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— Levon Helm

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## Repairs to Howard-Rogers-Greenview intersection may get underway Aug. 21

Rogers Park residents and guests are getting fed up with the degraded road conditions at the Howard, Rogers and Greenview intersection, and inconvenience over the relocated and rerouted CTA#147 Outer Lake Shore Express bus.

Construction work at the intersection is still pending, but Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] says a fix is about to get underway. “[The Chicago Dept. of Transportation] CDOT gave our office a projected end date. The sewer contractor anticipates starting the reconstruction of the intersection the week of Aug. 21.”

The sewer work at Rogers, Howard, and Greenview is complete, and the intersection has been reopened. However, work will resume in the area in early August to replace the lead service

lines into individual buildings. Work has been further delayed on the project due to a shortage of aggregate materials such as asphalt and concrete.

After all lead service lines are replaced, crews can then begin to pour new asphalt and transition to the restoration phase of the project, including the resurfacing of the street and restoration of parkways.

“We have escalated these within CDOT’s in-house construction contractors,” says Hadden, “and additional gravel will be placed within potholes this week as we await construction work to continue. Please know that we are advocating for as fast of a completion time possible.”

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## Man gets 10 years for fatally shooting man in Rogers Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man has been sentenced to 10 years for fatally shooting another man in Rogers Park three years ago.

Prosecutors had said Desmen Williams intended to shoot someone else when he killed Jemal Murphy, 22, on the afternoon of May 6, 2020. He faced 11 counts of first-degree murder. But in a plea agreement with prosecutors, Williams has now pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder before Judge James Linn. Linn handed Williams a consecutive one-year sentence for a separate felony gun charge.

Prosecutor said Williams got into an argument with a person who was with Murphy outside a restaurant near the Howard CTA station. At one point, the other person punched Williams, who pulled a crowbar out of his Jeep, which was parked nearby, pros-

ecutors said. A witness broke up the confrontation, and Williams drove away in his black Jeep after saying he would be back, according to prosecutors.



Desmen Williams

About 40 minutes later, Murphy and the person who was in the confrontation with Williams were standing in the 1600 block of W. Jonquil Terrace when a black Jeep rolled up and its driver began shooting at them, prosecutors said.

One bullet passed through Murphy’s arm and lodged in his chest. He died of his wounds at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. The person who argued with Williams

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## Former West Ridge library to become refugee learning center



The former Northtown Branch of the Chicago Public library in West Ridge has been purchased from the city by a non-profit who will use it as a refugee learning center.

The building that once housed the former Northtown Branch of the Chicago Public library has been purchased by a non-profit, and will soon become a refugee learning center.

Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America [FORA] bought the 11,700 square-foot building at 6435 N. California Ave. for about \$1 million from the City of Chicago and has plans to put \$500,000 into renovations.

Closed in 2018, the library was replaced by the new Northtown Library and Apartments on Chicago’s Western Ave.

Once the renovations are com-

plete, FORA hopes to fill the space with more than 150 refugee students to teach them math and

*Due to its location in an immigration gateway community, the building, as a library, has served immigrant and refugee families since its opening in 1962.*

reading. FORA serves refugee students who have missed years of schooling or are first-generation readers. Those youths include

Rohingya Muslims, Afghani girls, Nepali-speaking Bhutanese and South Sudanese refugees. In dire need right now are the Afghans who settled in the area after fleeing their homeland due to America’s chaotic and disastrous retreat.

FORA’s mission is to “ensure that refugee families are provided access to an education sufficient to prepare them to become economically self-sufficient and robustly engaged in American civic life.”

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## Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, UnitedHealthcare hit home run for Senn High School

BY BOB KITSOS

Even if you’re not a baseball fan, you may have heard the name Cal Ripken, Jr. On Sept. 6, 1995, the Baltimore Orioles’ third baseman broke Lou Gehrig’s record of 2,130 consecutive games, a record that stood for 56 years. He had 3,184 hits with 431 home runs during his 21 seasons in the Major Leagues.

What you probably didn’t know is that there’s an organization named after his father, Cal Ripken, Sr., that prepares at-risk youth by teaching them critical life skills such as teamwork, communication, work ethic and respect. The Foundation is a national 501(c) (3) organization founded in 2001 to honor the legend and spirit of the senior Ripken.

The organization just completed a two-day volunteer program with UnitedHealthcare employees at Senn High School, 5900 N. Glenwood, to renovate the school’s fitness spaces, overhaul its athletic storage areas and nutrition station and enhance its staff spaces.

The initiative is part of UnitedHealthcare’s (UHC) “Do Good.



Volunteers prepare a floor area for a new surface in the weight room at Senn High School, 5900 N. Glenwood in Edgewater, as part of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation’s 2023 Team8Tour. Photo by Joanne Kitsos

Live Well.” employee volunteer initiative with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation’s Team8 Tour.

More than 70 volunteers worked on the Senn High School project that kicked off on Aug. 2. The organization’s fitness consultant helps design project spaces and build them out with volunteers. For the safety of the volunteers and students and staff at the school, the foundation works with the school districts to do any spe-

cialty work needed for the projects ahead of time such as electrical work, heavy construction and plumbing.

Team8 Tour is a national campaign aimed at building healthy communities. UHC’s volunteer initiative joins the Ripken Foundation to offer positive health and fitness messages to young people across the country. Since

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# All the girls and the boys made a divil of a noise



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

My grandmother, the indomitable Nora Ryan O'Connor, was a sweet softy.

She spent her whole life making room for other people. Room on the sofa. Room at the kitchen table, room in the pew (her favorite), room in the back seat of the car, room on a CTA bus, room on the Santa Fe Chief. (Her favorite train to California).

She'd even squeeze over for you in her rocking chair. She didn't skimp a bit.

I always suspected that she was making room for her own survival, coming as she did from a very large family in the picturesque village of Croom Co. Limerick.

Her Ryan clan didn't have a lot of bedrooms, or beds, in their 19th Century Irish cottage. There was a lot of room to tinkle, outside, rain or shine, but I think they often had to eat in shifts, to make room for all the people. It was like the Arthur Godfrey, Carmel Quinn tune, "Mick McGilligan's Ball."

The Irish ditty recounted the fabled return of a former immigrant to the U.S., years later when he's a wealthy man of means. He returns and throws a huge party for people far and wide. No one refuses his invitation. So many folk show up for the ball, the song recounts, "they had to tear the paper off the walls. To make room for all the people, in the hall. All the girls and the boys made a "divil" of a noise, at Mick McGilligan's ball." It was that crowded.

Whenever we heard that tune as children we laughed ourselves silly. No one more than Grandma O'Connor. She loved eye-balling the ridiculous in life, possessed as she was with the wits to bring us to hysterical laughter.

That was always true when she'd spot someone making too much of themselves. Showing off for others. In our family she'd never let anyone get away with such nonsense. At the first moment of their showing off, she'd have the room in stitches. And taught someone too big for their britches a life lesson of sense and sensibility. She did it with no harm intended. Just the reasoned hopeful conscience that they'd mend their ways.

If you might think she was rough on people with low self-esteem, you should have seen her with liars. She had absolutely no time for the fraudulent tricksters of life in or out of the family.

A big lie was a mortal sin in her book. And she was like a one-woman jury from the Council of Trent when she heard them covering up the truth or twisting reality to suit their situation.

Grandma would have made a good nun.

She was never mean spirited or cruel. But she'd gnaw-away at a lie she'd heard like a greyhound with a leg bone.

She once told me that the truth was all we had. Ours to protect at all costs. It's all Jesus had. Or any of the disciples. Either you get the truth or you have nothing.

That's not Sinn Fein propaganda from her youth, but the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, himself. And St. Dominic. Both knew there were no short cuts to the transformative power of God. So no unjust cuts. False cuts. Or fake starts.

You lived by the elastic from which you were hung.

Since coming to America, that had been all they'd known regarding the strength and stability that they could not let go. Constancy was the absolute moral value. Proven over time by conscientious Americans and immigrants new upon arrival.

The manipulators of truth needed no elaborate measurement of truthfulness. Expert and flawless, as they were, at delivering the altering surgery of disguise and disintegration.

Truthfulness demanded not only an embrace of everyday reality, but also the wits to recognize that when you won't let go of truth you have



"All the girls and the boys made a divil of a noise," Grandmother O'Connor might recall. And urge you take steps for you own survival.

no need for excuses or alibis.

That's what makes me most uncomfortable around liars as well. All those nervous alibis that make simple living a hardship. And everyday life a long grocery list of excuses.

You don't have to strain your eyes to see how that works in Chicago. The home of the professional American liar. The natural habitat, it seems, for "the fibber," the obfuscator, the forked tongue and the show-off. Whether we're talking baseball, or who won an election, or whose lipstick is on the collar of your shirt. Alive in the urban capital of the lie.

Maybe that's why so many aldermen go to prison.

But it's not only City Hall, the Statehouse or Washington D.C. that has a slippery slope past their front door. Looks like there are equally slippery slopes in front of the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times. Must be, when neither one can stop fibbing about the looting that unfolded last week in the South Loop.

Eyewitness accounts from Chicago police at the scene say there were more than 400 young teens out-of-control ransacking businesses.

The Tribune just says some 30 to 40 arrests were made. The Sun-Times ditto that. These newspapers really must see themselves as a partner in crime, reporting those

numbers of looting mobs. Wish my grandmother could have a go at them and their fibs. She might even remember the days when the Medill and McCormick Families, former owners of the Tribune regularly attacked Chicago's Irish immigrant population for being a race of witless drunkards, petty thieves and mindless papists.

In the past, on warm summer nights, rioting, murder and looting was centered along Chicago Ave. at State St. near the McDonald's with easy and free access to the CTA Red Line station. But this last shindig of Chicago crime was on the complete opposite side of town at the South end of the Loop.

The outnumbered forces of truth in their checkered riot gear must have wondered as the opposing forces met head on what an extra comfort "seclusion" of the press, "fibbing" brings to any battlefield. Especially where fibs and lies are as helpful to the lawless, as a bazooka was on the sandy beaches, once, of Normandy.

And sadly, here in Chicago, the only mourner of truth is an Irish grandmother now long dead. Still puzzled at those who risk their loss of heaven by the twisted conceits of human trickery. Giving up on honest talk. And the true dimensions of the conflict.

Especially the sheer number of those teens now fortified by a generational muscularity made bold by theft and the ease for carrying a weapon. They had long lost their childish sense of play. Trading it for gangland mayhem no city newspaper can even acknowledge, no urban tabloid can admit.

"All the girls and the boys made a divil of a noise," my grandmother might recall. And urge you take steps for you own survival.

**ROCKY WIRTZ:** Who can deny the civility, common sense and expansive humanity that **Rocky Wirtz** brought to Chicago sports and everyday life. He leaves us much too soon and adds now a lonely wind to the dynasty that his well-liked family created. We will miss his presence at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill. All charm.

The Wirtz Family and the Chicago Blackhawks will hold an Honor the Legacy public event for Rocky at the United Center today at 11 a.m. A separate, private service for Wirtz family and friends was held on Tuesday.

**MARTY FEST:** The 7th Annual Marty Fest will light up the streets at Hubbard and Racine, Sunday, Aug. 13, to honor a man, **Mart Anthonv Cambo**. who

brought fabulous food and music into our lives. Beginning at 1 p.m. son, **John Campo**, and grandson, **Jack Campo**, will launch the fest. That's when the food Marty made famous will begin to lift hearts and appetites. Generations of refined Italian cuisine has woven together a timeless world of diners for whom Mart Anthony's has been ground zero.

**INAUGURAL COLUMN:** Congratulations and best wishes to my sweetheart colleague **Candace Jordan** on her first column in Crain's Chicago Business. Her attentive cultural eye is just what the paper needed. Can't wait



Candace Jordan, Bill Curtis and Donna LaPietra. Photo by Mila Samokhina

till I can toast her in person. She's truly among the most gracious in the business. DO not miss her interview with **Bill Curtis** and his wife **Donna La Pietra**.

**HALL OF FAME:** Chicago LGBT's announcement of its 2023 roster of Hall of Fame Inductees was made at Sidetrack last week. It remains the only LGBT affiliated organization in the nation to so honor community members

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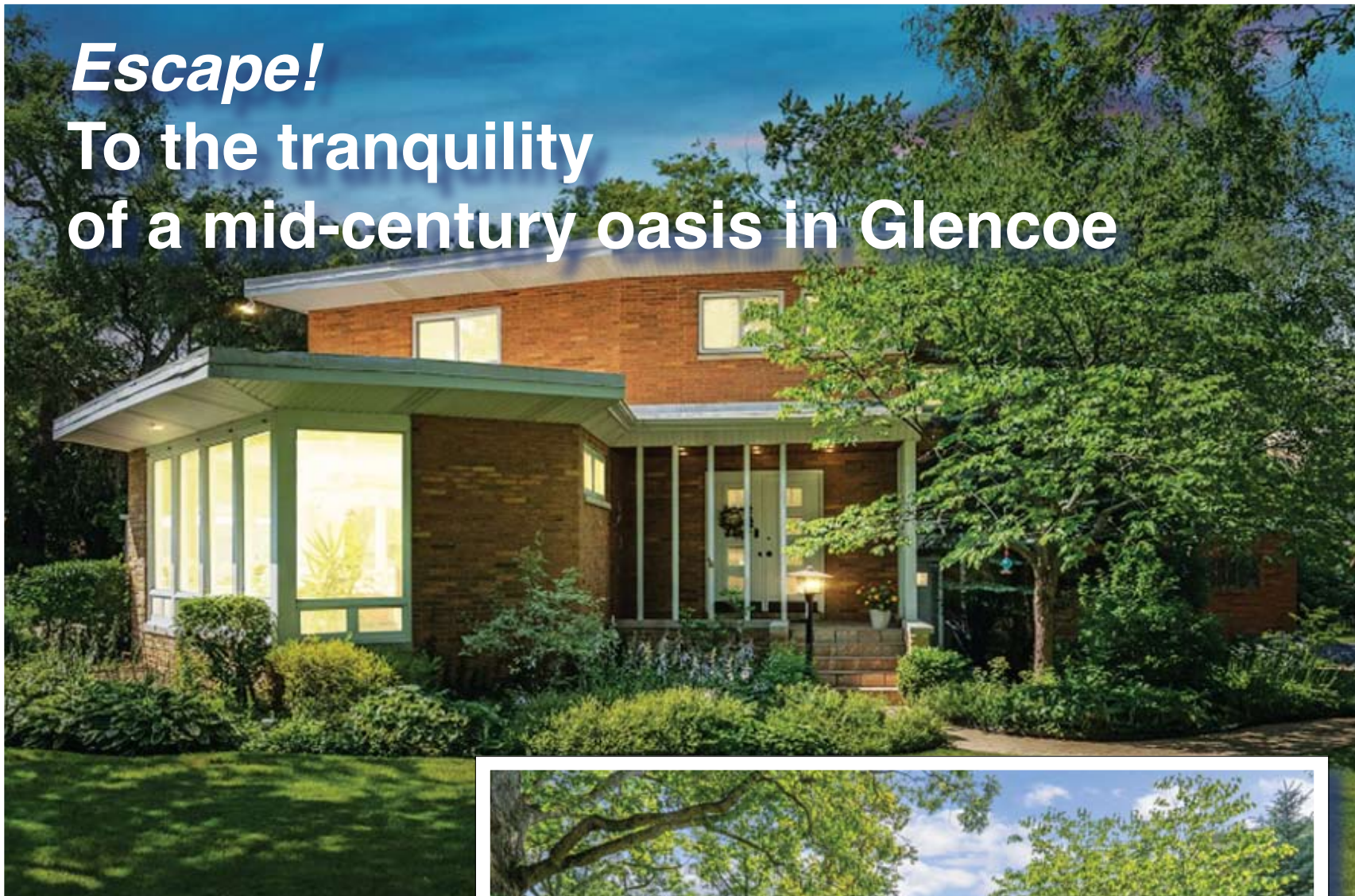
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# Will proposed 'Mansion Tax' burden middle-class owners?



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The so-called "Mansion Tax" really is a Robin-Hood style plan to steal from the rich to give to the poor, conservatives say. However, it could also hurt the city's middle-class property owners.

Mayor Brandon Johnson's proposal to more than triple the transfer tax that buyers of residential or commercial properties priced at \$1 million or more could eventually backfire to actually reduce the city's affordable housing stock.

Thousands of North Side two-, three- and four-unit apartment buildings are owned by "Ma and Pa" middle-class people and senior citizens, who frequently charge under-market affordable rents.

While a growing number of those properties may be valued at more than \$1-million, the buildings really represent the middle-class owner's retirement nest egg. And in time, won't just about all North Side be properties be worth a million or more? They will if real estate values continue to grow and inflation casts its magic.

Although the proposed tax would be paid by the buyer, essentially it could lower the seller's sale price by tens of thousands of dollars.

Dubbed the "Mansion Tax," the Johnson proposal would hike the buyer's transfer tax on a \$1-million property to 2.65%—or a hefty \$26,500—from the current \$7,500, which is .075% of the sale price.

Essentially, this means the city would be taxing elderly and middle-class owners of \$1-million properties \$26,500 off the top. Closing the sale at a lower price would slash the seller's retirement nest egg. It is likely that the new owner would ask double-digit rent increases to make up for the luxury tax hit, and that is the ex-

act opposite of what Mayor Johnson wants.

The luxury tax would translate into buyers of \$1-million properties having to pay \$13.25 for every \$500 in sales value, up from the current \$3.75 in value. The \$3,000 transfer tax sellers now pay per \$1 million would not change under the current proposal.

The buyer's tax bite would grow incrementally the more

agents across the state, believes that the luxury tax would further lower prices and reduce volume in the high-end market.

Upscale lakefront neighborhoods—such as the Gold Coast, Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview and Edgewater—likely would suffer losses in value if the luxury tax is enacted.

Under Mayor Johnson's "Bring

or Johnson's goal is for the luxury tax to be approved by the Chicago City Council this fall.

Then, in 2024 the proposal would be placed on the ballot for a voter referendum on the March, Presidential primary ballot. So, the earliest the luxury tax could go into effect is spring of 2024.



Jim Kinney

**Jim Kinney believes buyers will ask: What does the Mansion Tax do to my choices? A buyer either pays the tax in the city or moves to a North Shore suburb where there is no Mansion Tax and the schools are infinitely better. "High taxes and crime already are causing people to vote with their feet. Some 60,000 people have left Illinois in recent years," Kinney said.**

expensive the home or building. For example, if the sale price were \$1.5 million, the transfer tax would jump to \$39,750 from the current \$11,250. The buyer of a \$2-million mansion would pay a whopping \$53,000, up from the current \$15,000.

"Values of \$1-million-plus properties already have dropped 10% to 30% this year," noted Jim Kinney, former president of the Illinois Realtors Association and a veteran Gold Coast broker for Baird & Warner.

The Illinois Assoc. of Realtors, a trade association that represents

Chicago Home" proposal, 100% of an estimated \$163 million in additional buyer taxes reportedly would be earmarked for the fight against homelessness over 12 months.

That's on top of the roughly \$62.6 million in annual transfer taxes \$1-million-plus sales actually pumped into city coffers under the existing tax structure in the past year.

Mayor Johnson's team has signaled it no longer will seek to enact its luxury tax proposal as a state law through the Illinois General Assembly. Instead, May-

Ald. Nicole Lee (11th Ward) told the Chicago Tribune she is urging City Council members to ensure that the tax would not apply to the sale of multiunit apartment buildings with affordable rentals. "I want to make sure that we're not inadvertently causing a reduction in naturally occurring affordable housing with this transfer tax," Lee said.

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If the City Council passes the Mansion Tax proposal, and it is approved via referendum next spring, experts say Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi may have to institute a new model for assessing \$1-million-plus homes to compensate for falling market values and the hefty burden of the added layer of taxes.

A recent count showed there are 6,139 homeless people in Chicago, according to the Department of Family and Support Services. That number includes 2,196 migrants. The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development estimates Chicago's homeless population is closer to 5,300.

Obviously, these totals do not include the thousands of asylum-seekers shipped to Chicago from Texas and now living temporarily in Chicago police stations, schools, Park Dist. field houses, on the Wright Junior College campus and in motels. The Broadway Armory Park Fieldhouse at 5917 N. Broadway in Edgewater also has been named a new immigrant haven.

For more housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

## Small home goods drive Aug. 19

The Francis Parker School is partnering with the Chicago Furniture Bank [CFB] to host a Kitchenware and small home goods drive, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 19, in the school's parking lot, 330 W. Webster.

They are seeking donations of flatware, bowls, small appliances, and other clean kitchen items to give to the CFB.

The mission of the CFB is to provide dignity, stability and comfort to Chicagoans that face poverty by allowing clients to handpick an entire home's worth of furnishings for free. They accept pickups and drop offs. Sign up for a pick up at their website [[www.chicagofurniturebank.org](http://www.chicagofurniturebank.org)] to donate furniture, or call 312-752-0211.

## Historical Society seeks help to build digital archives

Over the years, many photographs of homes, commercial buildings and other places on the Far North Side have been added to the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society's photo archive with limited information on location, date or subject matter.

The Society is now asking for help to fill in the details as a volunteer digital detective.

Those interested may join photo archivist Rob Case for a Great Chicago House Hunt session. The next session will be 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at

the Society's building, 7363 N. Greenview. Advance registration is requested, call 773-764-4078.

Case will show guests how to use Google Streetview, old phone books and other internet resources to search for clues in photos. No experience is necessary, but it helps if you're comfortable using Google for searches and have other basic internet skills.

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# Why are tax bills are so high, how can we save money?

## Treasurer's new guide explains how our property tax system works

In an effort to bring transparency to the complex property tax system, last week Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas released an easy-to-understand property tax guide that explains the ins and outs of property taxes.

The guide, "How the Illinois Property Tax System Works," explains in simple terms how property taxes are determined, the offices involved and how collections are enforced. It includes a glossary of key words.

"Property taxes are very complex and involve six different government agencies," Pappas

said. "This guide helps pull back the curtain on the property tax system so taxpayers know exactly how their tax bill is calculated and where the money goes after they pay their bill."

The guide also details the money-saving tax exemptions that help lower a tax bill. It also explains the process of filing an appeal to dispute an assessment. Typically, property owners can appeal if they believe their property was assessed at a higher value than comparable properties in their area.

Long-suffering taxpayers won't be surprised to learn that Illinois has the second-highest median residential property tax bill of all U.S. states. Illinois continues to rely heavily on property taxes

to fund local government and has the most units of government of any state.

A new report from the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting Accountability shows a dramatic increase of overall taxpayer spending over the past six years. Their report on fiscal year 2024 - also released last week - reviews the annual budget that began July 1. The report details the budget process and how much each state agency and program is set to receive in annual appropriations.

While a lot of reporting focuses on the state spending of \$50.4 billion in Illinois General Revenue Funds, overall taxpayer spending is much higher at more than \$193.5 billion when taking

into account federal and special funds. That's up from the \$99 billion in total spending for fiscal year 2018, or a 95.3% increase.

From 2020 to 2021, spending increased 19%. The following year, spending went up 8% and from 2023 to 2024, spending increased around 3%. When the pandemic lockdown happened, state and local spending rose at the same time tax revenue dropped. The federal government covered a lot of that spending with bailout cash, still between 2019 and 2020, the annual appropriations increased by a whopping 35%.

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The property tax primer can be found on the Treasurer's website, cookcountytreasurer.com.

# Does Lincoln Park Zoo's new five-year plan ignore its long history of innovation?

BY SANFORD B. DOLE

With more than 154 years of history, innovation, and educational programming, the current leadership of the Lincoln Park Zoo recently released its strategic plan for the next five years that seems to ignore its history of innovation.

"By 2028, we [will] have increased our impact and deepened engagement with schools and communities through co-creation and technology," according to a seven-page slide presentation posted on its website.

The Chicago institution is one of the last free zoos in a major American city and has long been

a leader through its realistic wildlife displays, educational outreach and programming, and participation in scientific research which has included restoring wildlife populations to their natural environment, including the Arabian Oryx antelope and the Guam Kingfisher.

According to the plan "We will innovate and use technology to understand animals and enhance choice and agency."

More than 70 years ago, the Lincoln Park Zoo was among the earliest zoos to recognize the importance of a new medium, television, to reach and inform the public about the zoo and its animals. They were true 'influencers' before the term was even used.

Nearly 80 years ago, at a time when only about 300 homes in Chicago had a television set, its then-director Marlin Perkins began the first of what would be many television appearances on behalf of the zoo. His first appearances were in-studio and Perkins brought small animals such as small mammals, snakes, birds, frogs and turtles. After each of these appearances, awareness of the zoo and its mission increased.

According to the authors of the 2003 book *Ark in the Park: The*

Story of the Lincoln Park Zoo, Perkins decided to put an end to these television appearances when he found out station executives at WBKB (today WBBM) had sent a remote television truck to the Museum of Science and Industry but refused to send one to the zoo.

"He told the station director that he would no longer bring zoo animals to the studio but would be glad to cooperate if WBKB wanted to bring the mobile unit to the zoo," according to *The Ark in the Park* authors Mark Rosenthal, Carol Tauber and Edward Uhler.

Perkins believed showing animals at the zoo would be more beneficial to the animals and would help educate the public about the work of zoo staff.

Nevertheless, the executives at WBKB refused Perkins' request.

Two years later, however, another Chicago station offered him his own television show. That program, *Zoo Parade*, showcased the entire zoo. For the first time, television viewers were able to see zoo animals in their habitats and not in a sterile TV studio.

"I thought the show would run through the summer until perhaps Labor Day and then when the kids went back to school it would be discontinued," said Perkins, who unknowingly would create an entire new genre of television, the nature show.

Perkins had hoped his broadcasts would connect the public with the zoo animals and his instinct was proven correct.

"In 1949, the annual attendance

at Lincoln Park Zoo was estimated to have increased by 500,000, reaching 3.75 million - and Perkins was on the road to becoming a very public figure," wrote Rosenthal, Tauber and Uhler.

Broadcast nationally from 1949 to 1957, *Zoo Parade* had more than 15 million viewers a week. After videotape was invented, Perkins took *Zoo Parade* on the road to film animals in the wild, including trips to Africa and the Amazon.

"Much of the support for today's environmental movement may be attributed to the proliferation of wildlife and natural history programs on the small screen, and

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## Back-to-school birth certificate days

With the first day of school fast approaching, the Cook County Clerk's Office will offer extended weekend hours this month for families seeking to obtain birth certificates to complete their child's registration for school.

Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough and her office will be hosting Back-to-School Birth Certificate Day on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clerk's Office downtown, at 118 N. Clark St., Room 120.

"Whether your child is starting kindergarten, or your teenager is entering high school, having their birth certificate on hand is essential for enrollment and a smooth start to the school year," said Yarbrough. "We are pleased to be offering extended hours on Saturdays to accommodate families with busy schedules."

To get a certified copy of a child's birth certificate, the child must have been born in suburban Cook County or Chicago; the attending adult must be listed as the child's parent on the birth certificate or be their legal guardian, and that adult must have a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, federal or state ID card, military ID, U.S. passport, and/or supporting documents. There is a \$15 fee and \$4 bonus fee for additional copies.

Parents may also request a birth certificate online, by phone, by mail, or at a local currency exchange.

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# Police Beat...

## Robbers beat, rob, steal car from Lakeview hotel guest

A Lakeview hotel guest may have to find another way to get home after getting mugged in the hotel's parking garage on July 30. After roughing the man up and rifling his pockets, the robbers drove away with his car, a Chicago police report said.

The man told police he parked his car in the Century Mall parking garage, 2836 N. Clark, and started walking toward the hotel around 10:15 p.m.

But he didn't even make it out of the garage. A man and woman attacked him, forced him to the ground, and went through his pockets. They took his wallet, phone, and keys.

Then, they hopped into his white 2020 Nissan Rogue and drove out of the garage. They were last seen heading south.

A CPD report said the suspects are a heavysset Black male and a thin Black female. No weapons were seen during the robbery.

## Twelve charged in drug trafficking probe targeting fentanyl-laced heroin and cocaine sales

A federal drug trafficking investigation has resulted in charges against a dozen individuals for allegedly trafficking fentanyl-laced heroin, cocaine, or other drugs in Chicago.

The multi-year investigation, led by the FBI, utilized numerous controlled narcotics purchases, covert surveillance operations, and wiretapped communications to shut down two separate drug trafficking operations. Some of the defendants allegedly supplied or sought to supply drugs to customers in other states, including Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio.

One of the defendants allegedly possessed a loaded semiautomatic handgun while engaged in his drug trafficking activities.

During the investigation, law enforcement seized nearly \$400,000 in suspected illicit cash proceeds, distribution quantities of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana, Bentley and Mercedes-Benz automobiles, and a custom-built motorcycle.

Most of the defendants were arrested July 28 as part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force operation.

Charged in this federal drug conspiracy are Rnald Johnson, 57, Solstine Brown Robinson, 69, Charles Lawrence, 48, Chantell Toney, 37, Darrell Jones, 58, and Troy Bonaparte, 58, all of Chicago.

The charges allege that Johnson is a large-scale supplier of multiple narcotics. Law enforcement observed Johnson making several cocaine sales in the summer and fall of 2022, the complaint states. The conspirators allegedly utilized an apartment in Chicago's Oakland neighborhood as a "stash house" to store narcotics and cash.

During a meeting outside the stash house in Dec. 2022, Johnson allegedly provided a woman with approximately \$300,500 in suspected drug proceeds that was stuffed into a duffel bag that law enforcement later seized from the woman.

Also charged are Derek Donley, 29, Kendall Banks, 31, Niger Gray, 25, Jamari McNeal, 29, April Thomas, 60, and Byron Murphy, 60 all of Chicago.

According to the charges, the conspirators distributed and intend-

ed to distribute fentanyl-laced heroin, cocaine, and marijuana in Chicago.

## Sexually abused by massage therapist, women receive \$2.2 million settlement from Chicago luxury spa

Two women who accused a massage therapist of sexually abusing them during treatments at a Chicago luxury hotel spa have received settlements totaling \$2.2 million, according to a press release from the law firm that represented them.



Joseph Mitchell

The Chuan Spa at the Langham Hotel Chicago, 330 N. Wabash, hired Joseph Mitchell even though he had been fired from two other massage jobs due to complaints about sexual behavior, the firm said. The Langham "ignored the prior complaints of sexual assault [by] continuing to employ Mitchell and even rehiring him after firing him due to the COVID-19 pandemic," according to the press release.

Prosecutors charged Mitchell, 32, with criminal sexual assault and sexual abuse in connection with the Chuan Spa allegations in June 2021. The cases are still pending, with the next court date on Aug. 8, court records show.

The women and a group of coworkers were in Chicago from Tennessee to celebrate with a client when they went to the Langham's spa for services in Sept. 2020, prosecutors said.

One of the women, 42, planned the trip and arranged for everyone to enjoy a spa day at the Chuan Spa.

She told Chicago police that a therapist who identified himself as "Joseph" rubbed mud on her private areas with his bare hands without consent. She later drifted in and out of sleep during a massage, prosecutors said, but she remembered feeling the therapist touch her private areas and woke up on her back, uncovered and exposed, prosecutors said.

The other woman, 34, reported Mitchell reaching under a towel covering her private areas and using his hands during her mud wrap and massage. Hotel and spa policy requires therapists to use a brush during the mud treatment, as is customary, prosecutors said.

Both women quickly shared their experiences with others, and they reported the allegations to the hotel about a week later, officials said. The hotel confronted Mitchell and fired him.

Chicago police detectives learned that a woman made similar allegations against Mitchell when he worked as a massage therapist at a high-end fitness club downtown, prosecutors said. They said he was also accused of touching a female coworker inappropriately while they were applying for jobs at a massage service chain.

The women's law firm said the businesses were the East Bank Club and Massage Envy.

During Mitchell's initial bail hearing two years ago, private defense attorney Mike Gillespie said the criminal charges were filed after Mitchell was served with a civil suit regarding the allegations, and he did not respond to requests for monetary compensation. Mitchell has two children and "absolutely no criminal background," Gillespie said.

Attorneys for Power Rogers LLP represented the women, yielding a \$1.2 million settlement for one of them last week. The firm's press release said the other woman reached a \$1 million settlement last year.

Power Rogers said the Langham received an earlier sexual assault complaint against Mitchell in June 2019. A female customer called Mitchell "a predator" who went "too high on her thigh, touching her public bone, ex-

posing her breasts, and touching her vagina," said the firm's statement.

"Staff apparently referred that complaint to the hotel's Director of Human Resources, but the hotel took no action other than 'counseling' Mitchell on 'how not to make clients uncomfortable,'" the firm said, citing the lawsuit.

"I want to be the voice so that other women can come out and tell their story. If you had a similar experience at the Langham, please know that we will support you and you're not alone," one of the women said in the statement.

The other woman encouraged other potential victims to step forward.

"There's strength in numbers. The sooner we all stand up, the sooner the world starts changing," the woman said. "To the Langham leadership who put us and so many others in danger: I hope your profits are worth it. I don't know how you sleep at night."

## River North man pushed quadriplegic into street, causing a concussion

A River North man faces a felony charge for allegedly pushing a quadriplegic man into a downtown street, causing the victim's wheelchair to tip over, and giving the victim a concussion. And, prosecutors say, the whole situation started with a disagreement over a dog the victim wasn't involved in.



Tristan Block

Officials said it started around 8 p.m. July 22 when Tristan Block, 27, was seen chasing an unleashed Golden Retriever near Ontario and Wells. A passerby stopped to help Block catch the dog after seeing it run into traffic. But prosecutor John Kyle said once the dog was back in Block's hands, the passerby grew concerned that he wasn't the animal's owner, and the two began arguing.

He said the 26-year-old victim came out of a nearby restaurant with a companion to check on the dog, but they didn't get involved in the argument. According to news reports, the victim was paralyzed after suffering a spinal injury while playing football several years ago.

Another passerby who was walking her own dog gave Block her dog's leash so he could use it, but she asked for it back because she was worried Block would use the leash to hurt the dog or a person, Kyle said.

The situation turned violent when Block punched the man, who stopped to help him catch the dog, in the face, according to a court transcript of Block's bail hearing. Block then threw the dog leash back at the woman who gave it to him.

Finally, without provocation, he pushed the victim in the chest, causing the man's wheelchair to roll off a curb, Kyle alleged. He said the victim's wheelchair tipped backward after falling off the curb, and his head hit the pavement.

The victim, bleeding from the head and suffering a concussion, left the scene with his companion, who took him to a hospital for treatment, Kyle explained. Block fled with the Golden Retriever, but the other two witnesses waited for police, he said.

Kyle said one of the victim's hands, which had limited feeling and mobility before the incident, remains numb, and it's unclear if he will regain feeling and use of the hand.

Hal Garfinkel, a private defense attorney representing Block during the bail hearing, said Block has never been arrested.

He called the allegations "troubling" and said his early information was that alcohol may have "skewed [Block's] judgment."

Block worked in Google's HR de-

partment until March and plans to relocate to New York City for a consulting job in a couple of weeks, Garfinkel said.

Judge David Kelly ordered Block to pay a \$2,000 bail deposit to get out of jail. He refused to permit Block to travel to New York or to see family in Michigan until another judge looked at the situation.

Prosecutors charged Block with aggravated battery of a handicapped person and two counts of misdemeanor battery.

## Another Home Depot employee charged in massive fraud scheme, allegedly issued \$281,000 in bogus gift cards

Prosecutors on Aug. 1 accused a fifth Home Depot employee of participating in a massive gift card fraud scheme that cost the retailer at least \$6 million in losses.

Rosa Reynoso-Rodriguez, 34, is charged with participating in a continuing financial crime enterprise and theft of \$100,000 to \$500,000.



Rosa Reynoso-Rodriguez

Like two of the previously charged employees, Reynoso-Rodriguez worked at the 2570 N. Elston location. Prosecutors said she issued \$900 gift cards 313 times, for a total of \$281,700.

We first reported on the racket in May. Officials said Home Depot stores in the city were defrauded by scammers who collected \$900 credits more than 6,000 times for a single purchase made three years ago.

The scam began in March 2020 when someone made a \$6,000 purchase at the 2570 N. Elston location. Days later, someone returned to the store and said the purchase was for a tax-exempt church. A store employee accepted the tax-exempt documents and issued the representative a \$900 gift card for the tax value.

The same receipt was used for over three years to generate more than 6,000 gift cards, mostly for \$900 each.

Cashiers scanned the receipt bar code from an accomplice's phone each time, manually entered the tax exemption information, and then cut a gift card for the difference. Some cashiers issued multiple gift cards for the same purchase in one sitting. And some cashiers even had a copy of the receipt stored on their personal phones so they could issue gift cards by themselves.

On Tuesday, prosecutors said Reynoso-Rodriguez issued \$49,500 worth of \$900 gift cards between May 3 and May 10 alone.

Last Thursday, prosecutors accused Tyler Clark, 25, of being involved in the scam while working as a cashier at the company's 4555 S. Western location. Prosecutors said Clark used his employee credentials to issue \$900 gift cards for the same 2020 purchase on 971 occasions, costing the company \$873,900.

Between May 1 and May 11, when investigators were actively investigating the scam, he issued \$108,900 worth of \$900 gift cards using the receipt, officials said.

Officials said the scam started slowly, with unknown persons using the receipt to get \$900 gift cards 15 times in 2020. In 2021, the receipt was used to generate gift cards 33 times.

Last year, 1,372 gift cards were issued for \$900 in "tax credits" on the same purchase.

In the first round of charges in May, prosecutors said Lamont Thompson, 49, was one of the "customers" who presented the three-year-old receipt to receive \$900 in gift cards after Home Depot alerted Chicago police on May 5. Thompson allegedly received ten gift cards worth \$9,000 on May 10, another 39 cards worth \$35,100 during two sessions on May

12, and three cards worth \$2,700 on May 15.

When police arrested Thompson, he had 33 Home Depot gift cards worth \$29,700 on him, prosecutors said. He is charged with four counts of felony retail theft and operating a continuing financial crime enterprise.

Two Home Depot cashiers, Christiana Westbrooks, 38, and Sharon Dwyer, 46, were charged with theft in May. Each had been working for the company for about two years.

Prosecutors said Westbrooks used her unique teller code to issue \$900 gift cards on the same receipt more than 1,000 times since January 1. She was carrying \$2,980 in cash when police arrested her, officials said. She allegedly admitted to receiving \$100 for every gift card she issued.

Dwyer allegedly issued more than 1,500 of the cards worth a total of \$1.3 million since Jan. 1. Prosecutors said Dwyer received \$30 for every gift card she issued during the scam. In addition to giving cards to scammers who posed as customers, Dwyer is accused of scanning an image of the 2020 receipt from her phone and issuing \$900 gift cards to herself. She was carrying \$4,420 in cash when cops arrested her.

Officials did not explain how the fraudulently issued gift cards were converted to cash, nor did they say if additional arrests were expected. Exactly how the scheme was able to operate for three years, generating thousands of \$900 gift cards from a single \$6,000 receipt, is unclear.

## Man gets nine years for shooting victim in the Loop

A man was sentenced on Tuesday to nine years for shooting another man near a downtown Chicago hotel two years ago.

Jaun Tapley, 32, received the sentence from Judge Michael Clancy after pleading guilty to aggravated battery by discharging a firearm, according to court records. Prosecutors dropped five counts of



Jaun Tapley

attempted murder in exchange for his plea.

Surveillance videos showed Tapley dropping someone off near the W Hotel City Center in the 100 block of W. Adams and driving away around 2 a.m. on July 17, 2021, prosecutors said at the time.

The person who got out of Tapley's car went to a nearby McDonald's walk-up window, where he got involved in an argument with several people and swung his fist at someone in line for food.

Before long, Tapley pulled back up in front of the hotel, walked into the McDonald's, and walked a woman out of the restaurant, officials said. Tapley then pulled out a gun and fired shots at people outside the restaurant.

The victim, a 25-year-old man, was shot twice in the arm and once in the chest. Both bones in one of his forearms were broken. Prosecutors said Tapley returned to his car and drove away after the shooting.

An initial media statement from the Chicago Police Department said the shooter was a woman. But prosecutors later claimed that McDonald's surveillance cameras recorded the shooting and clearly showed Tapley's distinct hairstyle and a physical handicap on his arm. And video from the hotel showed his car's license plate, they said.

He earned 736 days of credit toward his sentence while in custody. His parole date has not been announced.

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# Did a pack of wild teens destroy your property? Bill the city

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago residents and business owners who suffer losses from large groups of young people running wild in their neighborhood may want to take a tip from a North Side alderman: Bill the city!

The unusual suggestion came from Lakeview Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th] following an hours-long “teen trend” near the Belmont CTA station in June.

Lawson’s advice may come in handy for folks in the South Loop, where hundreds of people, primarily teenagers, ran rampant on the night of July 30. Like the owner of the 7-Eleven store at 560 W. Grenshaw, which was looted by dozens of teens.

We’ve learned that a small businessperson recently took ownership of the Grenshaw location, which had been owned by 7-Eleven’s corporate operations.

While some observers quickly conclude that insurance will cover losses, that’s not necessarily true.

Many insurance policies carve out exceptions for mob action and civil unrest.

A Lakeview resident learned that the hard way on the Monday after Chicago’s Pride Parade.

Dominic Rescigno, who performed at the Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont, on the evening of June 26, walked out to see

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hundreds of people flooding the street.

“I could see that people were jumping on cars. I couldn’t see my car, but I knew... it was totally destroyed,” he told NBC Chicago. Rescigno told the station he was looking at a \$15,000 auto repair bill.

He and his partner were on the hook for repair bills, he said, because of the mob action exception, ““You don’t have the pack-

age that covers mob insurance.’... I thought (it was a joke). I didn’t realize I needed to check the ‘mob’ box.”

Enter Ald. Lawson. He addressed the Lakeview teen trend in his weekly newsletter on June 30.

“If you or a neighbor experienced any vehicle or property damage,” Lawson wrote, “we highly recommend filing a claim with the City.” He provided a link to the locations.

That helpful link takes ‘mob’ victims to the Dept. of Law’s “claims” page, the first stop on what will surely be a long road. The page invites the public to submit claims for motor vehicle accidents, property damage, and general liability.

A database of city claims shows they often involve damage to cars—think potholes—and can take years to reach a resolution.

The good news? If your claim clears all of the bureaucratic hurdles, the City Council almost always approves payment unilaterally, WBEZ reported in 2019.



## Veteran Valor Midwest and Golden Games coming Aug. 15-23

There are two sporting events coming to Chicago, the 11th annual Valor Games Midwest which is for disabled Veterans, and wounded, ill, or injured service members; and the Golden Games, which is for current and retired Special Olympics athletes.

Valor Games Midwest takes place from Aug. 15-17, and the Golden Games from Aug. 21-23.

Valor Games Midwest will be in and around Soldier Field, with Rowing, Shot Put, Discus and Biathlon, a Resource Fair all open to Veterans, active duty, and military family members. Participation in Valor Games is not required to attend.

Further north in Lincoln Park on Aug. 16 at Lincoln Park will

be Archery at the Lincoln Park Archery Range, and a Cycling Experience in the Wilson-Simonds parking lot.

On Thursday, Aug. 17, Table Tennis and Power Lifting will take place at the McKinley Park Field House.

The Golden Games take place the following week. On Aug. 21 participants will be off-site bowling and attending a Chicago White Sox game. On Aug. 22 participants will play bocce ball, basketball and soccer at Gately Park. On Aug. 23 at Northerly Island Park participants will compete in fishing, archery, nature rides, an animal show, adaptive bikes, and closing ceremonies. Athletes participating are 45 years and older.

## Community meeting’s goal to reenergize State St. corridor

State St. in the Loop continues to struggle to regain its former strength as ‘that great street,’ and now several organizations are hosting a community meeting hoping to find new ways to breathe new life into the street.

A community meeting to present some recommendations from the Urban Land Institute Chicago [ULI], city Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD] and Chicago Loop Alliance [CLA] will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Cindy Pritzker Auditorium Theater, Lower Level of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Reservations are required to attend the meeting. To get a reservation write to Ariella@Chica-

goLoopAlliance.com, or call 708-543-4002.

ULI Chicago, will convene a multi-disciplinary panel of real estate professionals and cultural leaders hoping to develop recommendations to reenergize and “Elevate” State St. from Wacker Dr. to Ida B. Wells Dr. The panel was tasked with recommending strategies to establish State St. as a vibrant, mixed-use district, in the heart of the City.

ULI panel members reviewed extensive background materials, met with more than 70 stakeholders, and worked collaboratively in a 2-day workshop on June 28-29, to develop their recommendations.

“State St. will remain an impor-

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tant corridor that innovates and serves as a driver for what other cities across the globe should aspire to achieve,” said Michael Edwards, President and CEO of Chi-

cago Loop Alliance. Their most recent planning efforts took place in 2019 before the disruption created by the government-imposed pandemic lockdown, and the riots and looting of 2020. The downward spiral of downtown vacancy rates, the loss of convention and tourism business, and lower demand by locals for downtown theater, entertainment and dining had hit the central business district hard. Those blows caused the CLA to bring in the ULI and DPD to try and revitalize the area. “We look forward to the potential of incorporating [their] recommendations into the 2024 Central Area Plan,” said Edwards.

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## Schilf celebrates 30th anniversary with chamber



Kim Schilf

Kim Schilf, CEO of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC], recently celebrated her 30th anniversary with the organization.

Schiff joined the LPCC in 1993 as the Vice President of Member Services and was promoted to President and CEO in 1998.

To celebrate, Vanille Chicago created a custom cake celebrating the visual impact Schilf has had in Lincoln Park including helping to bring sculptures to Clark St., the LPCC's storefront office on Lincoln Ave., and the areas branded signage.

## Happy 99th birthday, Ella



(Top) "The First Lady of Children's Music," Ella Jenkins (seated), who turned 99 Sunday, Aug. 6, celebrated with friends and neighbors in Old Town at the park adjacent to the Church of the Three Crosses. Seen here is Jenkins and her longtime friend and manager Bernadelle Richter, Jane Canepa, and Rick Rausch. (Bottom) Tim Ferrin, producer of the documentary "Ella Jenkins: We'll Sing a Song Together," shown with his children and friend, celebrated at Ella Jenkins Park on N. Mohawk. *Photos courtesy Vi Daley*

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with Chicago connections. Their contributions are vital to real local efforts to both the LGBT community and to the larger community as a whole. Inductees include **Linda Bubon, Andrew Davis, Jan Dee** and **Margaret Hills**, who is being inducted posthumously. Visit [chicagolgbthalloffame.org/](http://chicagolgbthalloffame.org/).

**PAWS BEACH PARTY:** Navy Pier proved its cultural elasticity transformed for the summer's smash PAWS Chicago Beach Party. **Jim** and **Bonnie Spurlock, Philip Emigh, Barbara Cooke, Elly Greenspahn** and **Kayleigh Dorene** joined **Walter Jacobson** and **Candace Jordan** in a wonderful event filled with summer fashion to bring rescue to every Chicago door.

**HE KNOWS:** **Ross Johnson** knows you're skeptical about ESP. He knows you don't believe in mind reading, second sight or mental projection because, well, he can read your mind! He's reading minds Aug. 13 at Rhapsody Theater in Rogers Park.

**SCHOOL NEWS:** St. Ignatius College Prep announced recently it had acquired the architecturally significant Lakeside Bank building. The College prep school says, for now, the former Lakeside Bank will provide washrooms, storage, and expansion for athletic programs.

**AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM:** **James J. O'Connor**, 86, a man of gifted leadership and style lived a faith-filled life as a quiet significant leader in the Roman Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Chicago, and as president and CEO of Commonwealth Edison for 18 years, beginning in 1963 as a lineman. Always beyond the borders of official corporate leadership was his generous moral leadership to the City of Chicago and the Archdiocese of Chicago. An indispensable partner to Chicago's mayors, Cardinals and ecclesiastical leadership, he often guided the leadership through great financial solutions and complex dilemmas. His lasting guidance for Catholic schools helped create more than \$600 million for the Big Shoulders School initiative. Almost singlehandedly rescuing Catholic education. He was a man for others.

**JUST DANCE:** Giordano Dance Chicago announced that **Erica Lynette Edwards** assumes the position of Executive Director. **Michael McStraw**, who has served as their Executive Director for 13 years, will be stepping down Aug. 31.

**THE ASTOR CLUB:** Everyone's talkin' about it. The hot new Astor Club currently sitting in the sacred space of the Astor Tower once occupied by Maxim's. Recently an array of Chicago's brightest celebrantes came together to make magic in the place that **Nancy Florsheim Goldberg** loved



Barry Frank, Susan Gohl, Averill Leviton, Mamie Walton, Susan Regenstein and Jonathan Grabill.



Jim Spurlock, Suzie Glickman, Walter Jacobsen and Ross Glickman.

so much. Designed by her husband architect **Bertrand "Bud" Goldberg** of Marina City fame. **Barry Frank, Susan Gohl, Averill Leviton, Mamie Walton, Susan Regenstein** and **Jonathan Grabill** all appear to have no problem shining the light in Chicago's newest club.

**MCA:** Chicago Performs returns to the Museum of Contemporary Art with new works by three artists **Jonas Becker, Anjal Chande** and **Irene Hsiao**. This annual festival of live arts celebrates the wealth of innovative work being made by Chicagoans.



Grace O'Connor

**WHO'S WHERE:** Former alderman **Gene** and **Rosemary Schulter** off to Norway and Sweden... Friends and fans of photographer **John Reilly** joined him and **Myra Reilly** for a summer birthday salute... **Grace O'Connor** celebrates a birthday and receives a JD and MBA from Northwestern U. What a bright future lies ahead... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenas** heading to Vilnius, Lithuania, from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel... **William Holdeman** and **Paul R Iacono** celebrating their ride 10 years ago in black tie and tartan kilts aboard the Flying Highlander through Scotland... Lovely **Sue Leonis** visiting **Colin Fisher**

in West Fargo, North Dakota... Violinist **Patricia Anne Tracy** meeting up with former Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback and four time Super Bowl Champ **Terry Bradshaw** at Goombayish Cancer Research event... **Julia Jacobs** at Rosewood Miramar Hotel in Montecito, CA... **James M. Kinney** spent the weekend in Lake Geneva, WI, visiting **Bill Fox** and managed to find a magic show... Newsy **Lilia A. Chacon** traveling through Paris, Lyon and Provence via Avignon, across the South of France... **Dennis Donn** celebrating his birthday with **Josh, Eileen, Sam** and **Asher**, Happy Birthday, Grandpa... **Sherry Lea Fox** shimmered in the Tuscan sun in the world's most splendid city for art, Florence, Italy... **Father Bill Corcoran** just returned from Ireland where he blessed them all... cousins, aunts, uncles and a lifetime of friends... the **Dal Santo/Dombrowskis** were out along the lakefront for a 27 mile roady on their bikes for quite the summer challenge... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matthew Arnoux** on their way home from the splendor of Cap Antibes, France... the remarkable artist **Lane Jackson** once again has returned to Chicago neighborhoods from France with her partner **Jean Claude** and is creating many new works... Bravo to fellow Eric Cafe fan, Baird & Warner's **Barbara Sapstein**, who shook the trees expanding the success of Taste of River North, her happy hunting ground for tasty vittles... **Lucia Adams** and **Susan Gohl** together for Tuesday Night Movie Critics at Marios... **Jolanta Ruege** looking fabulous on the sands of Chicago... **Dr. Rose Gomez** on the cool shores of Swiss lakes... **Marybeth**, our server, was a worthy welcome for a first visit to Big Star, Mariscos at 551 N. Ogden for the scrumptious Mexican Happy Hour of treats... **Ken Norgan** in the Swedish capital of Stockholm.

**STRIKE ONE, STRIKE TWO:** Thinking of talented local **John T. O'Brien**, actor, writer, comedian, musician and wine expert whose professional career paths place him on a complex and combative labor march. I hope that the conflicts with the studios are resolved quickly and everyone gets back to work soon.

The trust of the innocent is the liar's most useful tool.

— Stephen King

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Shape up or ship out**

I can't be the only Chicago resident that is entirely fed up with Mayor Brandon Johnson's defense and coddling of the teen mobs that are taking over our city.

Johnson has zero plans to realistically combat these teen mobs, and there are zero repercussions for these out-of-control teens.

Apparently he's worried about the teen mobsters' feelings getting hurt by reporters using the word "mob."

Johnson certainly isn't worried about the feelings of business owners and other civilized, law-abiding citizens and tourists of

this city terrorized by these mobs.

For the record, Johnson, this is the definition of the word "mob:"

"Noun: a large crowd of people, especially one that is disorderly and intent on causing trouble or violence."

As my mom used to say, "Shape up or ship out." That is advice Mayor Johnson should heed if, like the last mayor, he doesn't want to get "shipped out" in the next mayoral election.

*Sydney Moore  
Andersonville*

**Numb to nature**

Enjoying the ambiance of Andersonville's outdoor dining, no one spoke up when Hamburger Mary built seating against, and over, this large tree's rain grate. Not the 40th Ward alderman. Not the Andersonville Chamber. Not the "green folks" posturing about protecting Chicago's Urban Forest.

Unfortunately this sidewalk tree wasn't considered part of the "Forest." I watched it decline, and now it's dead. But oblivious to this leafless tree, new owner Sweetgreen was granted a permit, and built its sidewalk cafe around a dead tree. Have nature lovers arrived at a point where they turn a blind eye to a tree's needs, abuse, distress, death?

I became a Chicago Treekeeper in 2005, and will continue to speak up for trees paying a price for botanical ignorance. Proper tree care is not a mystery, yet many are numb to nature and blind to the abuse going on right in front of them. Abuse includes trees serving as bulletin boards, enduring wrappings, or a cafe stealing space from the trees, for storage, and extra seating. The tree was there first—years before the cafe's expansion—yet remains poorly protected by the outdated City of Chicago Sidewalk Cafe Rules.

So neighbors, the next time you sit down at a sidewalk cafe, look around. Is there a tree in the space? (Look up if it's dead.) Is the rain grate free and clear? Or are you



Dead tree at Balmoral Ave. and Clark St.

sitting on top of it? Is the roof area over the patio open wide for rain? The tree will thank you for speaking up, and continue to pay you back with shade in our warming climate.

*Susan Darnall  
Andersonville*

**Alderman, chamber's Apple Fest plans squeezing juice out of local business?**

When will Lincoln Square residents, shoppers and businesses realize Ald. Matt Martin wants to hurt them, not help them? And his ally in the latest scheme is once again the local Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, who has signed on, for a price.

First he gave away a critical piece of commercial infrastructure, the Lincoln Square parking lot, and boosted the winnings on the slick insider deal with tens of millions of extra tax dollars, all gifted to an out-of-town developer.

The chamber was one of the first to endorse the parking lot give-away, back in Nov. 2019. And now suddenly the chamber is undertaking a parking study to see where the heck all their commercial parking has disappeared to?!

Next up, the chamber and Martin are practically closing down three blocks of Lincoln Square businesses so they can sell beer on the streets from Saturday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 1.

The Lincoln Square Apple Fest was run for 20 years by the publisher of this newspaper to bring shoppers into small neighborhood Lincoln Square businesses. Back then the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce didn't shut down any streets or parking lots to accomplish this. The chamber knew easily accessible parking was critical for the local businesses to succeed.

Now Apple Fest has morphed into a three block long beer blast and music fest that will close Lincoln Ave. from Lawrence to Sunnyside, and close off two critical park-

ing lots on a big shopping weekend, the one at Leland and Lincoln, and the one just north of Sunnyside.

Shoppers will not be able to park nearby and access Gene's Sausage, Merz Apothecary, the Davis Theater, the Old Town School of Folk Music and all the other wonderful restaurants, stores and shops.

On one of the last nice weekends this fall the Apple Fest will compete with Gideon Welles, Fork, Caro Mio, Bistro Campagne, Due Lire, the Warbler, Gather, Daily Bar & Grill, Luella's Southern Kitchen, Sojourn, Dimo's Cafe, Bagel Miller, Pastures, Oromo Cafe, Hello Jasmine, Cafe Selmarie, Barba Yianni, Arturo Steakhouse, Garcia Mexican Restaurant and Territory Kitchen. Fest goers will come in, drink some water, use the bathrooms, order nothing, then leave. The food and drinks are out on the street.

Will the city, Ald. Martin and the anti-small business chamber of commerce reimburse Lincoln Square businesses for lost revenue? Why not move the Apple Fest to Welles Park and keep Lincoln Ave., its parking lots and the businesses open? Oh right, Ald. Martin gave away Welles Park to the out of the neighborhood Lincoln Park Little League.

Who will benefit from this scam? Well if there is nice weather, the chamber will make lots of money... and it will be at the expense of their own membership.

*Mike Sullivan  
Avondale*

**Chalk Art Fest Aug. 26 on Howard St.**



Chalk Howard Street 2023 will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 along Howard St. between Paulina and Ashland. It is Chicago's only chalk art festival.

The festival returns to transform the street surface into blank canvases for national and local street artists, neighbors, families, and street art lovers.

This year the event features nationally renowned 3D street artists Amanda-lee Harris, Randy Segura, Craig Rogers and Zach Herndon, as well as 2D street artists Asia Bell, April Tolliver, Heather Drost, and Rebecca LaFlure, who will create vivid and interactive chalk drawings.

This year, Chalk Howard Street will offer a limited amount of street 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 a supply of chalk.

This free-admission street art festival features live music, local vendors, food and drinks. Chalk Howard Street is sponsored by Howard Street/Jarvis Square Special Service Area #19. For more information on the festival, visit [chalkhowardstreet.com](http://chalkhowardstreet.com).





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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARY GRIFFIN AKA MARY GRIFFIN, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2003-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-1; 345 FULLERTON PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, C/O PM COMMUNITY SPECIALISTS, INC., AS REGISTERED AGENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants,  
19 CH 10353  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 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. 14332000161033.  
Commonly known as 345 W Fullerton Pkwy #707, Chicago, IL 60614.  
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, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925, 1460-187350  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,  
vs.  
STREETVILLE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MARCEL JOSEPH SIROIS  
Defendants  
2022 CH 03690  
233 E. ERIE STREET, UNIT 1402  
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 June 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 5, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 233 E. ERIE STREET, UNIT 1402, CHICAGO, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 17-10-203-027-1052  
The real estate is improved with a condominium.  
The judgment amount was \$163,723.37.  
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.  
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 JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 22-9413.  
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Attorney File No. 22 9413  
Attorney Code. 40342  
Case Number: 2022 CH 03690  
TJSC#: 43-2696  
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATTHEW D. EHRHART, WAVELAND COMMONS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
Defendants  
2022 CH 08263  
1648 W WAVELAND AVENUE, 3E  
CHICAGO, IL 60613  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 1648 W WAVELAND AVENUE, 3E, CHICAGO, IL 60613  
Property Index No. 14-19-223-055-1005  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$316,566.45.  
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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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSETTE H. TERRELL A/K/A JOSETTE TERRELL, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CITY OF CHICAGO, VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC, SYMPHONY OF EVANSTON HEALTHCARE, LLC, 1239-41 WEST JARVIS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
2023 CH 00436  
1241 WEST JARVIS AVE #G2  
CHICAGO, IL 60626  
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Commonly known as 1241 WEST JARVIS AVE #G2, CHICAGO, IL 60626  
Property Index No. 11-29-315-027-1010  
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.  
The judgment amount was \$32,353.45.  
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For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, P.O.TESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 316501.  
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Case Number: 2023 CH 00436  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THOMAS QUINN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BEVERLY FISHER, DECEASED, 2424 W. ESTES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DIANE FISHER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BEVERLY FISHER  
Defendants  
2022 CH 07336  
2424 WEST ESTES AVENUE UNIT 3A  
CHICAGO, IL 60645  
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tion, 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 2424 WEST ESTES AVENUE UNIT 3A, CHICAGO, IL 60645  
Property Index No. 10-36-207-013-1016 & 10-36-207-013-1044  
The real estate is improved with an apartment building.  
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Attorney File No. 22-09252IL\_778634  
Attorney Code. 61256  
Case Number: 2022 CH 07336  
TJSC#: 43-2548  
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**13226145**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JANICE L. STEWARD A/K/A JANICE STEWARD, OAKLEY PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
2022 CH 08663  
7542 N. OAKLEY AVENUE, APT. 2W  
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 May 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 28, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 7542 N. OAKLEY AVENUE, APT. 2W, CHICAGO, IL 60645  
Property Index No. 11-30-301-044-1005  
The real estate is improved with a condominium.  
The judgment amount was \$115,177.23.  
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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Property Index No. 14-05-210-024-1009  
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.  
The judgment amount was \$120,254.21.  
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E-Mail: AMP5@manleydeas.com  
Attorney File No. 22-008201  
Attorney Code. 48928  
Case Number: 2022 CH 07464  
TJSC#: 43-846  
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those in turn can be traced back to Perkins's pioneering efforts with Zoo Parade," wrote Rosenthal, Tauber and Uhlir in 2003.

Perkins had joined the zoo in 1944, as assistant zoo director. He had been recruited from the Buffalo Zoo in New York State to become its director. Even though he was still a young man, Perkins already had a stellar reputation as an animal keeper and curator. Perkins became director at a time when the public's perception of zoos was changing.

"The character of zoos has changed rapidly in America since World War II. Formerly zoos were just thought of as menageries and collections of animals for amusement and recreation. They still are wonderful for recreation, but more and more zoos are becoming important scientific and educational institutions," said Perkins in 1957.

In 1962, Dr. Lester E. Fisher, who had already been the zoo's

veterinarian, replaced Perkins as its director. Top priority for Fisher was to improve the animals' habitats at the zoo.

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"What was acceptable at Lincoln Park and around the country was to take animals, put them in small spaces, and have them for exhibit. Somehow, people were able to live with that. I decided it was one of my goals to take the animals out of what I thought were cement areas with metal bars. I had to try and change that," said Fisher in Ark in the Park.

Fisher's decades-long tenure as zoo director is remembered as one in which the Lincoln Park Zoo became known around the world for its zoo habitats which resembled their habitats in the wild and

promoting wildlife research. His work with great apes is honored today through the zoo's Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and

Conservation of Apes.

In 1968, Fisher supported the formation of the non-profit Lincoln Park Zoological Society, which supported the zoo's fundraising efforts. At that time, the zoo was completely funded by the Chicago Park District [CPD]. Bureaucratic red tape often made it difficult to make much-needed improvements. For more than two decades, the group spearheaded the zoo's fundraising efforts. Then, in 1995, the CPD relinquished control of its operations to the zoo society.

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Through a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the zoo started its education program in 1978 and hired its first full-time education director, Judith Kolar.

According to Ark in the Park,

Kolar developed an ecology-based, conversation-oriented program from her workshops with Chicago Public School teachers and students. This allowed her to test and evaluate the educational material before she implemented a formal education program. Through these workshops, she had gained first-hand knowledge of the needs of the communities and how to best educate the public about wildlife conservation efforts.

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immigration gateway community, the building, as a library, has served immigrant and refugee families since its opening in 1962.

Rogers Park and West Ridge have been a destination for immigrants and refugees since the 1920s. First German refugees after World War I. Then Jewish refugees after the Holocaust. Then Pakistani and Indian refugees after the 1947 Partition.

Croatian refugees came after the Balkan Wars, and now Rohingya refugees. While approximately only 8,000 Rohingya refugees have been let into the United States in the past 20 years, there are 400 Rohingya families living within walking distance of FORA's two centers. Approximately 25% of all Rohingya in the United States are liv-

ing in the two neighborhood.

"Within the walls of a once-abandoned library, refugee students from Burma, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syria, Bhutan, and Eritrea will gather together with scores of Chicago-area volunteer tutors to pursue knowledge and build community — honoring the motivation behind the creation of libraries in the first place and bringing the story of the former Northtown library joyously full circle," the nonprofit said in a statement.

FORA opened in 2019 with just 12 refugee students. FORA quickly expanded to 60 students, cobbling together a series of storefront rentals in the West Ridge area. But with a waitlist of approximately 100 students, the lack of space to serve the demand drove FORA's decision to buy the former library.



(L) Volunteers from UnitedHealthcare assemble chairs and other furniture for the coaches' room as part of the renovation of the school's fitness spaces. (R) More than 70 UnitedHealthcare volunteers assisted in updating the school's gym and fitness areas during the two-day volunteer project at Senn High School. Photos by Joanne Kitsos

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2016, the Team8 Tour has brought together thousands of volunteers in support of high schools and local community centers across the country, impacting more than 75,000 young people through a variety of service projects.

The "Team8" term is a play on the word "teammate" and expresses the concept of "we are all stronger together, as a team, than individually," according to Nancy Yasharoff, a spokesperson for the Foundation.

### How projects are selected

"We work with school districts, or our community program partners to identify schools in areas of the most need. Schools located in communities with high rates of low-income families, crime rates, high and free-and-reduced lunch rates for students," said Yasharoff.

She continued, "Then we identify which schools specifically need enhancements to their fitness facilities, culinary arts programs, athletic programs and any other additional unique projects from there."

### The Foundation start-up

As soon as Cal Jr. and brother and former Major Leaguer Billy Ripken retired from baseball, they immediately turned their attention to philanthropy. When their father Cal Ripken, Sr., died in 1999, they formalized the idea of a foundation that would honor their father's legacy as a mentor, coach and role model for them and all the players, kids and young men he helped mold. In 2001, the foundation was started.

The foundation's signature program, Badges for Baseball, created in partnership with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, connects law enforcement officers with at-risk youth during the critical out-of-school hours when they are most likely to commit or become a victim of crime.

The Union League of Chicago is one of the Foundation's oldest partners. The Foundation started running the Badges program with the Union League in 2006 (the inaugural Badges' program year).

Partnerships with federal and state government organizations, combined with support from private corporations continue to help the foundation impact kids each year.

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allegedly identified him as the shooter.

Cellphone location data, Chicago police surveillance cameras, and a CPD license plate reader put Williams' phone and Jeep in the area of the shooting, according to prosecutors. Police located and impounded Williams' Jeep two days after the murder. Investigators executed a search warrant on

the vehicle and found a crowbar inside and gunshot residue on the Jeep's interior, prosecutors said.

Williams had a license to own firearms at the time of the shooting but did not have a concealed carry license.

His sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior and another 817 days for credits earned before pleading. He is scheduled to be paroled on Aug. 24, 2026.



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