A. Govas (1948-2025)

Donna Aiko Govas, 77, died June 4, 2025, in hospice care at Illinois Masonic Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Chicago, Donna was born Jan. 24, 1948, the eldest of five children of Masao and Anne Yamasaki. She graduated from Knox College in 1969 and began the first of two careers, working in customer service for a healthcare product manufacturer for 15 years and then as a stay-at-home mother to two beloved children.

Over the years, Donna was an active volunteer for the Chicago Public Schools, both in elementary school libraries and as an art volunteer, as well as the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Chicago Books to Women in Prison. An avid reader, she loved bird watching, art, gardening, museums, theater and sports. She was treasurer of her senior women's bowling league and was always putting out good vibes for the White Sox - despite having been raised by diehard Cubs fans and living most of her adult life just off Addison.

Donna is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth Govas, and children, Elizabeth Govas and Robert Govas; three sisters, Julie (Stephen) Hansen, Esther (Fred) Rusch and Kathy Yamasaki; brother Mike Yamasaki; sister-in-law Patricia Davies Govas; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church, 4511 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, IL 60640. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Chicago Books to Women in Prison, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Cornell Lab of Ornithology or Anti-Cruelty.

## Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

### Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC MISC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-H0A1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-H0A1 Plaintiff,

-v- KRISTI BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MORRIS LANDA, KATIE LANDA, MIRELLA DEMMA, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORRIS LANDA (DECEASED)

Defendants 2017CH14739 6725 N ROCKWELL ST 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 March 27, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 21, 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 6725 N ROCKWELL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-404-008-0000

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-14813 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762

Case Number: 2017CH14739 TJC#: 45-1768

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.

### Real Estate For Sale

Case # 2017CH14739 13270119

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MSR Asset Vehicle LLC Plaintiff,

-v- Charles Wade; 1529-37 W. Farwell Condominium Association; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of James Wade; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Thomas P. Quinn, as Special Representative of James Wade (deceased) Defendants.

2024CH05935 1531 W FARWELL AVE UNIT 1N, 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 4/10/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on 8/20/2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 1531 W FARWELL AVE UNIT 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-120-038-1007

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$163,254.27

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/or 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 in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-24-03724. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985

You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-24-03724 Case Number: 2024CH05935

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. 8231-953540

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lights.”

It is not an uncommon sight these days in Chicago to see fire trucks and ambulances driving the wrong way down major arterial streets to avoid traffic that cannot get out of their way on roadways featuring the concrete barriers of privileged bike lanes, established by the King of the Road, CDOT.

The segment of Granville in the 40th and 48th wards functions in a category known as a “collector street” which sees a higher volume of vehicular traffic. Collector streets act as an intermediary between residential side streets and busier arterial streets.

Granville fills the 8-block void between Devon Ave. [6400 N.] on the north and Ridge Ave [5600 N.].

The City’s solution is to restrict vehicular parking in this heavily residential neighborhood, impose one-way traffic into the traffic flow pattern, and build curb-extensions and other traffic-modifying devices down the middle of the roadway so that bicyclists may enjoy privileged travel routes. Except that no local residents were the cheerleaders behind this project.

Well, except for maybe two people.

CDOT Managing Deputy Cmsr. Vignesh Krishnamurthy and CDOT Planning and Policy Deputy Cmsr. Mary Nicol separately reside on Granville Ave. in Edgewater.

Property tax records maintained by the Cook County Clerk’s office reveal that Krishnamurthy owns a property on the 1400 block of W. Granville Ave. [Krishnamurthy additionally owns another property on the 1300 block of W. Elmdale Ave.] The Clerk’s office also shows that Nicol owns a property on the 1300 block of W. Granville Ave.

City CDOT deputy commissioners making important decisions on CDOT projects affecting their very own residential streets and personal property value call into ques-

tion a critical lapse of professional ethics. This is more vital insofar as CDOT Cmsr. Tom Carney resigned effective July 3, and no interim commissioner has been tapped to lead CDOT.

Inside Publications has reached out to both Krishnamurthy and Nicol about recusing themselves from CDOT policy decisions pertaining to Granville Ave. but have not heard back.

Deputy Cmsr. Nicol’s Univ. of Chicago biography describes her CDOT job as ‘creating and implementing programs and policies to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector, to lower transportation costs for residents, to increase resident mobility, and to make Chicago’s streets safer for all users.’

So Nicol is trying to save the world from CO2 by keeping cars off Granville, the street she live on.

The City of Chicago Governmental Ethics Ordinance [Ch. 2-156-080, MCC] states “No official or employee shall make or participate in the making of any governmental decision with respect to any matter in which he has any financial interest distinguishable from that of the general public, ...”. But then royalty does have its privileges too.

Because of its unique graphical location, Granville Ave. collects traffic from motorists traveling north on Lake Shore Dr., and exiting at Foster, Bryn Mawr and Hollywood and Sheridan Rd., and then traveling westward while avoiding the traffic-plagued Devon, Ridge, and Foster avenues.

The City concluded that it served their interests in shuttling bicycle traffic onto busier Granville Ave. rather than less-busy Rosemont, Hood, or other adjacent streets. This meant accordingly that motor vehicle traffic would be severely inconvenienced in the traffic re-route. And bicycle traffic is minimal-at-best.

A study published in Streetsblog Chicago in April 2025 visually shows bicycle-



(Top) New turnstiles and fare machines are part of the interior improvements. (Bottom) Elevators and escalators are important accessibility features in the renovated stations.

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For information on the CTA RPM project, please visit [transitchicago.com/rpm](http://transitchicago.com/rpm).

With the new stations open, the temporary stations at Argyle and Bryn Mawr are now closed. Also, the #81 Lawrence bus returns to its original route and will no longer detour to Wilson Ave.

With the completion of track and station construction, the CTA will continue with finishing construction work and be

substantially done with Phase One by the end of 2025, with the exception of upcoming development of newly created under-L spaces.

CTA plans to develop 10 blocks of open space located under the new RPM tracks between Lawrence and Ardmore avenues. The open space design plans include a pedestrian trail, dog parks, playground, fitness area, benches, and flexible-use plaza space for community events. Construction is expected to be completed in 2027.

pedestrian traffic accidents in a Map of Crashes near Loyola Univ. Chicago. Interestingly, the map shows more crashes occurred on Granville Ave. However the street is substantially busier than nearby streets due to its role as a defacto-collector street, absorbing some 7,000 vehicles a day. The City is simply diverting Granville’s traffic onto nearby residential side-streets that, unlike Granville, lack traffic control devices at major cross-street intersections. The butting one-way lanes on Granville [at Broadway, Clark, Ridge and Western] also force people to turn off onto residential side

streets. The net result - and an unintended consequence - may be an increased traffic accident rate on nearby residential streets.

A significant segment of Edgewater’s population today is frustrated by their Alderman’s fealty to City Hall projects that ignore rather than incorporate community stakeholder concerns. While residents think Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] is supposed to represent the ward, what they’re discovering is that her loyalty in this instance may actually be tied to City Hall and King CDOT.

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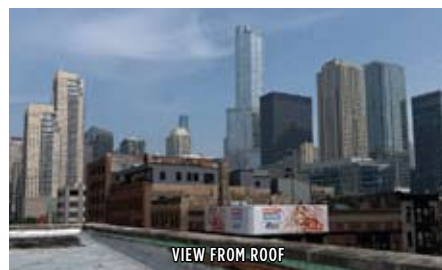
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