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by the misfortunes of others
than by your own.

— Aesop

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Teen boy fatally shot at Edgewater building where five others have been shot since May

BY CWB CHICAGO

A 13-year-old boy was fatally shot inside an apartment in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore on Aug. 11, according to police and witnesses. Five other people have been shot at the same building since late May, including one just a few days ago. The other shootings occurred outside.

At about 8:18 p.m. Sunday, police responded to 6002 N. Kenmore after a 911 caller reported a person shot inside an apartment. Officers found the 13-year-old with a gunshot wound to his head. He later died.

Investigators discovered one shell casing in the living room near the boy, but they did not immediately recover a firearm. However, at least one person told the police the boy shot himself. Detectives were working to determine if that was true.

On Aug. 8, a 39-year-old man was shot outside the same apartment building at 6002 N. Kenmore. Neighbors had reported shots fired within steps of the apartment building on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last



First responders at the scene of a shooting in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore on Aug. 8.

week.

This reporter has never seen a string of shootings as concentrated as those occurring at 6002 N. Kenmore this year.

- Two men were seriously injured after about 40 shots were fired in the alley at 6002 N. Kenmore on May 22. CPD said the victims were “uncooperative with providing details of the incident.” The local alderman, Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th], sent a boilerplate email to constituents, claiming “this incident is believed to be isolated.”
- Two days after the first shoot-

ing, a 48-year-old man was found shot outside 6002 N. Kenmore. In a press statement, police said the victim “was uncooperative with details.”

- Then, on June 6, a 23-year-old victim was sitting in front of 6002 N. Kenmore when a dark sedan pulled up, and someone fired shots toward her, striking her in the abdomen, officials said. Officers at the scene said they found about 15 shell casings at the scene.

After the third person was shot

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Winnemac Park baseball diamond getting new artificial turf, pickleball court

Winnemac Park is undergoing a \$1.5 million project, including the renovation of the Winnemac Park Baseball Diamond. Changes will include the grading and replacement of the existing infield with a new artificial turf baseball infield and a new stormwater control system.

By incorporating stormwater mitigation, city officials hope the field will drain water properly, and minimize the impact on availability for field play.

In addition to the new field,

taxpayer-funded amenities include batting cages, player benches, sports lighting, ADA accessible pathways and bleachers will be added.

Additional work include renovations to the two existing tennis courts that will provide for new ADA pathway paving, improved drainage, and new pickleball striping on the east tennis court.

These changes are designed to create accessible playing area for the nearby Amundsen High School, Chappel Elementary

School, and other recreational groups.

The Chicago Park District anticipates a project competition by Nov. 2024.

Advisory council meeting

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m., the Winnemac Park Advisory Council will host a public meeting at Claddagh Ring Pub, 2306 W. Foster Ave. The meeting is open to the public and there is a public comment ahead of the meeting.



A Seattle-based cannabis dispensary may open at 6320 N. Broadway.

Edgewater may get first pot dispensary

Alderwoman supports Seattle-based marijuana company

BY BOB ZULEY

Edgewater may get its first cannabis dispensary if Seattle-based distributors move into the former Edgewater Animal Hospital at 6320 N. Broadway.

Ald. Leni Manaa Hoppenworth [48th] approved a zoning change that would allow Bakeree to open a dispensary, according to Block Club Chicago. The zoning change must now go before the full City Council.

The company intends on purchasing the building but the sale hinges on the company being approved to rezone the property and obtain a special-use permit. This involves the Zoning Board of Appeals and a community meeting.

This would be the first medicinal/recreational dispensary in Edgewater. One local block club, Edgewater North Neighbors-Northeast Organization of Neighbors wrote a letter in support of the Seattle business.

This was the same block club that killed an effort by a local Chicago businessman to open

his fourth business in Chicago at a vacant storefront at Broadway and Granville.

The closest dispensaries to this site are Perception Cannabis, 7000 N. Clark St.; Zen Leaf, 7305 N. Rogers, in Rogers Park, and Dispensary 33, in Uptown. They also have another location at 1152 W. Randolph. The location is mere steps from Loyola Univ. Chicago, which would provide a steady supply of young customers for the proposed pot dealer.

In 2021, a multi-state Florida-based cannabis company bought Dispensary 33 for \$33 million. Dispensary 33 was Chicago's only independent weed shop before selling to Ayr Wellness. The acquisition was part of Ayr's rapid expansion into Illinois where recreational cannabis was legalized in 2020.

“We will continue to expand in Illinois,” Ayr CEO Jonathan Sandleman said in a statement at the time.

Look for Jonathan Moulton, co-owner and managing member of Bakeree and co-owner Anna Shreeve to turn Bakeree into an investment and the highest bidder.

Mother vs. son fight could alter sale of Uptown apartment development

Jamie Lerner has once again sued an entity controlled by her son

BY SAM LOUNSBERRY
TheRealDeal.com

A Chicago real estate family is back in court in the latest instance of local builder Michael J. Lerner of MCZ Development and his wife, Jamie Lerner, suing their son, Michael N. Lerner.

This time, a trust controlled by Jamie Lerner has sued an entity, tied to her son, that built the Harmony Apartments complex at 4513 N. Clark St. in Uptown, a 57-unit property that completed construction earlier this year.

The younger Michael Lerner, who's called Nathan by his parents, is accused in the suit, filed earlier this month, of preparing to sell the property and keep all proceeds for himself, despite previ-

ously agreeing to share 50% with a trust controlled by his mother.

“The trustee believes that Nathan intends to sell the property and retain the funds for himself because he has run out of other means of funding his extravagant lifestyle,” the mother's lawsuit alleges. It added that the son's American Express credit card has been canceled for nonpayment.

“We don't believe the complaint has any merit with respect to the

property,” Charles Mack, an attorney for the LLC that owns the building, said in an interview.

The trust in the mother's name said her son has claimed he doesn't have any financial obligations to the trust. Its suit claims it received an offering memorandum for the Uptown building — which is nearing fully leased, according to a property representative — despite the trust never authorizing it to be put on the market.

The landlord entity is co-owned by Stan and Eugene Bernshteyn in addition to Michael N. Lerner, public records show, and it's unclear how the equity in the project was distributed between the three investors. It's also unclear how much the property might fetch in a sale.

The landlord entity, 4511 Clark Acquisitions LLC, took out a

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A delegates guide to Chicago



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

There's something about such signature "Made in Chicago" vittles that become an encounter with Chicago's heart. That aspect of our urban personality is so appealing, like a box of Garrett popcorn or a Lou Malnati's pizza served with a Daisy Cutter brewed by Half Acre.

Do you think it's because by the end of Summer not only do our menus change, but our appetites as well?

I'm not sure what every delegate arriving for the Democrat Convention will be up to convention every minute of the day. But they might like to dig into the Chicago tourism. This list might provide a clear-eyed look at elements of Chicago living that isn't in most guide books.

The Mayor's South Side Beauty Salon. The one where Mayor Johnson gets his pores flushed and toe nails clipped. The shop that has been receiving all his hard-begged campaign cash. Since he isn't getting any prettier, delegates might like to have a look for themselves. Word is there's more to the story.

Records show Johnson has spent more than \$30,000 on personal grooming paid through his campaign fund over the past year. His finance report also said he paid out \$4,000 to a barber in suburban Palatine. But the barber said he never saw any money and he never did any work on the mayor. This story has legs. Baby legs.

Damen/Lake Street Green Line L Station. Years after the CTA removed West Side stations that were located in "dangerous" neighborhoods, they are now

pouring lots of cash back in to reopen fresh stations. The CTA just spent seven years rebuilding a Green Line station near the United Center, to the tune of \$82 million.

Will any delegate use the stop? Probably safer than the streets. It looks like a terminal at O'Hare. Next stop leafy Oak Park.

Visit a Chicago Public School. Even though Chicago Police won't be manning the entrances and hallways of Chicago's ultimate dream schools, their passion for high achievement appears to outweigh all the violence and slaughter. Pick an inner city school and get the full experience.

Visit former Lakefront Park Homeless. They're no longer camped out in the parks along the lakefront, they're now living under the Dan Ryan Expy. and roaming the streets.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre site. Old Mayor Daley tried to erase the remnants of our Prohibition past. But 1929 is bigger than both of us. So just head up to 2122 N. Clark St., the site of the former garage where the Capone mob tried to liquidate the Bugs Moran gang. Those Feb. 14 murders are still unsolved.

Maybe Mayor Johnson might solve the mystery.

International Amphitheater. This indoor arena was home to many conventions. None bigger than the violence-wrapped 1968 Democratic Convention. The place opened in 1934 and was demolished in 1999. Senator Hubert Humphrey was nominated there. And Nixon in 1960. The building was a historic part of the city's Union Stockyards.

Mayor's Official Residence. Some say he's still living on the West Side. But others say he's moved to Beverly on the South Side. Others say he's living in a western suburb. Do some detective work. Or just ask a Chicago cop. What'ya think?

Art Institute's Stolen Nazi



A tub of Garrett's popcorn and a box of Frango Mints makes a Chicago visit complete. Image courtesy of Garrett Popcorn Shops

Art. Hitler's crew stole the artist Egon Schiele's drawing from a Viennese Jewish comedian. But the investigating New York D.A. now asks it to be returned. AIC President James Rondeau says it's not stolen, just after ridding himself of all museum docents. Ken Griffin, a wealthy former donor moved his gifts of priceless paintings to Palm Beach, taking back \$1 billion in gifts.

The museum, its president and staff are under a cloud. Rumors say Rondeau is on his way out.

Holy Name Cathedral. Just two weeks ago bike riders started a shoot-out outside the cathedral and wounded two by-standers. Shooters just peddled away.

Chicago Police Headquarters. In particular, the department responsible for cataloguing crime, both the actual statistics and the phony statistics given to the public. Most Chicagoans believe the city is hiding true statistics on crime.

Ald. Walter Burnett's office. He's a great guy who did not pay his water bill to the city (\$2,300). Walter owes a pile of dough. It looks bad. He represents a lot of big shots. Maybe they'll just give the payment to him.

Chicago Teacher's Union Headquarters. Otherwise known as Johnson for Mayor Headquarters. The union put Johnson in office. After one year people are fed up. Schools are in financial crisis. We have the teachers to thank. Payback is hell.

Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Worth, IL. Just inside the cemetery gates is the huge Daley gravesite. More people weep, now, at the grave as things in the city fall apart. And there's no powerful leaders left in conventions. Richard J. Daley was an Irish American kingmaker. Just ask the JFK crowd. And he kept the streets safe. His loss from the process is heartbreaking. And solutions are hard to find.

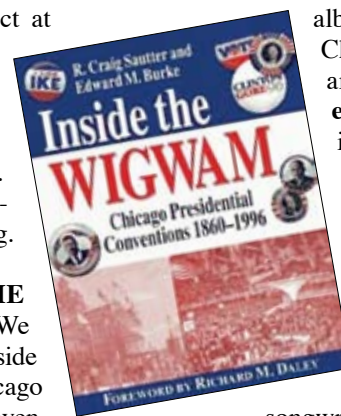
Hope the delegates will keep their eyes open. Both of them. And don't wear your Rolex out on the street.

Frango Mints at Macy's on State. And get some Fannie May candies too, their shops have reopened. We need some local treats.

Democratic National Convention: Chicago Streets Security Closures. Restrictions around McCormick Place go into effect at 10 p.m. Aug. 16, while the secure area around the United Center goes into effect at 7 p.m. Aug. 17.

Streets around the United Center will be closed starting 7 p.m. Aug. 17 until approximately Aug. 23.

INSIDE THE WIGWAM: We wrote the book, *Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions 1860-1996*, in 1996 and it did well. It's still timely and really interesting. No American city has been the site of more national presidential nominating conventions than Chicago. Since Abraham Lincoln was nominated at the Wigwam in 1860, Chicago has hosted 26 national conventions. Authors **R. Craig Sautter**, **Edward M. Burke** and this writer describe the historical significance of each major convention and portray the often larger-than-life personalities who became - or wanted to become - president.



Available on Amazon. **BUTTER FINGERS:** Gov. **JB Pritzker** and Illinois State Fair officials unveiled the Butter Cow Aug. 7 on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Inspired by "It's Showtime!," the 2024 fair theme, sculptor **Sarah Pratt's** creation captures the magic of the fair through the eyes of a child. Pratt was joined this year by her husband and twin daughters, **Hannah and Grace.**

HOPE: Care for Friends just broke ground on a \$9 million community center in Lincoln Park, in partnership with the Church of Our Saviour. The individuals who helped make it happen will be honored at the Power Hope Benefit on Sept. 5, at The Arbory.

LYRIC OPERA LOSS: Hilel Kagan, 85, a Chicago-area violinist, conductor and teacher, co-founder of the Concertante di Chicago chamber orchestra, who also played for many years in the orchestras of the Chicago Opera Theater and the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

DAVE GALLAGHER: After selling over 160,000 albums and singles, Chicago recording artist **Dave Gallagher** will be performing his first concert in eight years to celebrate his upcoming CD release at Davenport's, Sept. 29. He will be joined with his producer/arranger singer/songwriter **Danny Kravitz**, longtime Gold Coaster, who will be his opening act.

SCHOOL NEWS: Did you know that Chicago's Christopher Columbus Elementary School has been renamed in honor of the

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Financial planning tool offers free online help to budget late tax payments

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Property owners who were unable to pay their tax bills in full by the Aug. 1 due date need not worry about losing their home – at least not right away.

As a homeowner you have time to pay off your late taxes, though you will be charged additional interest costs. Now you also have access to a free online financial planning tool to make smaller payments over time.

We call it the Payment Plan Calculator and it's available at cookcountytreasurer.com. The calculator lets you:

- Set up a schedule to pay off a tax bill in smaller increments instead of all at once
- Choose between making payments once a month or twice monthly
- Create a personalized plan for catching up on delinquent taxes if you owe more than \$100

I hope the calculator eases taxpayers' concerns about losing their homes, businesses or other property because of unpaid taxes.

Social Security benefits program Aug. 22 at Budlong Woods Library

Seniors are invited to join in a Social Security benefits info session 2 p.m. Aug. 22, with the Assoc. of Financial Educators at Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N Lincoln Ave. For more information, visit the event webpage: <https://bit.ly/3YEADcP>

Workshop Aug. 16 on migrant peddlers, human trafficking, competency

Storefront businesses and special events organizers across the city have complained about migrant refugees who have been selling gum, candies or other items on the streets, inside storefronts or at farmers markets without permission.

In response, the City's Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights is hosting a workshop for businesses that covers human trafficking, domestic violence, street peddling and cultural competency tied to migrant refugees in Chicago.

The workshop will be held 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 16, at Swedish Hospital Auditorium, 2751 W. Winona St.

This workshop will provide details on how to respond compassionately but firmly when folks have these encounters.

Those interested in attending may register at <https://airtable.com/apptcXPABExyfK1gs/shrT6JzgSpjEA9IT>.

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The new Payment Plan Calculator is Cook County's latest effort to help people stay in their homes, by not losing them in a tax sale.

If you were unable to pay in full by the due date, you have about 13 months to pay off your bill before your unpaid tax debt is offered for auction at the Annual Tax Sale.



Maria Pappas

Tax Sale – period.

During those 13 months you will be charged interest of 9% a year, or 0.75% per month. That's a modest annual cost of \$90 for

every \$1,000 in delinquent taxes you owe. The annual interest rate was 18% before this year, but I won legislative reforms that slashed the rate by half.

If your unpaid residential taxes are purchased by a tax buyer at the Annual Tax Sale, you have about two and a half years to redeem your taxes. That means paying your unpaid taxes plus interest in full, in one lump sum. The vast majority of delinquent taxes are redeemed because people want to keep their homes and other property.

In a few instances, tax buyers can take possession of property – but not until about four years after the initial due date. That's

how the system works. Those delays are designed to give property owners every opportunity to pay their taxes and keep their property.

The new Payment Plan Calculator is our latest effort to help people stay in their homes. Other initiatives, such as promoting refunds and exemptions through my "Black Houses Matter" and "Latino Houses Matter" radio programs, also aim to give people the opportunity to build generational wealth through their most important financial asset – home sweet home.

DePaul hosts job expo Sept. 5

DePaul Univ. is hosting a Local Business & Part-time Job Expo noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Lincoln Park Student Center Quad, 2325 N. Seminary. The Expo is designed to connect students to the local community and to showcase local businesses.

At the Expo, students will have the chance to meet with representatives from a variety of local businesses to find out about their services, sample their products, connect with vendors, and find out about local businesses in Chicago. Additionally, local businesses that are hiring for part-time work are welcomed to promote experiences to students throughout the event.

There is no cost to participate for local businesses, however there are premium spaces available as a sponsor opportunity that include a larger space, additional tables, access to power, and more. For more information contact Courtney James at Courtney.James@depaul.edu.

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Home-loan rates finally coming down from Mr. Everest levels



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Home-loan interest rates—on a roller-coaster ride for more than two years—finally are coming down from lofty Mt. Everest levels.

On Aug. 8 average benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates fell a quarter of a percentage point to 6.47% nationwide—the lowest level in more than a year, reported Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey.

Thirty-year mortgage rates fell from 6.73% a week earlier. A year ago, the popular 30-year fixed-rate loans averaged 6.96%. Less than a year ago, on Oct. 26, 2023, the 30-year fixed-loan average skyrocketed to 7.79%.

“Home buyers who were priced out a few months ago should recheck whether they can enter the market if they have secure jobs,” said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Assn. of Realtors.

On Aug. 8, interest charges on 15-year fixed loans averaged an affordable 5.63%, down from 5.99% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 6.34%. On Oct. 26, 2023 the 15-year fixed-loan average zoomed

to 7.03%.

Analysts say mortgage rates have steadily fallen over the past several weeks since reaching a 2024 peak of 7.22% in early May.

“Mortgage rates plunged this week to their lowest level in over a year following the likely over-reaction to a less than favorable employment report and financial market turbulence for an economy that remains on solid footing,” said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac’s chief economist.

“The decline in mortgage rates does increase a prospective home buyer’s purchasing power and should begin to pique interest in making a move,” Khater said.

In addition, Khater noted that the drop in rates is already providing some existing homeowners the opportunity to refinance. The refinance share of market mortgage applications reached nearly 42%, the highest level since March 2022.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home pur-

chase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

The interest-rate rise over the past two-plus years was a direct result of the Federal Reserve Board’s [FED] aggressive interest-rate hikes intended to tame soaring inflation numbers not seen in 40 years.

The Fed raised its key benchmark-lending rate to a range of 5.25% to 5.50%, the highest level since 2007. Based on aggressive moves by the Fed, mortgage analysts earlier predicted 30-year fixed home loans could rise to the 8%-level. Rates have not hit that level since Aug. 11, 2000—more than 24 years ago.

Now, Wall Street analysts are currently betting that the Fed will cut rates aggressively this year. They forecast a large half-of-one percentage point rate cut next month, followed by two quarter-point cuts by the end of the year.

Those moves could push mortgage rates down to an affordable

5.5% for the spring 2025 home-buying season.

Mortgage-rate history

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.65%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression, when lenders were charging 5% on five-year balloon loans.

Nearly six decades ago, between 1963 and 1965 borrowers could obtain a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

In the early 1980s, runaway inflation caused home-loan rates to skyrocket into the stratosphere.

According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a jaw-dropping 18.45% in Oct. 1981 during that Great Recession.

Rates finally fell below 10% in April 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. Twenty-four years ago—in Aug. 2000—when some of today’s Millennial borrowers were still in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.04%.

Between 2002 and 2011, rates bounced in the 4%-to-6% range. They inched into the 3%-to-4% range until 2020, when they fell into the rock-bottom 2% bracket.

Good luck loan hunters! You likely will need it.

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



Lawrence Yun



Sam Khater

New path for migrant refugee resettlement is private sponsorship

A North Side migrant support group is hosting a sponsorship information session 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, to provide information on their new US Refugee Admissions Program called Welcome Corps.

The session will take place in person, at the Trellus Welcome Center, 2424 W. Peterson Ave. Trellus claims they will provide resources and training to volunteers, as a part of this new spon-

sorship program.

In Jan. 2023, the U.S. Dept. of State and U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services launched and created Welcome Center as a private sponsorship program that creates a new legal pathway for resettling migrant refugees. The program organizes groups of five or more U.S. citizens to sponsor refugees through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

The Welcome Corps is a fed-

eral program to manage refugee resettlement. The initiative aides migrant refugees who may have been forced to flee their homes in search of freedom.

Now, refugees seeking resettlement in the United States receive assistance through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in one of two ways: through professional resettlement agencies or via Welcome Corps’ sponsor groups.

Through The Welcome Corps, citizens may sponsor a refugee or family that needs support. Volunteers must commit to providing essential services to arriving refugees for their first 90 days in the community.

In addition to providing core private sponsorship services, sponsors are encouraged play a critical role in welcoming refugees, including securing and preparing initial housing, greeting refugees at the airport, helping enroll children in school, and helping adults find employment. Trellus claims they will provide

support and direction throughout the process.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are over the age of 18 and living in or near the same community, must complete an application process, undergo a background check, and demonstrate sufficient resources. Sponsors must raise a minimum of \$2,425 in cash and in-kind contributions for each refugee newcomer. This fund is used to secure and furnish housing and cover the refugee’s initial basic needs.

Trellus was formed 45 years ago by a group of men from Cambodia who were responding to the plight of those escaping internment camps in Vietnam and arriving in Chicago. Their work established the foundation of what would become Asian Human Services and later Trellus.

Those who may be interested in learning more about Private Sponsorship may email welcome@mytrellus.org.

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Ald. Smith remembered as an “amazing” 48th Ward leader

BY MARTHA ROSENBERG

Ald. Mary Ann Smith, who served the 48th Ward from 1991 until 2011, died on July 31 from complications of Parkinson’s disease at the age of 77. A tireless worker for environmental, school, park, anti-crime, traffic, streetscape and preservation initiatives, Ald. Smith was also vice-chair of the Lake Michigan Federation, vice-chair of the City Council Subcommittee on the Chicago Lakefront and chair of the City Council Committee on Parks.

She also worked against Lake Michigan pollution, nursing home voter abuse and supported human rights ordinances according to the Edgewater Historical Society. Public service was her life.

Upon her retirement, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky [9th], said that Ald. Smith was “especially active in public safety, community-directed development, transit and walkability, lakefront planning, animal rights, health care, seniors’ issues, affordable housing and public sector accountability. Her recent groundbreaking advocacy [in 2011] to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud and the exploitation of the mentally ill has helped make nursing homes and our communities safer.”

Ald. Smith “provided our schools with additions and renovations that gave them clean and up-to-date learning environments,” said former 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman, who followed Smith as alderman for the ward. For example, in 2007 Ald. Smith provided the William C. Goudy Technology Academy with a beautiful new Campus Park and in 2009, she was instrumental in the complete remodeling of the pool and locker rooms at the ward’s Swift School, an upgraded facility that was named the Mary Ann Smith Aquatic Center.

Playgrounds and child resources were also a main focus of Ald. Smith. In 2011, she facilitated an expanded Bromann Playlot Park in Edgewater, announced by Chicago’s Public Building Commission and the mayor’s office. “The 3,750 square foot playground expansion was funded largely in part by a TIF grant in the amount of \$350,000,” said the announcement. “It now features play equipment with rubber surface for children ages 5-12, ornamental fencing, a new bench and a new addition to the existing swing set. It has soft surfacing and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act to be accessible to children with disabilities.”

Local residents also appreciated Ald. Smith’s years-long efforts to restore the Uptown Theatre which finally received the City Council’s approval for the work in 2017. Yet, here in 2024, that work has yet to get started. Smith said that saving historically and architecturally significant buildings is “consequential not just because they’re important structures but because people needed to be reassured that this [area] is viable” when it comes to “property values.”

Architect Thom Greene, who



Former Ald. Mary Ann Smith.

knew and worked with Smith for 36 years, told Inside Publications that repurposing a historical building instead of ‘throwing the whole building out’ was a fresh concept when he and the alderman began working together.

“Keep in mind, when she began as alderman,” said Greene, “streetscaping, outdoor cafes and preservation were new ideas. Mary Ann succeeded in getting City personnel to think differently about parks, schools, traffic calming, landscaping and neighborhood beautification through public slide shows she would give at City Hall to the city’s Planning, Zoning, Transportation and Environmental departments,” he said. “She had a powerful influence beyond the 48th Ward.”

Smith was also a “delegator” and “connector” who brought people together, sometimes in her own home, Greene went on to say. “She loved animals, parks, flowers and people. Days before we lost her she was showing us new examples of neighborhood upgrades we could explore and adopt.”

Public safety was also important to the late alderman. “When

my children were growing up here, crime was rampant,” she told Windy City Times. “It used to be that people didn’t want to go north of Irving Park, and real estate maps and tourism maps never went north of there. I felt it was an outrage.”

Traffic calming, another public safety measure, was also key to the alderman. She told Streetfilms, “Signs don’t do the job, even having police officers on the corner does not do the job;” the secret to preventing traffic injuries and deaths was making the street traffic slower.

During her tenure, Ald. Smith, who was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1989 and re-elected five times, won a United Nations Programme Award for Citizen Action to Protect the Global Environment, an environmental honor that recognizes those who have taken bold action to create positive change for the

planet.

In 1997, she was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

Ald. Smith “was an amazing public servant who served the people in her ward for 20 years with grace, integrity and heart,”

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Pride Fest phone thief got caught with 23 more stolen phones at Lollapalooza



Juan Pablo Giraldo-Ruiz is seen in mugshots taken after his arrests at Pride Fest, left, and Lollapalooza.

A Florida man on pretrial release for allegedly stealing phones at Pride Fest earlier this summer is facing even more charges after he was caught with 23 stolen phones at Lollapalooza, according to court records.

You may remember Juan Pablo Giraldo-Ruiz from our recent story about widespread phone thefts at Pride Fest, the street festival held in Boystown every June.

As we wrote, "organized theft crews, usually operated by people from out of state, have targeted Pride Fest, the Pride Parade, and other major events like Lollapalooza since at least 2019... The thieves love working dancefloors, crowded bars, and other tightly packed areas where victims are less likely to be suspicious of random bumping and touching."

While we've reported on many people who've been accused of stealing phones at Lolla and Pride for several years, Giraldo-Ruiz is the first person to be arrested twice for allegedly stealing phones at big events.

Chicago police arrested him around 10:10 p.m. June 22 after a 42-year-old man told cops that Giraldo-Ruiz reached into his pocket, took his phone, and handed it off to an accomplice who got away, a CPD report said.

Officers who searched Ruiz found "multiple credit cards that did not belong to [him]... and another cell phone," the report said.

He was released from police custody after being charged with misdemeanor theft.

With the June case still pending, Giraldo-Ruiz got arrested again Aug. 2 at Lollapalooza.

Undercover cops allegedly saw him and another person putting multiple phones into a Faraday bag, a specially designed pouch that prevents devices from successfully transmitting and receiving electronic signals.

After Giraldo-Ruiz put the Faraday bag under a bush, the cops moved in, arresting him and seizing the bag, which contained 23 stolen phones, the CPD report said. Investigators identified one of the victims, a man from Muskegon, Michigan.

Prosecutors charged Giraldo-Ruiz with one count of felony theft. Judge Carline Glennon-Goodman held Giraldo-Ruiz in custody for violating pretrial release conditions in the Pride Fest case. Another judge

will review his detention status on Tuesday morning.

Court records show that prosecutors eventually dropped most Lolla and Pride phone theft cases.

Uptown burglar enters building by compromising key box intended for first responders



Managers of an Uptown residential building say this man has accessed their building repeatedly by compromising a key box intended for use by first responders.

Now that almost everyone in Chicago knows that thieves have compromised the U.S. Postal Service master key system to access buildings across the city, we're learning about another problem.

Residents of an Uptown condo building are dealing with a burglar who has found a way to access a fire department key box that holds the building's keys, so firefighters responding to an emergency won't have to force their way into the complex.

Similar key boxes are typically mounted outside building entrances and in vestibules. The fire department has a master key to unlock the boxes, but the key this thief is using could have come from anywhere.

The management company of a building, located in the 4800 block of N. Clark, told residents this weekend that the same burglar took keys from the building's fire department key box to access the building on July 27, July 28, July 31, and August 6.

Once inside the building, the man has taken packages from the lobby and other property from cars parked in the garage, according to an email from management.

By the way, the man in the building's surveillance photo above strongly resembles a package thief and burglar who has frequently targeted apartment buildings, especially in Uptown. We've written a couple of stories about him and, in light of the new developments, shared his name with the appropriate people.

Florida man busted with 12 stolen phones at Lollapalooza

A Florida man had 12 stolen phones hidden in his clothing when covert Chicago police officers rescued him from an angry mob at Lollapalooza on Aug. 1, officials said.

The undercover cops saw Jose Daniel Payo Perez, 29, of Miami, "walking in a manner that is not common and with a torn shirt" on the festival grounds at Grant Park around 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, according to a CPD report.

The report continued, "They watched him until several people confronted him, saying, 'He has the phones.'"

Concerned for Payo Perez's safety, the officers broke cover and detained Payo Perez, who had "multiple bulges" in his clothing, according to the report. The cops said they found a "large amount of phones" on him dur-

ing a pat-down search.

A Chicago police inventory report said the cops recovered 12 phones. They managed to identify six of the owners.

Payo Perez is charged with six counts of theft of lost or mislaid property and, because he allegedly lacked a Lollapalooza wristband, trespassing. The arrest report indicated that he is currently on probation in Florida, but it did not specify the nature of his conviction in the Sunshine State.

Judge William Fahy released Payo Perez pending trial.

Organized theft crews, usually operated by people from out of state, have targeted Lollapalooza, Pride Fest, and other major events since at least 2019.



Jose Daniel Payo Perez

The thieves love working dance floors, crowded bars, and other tightly packed areas where victims are less likely to be suspicious of random bumping and touching.

A Texas man is also charged with stealing phones at Lollapalooza this weekend.

Luis Marin-Vega, 39, of San Antonio, was arrested by covert Chicago police officers around 6:45 p.m. Aug. 4.

The cops said Marin-Vega shoved them, flailed his arms, and bit one of them on the hand when they tried to question him about the phone thefts. He's accused of trying to bite the second officer, too.

Once he was in custody, the cops allegedly found three stolen iPhones in his backpack.

He is charged with two counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer, two counts of aggravated assault of a peace officer, assault, and three counts of theft of lost or mislaid property.

Judge Shauna Boliker released him to await trial.

Police have arrested phone theft crews at Lollapalooza for several years in a row. Prosecutors eventually dropped most of the cases.

Suburban man stole parking enforcement officer's car in River North



Roman Moroz

"I'm taking your vehicle," Roman Moroz, 32, allegedly told the 49-year-old ticket writer as she stood in the 300 block of E. Chicago Ave. at 8:17 a.m. Aug. 2.

And that's exactly what he did, according to the police.

CPD's vehicular hijacking task force got to work on the case. Within a couple of hours, they located the stolen 2020 Chevy Cruze after a license plate reader detected its municipal plate on the inbound Kennedy near Lawrence, a police report said.

A covert unit assigned to the task force caught up with the Cruze near Fullerton and radioed its location until marked squad cars pulled it over at 43 E. Ohio a few minutes later, according to the report.

Judge Caroline Glennon-Goodman released Moroz from custody to await trial.

Man charged with shooting 16-year-old boy near the Mag Mile

Prosecutors have charged a man with shooting a 16-year-old boy from Delaware on a bustling downtown street corner Aug. 2.

Jasean Butler, 19, fired "several" shots toward the boy on the corner of Wabash and Chicago Ave. around 4:45 p.m., officials said. Bullets struck the boy in the shoulder and also struck a 24-year-old man who was standing



Jasean Butler

nearby, prosecutors said.

The shooting was recorded by a Chicago police surveillance camera and security cameras at a near-

by Chick-fil-A, according to court records.

A CPD surveillance officer who quickly reviewed a variety of video feeds determined that the gunman fled onto a southbound Red Line CTA train at the State-Chicago stop, a police report stated.

According to the report, officers intercepted a train at Roosevelt shortly after 5 p.m. and detained Butler because he and the woman he was sitting next to matched the suspect descriptions.

The woman turned out to be Butler's girlfriend. A backpack that cops saw sitting between the couple on the train contained a loaded 9-millimeter handgun, the report continued.

Judge Susana Ortiz granted the state's detention petition, so Butler will stay in jail until trial unless another judge decides to let him go home. Among the reasons Ortiz gave for keeping Butler in jail was the allegation that his girlfriend identified him as the shooter.

He is charged with one count of aggravated battery by discharging a firearm.

Lollapalooza crowds targeted by chain-snatching robbers in the Loop

Police are investigating reports of widespread robberies targeting crowds leaving Lollapalooza in the Loop Aug. 3 and 4. On Saturday and Sunday nights, multiple people reported that small groups stole their necklaces or phones as they walked from Grant Park to the CTA after the annual concert festival.

Chicago police received reports of several robberies Aug. 3:

- Around 10:40 p.m., someone shoved a woman to the ground and robbed her at the Jackson Blue Line.

- Minutes later, a man was punched and robbed of his gold chain by a group of people who also displayed a knife near State and Van Buren.

- Around the same time, reports of additional robberies at and near the Jackson Blue Line CTA station surfaced.

"Random guy tried to mug me in the streets right after leaving the festival," one attendee said on Reddit after leaving the concert on Aug. 3. "My friend and I were leaving the festival walking from the main entrance down W Harrison St. between State and Plymouth, and a man jumped from the shadows of a parking lot and reached for my gold necklaces and kinda throat punched me and tore them off."

"The necklaces dropped to the ground and I screamed pretty loudly and he ran off and luckily he didn't get anything! I couldn't believe he went for my necklaces and not the new iPhone in my hand," they wrote. "There were at least 5 people walking right near me and maybe 15 people behind me."

There was a repeat performance late Sunday night, with a woman losing her chain to a group of people who appeared to be targeting customers leaving a convenience store near Van Buren and Dearborn.

On Reddit, another Lollapalooza attendee posted a video after they saw someone get robbed of a chain on Aug. 4.

"Rough buddy, don't take your nice chains to lolla.. shrug" wrote the Reddit user.

According to a witness who wrote to this reporter, a group also attacked and robbed a father and his son at the convenience store.

Reports surfaced of multiple robberies near the Jackson Blue Line CTA station. Around 10:42 p.m., a group of

people on bikes stole a man's chain.

According to a witness, another robbery occurred in the 500 block of S. Federal minutes later.

A man on a scooter robbed a victim near Van Buren and Plymouth shortly after 11 p.m.

Yet another man reported that three men held him down near the Jackson Blue Line and tried to take his chain. He told police the group did not speak English and "seemed organized."

A man robbed two men, ages 19 and 20, in the 300 block of S. Dearborn at about midnight. A CPD spokesperson said a man grabbed them, took their property, and fled. Police took a suspect into custody, and charges are pending, the spokesperson said Aug. 5.

Armed robbers abduct man near Wrigley Field, force him to make ATM withdrawals

A Wicker Park man was kidnapped from a Wrigleyville street by men who forced him to withdraw money from ATMs around the city, according to Chicago police. The details are identical to a string of kidnappings and robberies that targeted men in Wrigleyville and Boystown nearly two years ago.

The latest incident began Aug. 6 after the Cubs beat the Minnesota Twins at Wrigley Field. According to a CPD spokesperson, a 30-year-old man was walking in the 900 block of W. Addison when a dark sedan rolled up sometime after 11 p.m.

Two men, one displaying a gun, forced him to get into the car. They drove the man to various locations, stopping along the way to force him to withdraw money from ATMs, the spokesperson said.

They eventually released the man, who was not physically injured, at an unknown location. Police were called to the man's Wicker Park apartment to take a report on Wednesday morning. No suspect descriptions were available.

In Oct. 2022, police repeatedly warned the public about a group of men who were abducting and robbing victims in the Wrigleyville nightlife district. No arrests were ever announced, but four men reported being abducted and robbed within a matter of days.

Two or three men typically forced or lured those victims into a car, displayed a gun, and robbed them while driving around the neighborhood. Victims generally reported that the men approached them from behind and ordered them into a waiting car at gunpoint.

Once inside the vehicle, the offenders drove the victim around the neighborhood and took their wallets and phones. The victims were then released nearby without being harmed, according to CPD.

"They need to be caught. These guys are professionals," a relative of one victim told us in 2022. She said the robbers "cleared out" the victim's bank accounts "within hours."

About two months after the Wrigleyville incidents, on Christmas Eve 2022, a man from out of town was kidnapped on the Halsted St. bar strip in nearby Boystown.

The 26-year-old told police he was walking near Halsted St. and Cornelia Ave. when two men wearing dark clothing and ski masks confronted him with a handgun around 10 p.m., a CPD spokesperson said at the time.

Both offenders demanded the man's property and forced him to get into his 2021 Kia, which was parked on Cornelia just across from Hydrate nightclub, a police report said.

A fight broke out inside the victim's car while the men drove away with him inside the Kia. The robbers stopped at an ATM and forced the

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Shoplifting spikes to 22-year high in Chicago

BY CWB CHICAGO

Shoplifting reports in Chicago have soared 45% this year, making 2024 the worst year for retail theft in the city since at least 2003. There could be a couple of reasons for the spike.

We decided to look into the city's shoplifting rate after our team, while working on neighborhood crime rate reports, discovered that retail theft reports were driving crime rates substantially higher in parts of the city. For example, in Avondale, shoplifting reports spiked from 87 during the first half of 2023 to 240 through June of this year.

We discovered that, as of July 29, Chicago police had taken 7,584 shoplifting reports this year, up from 5,275 during the same period last year. That makes 2024 the worst year for shoplifting since 2003, the first year with complete retail theft data in the city's online crime database.

So, what's causing the increase?

Some might argue that shop-



Shoplifting reports have surged in Chicago to the highest level seen since at least 2003. *Courtesy Infogram*

lifters have become emboldened since Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, in her first major policy move after taking office in 2016, eased enforcement of the state's retail theft laws.

Under Illinois law, shoplifting merchandise worth more than \$500 is a felony. But Foxx ordered prosecutors not to pursue felony charges unless the value exceeds \$1,000 or the defendant has 10 or more felony convictions in their background.

However, a closer look at the

city's data, combined with police and court records, reveals that there could be a couple of other factors in play.

First, it appears that some retailers are either experiencing a sudden tidal wave of shoplifters or, perhaps more likely, have decided to start reporting thefts to the police.

In other words, increased theft reporting, rather than increased incidents, may be contributing to the surge.

One of those companies ap-

pears to be Target.

Last year, in a shoplifting-related story, we reported that Target stores citywide recorded about 60 retail thefts in 2022.

This year, of the individual addresses with the most retail theft reports filed with Chicago police, five of the top 10 locations are Target stores. Those five stores alone generated hundreds of shoplifting reports with CPD, well above the company's citywide total just two years ago.

Target did not respond to an email seeking information for this story.

CPD data shows another shoplifting explosion in the 3200 block of W. Belmont. Seven retail theft cases were reported on that block during all of 2022. There were four last year. As of July 29, CPD had taken 95 shoplifting reports on the block in 2024, representing a 2,375% surge.

Records suggest the store responsible for those reports is TJ Maxx, 3262 W. Belmont. While an Aldi and a Five Below are in the same strip mall as the TJ

Maxx, the other stores have addresses in the 3300 block of W. Belmont.

Data and police records show that proximity to migrant shelters may be contributing to increases at some stores.

So far this year, Chicago police have arrested 59 people for shoplifting at Nordstrom Rack, 24 N. State. During the same period last year, there were 51. But in 2022, there were only two. CPD reports show that cases filed at that Nordstrom Rack location during 2024 and 2023 frequently, but not always, involved migrants who listed the Standard Club as their home.

Up the street at Macy's, Chicago police made 150 shoplifting arrests through July 28 this year. That's down from 166 last year, but up from 89 in 2022. As with Nordstrom Rack, migrants listing the Standard Club as their home address are commonly associated with arrest reports filed at Macy's.

FAN EXPO Chicago celebrates 52 years of fandom

Expo has earliest comic book convention roots

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

There is a convention in town and everybody is talking about it. Excitement is everywhere. Good guys and bad guys will be fighting it out, but it's not the convention you may be thinking about. No protestors are expected despite all the drama that is guaranteed to take place.

Fifty two years ago, local fandom was changed forever when Nostalgia '72 began in Chicago, creating the first space in the Midwest for fans to gather and celebrate comics.

The show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, now called FAN EXPO Chicago, continues to be the region's longest-running comic and pop culture convention, and may seem overwhelming for the first-time guest. With so much to see and do, the three-day event, running Aug. 16 - 18, has a multitude of celebrities and events.

This year's all-star roster includes some of the biggest pop culture icons, including a first-ever team up with Star Wars legends Mark Hamill and Hayden Christensen, along with a host of Star Wars talent including Rosario Dawson, Alan Tudyk, Eman Esfandi, Diana Lee Inosanto, Gina Carano, and Temuera Morrison; a Terminator cast reunion featuring Linda Hamilton, Robert Patrick,

Edward Furlong, Michael Biehn, and Lance Henriksen; Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei; Star Trek captains Kirk and Janeway, William Shatner and Kate Mulgrew respectively; a Scream reunion with Skeet Ulrich, Matthew Lillard, Jamie Kennedy, and Laurie Metcalf; and many more.

Celebrity guests are set to meet and greet fans, chatting over autograph and photo opportunities.

Attendees will meet the people behind some of the most popular animated characters in pop culture at the Expo. From classic films to the television shows and Anime of today, we're welcoming voice actors including Peter Cullen, Ella Purnell, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Frank Welker, Butch Hartman, Amir Talai, and Erika Henningsen.

FAN EXPO Chicago honors its 52-year legacy as the longest-running comic convention in the Midwest, putting comic creators front and center.

This year, featured guests include Andy Kubert (Batman: The Dark Knight); Brad Meltzer

(Identity Crisis, JLA, Ghost Machine); Geoff Johns (Geiger, Hyde Street); Bill Morrison (Yellow Submarine, The Simpsons, Futurama); Larry F. Houston (X-Men: The Animated Series); and more at from the industry in the show's hallmark Artist Alley.

Expo's Kids' Zone features programming for all ages, including animation workshops; the Kids' Cosplay Red Carpet; Cosplay Story Time; a slime-making session; and the Force Academy, where Padiwans and younglings aged 6 - 15 can learn some basic lightsaber skills.

There will be hundreds of retailers from all over the globe selling items and collectibles. From finding that rare comic book, stunning original artwork, graphic novels, memorabilia, games, toys, or t-shirts, it's all here.

Knights, wizards, dragons, and dungeon masters gather throughout the weekend. Twenty Sided Tavern returns to Chicago for a

special panel moderated by Neil Newbon; D&D Improv brings volunteers from the audience into a quest against monsters and villains; Chicago's own Rough Magic Games hosts free tabletop games throughout the show; and Thunderforge Studios offers free D&D mini-figure painting and prize raffles all weekend long at their booth on the show floor.

Symposium panels provide chills, thrills, and skills throughout the event. Explore Chicago's historic and haunted graveyards, hosted by paranormal podcasters Patrick Harrington and Rebecca Rivers (Ghostly Podcast) and Scott Larson (Visitations); learn how to create the most epic cosplay ever with sewing classes, body positivity seminars, and sword fighting lessons; and see special one-night-only performances of original Twilight parody musical TWIHARD on Friday, and improvised Star Trek parody

STARSHIP EDSEL on Saturday, from Chicago's Otherworld Theatre Company.

Looking for the ultimate, one-of-a-kind tattoo? Check out Tattoo Alley, powered by Ink Fusion Empire where 14 talented, licensed artists will be inking up fans all weekend, immortalizing fandoms forever. Book an appointment with an artist online, and start thinking about your design.

One of the great joys of the Expo is bringing fans together to celebrate their fandom, and nowhere is that more evident than on the Cosplay Red Carpet. Guests in costume can walk the carpet while your friends and fellow fans cheer you on and snap pics - or just watch the incredibly talented cosplay creators show off their wardrobe.

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Sound baths offered at Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool



The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool in Lincoln Park.

The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is for many is a hidden oasis on the city. Now Lily Pool fans can indulge in a serene sound bath meditation hosted in partnership with Lincoln Park Conservancy and Anna Romo, owner of Virtue Alchemy Candle Co & Busy Body Retreats.

As a licensed massage therapist and certified yoga teacher, Anna invites people to immerse themselves in this peaceful setting for a relaxing experience.

Romo is hosting an event starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at 125 W. Fullerton. The cost is \$55, and each guest receives a gift bag.

Due to ongoing restoration work, the Lily Pool will be closed to the public, thereby ensuring an exclusive private event within this serene natural setting. The Pavilion and paths leading to it will be closed. However, the Council Ring and Waterfall areas will remain available for use.

Those who want to join in should bring a yoga mat, pillow,

blanket, eye mask (optional), and bolster for under your knees (optional).

Guests will set up yoga mats along the paths and area around the Council Ring. The sounds will easily carry throughout the area.

Doors open at 8:20 a.m. and lock at 8:30 a.m. The sound bath will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 9:30 a.m. The Lincoln Park Conservancy will open at 10 am to the public.

Free parking available along Cannon and Stockton drives, dependent on availability.

Sound Bath Meditation provides soothing sounds while Anna plays singing bowls and chimes that promote relaxation and inner peace.

The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is undergoing its first restoration since the Lincoln Park Conservancy renovated the site in 2004, earning it its national historic landmark status.

This park is the vision of landscape architect Alfred Caldwell: a hidden garden for the people of Chicago designed to resemble a river meandering through a great Midwestern prairie. Most of the materials used in its creation and the plants in the Lily Pool are native to the Midwest region. The critical maintenance is focused on the site's iconic pavilions. To learn more about the Lily Pool's Restoration visit <https://www.lincolnparkconservancy.org/category/alfred-caldwell-lily-pool/lily-pool-restoration/>.



The Guesthouse Hotel general manager Rick Verkler (left) and Ald. Matt Martin celebrate a neighborhood milestone at 4872 N. Clark St.



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late U.S. Supreme Court's **Ruth Bader Ginsberg**? Did you know her son lives in Chicago? He's a well-established classical recording executive.

TEN YEARS: The Guesthouse Hotel at 4872 N. Clark St just celebrated their 10th anniversary. Congratulations to Guesthouse Hotel owners **David** and **Simona Krug**, general manager **Rick Verkler** and their super friendly staff, on the beautiful space and their first decade of providing a wonderful place in the neighborhood for friends and family to stay.

HELLENIC GALA: National Hellenic Museum announces 2024 Gala 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Hilton Chicago on Michigan Ave. The festive evening will support NHM's mission to share Greek history, art, culture and the Greek American story. Each year the Museum's programs collectively serve thousands of students, members and guests across Chicago, the United States and beyond.

LIVING NEWSPAPER FESTIVAL: Jackalope Theatre Company has announced that they are returning to the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, with the 15th Annual Living Newspaper Festival, Sept. 13 - 16.

The Living Newspaper Festival is inspired by the 1930s Living Newspapers of the Federal Theatre Project that created stories based on recent events. This year's Festival includes five one-act plays from acclaimed playwrights inspired from recent news headlines.

For more information visit

www.jackalopetheatre.org or by calling 773-340-2543.

RIVENDELL THEATRE BASH: The 2024 Benefit Bash for Rivendell Theatre Ensemble will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Bridge 410, 410 N. Paulina. The event will include cocktails, lite bites, a silent auction and raffle, and the presentation of the WREN Award to **Cathy Taylor** for her tireless efforts to uplift the work of Chicago theaters. A VIP Reception will be held at 5 p.m. General admission tickets are priced \$125, VIP tickets are priced \$175.

OLYMPIC ROWING: Our USA rowing team won gold for the first time since 1960. **Liam Corrigan**, **Michael Grady**, **Justin Best** and **Nick Mead** lifted the nation's heart getting gold for their flight across the water. US swimmer **Bobby Finke** won second-straight 1,500m freestyle gold in record time. **Noah Lyles** won gold in the 100-meter dash and ended a 20 year drought in the event for Team USA.

And happy to see our Irish cousins pick up some gold. Our Cork cousins are pure madmen, as well as nearby seacoast neighbors in Skibbereen, West Cork. **Paul O'Donovan** and **Fintan McCarthy** won Ireland's second gold medal at Paris Olympics.

WHO'S WHERE: **Dave Hoekstra** at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in California... White Sox Fan Club, that's an elite dinner with **Frank Thomas**, **Chipper Jones**, **Fred McGriff**, **Ken Griffey Jr.**, **Dave Winfield**, **Jim Thome**, **Larry Walker**, **Cal Ripken Jr.** and **Eddie Murray**... **Bonnie Spurlock** looks refreshed and

youthful with her new coif coloring... Real estate pro **Ken Dooley** in Ireland brought his daughter, **Faye Dooley**, back to his birthplace for her 18th birthday and I know some Guinness was involved... **Peggy Snorf** sailing on a beautiful evening on the lake... **Whitney Reynolds** shopping at the Farmers' Market in Roscoe Village... A glamor preview was underway in advance of the Service Club's "Day on the Terrace," with designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Sherrill Bodine**... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** in Sardegna with the family bouncing on the sun-kissed sea and dining al fresco... **Bill** and **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** joined **Myra** and birthday boy **John Reilly** for fun... **April Aloisio** and **Joanie Pallatto** have released a new album, "April and Joanie Sing," available at Southport Records... **Cynthia Olson** has returned from the glories of Royal London to her Gold Coast 'hood... **Jay Barksdale** dining with **Lori Sullivan** at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta on State St.

WASHINGTON DC HONOR: Country music legend **Johnny Cash** will receive a statue in his honor in the United States Capitol. It will be unveiled next month, House Speaker **Mike Johnson** and Democratic leader **Hakeem Jeffries** announced. It will replace a past statue of questionable racist history.

Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

-- Thomas Jefferson

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Osterman said. "She cared about inclusivity and human rights and made sure everyone had a seat at the table. She was an amazing woman and leader who loved her two sons and always seemed to be with her beloved dogs. It is very sad that we lost her at such a young age."

Architect Greene, who lived down the street from Ald. Smith, notes that the two were instrumental in getting the neighborhoods of Byrn Mawr, Lakewood Balmoral and Andersonville designated National Register Historic Districts. "We, here in Edgewater, were lucky to have Mary Ann to set the new baseline for our community that everyone has today—even those who may not be aware of her efforts."

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The 95-year-old Music Box Theater will be closed until early September for repairs. It is the first time since 1982 that the theater has been closed for repairs.

The last motion picture show ... for a month

Music Box Theater closing for rehab

Last week the Music Box Theater showed its last motion picture, then closed down for a month for rehab. The beloved Southport corridor movie house is one of last remaining jewel box motion picture houses on the North Side.

The historical movie theater made their announcement online saying that they will reopen after repairs to the facility, including improved lighting and new seats with cupholders.

“For nearly 95 years, the Music Box Theatre has been a haven for countless passionate moviegoers, providing unique programming 365 days a year. Described in 1929 as a place of “lasting beauty and great durability,” we’re still going strong with our 100th birthday on the horizon,” their released statement said.

This is the first time since 1982 that the theater has been closed for repairs. They hope to reopen in early September.

They also announced a fundraising effort called Revive at 95, so that those who wish to pitch in can help pay for those cupholders.

For the seat refurbishing, the Music Box has hired Evanston-based Rebuilding Exchange, a nonprofit that specializes in re-using building materials and reducing construction waste.

“But time, even for a cherished landmark, leaves its mark. All those wonderful audiences, all those memories, and all that cinema have taken their toll on the space,” the management said. So, as their 100th birthday approaches, they are embarking on a major revitalization of their main 740-seat auditorium, “to keep the Music Box a community institution long into the future. Have no fear...we might be getting some work done, but we’ll still be the same Music Box you know and love.”

Besides the cupholders, the other elements of the rehab project include new auditorium seats, improved auditorium lighting, refinished flooring and new carpeting, refurbishment of the original proscenium arch and expanded ADA capabilities with

T-coil hearing loop system.

That new hearing system will amplify a movie’s sound directly into compatible hearing aids or other hearing assistance devices. Headphones may also be provided to hard-of-hearing customers.

All totaled, the work is expected to cost over \$700,000. And the Music Box is accepting donations and offering opportunities to sponsor a seat to help offset the costs. One seat sponsorship is \$750 and two are \$1,400, which includes a plate on the seat engraved with the donor’s name. Donations are being accepted at <https://revive.musicboxtheatre.com/donate>.

Change of plans for new Timeline theater in Uptown

Construction has finally gotten underway at 5035 N. Broadway in Uptown on the new TimeLine Theater. TimeLine’s timing turned out to be horrible as they undertook their - now \$46 million project - in 2018, but then ran into engineering problems in their newly purchased 100-year-old building, then came the loss of an adjacent parking lot, taken by the CTA as a part of their Red Purple Line rehab, followed by the government-imposed COVID economic lockdown.

In that time, the project grew from their original \$20 million planned budget to their now \$46 million planned budget.

The original goal was to have a new 250-seat main theater and a 150-seat secondary theater. But now their plans call for just a second-floor main stage black-box theater, along with a first floor bar and cafe, as well as lobby space for exhibitions and informal educational programming. They hope to be open by the spring of 2026.

Funding for the \$46 million project comes from a variety of sources including \$10 million in Tax Increment Financing money provided by nearby property owners, and a \$2.9 million grant from the State of Illinois. But the majority of the funds have come from private donations. Of the roughly \$40 million TimeLine says it already has raised coming from private sources, reportedly nine of those donations were seven-figure amounts.



A design rendering of TimeLine’s new home, to be located at 5035 N. Broadway in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood.

Rendering courtesy of HGA

As for TimeLine’s engineering and CTA problems... there are presently no construction plans for the parking lot south of the theater, as the CTA is still using it as a staging area. In time it will again become available for future development.

And due to engineering load issues, rather than building a theater inside of the

Free concert Aug. 15 at Newcity

The Newcity shopping center is hosting the “Sounds of Summer” free concert featuring Rod Tuffcurls & The Benchpress at 1457 N. Halsted St. Events run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, and the evening will support non-profit organization Bike MS, who will receive 100% of sales from beverages and donations.

Letter to the Editor

Tongue-in-cheek

In response to those whose opinion was contrary to Thomas J. O’Gorman’s column regarding gun possession in Chicago, (July 31-Aug. 6)

Mr. O’Gorman often writes with a “tongue-in-cheek” style that many of us view as part of his charisma. My take on this was: if you take all the guns off the street, you will still have a crime problem. But if you take all the criminals off the street, you won’t have a gun problem.

Daleen Reed
Sandburg Village

former warehouse, TimeLine will demolish the building facade and create a new precast concrete facade from scratch. Production support space and storage facilities will be warehoused in the remaining rear section of the original building.

TimeLine has typically focused on staging historical dramas. It was founded by graduates of DePaul University’s Theatre School over 25 years ago and formerly worked out of rented space in Lakeview at the Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ - now Chabad East Lakeview - at 615 W. Wellington Ave.

Cops at Cubs Sept. 3

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is hosting their annual Cubs Wrigleyville Rooftop fundraiser 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

A \$125 donation gets you admission to the rooftop (at 1010 W. Waveland) and unlimited food and drinks.

The event offers a way to spend a

summer evening while contributing to a police cause.

Tickets will not be mailed out to you, name will appear on the check-in list. All guests must bring a photo ID.

For more information visit www.cpd-memorial.org.

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victim to withdraw money, and they eventually dropped him off in the 8300 block of S. Kerfoot in Auburn Gresham. Both robbers fled the scene in the victim’s Kia, which had Oregon license plates.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF vs. JULIE FOX AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS S. O'MALLEY; PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; WINCHESTER GRAND CONDOMINIUMS; MICHAEL O'MALLEY, JR.; MARK O'MALLEY; KEVIN O'MALLEY; GERALD O'MALLEY; JAMES O'MALLEY; PATRICK O'MALLEY; KATHLEEN FIREK; SEAN O'MALLEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS S. O'MALLEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS 22 CH 12304 CALENDAR 60 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 17, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest

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bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-30-401-034-1005. Commonly known as 7513 N. Winchester Ave., #1 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.. 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, Marinocsi Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, IL 60154. (312) 940-8580. 22-06640 USC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13249520**

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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., EDGEMOOR 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.

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The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, 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 **13249163**

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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: 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.. Sale terms: At sale, the

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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 **13248995**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2005-WMCS, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WMCS Plaintiff, vs. SANDRA WOODS MCBETH, RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS 22 CH 11571 512 N. MCCLURG CT., UNIT 3310 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 17, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 18, 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 512 N. MCCLURG CT., UNIT 3310, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1328 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$776,684.78. 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

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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 LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 22-03473. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-

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ing sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO IL, 60606 312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 22-03473 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 22 CH 11571 TJSC#: 44-1781 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 # 22 CH 11571**

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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-S001, Plaintiff(s), vs. RICHARD F. SCHWEIG, HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO REPUBLICAN CONSUMER LENDING GROUP, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FORTY EAST CEDAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants(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,

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Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-03-201-069-1029. Commonly known as 40 E. CEDAR ST., UNIT 14B, CHICAGO, IL 60611. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 22-03752 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13249470**

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

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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 (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 (including all oil and gas and 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;

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff, vs. VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, THE 4444-46 N. SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK Defendants 2023 CH 08988 4446 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT 3N 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 June 6, 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 4446 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT 3N, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-17-225-041-1008 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$68,438.87. 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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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 CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2 PLAINTIFF(S); vs. BRADLEY FISHER A/K/A BRAD FISHER, JULIANA TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s); 23 CH 2199 CALENDAR 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 23, 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. 14-07-423-064-1007 (14-07-423-040-0000 UNDERLYING PIN). Commonly known as 4842 N. ASHLAND AVE., UNIT 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60640. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 22-03654 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13249855**

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James R. Sethna ASHEN LAW GROUP 217 N. Jefferson St., Suite 601 Chicago IL, 60661 312-655-0800 E-Mail: jrs@ashenlaw.com Defendants 2023 CH 06717 Case Number: 2023 CH 06717 TJSC#: 44-2039 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 06717**

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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/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).

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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.tjisc.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: AMPS@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 23-005999 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2024 CH 01374 TJSC#: 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**

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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, 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/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

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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 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjisc.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: ILMAL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 23-129400 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2023 CH 06255 TJSC#: 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**

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events including the Cosmic Celebration, D&D Improv; the Drawing Jam drawing challenge hosted by Emmy-winning cartoonist Joe Wos.

In 1972, Chicago collectibles dealer and local school teacher Nancy Warner made history when she united 2,000 of Chicago's biggest comic fans in the midwest's first ever comic and collectibles convention called Nostalgia '72.

Beginning as a space by and for comic collectors, and expanding to include exhibits, attractions, and celebrities from all walks of fandom, the show ran from 1972 to 1975 at the Pick-Congress Hotel, on 520 S. Michigan Ave. (now called the Americana-Congress Hotel).

The show was later taken over in 1975 by comic book shop owners Larry Charet and his partner Joe Sarno. Both Larry and Joe, sold comics at the early conventions and the name Chicago

Comicon was adopted.

Charet, in an Interview from 2018, "I was a dealer from '73 to '75. Attendance continued to decline which caused big name comic book dealers who came in from New York to be "disappointed." A separate 1974 comic book convention cancelled at the last minute helped to tarnish the city's reputation, while Warner was having second thoughts about her show. "She gave up. Chicago had a bad name for conventions. New York was the big convention back then, not San Diego," Charet recalls.

Warner asked Sarno if he wanted to take the show over and told Charet about it. Their first show was at Chicago's Playboy Towers Hotel, 919 N. Michigan Ave., during the summer of 1976.

Charet was drafted into Vietnam in 1969 and was able to save enough money to start his store. "Most stores in the 70's were used book stores that had comics because there were no comic book

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stores. If you ever heard of Acme Books back in the 60's, they were an old book store and they got into used comics, especially when the Batman TV show came. Comics were the rage."

Business at Charet's store, however, seemed quiet. "Nothing took off. I was doing okay but I was kind of bored. Because I went to the New York convention, this guy named Phil Seuling made a deal with DC and then with Marvel to distribute comic books to stores directly. They would order them and get them two to three weeks before the other stores would have them," said Charet as he searched other book stores himself to find what he wanted. "You had them before anyone had them and it was a great thing. That's what turned the business around."

As the comic business grew, the first Comicon in 1976 had big names with special guests including Marvel Comics figurehead Stan Lee, DC Comics president Jenette Kahn and Playboy and

Mad Magazine artist Harvey Kurtzman."The idea was to make it a real good (convention) so that people would want to come back," said Charet.

This time the event was promoted better and drew over 2,000 attendees. "Dealer tables were only \$50... everybody liked it, everybody had a good time, and we had a lot of people. It was an artistic success. Even though we lost money we decided to it a second year."

In 1977, the show moved back to its original location on Michigan Ave. where it remained until 1983. Business continued to flourish and the show moved to a larger venue in Rosemont near O'Hare.

Comic sales rose to new heights in 1992 with The Death of Superman which "probably was the biggest thing to ever happen to comics. After that it was a slow decline. In '94 we made record profits...in '96 we lost money," recalled Charet.

The market became over saturated in the 90s, especially with special covers thought to someday be collectible. "People come into my store and they want to invest," he said, thinking that buyers thought that they could put their kids through college with comics which wasn't the case. "Collectibles can't be manufactured," he said.

As sales started to slump, Wizard Entertainment bought the Chicago Comicon from Charet and Sarno in 1997 and renamed Wizard World Chicago in 1998 to expand from its core publishing business into trade/consumer conventions.

Show hours are Friday 4 - 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets start at \$38. More information and updates can be found at <https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpochicago/>.

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Walking group forming in Ravenswood

The Ravenswood Neighbors Assoc. [RNA] is hosting a Work From Home Walk & Roll event hoping to create a daytime walking group.

RNA is hoping to create this daytime walking group for those who work from home and need a chance to stretch their legs and get fresh air or just happen to be around during the day and want to meet neighbors.

Their first meetup will be at noon Friday, Aug. 16. Walkers can meet at the stone seating at Montrose and Ravenswood (west side of train tracks). For more information write to raven-swoodneighbors@gmail.com.

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at 6002 N. Kenmore in May, Manaa-Hoppenworth launched a policy of not telling her constituents about criminal activity in her ward unless they “opt-in” to a special mailing list. She thinks informing people

Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth launched a policy of not telling her constituents about criminal activity in her ward unless they “opt-in” to a special mailing list.

about crime is racist and leads to a perception of increased crime.

She said her decision was based on her concerns about racism and her belief that “over-reporting of crime leads to an inaccurate public perception about crime rates.”

Tour the homes and gardens of Juneway Terrace Sept. 8

Just south of Calvary Cemetery on the northern-most street of the city of Chicago is a hidden-away corner of Rogers Park. Lined with mature trees and large backyard gardens, the long block of Juneway Terrace west of Sheridan Rd. offers a tranquil outdoor setting. Most homes date from 1910 to 1920, some built before the neighborhood became part of Chicago.

Those who may like to know more about the area can join the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society’s Historic House-Walk noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

The 2024 HouseWalk features eight homes and an additional garden that highlight that street’s historic past and promis-

ing future. Homeowner guides will show their homes and share their efforts to make this street a beautiful refuge for life in the 21st Century.

The Annual HouseWalk is a fundraising event, with donations supporting the educational outreach programs of the Society.

Tickets are \$25 to \$30, for reservations visit <https://rpwrhs.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=167>.

Juneway Terrace was named by Sivert Tobias Gunderson, a Norwegian who came to Chicago in 1848 and made his money trading grain and lumber. Gunderson and his offspring also became real estate developers who subdivided the immediate area

of the street and park.

Apparently Gunderson chose the name Juneway because he started subdividing his property along the wayside of Calvary Cemetery in June. On the east is Juneway Beach Park, which is one of 18 street-end beaches that were acquired by the Chicago Park District in 1959.

In 2019 the beach was decimated by wave action and high lake levels. The lake has since retreated.

As there is no earlier record of a public beach at Juneway Terrace, the site may have been a private beach prior to the Park District’s acquisition.

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\$10.9 million loan from CNB Bank & Trust in 2021 using the property as collateral, ahead of its redevelopment, public records show. The LLC bought the property — which previously housed single-story retail buildings — for \$1.7 million in 2019 from an entity controlled by Gloria Fattore, public records show.

MCZ Development, the company founded by Micahel J. Lerner in 1985, has built prominent high-end apartment complexes in Chicago and other markets.

His wife’s trust claims their son has “misappropriated millions of dollars from other companies for which he is the trust’s agent and nominee.” The suit seeks a court order saying that the son cannot unilaterally move to sell the property, and that if it is sold, he must immediately split his share of the proceeds with the trust.

The family’s infighting dates back several years, Cook County court records show. The parents or entities controlled by them have sued their son or entities controlled by him on multiple occasions.

“This lawsuit arises out of a family dispute in which Nathan stole millions of dollars from the real estate investment companies that his parents, Jamie and Michael J. Lerner, spent a lifetime building,” documents filed by the mother’s trust in an earlier but still active lawsuit claim.

A judge appointed a receiver, Matthew Brash, to take over management of several properties in a portfolio of dozens of buildings that the mother previously sued the son over. The receiver could hire a broker to sell some properties that are struggling with cash flow and eviction issues. The younger Lerner tried to fight the appointment of the receiver but couldn’t stave it off.

The receiver has been sent multiple default notices from mortgage lenders on the properties — which are mostly midsize multifamily buildings — but so far no foreclosure lawsuits have been filed against landlord entities tied to the Lerner, a June court filing said.

Michael Kozlowski, an attorney who previously represented the younger Lerner, recently requested to withdraw “for profes-

sional considerations” in that case, which also accuses the son of selling properties and taking out loans using jointly owned real estate as collateral without permission and without subsequently sharing proceeds with the trust as required.

The father also previously sued the son over a \$35 million Fulton Market development site sale to Miami-based developer Crescent Heights — which plans a massive apartment tower on the site — from an entity controlled by Nathan and @properties co-CEOs Thad Wong and Michael Golden. That suit was settled with an out-of-court agreement, records show.

Furthermore, the IRS filed a \$1.2 million lien for unpaid federal taxes against Michael and Jamie Lerner in Cook County last year, without specifying which Michael Lerner. Jamie and Michael Lerner in May filed a legal action in the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C., to petition the IRS for a hearing in Chicago, but the nature of the request is unclear, as many tax court cases are shielded from public view.

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