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109-year-old Ravenswood Presbyterian Church sold for \$5M

BY PETER VON BUOL

It's been a good year in real estate for Ravenswood-area churches, but a bad year for Ravenswood-area religion.

The former Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, located at 4300 N. Hermitage Ave., is currently under contract to a purchaser for its asking sale price of \$4,995,000.

This sale comes on the heels of the sale of the nearby Our Lady of Lourdes school, parking lot and perhaps next, the church itself after being shut down in May.

Located at the corner of Hermitage and Cullom, the 40,000 square foot church and school building was designed by the prominent Chicago architectural firm of Irving Kane Pond and Allen Bartlett Pond and construction cost at the time of completion was \$43,000 in 1915.

When it opened, the church



Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, 4300 N. Hermitage Ave.

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Conor Hart poses in front of Michelle Lytle's Dolly Parton mural in Edgewater.

SSA seeks new space for murals in Edgewater

The Edgewater Special Service Area [SSA] #26 is looking for locations for new taxpayer-funded murals.

Those who own and operate a building with a visible exterior wall within the boundaries of Edgewater SSA #26 may be considered for a new piece of public art.

Properties located within SSA #26 have a funding opportunity for new murals and the SSA is now taking location submissions.

The boundaries of the SSA #26 district include Broadway from Foster to Devon; Devon from

Broadway to Glenwood (including all four corners of Glenwood); Granville from Broadway to Kenmore; Bryn Mawr from Broadway to Kenmore; Ridge from Bryn Mawr to Magnolia; Berwyn from Broadway to Winthrop; Thorndale from Broadway to Winthrop, and all other east/west streets between Foster and Devon.

The property owner will not need to purchase or install these, they're being funded by local property taxes. For more information visit <https://www.edgewater.org/applications-rfp/>.

Community hospitals replaced by mega-medical centers as health care systems forced to change



Work is progressing on a massive new \$645 million expansion at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Lake View.

BY BOB ZULEY

The ubiquitous community hospital at one time defined Chicago neighborhoods as much as Catholic parishes. Hospitals that once dotted the neighborhoods of the city are vanishing – part of the transitional evolution of health care that is occurring across the nation.

The days of community hospitals as community anchors has largely passed by the wayside, now largely replaced by mega-hospitals along with concierge medicine, ambulatory surgical centers, and storefront walk-up 'urgent' care clinics.

Local readers of a certain vintage may recall Augustana, Columbus, Henrotin, Belmont

Community, Cabrini, Grant, Edgewater, Grant/Lincoln, Mary Thompson, Ravenswood, St. Anne's, and Bethesda/Mount Sinai North hospitals on the North Side, all of which are now gone.

Hospitals change ownership as they battle to stay afloat in uncertain times. Weiss Memo-

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S&C Electric propose new parking lot

The S&C Electric Company, 6601 N. Ridge Blvd., is co-hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 with the 49th Ward office regarding a proposed zoning change for the property at 1921-31 W. Pratt Blvd.

Founded in 1911, S&C Electric Company is a global provider of equipment and services for electric power systems. This meeting will held be in-person at 1921 W. Pratt.

S&C Electric Company, is seeking a zoning change from RS-3 to M1-1 to construct a new, 92 spot

parking lot with best-practice stormwater detention, new entry driveway with bike turnstile entry off Pratt. A portion of the existing alley would be vacated, and a new alley would be dedicated to keep access matching the existing condition.

In case of inclement weather, there will be a back-up virtual meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 via Zoom.

For more information write Kyle Ryan, at kyle@49thward.org or call 773-338-5796.

No bikes during reroute of Damen Aug. 12-13

There will be a large crane in use in the street at 1745 N. Damen Ave. from Aug. 12 and 13 which will cause detours and reroutes.

North bound traffic on Damen will be routed to the south bound lane. The bike lane and parking on the west side of Damen will be

vacated. All south bound traffic will be detoured and re-routed to a different street.

The contractors will set up traffic control in the morning and take it down in the afternoon for both days.



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Chicago is more than a political cause, it's a presidential destination



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Figuratively and literally Chicago has national presidential conventions in its blood.

Without striving to set any records, Chicago leads the nation in the number of historic moments when it welcomed Presidential Conventions to town.

Between the Civil War and

events scheduled to erupt here in Chicago on Aug. 19, one political party or the other has come to Chitown 27 times to choose a team to lead their party in the presidential elections in November. That's one for the record books, from 1860 to 2024. No other city in the nation can make such a claim.

Presidential nominating conventions have always been loaded with as much startling surprise and unwritten historical promise, as they have been filled with political intrigue and stunts.

So now, what can Chicagoans, and the people of the USA, expect in the convention days ahead when the Democrats arrive? Let's examine the historical evidence and the lingering footprints.

Chicago has enjoyed one great resource that always sets it apart from all other American cities. Its central location in the heartland of the nation. Joined, as it has, with a system of transportation making it more accessible to more citizens than any other. All rail lines join to Chicago. That's thanks to Illinois' U.S. Sen, Stephen A. Douglas (1813 – 1861).

Known as the "Little Giant," he saw to it that such geographic balance was written into our nation's laws back before the Civil War. Good thing he represented Illinois in the senate. Sad thing, that he died at 48 years of age at the start of Abraham Lincoln's presidency in June 1861.

Republicans had nominated Lincoln in Chicago's very first presidential nominating convention in 1860.

Between 1860 and 1996, Chicago hosted 14 Republican and 11

Democratic presidential nominating conventions. Our closest competitors for the most presidential conventions remain Baltimore with 10, followed by Philadelphia's nine.

Here's a quick sketch of what kinds of surprises have gripped such political conventions, especially in Chicago. Unpredictability increased this year, with President Joe Biden bowing out. Tea leaf reading and listening to Fox News have mutual credibility. Pundits couldn't make accurate predictions in 1860 or 1960. Or 2024 for that matter.

For instance, in 1896 Democrats held their National Presidential Convention at the Chicago Coliseum in July. This was the famed site of William Jennings Bryan's nomination as the Democratic presidential candidate.

Bryan was the youngest ever presidential nominee at age 36. That's just one year older than the Constitution sets as a minimum. His keynote address was his famous "Cross of Gold" speech, delivered prior to his nomination.

His emotional tirade criticized the nation's Eastern monied classes for supporting the gold standard at the expense of the average worker. He repudiated President Grover Cleveland's administration and proved very favorable among the delegates.

Securing the nomination Bryan declined, though, to choose a Democratic vice presidential nominee, leaving the choice to his fellow delegates. Big surprise.

Arthur Sewall of Maine was eventually chosen. But Bryan and Sewall ultimately lost to Republican candidates, William McKinley and Garret Hobart. But in just four years, Theodore Roosevelt ran with McKinley. And became President upon McKinley's assassination in 1901.

At the 1920 Republican National Convention, Chicago's "infamous" Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson worked hard blocking Illinois Gov. Frank Lowden from capturing the nomination. That move ultimately defeated passage of the League of Nations so despised by Thompson. Declining to run for reelection in 1923, Thompson was

succeeded by William Emmett Dever, a savvy Irish urban politico. But Thompson returned as mayor in 1927 when he declared the biggest enemy of the United States was King George V of England. He promised his supporters, many of whom were Irish, that if they ever met, Thompson would punch the king in the nose.

Going further, he said the American history books on the shelves of Chicago public libraries were filled with lies and historical falsehoods about Britain. So Thompson announced that he ordered the city's hangman to remove such books and burn them publicly. His anti-British, anti-monarchy stance helped to garner large numbers of votes especially among the Irish. Few people cared about his open friendship with Al Capone, Chicago's leading gangster. That was Thompson's political leverage.

That's why when Republicans returned to the Chicago Coliseum, in June 1920, they nominated Ohio Sen. Warren G. Harding for president and Massachusetts Gov. Calvin Coolidge for vice president. Coolidge was the 46th Governor of Massachusetts. A man of few words. "Silent Cal," as he was nicknamed. A creature of mysterious quietude.

Harding was himself a very "dark horse," compared to his fellow contenders. Men like Illinois Gov. Frank Lowden, already sabotaged by "Big Bill" Thompson, military hero Gen. Leonard Wood, and California Sen. Hiram Johnson. None could garner the nomination from among the 940 delegates. Under convention rules, then, a majority plus one, or at least 471 of the 940 delegates, were necessary for a nomination.

Harding and Coolidge were victorious in the November election. However, Coolidge was soon the 30th President of the United States upon Harding's unexpected death. He is often blamed for the bad economics that caused the Great Depression.

During aggressive world turbulence Democrats returned to Chicago, and the Chicago Stadium, twice, in both 1940 and 1944. That's when President Franklin

Roosevelt was nominated with historic support for a third and, then, a fourth term.

That had never been attempted by any American. A third term in 1940 was just a year before the U.S. entered World War II following Pearl Harbor.

And the fourth term would just be months before Roosevelt's own death and Harry Truman becoming president at the War's end. Truman, of course, was what the 1944 convention was all about. But the essential ingredient for Roosevelt's success at each convention was Chicago Mayor Ed Kelly. His political and personal affection for President Roosevelt knew no limits.

In 1940 Kelly staged a one man "hidden rally" at the convention for the president. The mayor wanted to move all the delegates, emotionally, with "the voice from the sewer," as Kelly's superintendent became known. He needed a delegates "stampede." A booming voice echoing throughout massive Chicago Stadium unified in their support of Roosevelt's third term.

Kelly had it done using the only working microphone in the stadium's basement. At the convention's start Roosevelt had been reluctant to run. But the stampede, and Kelly's honest loyalty, changed his mind and he agreed to the nomination.

In 1944, once again Mayor Kelly had a political stunt where necessary. He invited Sen. Truman of Missouri to a Blackstone Hotel suite to listen-in on a private phone conversation with President Roosevelt in which they convinced Truman that the president desperately needed him on the ticket as vice president. Truman eventually acquiesced. In just months the Roosevelt's death made Truman our 33rd president.

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Taxpayers push to transfer property tax burden to income taxes

A press conference was held Aug. 1 on the stairs outside the Cook County Treasurer's Office at 118 N. Clark, to kick off the Taxpayer Campaign for the Illinois Property Tax Relief Amendment Referendum which will be on the Statewide Ballot on Nov. 5.

On Aug. 1, the second payment of the city's 2023 property taxes were due. Illinoisans paid a median \$5,055 in property taxes in 2022, the second-highest rate in the U.S. and meaning homeowners shelled out nearly 2% of the value of their homes to support government.

Ben Franklin once said that the only things that are inevitable in life are death and taxes. But he didn't say that it's inevitable to be taxed to death by Illinois' runaway property taxes. Former Gov. Pat Quinn and a group of taxpayers launched a taxpayer campaign to win passage of the Illinois Property Tax Relief referendum.

The referendum which was placed on the ballot by resolution of the Illinois General Assembly states, "Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?"

Illinois has the second highest property taxes in the nation and Illinois taxpayers



Cook County property owners paid more in median property taxes in 2022 than the typical homeowner living in California's Orange County, Los Angeles County or San Diego County.

pay more in property taxes every year than income taxes and sales taxes.

Homeowners in Cook County and each of the collar counties around it paid more in median property taxes in 2022 than the typical homeowner living in California's Orange County, Los Angeles County or San Diego County.

Overall, eight Illinois counties ranked among the 100 most expensive for property taxes in the U.S. The Illinois property tax is not based on ability to pay and is a complicated and unfair levy on the state's 3,077,768 residential property taxpayers. In

Illinois, a homeowner's property tax bill is based on two primary factors: the assessed value of your property and the amount of money your local taxing districts requests to operate the next year. Schools receive most of the property taxes – nearly two-thirds across Illinois.

A growing share of property taxes have gone to government pensions, which continue eating more school and local government resources. Illinois ended the 2023 fiscal year with an estimated \$211 billion in unfunded state and local pension liabilities.

The Amendment would establish a dedicated property tax relief fund by requiring Illinois millionaires to pay a 3% surcharge on their annual income tax returns.

According to most recent data, Illinois has 77,323 millionaires whose annual returns account for more than \$626 billion in adjusted gross income. A 3% surcharge

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on this millionaire income would fund at least \$1.5 billion in annual property tax refunds for distribution to Illinois' more than 3 million property taxpayers.

"The referendum offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Illinois voters to reform an unfair upside-down tax code and give significant annual property tax relief to millions of Illinoisans who urgently need help," said Quinn.

City agrees to allow protestor marches

City officials have reached a tentative agreement following weeks of litigation to allow a coalition of feminist and LGBTQ+ groups to march down Michigan Ave. before the Democratic National Convention - Aug. 19 to 22.

The city has agreed to a one-mile route to be made available on Aug. 18, starting at the Chicago River, marching south and ending at the John Logan monument at the south end of Grant Park.

One protest group called Bodies Outside of Unjust Laws: Coalition for Reproductive Justice & LGBTQ+ Liberation, filed an application to march in January for an Aug. 18 march that was to start at Water Tower Place. At least two other groups have also sued the city for rejecting their permits to march during the DNC convention, near the United Center and the McCormick Place.

At a July 31 court hearing, the city agreed to issue a permit along the shorter route. The protest groups sued with the help of the ACLU after the city denied their permit.

During the permit hearing, Chicago police said they were refusing time off

for officers during convention week, and that the full complement of officers, along with Illinois State Police and Cook County Sheriff's deputies, would be available.

For over eight months this newspaper has been getting weekly press releases promoting nationwide public protest by the anti-Israel, pro-Hamas protestors, but as of deadline this week we have not yet seen any public announcement on what their plans are for convention week in Chicago.

Pro-Palestinian groups sought a large protest route near the convention but were denied a route by city officials.

Organizers with the U.S. Palestinian Community Network applied for the permit for a march on Washington Blvd., Damen Ave. and Lake St. near Union Park and the United Center. The city denied the request and proposed instead an alternate route taking marchers along Hermitage and Maypole avenues.

The two main reasons given for denying the application were interference with the security perimeter established by the Secret Service and concerns about a large

group of people gathering near a fence where people could get crushed.

On April 15, 40 Chicago residents were arrested while blocking the I-190 expressway entrance to O'Hare International Airport in an anti-Israeli protest. Obstruction of traffic is a city ordinance violation that includes jail time. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office previously dropped its

misdemeanor charges against the group on June 4, but the city's law department opened new charges that same day.

Dozens of Palestinian protesters also gathered in River North on May 19, organized by the Coalition to March on the DNC. The group of organizations said that they were planning demonstrations during the DNC convention week.

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Chicago apartment dwellers face double-digit rent hikes



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Apartment rent increases in some of Chicago's upscale North Lakefront neighborhoods may soon reach double-digit levels, national apartment experts report.

Rental analysts say the steep increases in median rents can largely be traced to the continued spike in property taxes and higher operating expenses that must be passed on by landlords.

According to Redfin, a national real estate brokerage firm, catch-up rent increases can be heftier during the spring and summer seasons. For example, between March and June this year the median asking monthly rent in Chicago rose 7.1%, a Redfin survey reported.

"Rents are on the rise in Chicago," said Daryl Fairweather, Redfin's chief economist. In some Chicago neighborhoods, rents actually rose 11.3% between June of 2023 and June of 2024. That's the nation's fourth biggest increase year-over-year, behind Virginia Beach, VA, Cincinnati, OH, and Washington, D.C.

An average Windy City apartment that rented for \$1,000 a month in March of 2024, now would list for \$1,120 a month—a 12% boost in price, Redfin said.

In June of 2024, the typical cost of apartment rent in an upscale building on the North Lakefront was \$2,200 a month, reported the Zillow Observed Rent Index, which measures changes in asking rents over time.

Downtown and Near North Side Chicago's luxury apartment rents also are on an upward elevator ride, reported Luxury Living Chicago, a high-end rental apartment-leasing firm.

Rents for top-tier apartments rose 3% year-over-year this spring,

pushing the average monthly rent for a downtown Class-A apartment above \$3,100 for the first time ever.

The posh Streeterville neighborhood posted the highest average rents at \$3,454, trailed closely by Gold Coast/Old Town at \$3,445 and River North at \$3,426, according to the report.

Young professionals in their late 20s or early 30s with high-paying jobs make up a large segment of the renter profile for these Class-A buildings.

The minimum annual income threshold for most of these ritzy apartments is \$75,000, though the average income in the newer luxury buildings is about \$120,000. For more information, visit: www.hello@luxurylivingchicago.com.

More affordable neighborhoods

In June, the hot Near West Side apartment market—also known as ZIP code "60607"—posted a more affordable median rent price of \$2,730 a month.

Meanwhile, adjacent ZIP codes have even more moderate rental prices. In ZIP code 60612, covering apartments near the United Center on the West Side and parts of Garfield Park, median rent was \$2,237 a month.

Thrifty apartment seekers are advised to shop in ZIP code 60608. In this area—encompassing the Lower West Side, Little

Italy and Bridgeport neighborhoods on the West and Southwest sides—median rental costs were almost \$1,000 a month lower at \$1,770 a month.



In Rogers Park, large multifamily apartments drove a significant increase in assessed value in the township, Fritz Kaegi said.

Assessor hard at work

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's staff has been busy all spring and summer boosting triennial reassessments in the Windy City.

In early April, the Home Front column reported that apartment renters in the Rogers Park neighborhood should brace themselves for hefty spring and summer 2024

rent increases as a result of the lofty property-tax reassessment numbers recently released by the Assessor.

Assessor Kaegi said 2024 assessed values of large multifamily apartment properties grew to \$213.04 million (before appeals), up an exorbitant 46% from \$145.63 million in 2023. In Rogers Park, large multifamily apartments drove a significant increase in assessed value in the township, Kaegi said.

Rogers Park Township is bounded roughly by Lake Michigan on the east, Howard St. on the north, Ridge Ave. on the west, and Devon Ave. on the south. It includes about 800 commercial apartment buildings containing more than four units.

In Chicago and Cook County, commercial properties are assessed at a whopping 25% of market value, while single-family homes and small apartment buildings are assessed at 10% of market value.

In late May, the Assessor released the initial assessments on residential and commercial properties in West Chicago Township, showing a 27% jump in total assessed value over the past three years.

Median multi-family apartment values have soared 20% in the township since 2021, the assessor reported. West Chicago Township has 7,168 commercial multi-family properties containing more than four units.

The boundaries of West Chicago Township are west of the Chicago River on the east, North Ave. on the north, Pershing Rd. (39th St.) on the south, and Harlem Ave. on the west.

Experts say apartment dwellers in the hot West Town neighborhoods of Bucktown, Wicker Park, along with the Near West Side, Humboldt Park, Austin, East and West Garfield Park and North and South Lawndale should expect hefty rent increases this year.

On July 2nd, the Assessor released the initial assessments on residential and commercial properties in Lake View Township, showing a 27% jump in total assessed value over the past three years.

Lake View Township is bounded by Lake Michigan on the east, Devon Ave. on the north, Western Ave. on the west, and North Ave. on the south. Renters in the neighborhoods of Edgewater, Uptown, Lake View, Lincoln Park and the eastern sections of North Center and Lincoln Square should expect rent increases.

Median single-family home values in Lake View Township rose 19% to \$1.058 million. Median condominium values rose 17% to \$301,000. Median multi-family apartment values have risen 8% to \$867,000 in the township since 2021, the assessor reported.

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Business burglaries

BY CWB CHICAGO

The police are warning North Side businesses of recent burglaries in the overnight hours. The offenders use a hammer to break front or side glass door of business to gain entry and then steal cash, cash registers, or cash boxes before leaving from inside the businesses.

The offenders are utilizing a 2017 Black Dodge Durango, plate #AC43724.

Incidents include one on the 3000 block of N. Broadway on July 24, at 4:45 a.m.; 3000 block of N. Broadway on July 24, at 4:46 a.m.; 1900 block of W. Division on July 24, at 5:20 a.m.; 2000 block of W. Division on July 24, at 5:23 a.m.; 1500 block of W. Division on July 24, at 5:25 a.m., and one on the 2200 block of W. North Ave. on July 24, at 5:30 a.m.

The offenders are four male offenders, wearing black hooded sweatshirts, face masks and gloves.

Those who may have any information on these crimes can contact the Bureau of Detectives at Area Three 312-744-8263 and Area Five at 312-746-7394, and refer to JH359303, JH359311, JH359321, JH359327, JH359331, and JH359368.

Small Business Expo Aug. 24 at Truman College

A free small business expo for current and future business owners that may provide some support for community-level business will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the McKeon Building at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson.

The Expo hopes to empower and inspire current and future business owners in Chicago. The expo will kick-off with a breakfast networking session followed by workshops and a keynote address by Anupy Singla, proprietor of the food company Indian as Apple Pie. Attendees will also be able to connect with exhibitors from nonprofit and government agencies. To register for the expo, visit Chicago.gov/BizExpo.

Singla is a former Chicago journalist and cookbook author. She is a member of the prestigious Les Dames d'Escoffier Chicago, a global philanthropic organization of women leaders in the culinary and hospitality industry.

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25 years for man who tried to kill 61-year-old woman with his bare hands inside Lincoln Park store

A man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for trying to kill a 61-year-old woman with his bare hands inside a Lincoln Park store three years ago.

Kenyate Jackson, 29, took his case to a bench trial before Judge Timothy Joyce, who found him guilty of all charges, including attempted first-degree murder, on May 2. This month, Joyce handed him the 25-year term.

Jackson was AWOL in a pending stolen car case when he started following the woman as she walked to a bus stop in the 2700 block of N. Clark in Aug. 2021. The woman, who had never seen Jackson before, noticed that he was stalking her, so she dipped into a clothing store to get away, officials said.

But Jackson followed her into the business and yelled that he was going to kill her. Then, according to prosecutors, he set out to do precisely that.

With several employees and witnesses watching, Jackson put his arm around the woman's neck and slammed her into a wall. Jackson, still choking the woman, allegedly dragged her behind the store's counter by her neck. They fell into a display, then slammed onto the ground, where Jackson wrapped his legs around the woman as he continued choking her with his arm, prosecutors said.

When a metal bar fell from a nearby shelf, Jackson grabbed it and pressed it against the woman's throat as she struggled to get away. A witness eventually pried Jackson's arms and legs from around the woman, allowing her to escape. The witness then held Jackson down until police arrived.

Surveillance cameras recorded the attack, which officials said lasted eight minutes.

Jackson, who was convicted of two robberies in 2013, is scheduled to be paroled in Oct. 2042.

North Side burglar cut off ankle monitor and started committing burglaries again

Prosecutors say a man on bail for burglarizing a car on the North Side in 2022 cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet more than a year ago and disappeared. Cops caught up with him recently, and officials say he's been burglarizing cars on the North Side again.

Back in March 2022, Chicago cops arrested Brian Voda after an Edgewater resident allegedly saw him burglarizing their neighbor's SUV in the 1600 block of W. Granville. Police said he was carrying two screwdriv-

ers and had property stolen from the SUV in his bag.

He went home on electronic monitoring, and almost exactly one year later, on March 12, 2023, he cut off



Brian Voda

his ankle bracelet, prosecutors say. A judge issued an arrest warrant for him three days later.

Now, he's back in jail, facing a host of new charges, including escape.

Officers on a special anti-burglary patrol in Edgewater allegedly saw him peering into a business with a flashlight late on July 23. He tried to hide when he saw the cops, then jumped on a Divvy bike and rode away as the officers approached him, according to a CPD report.

The police stopped him in the 5000 block of N. Clark, and because he gave them bogus information about his identity, they took him into the station, according to the report. That's when they linked him to a string of recent burglaries in the area.

Prosecutors say he broke into a number of vehicles in the 5900 block of N. Clark on June 25. They also charged him with stealing the Divvy bike he tried to escape on, as well as possessing burglary tools.

Judge David Kelly detained Voda, 42, as a willful flight risk.

Court records show Voda was convicted of burglary in 2001 and twice in 2004. His other felony convictions include aggravated battery of a peace officer in 2002, possessing burglary tools in 2005, theft in 2007, and possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 2009. In 2015, he was convicted of DUI, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and two counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer.

15 years for robbery attempt that ended with shots fired on CTA Red Line platform

A man has been given a 15-year prison sentence for a robbery attempt that involved shots being fired on the Roosevelt Red Line platform last year.

Lamont Johnson, 23, pleaded guilty on July 31 to one count of attempted robbery in exchange for the sentence from Judge Angela Munari-Petrone. Prosecutors dropped 14 other felonies, including three counts of attempted murder, according to court records.

Late on May 5, 2023, Johnson agreed to buy pot from a 21-year-old man as they rode the train, prosecutors said, but the deal fell through because Johnson didn't have money to pay for it.

When the 21-year-old exited at Roosevelt, Johnson stepped in front of him, put a gun to his stomach, and demanded that he give him everything, according to prosecutors. As they struggled over the weapon, both men fell to the platform, and the victim grabbed the gun barrel.

During the fight, the gun fired up to four times, prosecutors claimed. Chicago police said the victim suffered a graze wound to his shoulder, but later said he was not injured.

However, prosecutors said last year that the victim was grazed.

At a point when the victim was on top of Johnson, an accomplice told Johnson to "finish" the victim and then bit the victim on the back. The victim broke away and ran upstairs to get help from a CTA employee.

A CTA surveillance officer radioed descriptions of the suspects to Chicago police patrol units, and Johnson was arrested about two hours later near Printer's Row.

Prosecutors said Johnson had a gun in his backpack that was jammed with a spent casing in its chamber.

With good behavior, Johnson will be eligible for parole after serving half of the 15-year term.

Burglars break through wall at Mag Mile Saks; crash-and-grab team hits nearby



A stolen SUV sits inside the Balenciaga store, 15 E. Oak, on July 30, 2024.

Police are investigating two burglaries at high-end retailers along the Magnificent Mile Aug. 1.

In a bold crime, two men broke through a wall to burglarize Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan, shortly before 3 a.m. The store's remote security team saw a man walking around the fifth floor with armloads of merchandise and notified Chicago police.

Cops eventually found a hole in the drywall on the fifth floor, according to a CPD report. The burglars escaped onto Michigan Ave. and got into a waiting vehicle moments before police arrived.

An officer who saw the surveillance video described the suspects as two young Hispanic men between 5'-8" and 6 feet tall. One wore black shorts, a black tank top, and a black mask. The other wore a gray tank top and gray shorts and had another shirt wrapped around his head.

Then, around 5:30 a.m., a group of up to 10 people arrived in the first block of E. Oak St. in three vehicles. The group raided Balenciaga, 15 E. Oak, after slamming a stolen red SUV through a display window.

A witness said they saw people running out of the store with purses and other merchandise.

No arrests have been announced.

Man mugged woman at Lincoln Park bank while on pretrial release for trying to rob a Jewel

Prosecutors say a man on pretrial release for trying to rob a Jewel-Osco cashier mugged a woman as she withdrew money from a Lincoln Park bank.

Corbin Bryant, 30, jumped the counter at the Jewel at 5343 N. Broadway on May 4 and tried to take money from an employee who was counting cash, officials said. He allegedly pulled on her arms and tried to pry her fingers from the money.

Bryant gave up and bolted out the door when the store manager responded to the cashier's screams. The

manager detained him in the store parking lot until police arrived.

While he was in custody, police learned that he was also wanted for allegedly stealing \$229 from a cash register at Dollar Tree, 5347 N. Lincoln.



Corbin Bryant

Prosecutors charged him with attempted robbery and theft. Judge Charles Beach sent him home the next day to await trial.

Bryant is now accused of "shoulder checking" a 52-year-old woman as she withdrew cash from an ATM at Chase Bank, 2790 N. Clybourn, on July 10. He grabbed the woman's \$420 and ran out of the bank, prosecutors said.

But the force of his "shoulder check" slammed the woman into the ATM vestibule glass, drawing the attention of a bank manager who recognized Bryant as a regular customer, according to prosecutors.

Cops arrested Bryant last week after the manager picked him out of a photo line-up.

This time, prosecutors asked Judge Dieder Dyer to keep Bryant in custody. She agreed.

Woman carjacked in Roscoe Village

Police are investigating after a woman was carjacked at gunpoint in Roscoe Village on Aug. 1.

The woman was in the 3400 block of N. Wolcott when two men and two women approached her around 9:39 p.m., according to a witness. The females drove away with the woman's white Kia while the men returned to an SUV with a two-tone paint job and fled the scene, the witness said.

A Chicago police spokesperson said the department did not have any official details available on Friday morning because the report was still being finalized.

The carjacking occurred in the Town Hall 19th District, where robberies are up 16% this year and up 66% compared to 2020, according to CPD. Town Hall covers the area from Fullerton to Lawrence and the river to the lake.

16-year-old among two people shot near Magnificent Mile

A 16-year-old boy and a 23-year-old man were shot on a bustling downtown street corner Aug. 2. Chicago police have detained a suspect.

According to preliminary information, the shooting occurred during an argument on the corner of Wabash and Chicago avenues around 4:44 p.m. Chicago cops at the scene radioed for an ambulance to treat the victim before any 911 calls were received.

The boy suffered a gunshot wound to his arm and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Meanwhile, the man took himself to a hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds to his shoulder. He told officials he was with his 1-year-old son at the time of the shooting. The infant was not injured.

Two people, a male and a female, fled the shooting scene and headed into the nearby State-Chicago Red Line CTA station. CPD surveillance officers used the CTA's camera system to follow the couple as they boarded a southbound train.

Officers intercepted the train at Roosevelt and detained them both. An officer said they found a gun in the

man's possession. The investigation is ongoing.

Man sues city within 40 hours of being arrested for allegedly possessing a stolen firearm

A man who was tackled, struck, and threatened with a gun last week by Chicago police officers who were trying to secure a gun he allegedly possessed sued the city within 40 hours of being arrested, court records show. His lawsuit does not mention that officials claim he was in possession of a stolen gun.

According to a detention petition filed in the case, at about 6:30 p.m.



Lorenzo Williams

July 30, Lorenzo Williams was "seen on [police surveillance] video with a handgun in his front waistband. When officers attempted to detain him, he ran, resisted, and attempted to grab his handgun, which put the officers' and Defendant's lives in danger."

The police camera operators saw "the butt-end of a handgun in [Williams'] front middle waistband as he lifted his shirt up," a CPD report said.

Many people have seen the video of police trying to arrest Lorenzo Williams minutes later in the 800 block of N. Cambridge

The police allegedly recovered from Williams a loaded .40-caliber Ruger handgun that had been reported stolen from Mason City, Iowa. The officers also noted in a report that the background on Williams' phone is a picture of him holding the recovered firearm.

"It's not a complete video. It doesn't show everything," CPD Supt. Larry Snelling said during an unrelated press conference last week. One officer has been relieved of his police powers while officials investigate the incident.

Judge Susana Ortiz granted the state's detention petition on July 31, writing in her order that Williams has three felony convictions and two officers were injured during their struggle with Williams.

Court records show Williams was found not guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm during a bench trial before Judge Kenneth Wadas in 2019. Prosecutors dropped another gun case in 2022. He is currently on probation for a narcotics case and has previous felony convictions for resisting in 2019 and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in 2015, records show.

At 10:07 a.m. Aug. 1, less than 40 hours after Williams was arrested, lawyers sued the city and the Chicago Police Department, claiming police assaulted and battered him and displayed "wilful and wanton" behavior.

The lawsuit claims Williams was "peacefully walking on public property" when the police "absent reasonable suspicion, probable cause, right, or other legal right" stopped and detained him and "then commenced hitting and beating him."

It further alleges that the officers beat and punched Williams in the face and head with a hard object and put a gun directly to his head while yelling, "Hey, I'mma f***n shoot you."

Williams suffered "significant and severe pain and injuries, some of which may be permanent [sic] in nature." CPD's arrest report said Williams was treated at St. Mary's Hospital "for minor injuries."

The lawsuit is scheduled for an initial hearing in October.

Teen shot in Uptown

A 15-year-old boy was shot in

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Man who viciously whipped 80-year-old with belt is arrested for third time in four days

BY CWB CHICAGO

A North Side man was arrested three times in four days for allegedly threatening and battering people in the Loop and Uptown, culminating with a violent attack on an 80-year-old man, according to court records. The documents show that Michael Harris, 30, was arrested on July 19, July 20, and again on July 22.

Incredibly, a Chicago police report says officers released Harris from custody the first time, even though he was behaving so abnormally that the Cook County Sheriff's Office refused to admit him to the Leighton Criminal Court house for an initial appearance.

On July 19, Harris allegedly went behind the counter at McDonald's, 1004 W. Wilson, and repeatedly punched a 47-year-old male employee in the face. Police arrested him nearby and noted that he was "erratic and uncoop-

erative" and had someone else's blood on his clothes.

He was only charged with a misdemeanor, even though the attack could qualify for a felony complaint. But when CPD took him to the courthouse around 5:20 a.m. the next day, sheriff's office employees refused to take him into the building until he underwent a psychiatric exam, according to a Chicago police report.

A police supervisor noted that Harris had "already been cleared" by a hospital, so CPD released him from the police station "in order not to violate civil rights."

Barely eight hours later, police arrested Harris again in the Loop. This time, a 51-year-old man reported that Harris threw his property onto the CTA's State-Lake



Michael Harris

Red Line tracks and threatened to shoot him while gesturing as if he had a weapon, a police report said.

Charged with misdemeanor assault, Harris was taken to court the next morning and Judge Susana Ortiz released him from custody.

The very next day, around 1:30 p.m. July 22, Harris allegedly attacked an 80-year-old man at McDonald's, 5130 N. Sheridan.

According to the victim's complaint, Harris approached the man in the dining room, removed his belt, and began whipping the man. Harris raised the belt over his head and struck the victim with it several times, a CPD report said. He then grabbed the 80-year-old and dragged him toward an exit while continuing to whip him with the belt, according to the allegations.

The police found him inside a nearby Subway restaurant. They

said they found 17 packaged THC gummies and a crushed pill that they believed was ecstasy in Harris' possession.

This time, prosecutors charged Harris with felony aggravated battery of a victim older than 60, possession of a controlled substance, and manufacture-delivery of cannabis.

Prosecutors did not ask Judge William Fahy to detain Harris in the felony case. However, Fahy kept him in custody until the judge handling his misdemeanor cases could review the new allegations. If the other judge releases Harris, he must go on electronic monitoring.

Harris' case is not unusual. Last week, we reported that another man, arrested 12 times already this year, kept being released from custody even though people repeatedly told police that he had battered them at random.

Four years for Subway robber who confusingly demanded 'all the bread'

BY CWB CHICAGO

Abail Bekele, who confused a Subway restaurant employee during a robbery by asking for "all the bread," has been given a four-year prison sentence. He got an additional three years for a burglary that he was on bail for at the time of the crime.

Prosecutors said Bekele, 21, robbed two Subway restaurants on May 10, 2023, just two weeks after getting out on bond for allegedly burglarizing a wireless store near his home.

At around 1:49 a.m. on April 26, 2022, Chicago police officers noticed a broken glass door at Cricket Wireless, 4858 N. Sheridan, and found Bekele inside, prosecutors said. The cops allegedly found him carrying phone cases and broken dummy phones. In his pocket, he had three identification cards belonging to other people.

Prosecutors said Bekele admitted to taking the ID cards from the Xsport at 3030 N. Broadway in Lakeview.

He was charged with burglary,

theft of lost or mislaid property, and identity theft, and went home by posting a \$500 bail deposit, according to records.

Two weeks later, Bekele allegedly entered the Subway at 4436 N. Broadway and threatened to shoot the cashier unless he handed over all the money. The cashier, believing Bekele was holding a gun, opened the register, and Bekele took the cash.



Abail Bekele

Prosecutors said that a few minutes later, Bekele walked into another Subway at 3952 N. Sheridan and asked the clerk for the bread.

As a sandwich shop employee, the cashier asked him to clarify what kind of "bread" he wanted, prosecutors said.

Bekele cleared things up by pointing toward his waist, where the cashier believed he saw the handle of a handgun, and telling the employee to give him all of the money, according to prosecutors. The cashier closed the reg-

ister and ran to the back of the store.

Chicago police officers arrested him about 35 minutes later. Prosecutors said he wore "exactly" the same clothes the robber appeared in on Subway videos.

Ultimately, prosecutors worked out a deal with Bekele. He pleaded guilty to the first Subway robbery and the burglary. The state

dropped all of the other cases, including the robbery in which he allegedly asked for "all the bread."

Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer oversaw the cases and sentenced him. After receiving a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior, Bekele can expect to be paroled in April 2026.

Beatles after the breakup Aug. 10 at Lincoln Park library

The Lincoln Park Library, 1150 W. Fullerton, will be hosting a presentation on the Beatles after they broke up. The free talk will take place 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

When the Beatles broke up in April of 1970, it wasn't the end of the phenomenon. Each band member went on to have



their own solo careers, films were made and previously unissued materials were released.

Music historian Gregory Alexander, aka Professor Moptop, will explore what happened to The Beatles after the break up and why they are still part of the culture today in a multimedia presentation.

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PARIS OLYMPICS 2024: **Filip Dołęgiewicz**, a Harvard Univ. Senior is a fencer. A graduate of Maine South High School and a resident of suburban Park Ridge. He's a Men's Sabre Ivy League Champion. First Team All-Ivy. Went 10-2 in the Ivy Championships to help secure the Ivy League Title. Tallied a record of 42-11 on the season. He's a bright light in Paris filled with American hope.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The CSO recorded **John Williams'** iconic Olympic Fanfare and Theme on March 24, 2023, in Orchestra Hall, when the composer conducted the work in a concert of his most memorable works.

QUESTION: Old Town resident **Tim Carew** sent us a good question. When big events like NASCAR and Lollapalooza are in town, filling up our local hotels and shared housing, Carew asks how many Airbnbs are there that take permanent housing offline in favor of transient visitors and the almighty tourist dollar to save our city? How many Airbnbs are operating in expensive unfilled new high-rises? Does the city or real estate industry keep any occupancy statistics on those developments? Like every commodity, the Law of Supply and Demand always wins. By taking apartments off the market for short term rentals are we driving up rents?

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Howard Gordon

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LYRIC: **Sylvia Neil**, Chair, and the Board of Directors of Lyric Opera of Chicago announce the appointment of accomplished, versatile arts administrator **John Mangum** as the institution's fifth General Director, President and CEO, effective this fall. Mangum replaces **Anthony Freud**, who stepped down earlier this year, after 13 seasons at the helm. Since 2018, Mangum has served as the CEO of the Houston Symphony.

PAWS AWARD: **Candace Jordan** is the 2024 recipient of the Paws Organization's inaugural Community Engagement Award. It is a recognition of our colleague's extra Chicago-style generosity to those with paws and those who have a genuine devotion to furry, fuzzy, cuddly creatures. Candace is genuinely moved by the honor, as is her devoted husband **Chuck Jordan**.

ICONS: Multi-award winner and star of stage, screen and television **Raúl Esparza** will be honored at the Porchlight ICONS Gala Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Ritz-Carlton at Water Tower Place. An intimate on-stage conversation between Esparza and WGN's **Paul Lisnek** will take place along with the presentation of the Luminary



Raúl Esparza

Award to longtime supporters **Michelle** and **Steve Cucchiaro**. Tickets on sale now.

PAWS TWO: This column's roving reporter, lovely **Bonnie Spurlock**, was thrilled to see PAWS Chicago's special friends at the recent Beach Party. Folk like **Lisa Dent**, **Alexis Fasseas** and brother **Drew Fasseas**, and **Bruce Crown** who came out to the Beach Bash, along with PAWS CEO **Susanna Wickham** and media star **Sylvia Perez**.



Michelle and Steve Cucchiaro

James O. Mallon has just published his autobiography entitled "Frightened Pilgrim." The longtime SAG/AFTRA member recounts his experiences as a frightened new immigrant in the heart of the American dream. His Chicago story is lived between commercials, plays, comedies and theatrical achievements. A story richly told with his arrival from Ireland with intermittent miracles giving him survival. Available now on Amazon.



John Magnum

CATS: Ohio State and Northwestern will be playing Nov. 16 at Wrigley Field. Our money is on the Buckeyes. Northwestern plays its final two home games of the 2024 season at the Friendly Confines, by facing the Fighting Illini on Nov. 30.

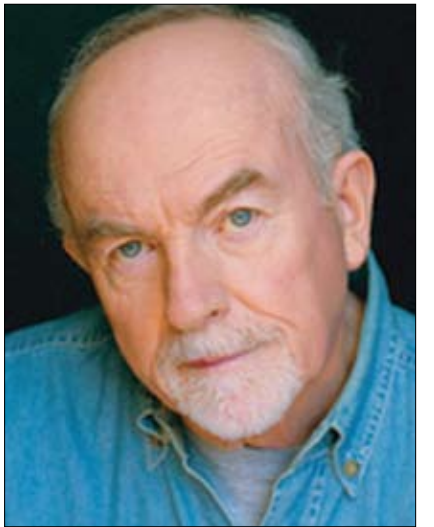
WATER MUSIC: For the first time in history, Music of the Baroque will perform **George Frederick Handel's** music, written in 1717 for the River Thames, on the Chicago River "The Chicago Water Music" concert will take place on Sept. 18.

NEWLY PUBLISHED: Chicago writer and longtime actor



Paul Lisnek

WHO'S WHERE: **Paula Fasseas**, **Suzie Glickman**, **Joan Brodsky**, **Terry Savage**, **Mary Ann Childers**, **Rhoda Sweeney**, and **Mickey Norton** enjoyed lunch in the garden at Piccolo Sogno... **Jane Justice** in Wilmington, NC, visiting pal **Marilyn Tretiak** amid the surf and sun... Happy Birthday to Chitown musical genius, the lovely **Irene Mojica** tinkling the ivories with **Bobby Tarantino**... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matthew Arnold** at the Maybourne Riviera, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France...Back in business, Fox-trot to reopen in Gold Coast, Old



James O. Mallon

Town, Wicker Park, and Fulton Market... **Marius Morkvenus** and **Hector Gustavo Guitierrez** have reached the Eternal City of Popes and potentates, domes and fabulous food... Birthday girl **Tina Gravel** with **Bethany Kitick**, **Sherrill Bodine** and **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** at Gibson's Italia... Cook County Board President **Toni Preckwinkle** and **Joe Berrios**, former Assessor and Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, seen lunching amid the foliage at Piccolo Sogno, who or what could they be hatching up?... **Sherry Lea Fox**, Birthday girl **Julia Jacobs**, **Leah Chavie** and **Kate Krause Prange** celebrating at the Pearl... the Honorable **Jim Houlihan** at the Lake with the whole clan in assembly by precinct... **Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM**, Loyola U.'s basketball team's chaplain turns 105 on Aug. 21.

CHICAGO DIPLOMACY: Treasurer **Maria Pappas**, Monsignor **Ken Velo** and **Ron Onesti**, President of joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, welcomed a group of pilots from the

famed Italian Air Force. They staged an exciting flyover show and had a great time sharing food and gifts. They flew over Chicago in stunning formation and dazzled the Italian colors in Chicago's skies before heading north to perform in Milwaukee's air show. Tutti Grazie.

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Jake Shimabukuro returns to North Side

BY PETER VON BUOL

Hawaii's ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro will be returning to Chicago Aug. 8, 8 p.m. to perform at the Mayfair Theatre at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave. at a concert for the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Known for his fast and complex finger work on the `ukulele and a unique style which combines elements of traditional Hawaiian, jazz, rock, bluegrass, and classical music, Shimabukuro, 47, became known as a solo performer in 2006 through a viral video of his rendition of the The Beatles' classic While My Guitar Gently Weeps. Up until that point, Shimabukuro had been known as playing `ukulele for the late Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band.

The video made Shimabukuro an in-demand performer and he first appeared in Chicago to perform at a now-closed Border's book store in Lincoln Park. Shortly afterwards, he performed his first-ever solo concert at the Old Town School of Folk Music on its Gary and Laura Maurer stage.

"The first time I did a concert there, I was just so blown away. When I learned they were teaching hula and ukulele, I remember just being so blown away. I had no idea that there was such an interest in culture from Hawai'i in Chicago. That was, about 20 years ago. It made me feel very

comfortable, more at home. It was so wonderful," said Shimabukuro.

While this year's show is being held at the Mayfair Theatre, it remains an OTSFM show. The venue has nearly double the seating capacity of Maurer Hall, the school's largest concert hall. Having performed for Chicago audiences for nearly 20 years, Shimabukuro says he has developed a warm relationship with the audience.

"I used to tell people that one of the best things about being a touring ukulele player is that audiences all over the world have such low expectations. But then, after returning to Chicago, for more than 20 years now, it's a little different. People who have been to our shows before are a little bit more familiar with the songs I enjoy playing. So, there's less of that element of surprise but it's still always fun. Now, people sing along to some of the songs," he said.

One of the fun moments in the show is when he plays an instrumental version of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody. "When the audience starts singing along, it's absolutely beautiful and magical," Shimabukuro said. At his shows, he always includes traditional Hawaiian songs in his set list.

"I play a lot of different styles of music that aren't necessarily traditional. I always make sure that I play at least one or two traditional songs to honor the culture and the music that I was so fortunate to experience while growing up. Many of the artists



Jake Shimabukuro

that I grew up listening to also played non-traditional music, along with traditional Hawaiian."

One of his influences was Peter Moon, who in the 1970s was the ukulele player with Sunday Manoa, a contemporary Hawaiian band. Moon's style influenced everyone who came after him.

"I listened to all of his records growing up, and one of my favorite songs to play on the instrument is a song called Kawika, a song which honors Hawaii's King Kalaakua who was himself a great ukulele player and a great ambassador of Hawaiian music and arts. It's one song that I love to include in my shows."

"Growing up in Hawaii, that was the song you wanted to learn to play. The song's opening riff was powerful. Think about the guitar intro to Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven. It had the same effect. Its iconic

riff is what we all wanted to learn how to play. If you mastered it, people would really be impressed," said Shimabukuro.

Not surprisingly, Shimabukuro has developed a relationship with other artists who have appeared at Old Town. These include Louisiana blues slide guitarist Sonny Landreth and New York City banjo virtuoso Bela Fleck as well as Hawaiian slack key virtuoso Jeff Peterson and Hawaiian music legend Henry Kapono.

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and founder of Fleetwood Mac, one of the most successful rock bands of all-time.

"[Due to their later success as a rock band], I think many people don't realize Fleetwood Mac started out as a blues band. Fleetwood pioneered a lot of blues elements, such as the blues shuffle [in rock]. It's crazy how his style is just so recognizable. All you need is to hear a few bars of him playing. He has such a unique approach to everything he plays. It's such an honor he agreed to do this project together. It was also great because everything developed organically, and naturally as we recorded everything live in the studio," Shimabukuro said.

Ticket are \$55 for the general public and \$53 for members of the Old Town School.

Letter to the Editor

City budget time

"I can smell the meat a-cooking!" That is what former Illinois Secretary of State and State Auditor Paul "Shoebbox" Powell said 70 years ago when it was budget time down in Springfield. (When Powell died in 1970, about \$800,000 in cash was discovered in shoeboxes in his Springfield apartment.)

Well, at the end of this month, it will be budget time in the City of Chicago. And a shoebox Battle Royale is brewing.

It is not Republicans versus Democrats, or Progressive versus Liberal versus Conservative. It is the taxpayers versus the tax takers.

Oh sure, the City Council will claim there are all types of poor and downtrodden Chicagoans they want to help with your money. But those poor souls will be mascots and props in the charade to funnel as much tax money to City Hall's "Friends, Felons and Family members" that they really crave to please.

It was full speed ahead when Mayor Brandon Johnson was "collaborating and

cooperating" in front of the press. Like when he gives tens of millions of dollars to companies to provide dirty, disease-ridden - formerly vacant - warehouses to shoe-horn-in migrants. Or when he gave millions of taxpayer dollars to a Hired Truck scandal-affiliated company to erect tents for migrants on polluted land of which neighbors alerted City Hall. Or when Ald. Matt Martin "stole" the Lincoln Square parking lot and gifted it along with another \$20 million in tax cash to an out-of-town developer with ties to the South Side Irish. Or when the Chicago Board of Education fired the school janitors and continues to pay another company with out-of-town ownership not to clean the schools everyday.

Yes, everybody wants "a taste." But they're going to need bigger shoeboxes in City 'Haul.'

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

Hear stories about the immigrant experience Aug. 10 at Edgewater Library

For years, Nestor Gomez, who has won more than 80 Moth StorySlam storytelling competitions, has been writing and telling stories about his childhood in Guatemala, his life as an undocumented immigrant, and the circuitous path that led him to where he is today.

He came to Chicago from Guatemala in the mid-1980s with his siblings at age 15, knowing very little English and speaking with a stutter. He'll share his heartfelt, personal stories at a program from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Edgewater Branch Library, 6000 N. Broadway, on Saturday, Aug. 10. The free program, "Giving Voice to the Immigrant Experience," is sponsored by Friends of the Edgewater Library, a volunteer organization that supports the library.

Gomez attended Roberto Clemente High School -- near Western and Division -- in Chicago. He's a poet, storytelling workshop presenter, and creator and host of "80 Minutes Around the World, Immigrant Stories" that features stories of immigrants and their descendants. He also wrote a collection of stories, "Your Driver Has Arrived," about



Storytelling champion Nestor Gomez will share some of his unforgettable, personal stories at the "Giving Voice to the Immigrant Experience" program at the Edgewater Library on Aug. 10.

his experiences as a ride-share driver; it's available from the Chicago Public Library.


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2019-2 PLAINTIFF VS. DAVID A WEBER, CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., EDMOOR PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS 22 CH 12483 CALENDAR 64 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 September 11, 2024, 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. 11-31-401-104-1002. Commonly known as 6415 N Damen Ave Unit 2W, Chicago, IL 60645. 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. 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

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court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001796-22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13249163** 070707 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2019-3 PLAINTIFF vs. PHILLIP E. TAYLOR, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DAUPHINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS 22 CH 11217 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 September 4, 2024, 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:

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P.I.N. 11-32-312-022-1007. Commonly known as 1301 W Northshore G, Chicago, IL 60626. 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. 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, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001416-22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13248695** 313131 ----- 242424 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700**

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rial Hospital has changed owners six times in recent years as they transitioned from self-management, to Univ. of Chicago, to Vanguard Health, which was bought out by Texas-based Tenet Healthcare, to Los Angeles-based Pipeline Health, and now to the current Michigan-based Resilience Health.

Other hospital takeovers include Berwyn MacNeil Hospital which is now known as MacNeil Hospital, part of Loyola Medicine. Oak Park Hospital, now part of the Rush Univ. system, and the former Swedish Covenant Hospital, now Swedish Hospital of the Endeavor Health System.

We now have several monolithic medical centers across Chicago marking a sign of medical advancement and consolidation. Northwestern Medicine has over three million square feet of medical buildings taking up much of Streeterville. Northwestern's newest expansion is a \$100 million Bronzeville outpatient care center as part of its broader initiative to expand its footprint and accessibility across Chicago.

Rush University Medical Center only recently added two new medical complexes to its vast Illinois Medical Center campus. The \$450 million Joan and Paul Rubschlager Building will be home to the Rush MD Anderson Cancer Center offering cancer and neuroscience care. The newly opened \$110 million Rush Specialty Hospital will partner with Select Medical focusing on in-patient acute care.

In Lake View, work is progressing on a massive new eight-year, \$645 million expansion project at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

The new expansion will include a four-story addition and a five-story bed tower along with a renovation of existing buildings. Masonic now has 397 beds, however that will be reduced to 326 when the work is completed as most of the rooms will be single occupancy.

Other area mega-medical centers include the Cook County Stroger Hospital, Univ. of Chicago Medical Center, Loyola Univ. Medical Center, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (which recently added a \$200 million expansion), and Evanston Hospital, flagship of the Endeavor Health System.

As hospitals struggle to stay alive, they sometimes close medical departments or outsource them to outside providers. Emergency departments are frequently

on the chopping block along with birthing centers and mental health units.

An ABC7 I-Team analyzed data spanning 20 years and discovered an upsurge in Chicago and Cook County closures of general hospitals.

In that time period, 22% of Cook County's hospitals have closed – nearly one in four. Eight hospitals have closed in Chicago alone and 23% of city hospitals have gone in just two decades. Mercy would be the fourth hospital on the South and West sides to close since 2018, however Mercy was taken over by Insight Health System.

In each case, hospital leaders said the facilities saw too few patients to continue operating an entire unit. According to a Chicago Tribune report, that was the likely reason St. Francis hospital closed its birthing unit.

"St. Francis is likely a victim of having to compete with Evanston Hospital, which is known for having a great OB (obstetrics) program," said Kara Friedman, an attorney at the law firm Polsinelli who specializes in health care.

This departmental reorganization explains why Endeavor Health has designated Glenbrook Hospital as its system wide Cardiovascular Institute. Similarly, Endeavor Health Skokie Hospital is the orthopedic center for Endeavor's hospitals.

One new player in the Illinois health care market is California-based Prime Healthcare, which recently bought nine Catholic Illinois hospitals from Ascension including five in the Chicago area.

Prime may make a name for themselves by taking advantage of a recognition they hold and is currently at a dearth among area hospitals.

In 2022, Prime was selected to receive a special designation from the American College of Emergency Physicians [ACEP] for their dedication to geriatric emergency department accreditation [GEDA]. Prime may now boast of 18 of its hospitals achieving GEDA accreditation.

Studies demonstrate reduced total cost of care for Medicare beneficiaries who receive specialized emergency care for the 20 million people 65 years and older who present each year in the U.S.

In the Chicago area, only Northwestern Hospital has received a Level 1 GEDA certification from ACEP while Weiss Memorial Hospital has received a Level 3 GEDA certification.

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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(s), vs. RICHARD F. SCHWEIG, HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO REPUBLIC CONSUMER LENDING GROUP, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FORTY EAST CEDAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s), 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 September 16, 2024, 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. 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 **13249470** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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ELIZON DB TRANSFER AGENT LLC, Plaintiff vs. 1419 PARTNERS, LLC, NAVIGANT DEVELOPMENT LLC, ANTHONY TOMASKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants 23 CH 8451 CALENDAR 56 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 September 16, 2024, 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: (Personal Property Collateral) (v) all machinery, equipment, fixtures (including but not limited to all heating, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications and elevator fixtures) and other property of every kind and nature whatsoever owned by Mortgagor, or in which Mortgagor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Premises and Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, and usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Premises and the Improvements and all building equipment, materials and supplies of any nature whatsoever owned by Mortgagor, or in which Mortgagor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Premises and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, or usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Premises and the Improvements (hereinafter, collectively, the "Equipment"), and the right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to any of the Equipment which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Mortgaged Property is located (hereinafter, the "UCC"); (v) all awards or payments, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Mortgaged Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including but not limited to any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of said right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Mortgaged Property; (vi) all Leases and all rents, issues and profits (in-

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cluding all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses) from the Premises and the Improvements (hereinafter referred to collectively as, the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the Debt; (vii) all proceeds of and any unearned premiums on any insurance policies covering the Mortgaged Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Mortgaged Property; and (viii) the right, in the name and on behalf of Mortgagor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Mortgaged Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Mortgagor in the Mortgaged Property.. P.I.N. 17-04-205-022-0000 ; 17-04-205-051-0000 ; 17-04-205-067-0000. Commonly known as 1419-1423 N. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60610. The real estate is: commercial building. The property may be made available for inspection by contacting Ryan Hayes of Rally Capital, 847-529-6955. 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, Goldberg Kohn Ltd., 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 201-3965. File Reference: 1419 Partners INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13249437** 070707 ----- 313131 ----- 242424 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-RPL3 TRUST Plaintiff, vs. BEATRIX J. GRIFFIN, 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 01374 3950 NORTH LAKESHORE DRIVE, UNIT 1207 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 July 23, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 1207, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-21-101-034-1164 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$239,279.94. 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

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 23-005999. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 Chicago IL, 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPMS@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 23-005999 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2024 CH 01374 TJS#F: 44-2072 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 # 2024 CH 01374** 070707 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE INC. Plaintiff, vs. LEO J. DONOVAN, 5040-60 NORTH MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2023 CH 06255 5056 N MARINE DR CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 28, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 29, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,

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One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5056 N MARINE DR, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-407-022-1148 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$98,857.53. 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 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 23-129400. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL

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60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLGO.COM Attorney File No. 23-129400 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2023 CH 06255 TJS#F: 44-1476 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 # 2023 CH 06255 **13248733** 313131 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-1; US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. JHAYNE S. SANTUCCI FKA JHAYNE S. YAMAT; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 7866 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 28, 2024 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-08-203-017-1462. Commonly known as 5415 North Sheridan Road #3615, Chicago, IL 60640. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance,

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by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001487-22FC1 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13248258** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-FRE1 Plaintiff, vs. MARIA STOYANOVA, 6300 SHERIDAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 23 CH 05450 6300 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD # 406 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 May 29, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 30, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6300 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD # 406, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-202-019-1051 The real estate is improved with a condominium with no garage. 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

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POLICE BEAT from p. 6

Uptown on July 31, police said. The teen provided police with few details about what happened during the incident, which occurred in the 5000 block of N. Winthrop around 9:31 p.m.

According to CPD, he was outside when he heard gunfire and realized he had been shot in the buttocks. The Chicago Fire Department transported him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition.

Officers found six shell casings at the scene and video that showed two men running from the area after the shooting: a Black male wearing a black top with white shorts and a Black male wearing a black top with white pants.

So far this year, eight people have been shot in Uptown. All have survived. By comparison, at this point last year there were 12 people shot, none fatally. There were nine people shot, four fatally, at this time in 2022.

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Upcoming citywide boxing matches will feature athletes ages eight to 25.

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Upcoming fights are set for 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Harrison Park, 1824 S. Wood St., Aug. 15; Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave, Aug. 22, and Portage Park,

2400 N. Long Ave., Aug. 29.

The CPD Boxing program accepts participants at the discretion of their coach. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY or 312-747-2001 (TTY).

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Guests may experience their "Circus in the Parks," an open-air extravaganza that blends aerial thrills with ground performances. There will also be a post-performance workshop led by their youth troupe to give other guests a chance at trying circus skills, whether you're an aspiring performer or a curious spectator.

Letter to the Editor

How about an explanation?

It been weeks since the News-Star published letters from two prospective businesses who the Edgewater North Neighbors Block Club asserted they recruited to rent the Granville/Broadway storefront, thereby rendering the rationale behind the lifting of the liquor moratorium in the area moot.

To date, the 'for lease' sign is still in the storefront window; there is no evidence that either of the two 'recruited' businesses are planning a move into the space.

And we hear crickets from the block club. Don't they owe the community an explanation?

Just one more instance of a self-appointed minority of residents using mis-direction to satisfy their objectives. When will the vast majority of residents finally get fed up with this methodology and assert the broader rights of the community as a whole?

Philip Bernstein
Edgewater



Chalk Howard Street, returns 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24. Each square is priced at \$25 and includes chalk supply.



Chicago's only chalk art festival returns to Howard St.

Nationally renowned 3D and 2D chalk artists

Chicago's only chalk art festival, Chalk Howard Street, returns to Rogers Park 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. The family-friendly festival presents large-scale optical illusions and transforms the street surface into a canvas for chalk artists along Howard St. between Paulina and Ashland.

This free-admission festival is paid for by the taxpayers in the Howard Street/Jarvis Square Special Service Area #19, and produced by the Rogers Park Business Alliance. It features live music, lion dance,

kids drawing, vendors, food and drinks, while offering striking and immersive street art experiences as well as street chalk squares available for public purchase.

Chalk Howard Street 2024 features nationally renowned 3D street artists Amanda-Lee Harris, Randy Segura, Holland Winslow, and Zach Herndon as well as 2D street artists Asia Bell, April Tolliver, Heather Drost, and Andrew Vickers, who will create vivid and interactive chalk drawings for art enthusiasts and festival attendees. They will also offer a limited amount of 4-foot square street chalk squares available for purchase

to individuals, families and groups who wish to have a creative space and draw their own chalk art. Each square is priced at \$25 and includes chalk supply. To register and purchase street squares in advance, visit chalkhowardstreet.com.

Additional programming this year includes: artist group Paint the City creating a mural and inviting festival attendees to paint along; Chalk n' Play kids area; Loyola Univ. student-led activities; and Freddie's Modern Kung Fu lion dancing and drumming at 1642 W. Howard St. For more information, visit www.howardstreetchicago.com.

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pastor was Rev. Frederick L. Selden. The pastor had already been a fixture in the neighborhood as he served as pastor from 1902 to 1937.

The sale of the sanctuary includes its Canadian-manufactured Casavant Frères pipe-organ. Fittingly, the church chimes were made nearby at Ravenswood's Deagan Company and given as a gift. In addition to the church building and school, the

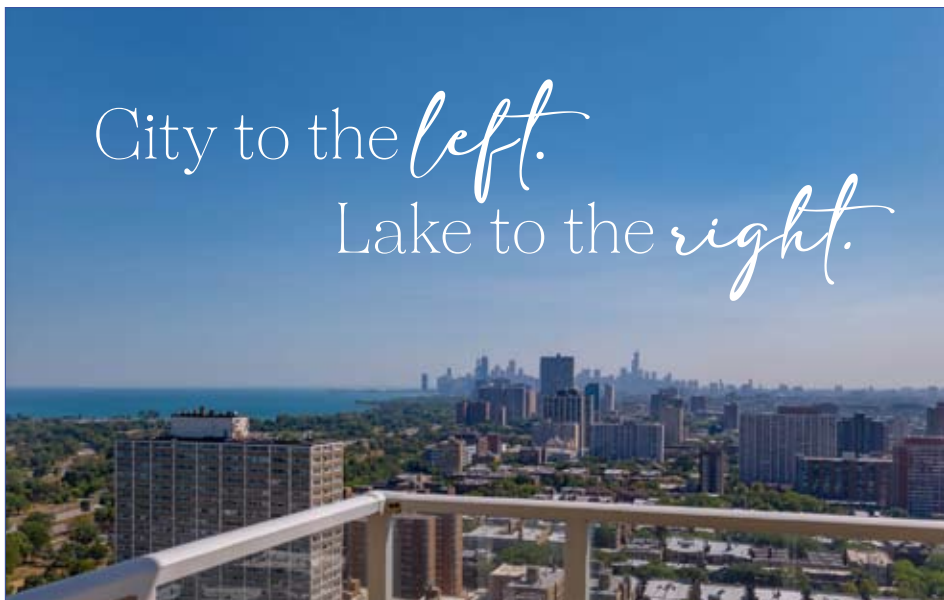
sale of the property also includes an 1800 square foot caretaker's home and a 12-car parking lot.

On the web-site of Foundry Commercial, the zoning is listed as RS-3 (Residential Single-Unit). The location is desirable to developers because not only is it a large property on a residential street, it is on a corner lot.

The church, including its exterior, underwent a \$225,000 alteration in 1949. The alteration, by architect Benjamin Franklin

Olson, gave the church building its "blonde stone" exterior and little of the original exterior remains.

According to information posted on the internet by the City of Chicago's Commission on Landmarks, Pond and Pond was "notable for its exceptionally well-detailed craftsmanship, as well as its influence on turn-of-the-century architectural modernism. [The firm's] buildings also rank among the city's best examples of Arts and Crafts-style architecture."



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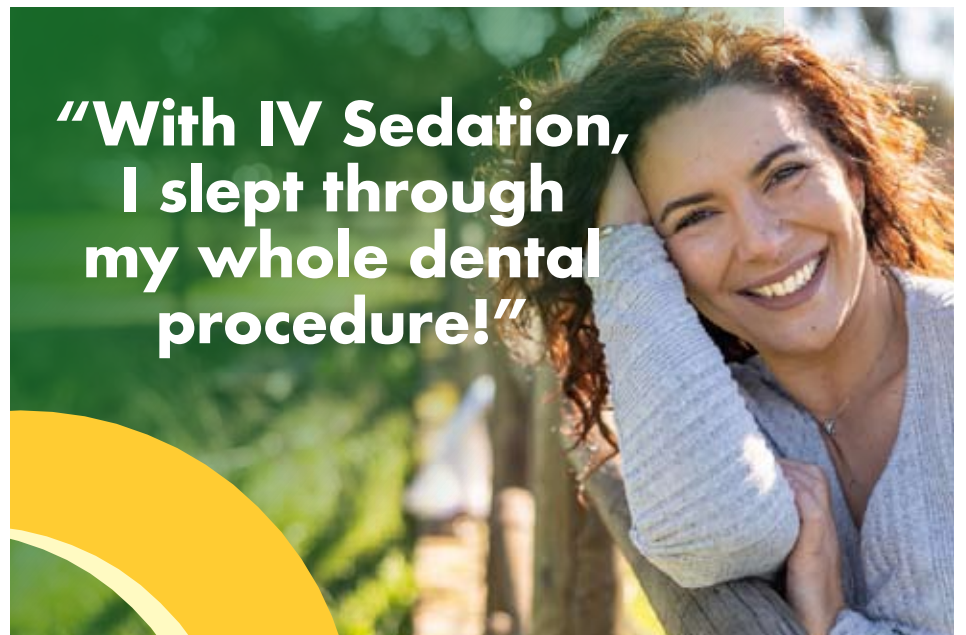
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