

## Proposed ordinance would ban valet parking at bars

Parking for a night out on the town may soon get tougher, and may include the lonesome and cutthroat hunt for a legal parking spot that most every car owner in town has done.

On Oct. 14, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] introduced an ordinance in City Hall to phase out valet parking services at Chicago taverns on the grounds that the city shouldn't be making it easy for people to drive to bars to drink, then get back behind the wheel.

The 42nd Ward includes the bar-heavy River North area that to a large extent lives by its valet service. The efficient car hikers not only enable men in too-tight pants and women in high heels to quickly enter their destination,

but - according to Ald. Reilly - it also encourages bar and nightclub customers to drive to and from venues that offer mostly liquor service.

The alderman and his community have had bad experiences in this area due to the infamous Bottled Blonde, the now-shuttered nightclub at the center of a five-year fight with the city, that has seen their valet parking service among a long list of complaints about the bar's inept security, noise, traffic, and flashing lights. The bar ended its valet service as it tried - unsuccessfully - to avoid discipline from City Hall.

The proposal comes nearly four months after the city instated a midnight cutoff on alcohol sales

at liquor stores, a move described as an attempt to curb crime by preventing loitering outside these retailers. They have also made large portions of the community "no overnight parking zones" to avoid parties that were taking place in parked cars.

Previously, Chicago's liquor laws were among the most liberal in the country, allowing stores to sell until 2 a.m. Bars and clubs were not impacted by the change.

The next step for the ordinance will be a meeting by the city's Committee on License and Consumer Protection where committee members and concerned citizens will discuss the proposal before bringing it to the council for a vote.

## Downtown hotels in distress as conventions, travel remain slow

**Hotel revenue from business travelers on pace to fall short of 2019 by 86%**

BY CONNIE KIM  
*The Real Deal*

At Chicago's McCormick Place, America's biggest convention center, organizers had hoped the Sept. 13 return of Fabtech, the metal fabricating convention that had been canceled in 2020, would be a return to normal for the third-largest U.S. city's hospitality industry.

Instead, it was a sign of the new normal - 1,000 exhibitors occupying 500,000 square feet of the convention center, down from 1,700 in 850,000 square feet in 2019.



This year, Chicago hotels' revenue from business travelers is expected to drop by about \$2.1 billion compared with 2019.

Still, it was one of the biggest events in a difficult year, with a total of 57 conventions scheduled for McCormick Place. In 2020, 214 events were canceled, with an economic impact on the city of about \$3 billion, according to McCormick Place data.

Hotels in Chicago are dependent on business travel and con-

ventions like Fabtech, and the pandemic has left them struggling to survive.

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Million Dollar views. This photo was sent in by a reader, and this view explains why people love living along the lakefront.

Photo by Leon Hoffman

## 10 'kids' score big with raid on Gold Coast boutique

BY CWBCHICAGO

Up to 10 young thieves raided a posh Gold Coast boutique and got away with tens of thousands of dollars worth of purses and other merchandise on Oct. 13, according to a report. Police have repeatedly warned downtown retailers about a string of similar raids on high-end stores in the area.

Wednesday's mob, which targeted the Saint Laurent store at 11 E. Walton around 11:27 a.m., stole merchandise worth about \$35,000 according to an initial estimate. They fled in two vehicles - a black Jeep Cherokee and a stolen black Lexus with Indiana license plates.

Area Three detectives are investigating the heist.

Chicago police have issued several warnings this year about lightning-fast strikes by teams that specialize in stealing purses, which are often sold via resale apps and online. Dior, Ikram, and Gucci have all been hit.

In August, a 73-year-old secu-

rity guard was critically injured when a shoplifting mob knocked him to the ground at Salvatore Ferragamo, 645 N. Michigan Ave.

Last Month, an employee at Bottega Veneta admitted a man into the boutique at 800 N. Michigan. About 11 other men poured in behind the first. The crew collected about 35 handbags, which retail for thousands of dollars each, from the shelves and ran out the door, according to a property management company's email to nearby residents.

Crews also hit Burberry and Moncler in September.

The Saint Laurent store has been hit before. A four-man crew snatched ten handbags worth \$15,000 from the retailer in December 2019. The nearby Gucci store lost \$17,280 to a theft crew later the same afternoon. Other than last year's looting sprees, one of the biggest raids may be the Dec. 2018 theft at Dior, 931 N. Rush. An estimated \$100,000 worth of merchandise was taken.

## Feds say man killed one, wounded two outside Oak St. boutique — while on bail for felony gun case and on parole

BY CWBCHICAGO

On Oct. 13 federal prosecutors charged five men with murdering a Chicago rapper and injuring two others during a bold daylight shooting outside an Oak St. boutique in Aug. 2020. At least one of the accused men was on bail for state felony gun charges at the time of the shooting.

Kenneth Roberson, 27, is now the 44th person charged with killing, shooting, or trying to kill someone in Chicago last year while on felony bond. In addition, Roberson was charged earlier this year with shooting two women and killing a man in south suburban Dolton - also while on bail for the pending gun case.

Around 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 4, 2020, gunmen opened fire on 26-year-old Carlton "FBG Duck" Weekly as he stood near the entrance to Dolce & Gabbana, 68 E. Oak St. Weekly died from the attack. A 36-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were also shot and survived.

Police officers first responded to the pricey retail strip about 15 minutes before the shooting when witnesses reported seeing a man chasing another man down the street with a gun, but no shots were fired. The gunman reportedly got into a black sedan that drove away westbound. At the same time, a retail store on the same block reported that two men had run inside their business to

hide from someone on the street.

Cops investigating the call declared a "10-1" police emergency at 4:24 p.m. when gunfire erupted on the same stretch of Oak St. Those shots killed Weekly and injured the other two victims.

Federal authorities charged Roberson and four other members of the O-Block street gang last week with "participating in a criminal organization that murdered [Weekly] and violently protected the gang and its territories on the South Side of Chicago."

Roberson was on bail at the time of the murder awaiting trial in a 2019 case that involved nine weapons-related felony charges, including multiple counts of being a felon in possession of a

firearm while on parole. That parole, which he was also on at the time of Weekly's murder, was for armed robbery, state records show.



Kenneth Roberson

man and shooting two women in Dolton. Prosecutors said during a bond hearing that Roberson and

another gunman opened fire on 31-year-old Lorenzo Moore and a van the two women were sitting in after a confrontation at a "makeshift club."

Moore's body had "27 bullet holes," Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy told Judge Susana Ortiz during the February hearing. Ortiz ordered Roberson held without bail.

*Editor's note:* The actual number of murders and shootings committed by people on felony bail is undoubtedly much higher than the numbers seen here. Since 2017, CPD has made arrests in just 4% of shootings and 31% of murders, according to the city's data.

# Share a tomato with a friend and lift us back to reason



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

As the seasons change, there is an amazing glue that seals them all together for the moment. The last luscious tastes of perfectly ripened, heirloom beefsteak tomatoes.

Such rarified tomatoes cement the eras living. I still recall with clear vision and delight the arrival of "Jimmy Lizzio," and "Tony Longo," the two "peddlers," as my Grandmother called them, who drove their trucks down the alley of my boyhood neighborhood. Selling fruits and vegetables that would make Whole Foods blush.

Long before the outrageous modern dietary orthodoxy, there were Jimmys and Tonys in our lives. They sold no "hot house" vittles. Just real produce.

I can still smell the fragrance of their strawberries, feel the impact of their sweet summer peaches, the glory of their corn on the cob. A time when the whole world was organic.

We were alerted to their arrival by the cry of "The peddlers are coming." Meaning the truck was just a few doors from our house, in the alley out the back gate.

My mother usually gave me a list and some cash to dash through the backyard in time to catch up to their truck.

I always assumed the persona of a hard to please precocious shopper.

"Tony," I'd say, "what are the strawberries like? Are they sweet? Are they juicy?"

He'd respond in his heavily accented English that the berries were "dolce, dolce." Top of the line.

Often I'd get some cantaloupe if they had them. Sometimes I'd take a basket to carry back my purchases. Especially if Jimmy or Tony had juicy grapes or watermelon. I always thought what a brilliant place Chicago was to have the ease and comfort of excellent produce just driving by in the alley.

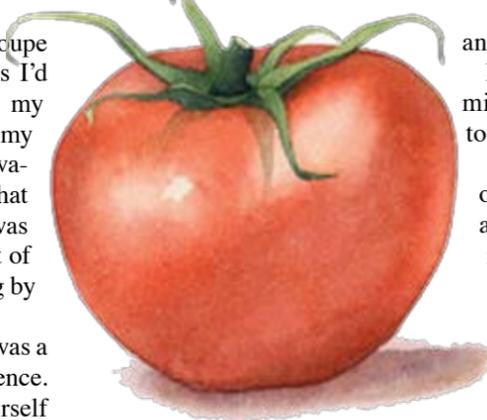
Buying from the peddlers was a ritual of summer's magnificence. My mother couldn't help herself around fresh strawberries. In no time she'd have shortcake batter started and in the oven. I'd whip the cream that would create our favorite dessert.

More than anything it was the grandeur of the beefsteak tomatoes that stopped me in my tracks. All red and plump. Acidic and sharp. Sprinkled with sea salt. Perfect with steaks. Truly a family favorite of all summer vittles.

We looked forward to those hot summer Fridays when, as observant Catholics, we ate no meat. Instead my mother made delicious, juicy tuna salad and then stuffed it inside the tomatoes. We relished the low cooking of summer. What a feast that was with iced tea. Her chicken salad was another treat that we loved with wedges of tomatoes and cold slices of hard boiled egg.

Andy Warhol made tomato soup famous. But for my money, the peddlers made tomatoes a rarified summer treat. I once had a long conversation, years later, with my friend Studs Terkel, about the sad demise of the American tomato. Studs too carried boyhood memories of savory, juicy red-ripe tomatoes, that seemed to put all things in balance. The revival of the heirloom tomato had not quite come upon us then. Studs abhorred the hot house variety.

Last week I dined at Erie Cafe and had their famous fried chicken. I carried a small bag with me with just one item in the bag: a large orange and yellow heirloom tomato. I thought of Studs. So I



ordered my salad with two dressings, but no tomatoes.

I did, however, request an extra plate and sharp knife. For carving up the most beautiful of the summer harvests.

What pleasure I had in carving up my tomato. Offering some to fellow diners. And spooning on Erie Cafe's homemade 1000 Island dressing.

The summer has been so violent here in our city and so disappointing. Everyone appears to feel off-kilter. Washington D.C. can't alter the dangerous footpath we are on with our local political leadership. The turmoil between Kim Foxx and Mayor Lightfingers is not surprising. It's all too predictable adolescent political buffoonery. We knew that with Foxx and her sad handling of the Jussie Smollett case.

Chicago is now apparently not big enough for three women to rule.

County President Preckwinkle is busy hiding attacks against her. Covering up the cover ups. Burying crimes committed against her and her poor reputation.

In the meantime you and I are no safer. Children shot all over town. Gangs ruling the roost. Offenders off the hook, thanks to Foxx.

Until we can vote this sad cabal of Chicago wreckers out of office, we remain brokenhearted

and doomed.

Perhaps we all need to be reminded of things to lift us back to reason.

Like the comforting essentials of life that trigger the safety and stability of the past. The reminder that we have each other to protect and defend us, even as record numbers of law enforcement turn in their badges.

We need the hope of a Bears win... or a juicy tomato to share with a friend. Even one smuggled into your favorite eatery.

The peddlers may be gone from our childhood alley ways, but the robust aromas of hope-filled summers remain. Chicago will triumph. Heirloom tomatoes, from seeds first harvested generations ago, continue growing in our time now. Miracles do happen. Make yourself a pungent tomato sandwich. Share one with a friend. It's the glue of who we really are.

**CBS BULLETIN:** Burnout and low turnout of applicants leaving CPD with officer shortage; 'people don't want to be the police'. Thanks, **Dana Koslov**. She is one of the few TV reporters in our town sticking to the facts.

**LYRIC OPERA:** Assistant principal flautist since 2001, **Dionne Jackson**, a Chicago native, will play **Papageno's** charming flute solos from the orchestra pit when the Lyric Opera stages Mozart's "The Magic Flute," beginning Nov. 6. A treat.



Dionne Jackson

**NEW NEWS ANCHOR:**

Chicagoan **Adriana Diaz** will co-anchor the "CBS Weekend News" from the Chicago studio.

**NEIGHBORHOODS:** Andersonville has been named Second-Coolest Neighborhood in the World. Time Out pointed to the nightlife and Clark St. bars and restaurants as prime attractions in the North Side neighborhood.

**PLAY BALL:** **Ryne Sandberg** was the star thanks to American Airlines, inviting the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs out to a game at Wrigley Field with the Hall-of-Famer himself. Sandberg gave everyone a lift.

**HISTORIC ART:** It's official, **Makeba Kedem-DuBose's** art is now in a permanent collection at the Field Museum of Natural History of Chicago. The piece was acquired while it was still on exhibit at the Words Matter exhibition at the



Makeba Kedem-DuBose

Highland Park Art Center, where she was featured artist and solo juror last month. The piece was finally picked up for accessioning into the Field's Pandemic Collection.

**SOUTH SIDE:** Thanks to the White Sox for an exciting season. **Jose Abreu**, **Tim Anderson**, **Lucas Giolito** and the rest gave us something to cheer for.

**AT WRIGLEY:** The Cub's 2021-22 offseason this week began with big changes in the coaching staff. Hitting coach **Anthony**

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# Tickled pink to still be around



**Heart  
of the 'Hood**  
by Felicia Dechter

Our readers may already know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please, have a mammogram. And give your boobs a good check too.

Don't become the one in eight women who will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. These check-ups will help you find it quickly and early. I don't want what happened to me to happen to you.

For seven months, I was misdiagnosed -- or rather un-diagnosed -- after discovering a lump in my left breast. I originally was told it was nothing to worry about. A mammogram showed absolutely nothing.

My husband had been diagnosed with Stage 4, Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma about six weeks before that, so I believed the doctor when she said no worries... there was no way lightning was striking in the same place twice.

Come back in three months, they told me. Meanwhile, the lump continued to grow.

I went back and this time saw the nurse practitioner. She acted as if I was a crazy hypochondriac and told me, "Cancer doesn't hurt," which is the most insane thing to say to someone with cancer because guess what, cancer does hurt! Again, I was told to come back in three months. But before I do, schedule an ultrasound, she said.

Meanwhile, the holidays came along and my husband was going through chemo. Things were pretty stressful.

By my third doctor's visit, I had already decided that I was going for another opinion seeking some deeper answers. I didn't want to have breast cancer, but this lump was growing and I was to-the-bone exhausted, which I chalked up to taking care of my hubby.

I had the ultrasound. It showed something. I needed a biopsy.

When I heard the doctor performing the biopsy say, "Get that spot," my heart dropped into my stomach. I got the phone call (once upon a time your doctor called you into their office and gave you the terrifying news, right?) the next day from my doctor. Her words cut into me as if someone had stuck a knife in my heart: "You have breast cancer."

The thing is, had I been diagnosed originally, in July, I would have been Stage 0, a great prognosis with the cancer maintained within the duct. But by January, I was Stage 1. The cancer had spilled out of the duct and invaded my tissue. That also meant 33 grueling radiation treatments as opposed to 15.

Around the 15 mark, actually, is when my skin started to fry and become badly burned. Some days I swear I'm still feeling the effects of the radiation. I have constant pain in the radiated nerve endings and muscles.

My point is, if you feel something is wrong, it more than likely is. The doctors are not God and they are busy. Be your own advocate. If you don't like what you're hearing, go elsewhere. I wish I would have.

Come February, I hope to be celebrating five years of survival. Woo-hoo! But it

has been a long road with many challenges. One thing that really surprised me was who was there for me and who wasn't. Certain friends ran to me, while others ran away.

And now, every new ache or pain, I wonder, is it cancer? Has it spread? Now, I just may be that crazy hypochondriac that the nurse practitioner accused me of being after all.

And my continuing treatment is no party either, although that is supposed to end in June. My cancer is estrogen fueled, and I take a daily pill that blocks all estrogen and leaves me chronically exhausted. It also makes my hair fall out, and makes me pack on the pounds.

There are other issues too. But none of them really matter to me because I'm still standing, as is my husband. We've lost a few good friends to cancer along the way so we really appreciate each and every day. But I know from losing both my parents to it that cancer is sneaky. You never know what tomorrow will bring.

Yep, it has been a rough few years. But things could be a lot worse. Every day I'm grateful that they're not.

This year, an estimated more than 281,500 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with more than 49,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer, according to breastcancer.org. About

2,650 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2021, with a man's lifetime risk of breast cancer being about 1 in 833.

Sadly, about 43,600 women in the U.S. were expected to die this year from breast cancer. But here's the great news: As of January, there were more than 3.8 million women living with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. (That number includes women currently being treated and those who've finished treatment).

Breast cancer became the most common cancer globally as of this year, accounting for 12% of all new annual cancer cases worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are sex (being a woman) and age (growing older).

Please, all you ladies -- and gents -- out there, think pink this month and give yourself a thorough breast exam. Early detection is the key to saving your life. Take it from me, a proud and thankful survivor.

**Hollywood comes to Streeterville...** A huge balloon depicting the beloved children's book character Clifford the Big Red Dog will make an appearance at a photo booth at the 34th Annual Streeterville Doggy Halloween Party, which starts at 9 a.m., Oct. 30, in the Sculpture Garden at the Museum of Contemporary Art [MCA], 220 E. Chicago Ave. Clifford's eponymous movie debut is scheduled to be released next month.

All neighborhood dogs in costume are invited, and they will be judged by none other than Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] and Eli's Cheesecake director of public relations Maureen Schulman. Everyone gets a prize. In addition to the MCA, hosts are Eli's Cheesecake, Pups Pet Club, the Seneca and Lake Shore Park Councils and the

Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR). Rain day is Oct. 31.

In addition to all the poochey pleasure, Virtual Kitties in Costumes will be projected on screens on the Sculpture Garden Lawn. (Submit on Facebook: Streeterville Doggy (and Kitty) Halloween Party).

And FYI: Maureen Schulman is also co-author of "The Eli's Cheesecake Cookbook: Remarkable Recipes from a Chicago Legend," which is being released with a special 40th Anniversary Edition including more recipes from Eli's Cheesecake and Eli's the Place for Steak, as well more Big Cakes and recipes from celebrities and Eli's Associates.

**Walk on by...** North Sider Anna Ramirez was one of thousands of people who headed to Washington D.C. earlier this month for the Women's March, which was held in protest of a recent abortion law in Texas, the Texas Heartbeat Act.

It's not just a war on abortion rights, it's a war on women and our rights as human beings, said Ramirez.

"Could you possibly imagine what it would look like if we brought up a Bill that suggested our government had the right to tell a man what he can and cannot do regarding his own body?" she asked.

As someone who is pro-choice, I agree with Ramirez. And I would much rather see someone have an abortion than have an unwanted child brought into this world, to be abused or worse. Anyone remember about five years ago, when the head and body parts of a little one were found in the Garfield Park Lagoon? Which would you



Anna Ramirez at the COVID-19 art exhibit in Washington D.C.

rather see occur? That, or abortion?

Ramirez said she marched not only for herself but for her sisters, female family members and friends and also the daughters of her male friends. There are two types of people, she said, "The people who say they care and act on it and then the ones who claim to care or feel bad but truly don't care unless it touches their doorsteps."

While there, Ramirez was moved by an art exhibit dedicated to all of the COVID-19 victims. She sat on the grass among 700,975 small white flags, each representing a life lost, and sent us a photo that was a harsh reminder of the battle still being fought against this deadly virus.

Stay safe everybody and mask up, and not just at Halloween time. Do it for the unvaccinated children, if not for yourself.

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# Chicago is second in conversions of offices into apartments



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicago's population may be declining, but over the past two years the Windy City was second in the nation for conversion of office space to residential apartments.

Since 2020, Chicago has redeveloped 1,135 new rental apartment units by converting old buildings, such as former offices, warehouses and retail stores, reports a new study by RentCafe.com, a nationwide rental apartment search website.

"Of this total, 1,020 new rental apartment units were created solely by repurposing office buildings," noted Michelle Cretu, a communications specialist with Rent Café. "This is the second-highest number of office-to-apartment conversions in the



Century Tower, 182 W. Lake St., was converted from office space to luxury condominiums, and up to 75% of the original condo owners were investors.

country, placing Chicago among the top leaders in office redevelopment."

Since 2020, Washington, D.C. led the nation with 1,091 apartments created through adaptive reuse of office space.

The Rent Café study, based on Yardi Matrix data, revealed that 90% of Chicago's 1,135 new apartments were created from office conversions, while five-percent come from retail stores, and the balance from warehouses.

Here are details on two former high-rise office buildings in Chicago cited in the survey:

• **Millennium On LaSalle:** This 1960s office tower at 29 S. LaSalle St. in the Loop features a roof-top swimming pool, fitness center, Wi-Fi lounge, a theater room and a dog park. Rents on studio, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom, 2-bath units range from \$1,734 to \$2,958, according to Cushman Wakefield, the managers. Apartments have 490 to 1,290 square feet. Kitchens showcase stone counter tops, stainless-steel appliances, Italian cabinets and an in-unit washer/dryer is standard. Call: 312-637-4182 for more information.

"This conversion illustrates that part of what makes adaptive-reuse projects so attractive is that the old buildings remain part of the existing architectural fabric, while being completely reinvented at the same time," the Rent Café study reports.

• **Century Tower:** Built as offices and a bank building in 1930,

this famous building at 182 W. Lake St. in the Loop currently houses 292 new rental apartments created through adaptive reuse.

In 2006, Century Tower was converted from office space to luxury condominiums by American Invsco, and up to 75% of the original condo owners were investors. This actually benefited the property's deconversion from condos to rental apartments in 2018, when Golub & Co. purchased Century Tower for \$60 million and upgraded the building.

Amenities now include a media lounge, business/study lounge, fitness center, Peloton bike studio, yoga studio and event space. Rents on studio, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom layouts with 393 to 1,856 square feet range from \$945 to \$2,450. Golub currently is offering one month's free rent for tenants who sign a 12-month lease. Call: 833-270-3366 for more information.

### Adaptive reuse booming

Despite the pandemic, adaptive-reuse apartment conversions are booming nationwide with a record 20,100 new units to be completed this year in 151 repurposed old buildings.

"Most of these units come from office redevelopments, a trend that began before the pandemic, hinting at how things may go if work-from-home arrangements continue," noted Cretu.

"Office buildings have become the most frequent type of build-

ing to be converted since 2010, even though they are more costly to convert than hotels," said Emil

**"Perhaps the most compelling reason to choose adaptive reuse for apartments versus new apartment construction is the lower environmental impact, especially if demolition is involved," said Emil E. Malizia.**

E. Malizia, Ph.D., CRE, of the Dept. of City & Regional Planning at the Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "This outcome can be attributed to their ample supply in urban locations where demand has been strong"

"Perhaps the most compelling reason to choose adaptive reuse for apartments versus new apartment construction is the lower environmental impact, especially if demolition is involved," said Malizia. "Adaptive reuse mitigates climate changes; demolition and new construction do not."

Cost savings utilizing adaptive reuse also can be huge and boost affordable housing. "Renovation could cost about 30% to 40% less than new construction for the same number of units," Malizia said.

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

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## Federal cash to fund several North Side projects

The Washington D.C. cash cow is bountiful these days and is now giving Chicagoland another \$281 million in funding for transportation projects, some that are on the North Side.

On Oct. 13, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning [CMAP] Board and MPO Policy Committee approved 51 new transportation projects. The federal funds will be spread over five years and be used for transit, roads and bridges, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The projects will help rebuild train stations, add electric buses, build new bike and

pedestrian trails and alleviate congestion through new under-and overpasses.

Highlights include \$48 million for the State/Lake (Loop Elevated) CTA Station; \$44.2 million for the CTA to purchase electric buses and charging stations; \$30 million for the CTA Red Line Extension project; \$29 million for the purchase of alternative fuel locomotives by Metra; \$17.6 million to repair and rehabilitate the Grand Avenue bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River, and \$9.4 million to reconstruct Milwaukee Ave. from Logan to Armitage.

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(L) Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] met with 49th and 50th ward residents who completed postcards that were submitted for the record for last Friday's subcommittee hearing dealing with poor service by the U.S. Postal Service. Photo courtesy of 50th Ward office (R) Leslie Combs, district director for U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky [9th], answers questions from community residents at the Oct. 12 meeting at Chippewa Park. Photo by Bob Kitsos

# Is it more than snow, rain, heat or gloom of night that's delaying mail delivery?

West Ridge, Rogers Park and Edgewater and America hardest hit

BY BOB KITSOS

"The mail must go through" is a phrase that exemplified the hardships and successes of the 19th century mail carriers, such as the pony express. But it's an expression that doesn't seem to apply now, according to many Far North Side residents who haven't been receiving their mail on a timely basis for years.

There are two major mail delivery problem areas in the district, according to U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky's office [9th]. They are in the West Rogers Park/West Ridge neighborhoods (served by the Northtown station -- 60645 and 60659 ZIP codes, and the Rogers Park Edgewater neighborhoods, served by the Rogers Park station—60626 and 60660.

(To be fair, this newspaper has been hearing complaints from all up and down the North Lakefront, and on Oct. 15 and 16 U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley also spoke publicly about the big problems he's seeing in his 5th District.)

To address this issue, Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] chaired an outdoor meeting with area residents at Chippewa Park, 6758 N. Sacramento, on Oct. 12. "This community has not been receiving the quality of postal service it deserves, and I completely share your frustration," Silverstein said.

"I too have experienced sporadic mail delivery, late packages and unacceptable delays," she continued. "We rely on the United States Postal Service [USPS] to receive our medication, pay bills and keep in touch with family members, friends and loved ones—something more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic's periods of lockdown and social distancing."

More than 200 postcards addressed to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, noting the poor postal service in their community were submitted for the record at last Friday's Subcommittee on Government Operations hybrid field hearing in Chicago. The hearing was designed to look at

the causes for the service problems and hear what plans the postal service has in place to deal with the myriad of complaints, many going back over a decade.

## First class mail and other delivery issues

"In Chicago, USPS service standards have plummeted with first class mail designated for three-to-five-day delivery arriving on time only 75.7% of the time," Quigley told the Chicago Sun-Times. Chicago-area delivery time dropped 7.8% for two-day mail and 11.9% for three-to-five-day mail during the third quarter of the fiscal year 2020 to 2021.

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Marguita Zaretsky, a 50th ward resident who gets mail delivered three to four times a week said, "They don't care anymore." And 49th Ward resident Kim Keyes said the service was "horrible." She receives mail only two days per week.

Leslie Combs, district director for Schakowsky's office, confirms some of the complaints, "Many constituents in the area are only receiving mail a few times a week, and sometimes go a week or more with no mail at all," she said.

"They can see through the USPS Informed Delivery service (a feature offered by the postal service whereby consumers can digitally preview incoming mail and manage packages scheduled to arrive soon) what mail they should be receiving, and they often get that mail very late or not at all," Combs added. "Often packages are marked as delivered when they're not. Constituents also complain about service and treatment in the post office, when they go to pick up mail that should have been delivered."

This very newspaper was notified that on Aug. 4, \$250 in coffee beans were shipped out of Florida through the USPS. They never arrived, and as of Oct. 19, the U.S. Post Office still has not located

them. This newspaper did receive an \$81 insurance settlement, about 40% of the loss.

Sporadic, late or no mail delivery has resulted in serious consequences for residents. For example, they are subject to paying late fees when they do not receive bills or checks to pay bills.

Combs said improving mail service is one of Schakowsky's top issues. She advised that the best way to lodge a complaint about mail service is to fill out a complaint form so that the office can open an investigation and hopefully get the problems fixed. "Often after we submit these complaints, constituents see improvements," said Combs.

What's the next step in the process of improving mail service? Schakowsky thinks Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who began his tenure in June 2020 under Donald Trump, has mismanaged the U.S. Postal Service from day one. He was appointed by the Postal Service Board of Governors—who are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

DeJoy donated more than \$600,000 to the Trump campaign eight weeks prior to the vacancy announcement for the Postmaster General position. Since his appointment to that position, DeJoy continues to hold a multimillion-dollar stake in his former company XPO Logistics, a USPS contractor, likely creating a major conflict of interest. USPS awarded a \$120 million contract to XPO Logistics this summer.

DeJoy's 10-year strategic plan for USPS, first announced in March, includes plans for longer first-class delivery windows and reduced post office hours and higher postage prices.

But those who have lived in the city for a long time know this is not just a recent problem.

Schakowsky has called for DeJoy's resignation and believes he needs to be replaced. "Congress cannot do this. Only the USPS Board of Governors, with a majority vote, can remove him," she said. "Until then, we must hold the postal service accountable to find solutions to the mail delivery problems Chicagoans have been dealing with for years," said the 12-term congresswoman.

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# Police Beat..

## Shootings on Ontario feeder ramp and on Near North Side

Police are investigating shootings — an apparent domestic-related incident on the Near North Side and another on the Ontario feeder ramp.

In the suspected domestic, a 27-year-old woman was shot inside an apartment where several people were gathered on the 500 block of W. Division around 1:53 a.m. Oct. 17, according to a CPD statement. EMS took her to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition with a gunshot wound to her right thigh.

Police arrested a man at the scene for possessing a gun that may have been used in the shooting, but the suspect, a 27-year-old man, is not in custody. Area Three detectives are investigating.

The woman is the 57th person shot on the Near North Side this year. By comparison, the area had 39 shooting victims at this point last year and 27 during the same period in 2019.

In Sunday's other incident, someone shot a man as he drove on the Ontario feeder ramp just before it merges with the westbound Kennedy Expy. around 2:06 a.m. Oct. 17. A woman who was riding in the man's car was not injured. Officers said the victim appeared to be about 30-years-old.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. Illinois State Police are handling the investigation.

## Lincoln Park carjacker busted after victim tracks stolen AirPods

AirPods are not only useful for listening to audio and making phone calls, but they can also help cops find your hijacked car. Who knew?

Kejuan Franklin knows. At least, he does now.

Prosecutors say Franklin, 18, is the person who jumped off a bicycle

and carjacked a driver at gunpoint in Lincoln Park Oct. 14.

The victim and a witness were outside the man's car on the 1200 block of W. Fullerton when a bicyclist rode up and got into his 2006 Toyota Prius, according to police and prosecutors.

When the victim tried to get him out of the car, the hijacker pointed a gun with a laser sight at the victim and the witness, prosecutors said. The victim pushed his companion out of the line of fire, and the carjacker drove away with the car.

The victim's AirPods, which were inside the car, went along for the ride.

Police tracked their signal and located the hijacked car in an alley. Franklin and a woman were standing next to it, prosecutors said. And the victim's AirPods? They were allegedly in Franklin's pocket.

Officers also found a loaded handgun in the car's center console. It had a laser sight attached. The victim and the witness both identified Franklin in photo line-ups, according to the allegations.

Prosecutors charged Franklin

with aggravated vehicular hijacking. His public defender said he has no criminal background and lives with his family.

Judge John Lyke set bail at \$250,000, meaning Franklin must post \$25,000 to get out of jail. Lyke said he must go on electronic monitoring if he does get out.

## Nobody saw nuttin'... CTA passengers beat and stab a man who assaulted a woman on CTA train

CTA passengers apparently beat and stabbed a man who allegedly ripped an 18-year-old college student's shirt off, pinned her to the floor of a Blue Line train, and then fondled her Oct. 13 in the Loop, according to a CPD report and a witness.

Prosecutors said William Harris, 41, threw his shoes and hard hat at the woman as they rode the train around 10:30 a.m. Harris then stood up, pulled the victim's shirt down, and began fondling her, according to a CPD report. He then dragged her to the train floor by her hair, straddled her, and continued to fondle her breasts.

The assault was so forceful, some of the woman's hair was pulled out.

Officers who responded to calls about the attack found Harris lying on the Washington Blue Line CTA platform with a stab wound to his back, a swollen and blackened left eye, and a knee injury, according to the CPD report.

While police took statements from four witnesses who saw the woman get attacked, nobody seemed to know who inflicted the injuries on Harris.

"When police arrived they observed the offender had sustained multiple stab wounds but was being uncooperative," Officer Michelle Tannehill said. "It was unable to be determined how [he] had been stabbed."

The woman was not hospitalized, but Harris was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Prosecutors charged Harris with felony aggravated battery of a transit passenger. Judge Arthur Willis set his bail at \$50,000. Harris must post 10% of that amount to get out of jail.

## Carjacker opens fire on couple at Loop intersection; October hijackings up 650% compared to 2019

A carjacker opened fire on a couple and stole their car in the Loop Oct. 17, police said. No injuries were reported, but the victims' car did have a bullet hole in the roof when cops found it.

A 22-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman were stopped at a traffic light on the 900 block of S. State when a man stepped out of a dark-colored SUV and began shooting at them around 12:11 a.m. The victim got out of their white 2021 Dodge Charger and the gunman drove away with it, police said.

Police found the Charger abandoned near the intersection of Roosevelt Rd. and Clark St. a few minutes later. The victims described the gunman as a Black male who wore a black hoodie and a blue face mask.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

Chicago recorded 60 carjackings during the first nine days of October, up 650% compared to the same days in 2019 and up 58% compared to the period last year. By the way, that 650% is not a typo.

According to the city's data, the Loop saw 20 carjackings this year through October 9, that's up from 11 during the same period last year

and five in 2019. City wide, 1,310 carjacking reports were filed this year through October 9, up from 939 at the same point last year and 430 during the period in 2019.

Chicago Police Supt. David Brown insists that carjacking reports are declining.

## In rare prosecution, two North Side catalytic converter thieves plead guilty

Over the years, we have reported many, many stories about catalytic converter thefts. But we've rarely reported about catalytic converter thieves being arrested, much less sentenced. So, this is a special day.

Two men charged in April with stealing catalytic converters on the North Side have reached plea deals with prosecutors. One of them is going to prison. The other received probation.

Police arrested Adisa Bowling and Brian Hill after witnesses reported seeing a man sawing parts off a car with another man serving as a lookout in Norwood Park. Cops saw a black Cadillac driving in the area with no headlights and pulled it over.

Prosecutors said that a drill and a saw were lying in plain view on the car's back seat, and two catalytic converters were inside the trunk. Cops also allegedly found a loaded handgun with a defaced serial number in the glove box.

Prosecutors charged Bowling, the driver, with possessing a firearm with a defaced serial number, unlawful use of a weapon, theft, and driving on a suspended license. At the time, he had been on bail for a whopping four days since prosecutors charged him with manufacture-delivery of cannabis.

Another man in the car, Brian Hill, was charged with misdemeanor criminal damage to property. Police also cited the 20-year-old for possession of burglary tools and attempted theft, according to a CPD spokesperson.

After hearing the state's allegations in April, Judge Charles Beach said the scenario of stealing car parts in a residential area while armed with a handgun is "a recipe for disaster, quite frankly."

Bowling, 33, has now pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and manufacture-delivery of cannabis. He received consecutive sentences of three years and one year respectively. Authorities set March 31, 2023, as his anticipated parole date.

## Byline Bank robbed

Police are looking for a bank robber who may have scored nearly \$2,000 during a hold-up in Boystown on Oct. 13.

He announced the robbery in a note that he passed to a teller at Byline Bank, 3639 N. Broadway, around 9:35 a.m., according to CPD records. No weapon was seen. The robber fled onto Broadway with roughly \$1,900, according to an initial estimate.

The suspect is a Black male who wore white-framed sunglasses with blue lenses, a black White Sox baseball hat, and a gray zip-up sweater or jacket. He reportedly stands about 5'-9" tall and weighs 170 to 180 lbs.

Bank robbery reports are down significantly across Chicago, according to CPD data. Police recorded 37 bank hold-ups this year through the end of September, down from 57 during the same time last year and 65 during the first nine months of 2019.

## Woman carjacked while loading her SUV in Lakeview

Carjackers took a woman's SUV as she loaded it with purchases outside a Walgreens in Lakeview on Oct. 12, according to a CPD report. She was not injured.

The woman, 31, was putting items into her blue Hyundai Kona on the

## Woman charged with stealing fire department ambulance, crashing in Gold Coast

An Austin woman is charged with stealing a Chicago Fire Dept. ambulance from Norwegian Hospital and leading police on a chase that ended in a Gold Coast cul-de-sac this week.

Prosecutors provided no motive for Yolanda Ricks' cross-town adventure.

Police officers on the lookout for the stolen rig spotted it near Division St. and Ashland Ave. around 7:15 p.m. Oct. 12, not long after the fire department reported it missing.

Cops, who said they were concerned that a patient or paramedic might be inside the ambulance, allegedly saw Ricks run several red lights as she ignored their commands to pull over.

Twitter user @bettercallsol posted dashcam video of the stolen ambulance nearing the end of its run through the Gold Coast with CPD units closing in.

"Ya know, it would've been a lot easier with your lights on," Sol Marburg says after CFD Ambulance 10 passes him without its emergency equipment activated. A moment later, he realizes that the squad car following the ambulance had its lights and

siren activated.

"Not sure if they were frigin' chasing that ambulance? That was weird as hell ... They're definitely chasing this thing. Holy sh\*t!" According to police, Ricks, 32, crashed the ambulance into a parked car at 43 E. North Ave. moments later. But she wasn't quite done.

Police said she refused to get out of the ambulance after it crashed, and they had to break a window and enter the rig to pull her out.

When she complained of having "aches and pains," officers placed her in a different ambulance for a trip to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She stood up and tried to kick the back door open so she could run away, officers said. But a cop who was along for the short ride to Northwestern pinned her until they arrived at the hospital, a CPD report said.

Officers later learned that Ricks struck a bicyclist with the ambulance near the 2200 block of W. Division before they intercepted her. The bike rider was not seriously injured, police said.

Prosecutors charged Ricks with possession of a stolen motor vehicle, aggravated fleeing and eluding, driving on a suspended license, and failing to report a vehicle accident.

700 block of W. Diversey when a white vehicle rolled up, and a man emerged to take her car around 8:40 p.m., CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli said. We've confirmed that the carjacking took place on a parking lot adjacent to Walgreens, 740 W. Diversey.

Bartoli said the offender, described only as a man who wore a white gaiter over his face, drove away with the woman's SUV. The white vehicle followed him.

Police recorded 19 carjackings in Lakeview this year through Oct. 5, according to city data. That's up from 11 at this time last year and three at this point in 2019.

Citywide, carjackings are up 38% this year to 1,284 cases as of Oct. 5. There were 426 cases reported as of Oct. 5, 2019.

The opening days of this month paced slightly ahead of last year, with 35 carjackings reported city wide through October 5. That's up from 29 last year and four in 2019.

## Man critically injured in apparently-targeted West Rogers Park shooting

A man is in critical condition following an apparently targeted shooting in West Rogers Park on Oct. 12, according to police and a law enforcement source. Detectives are interviewing a suspect.

Police said a 38-year-old man was outside when someone shot him in the head on the 6500 block of N. Washtenaw around 8:40 a.m. An ambulance took the man to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

The shooting unfolded outside a residence where an intruder attacked the same victim twice inside his home, according to CPD records.

Around 9:15 a.m. Oct. 11, an armed man reportedly forced his way into the man's home, beat him up, and injured his mother, one report said. The same man returned to the house around 2 p.m. to attack the male victim again.

Police arrested a suspect shortly after the Oct. 12 shooting. That suspect may also be responsible for the Oct. 11 attacks. The shooting victim is well-known to local police officers. He was charged with felony theft stemming from a burglary earlier this year,

and he has served prison time for burglary-related crimes, theft, and manufacture-delivery of cocaine, according to state records. He has shared his mugshots on Facebook and even uses one of them as the featured image on his profile page.

## Alleged Argyle CTA attacker, mistakenly released, is back in custody

Kenneth Ray, who was mistakenly released from custody last month after police arrested him in connection with an attack at the Argyle Red Line CTA station that the FBI said may have been a hate crime, is back in jail. But the story grew stranger this week when prosecutors revealed that a slur Ray allegedly yelled at the Asian victim was not anti-Asian. It was the n-word.

Ray had been mistakenly released from custody on Oct. 4. Officials secured an arrest warrant for him from Judge Daniel Gallagher two days later, and the sheriff's office tracked him down. He was in court this week.

Around 1:15 p.m. on August 15, a man wearing a White Sox hat and distinctive jewelry followed a 30-year-old Asian man and the man's partner into the Argyle station and struck him in the head from behind, causing the victim to fall on a staircase, according to police and prosecutors.

"When asked the reason for the assault, the suspect advised that the victim deserved it and used an ethnic slur against the victim and the victim's partner," the FBI said a month later as the agency asked the public for help identifying the attacker.

The bureau's Chicago field office decided to publicize the Argyle attack "in hopes of encouraging members of vulnerable populations to report crimes."

About a week before the FBI took on the case, Chicago police released their own "seeking to identify" bulletin that included images of the attacker. But CPD's bulletin did not suggest the attack was a hate crime.



William Harris



Yolanda Ricks



Kejuan Franklin

# Legislation making virtual meetings of public bodies acceptable for any reason should be defeated

BY DONALD CRAVEN,  
President & CEO Illinois Press Assoc.

Every city council or school board has issues large and small that impact the lives of the people it serves.

Should residents be allowed to have chickens within city limits?

Should the city-owned property be given away for free to a connected developers?

What programs should the school district cut to have a balanced budget?

How should students be allowed to dress in school?

Even matters that may seem trivial are important to someone. It is the duty of public officials on public bodies to give every matter serious consideration. And it is the duty of citizens to whom those matters are important to provide input.

Those duties are most effectively carried out in person, during in-person interactions.

Meetings of city councils, school boards and other public bodies are opportunities for community residents to voice their opinions, and for public officials to hear them. Those meetings, many times held in a room full of people with passionate and sometimes opposing viewpoints, are fundamental and vital processes that play out in all Illinois communities.

The impact of those vital interactions has been diminished since the pandemic forced many public meetings to held virtually. Now, there is a bill in the Illinois Senate that would give government entities the power to conduct any meeting electronically, not in person, for any reason. The bill is a threat to our democracy, and must

not become law.

Senate Bill 482 was introduced in February by Sen. Christina Castro. It did not make it out of committee during the regular session, but it could be considered when the Legislature begins its fall veto session Oct. 19. The legislation is a top agenda item for the Illinois Municipal League.

## Commentary

The bill would amend the Open Meetings Act by modifying requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members.

The bill's proponents believe virtual meetings are more efficient and transparent than those held in person. Nothing could be further from the truth.

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Anyone who has attended a virtual meeting or family gathering during the past 18 months – who hasn't?! – knows that discussions are shorter and ultimately less effective when they are not held in person, face to face. Dialogue simply isn't as meaningful when we're all in different rooms.

And politicians know that.

In public meetings, people are more reluctant to provide input if they are forced to do it remotely. There's just something about being able to look a board member in the eye, and gauge their reactions, in person. Often, that board member will look back at you.

And there's much to be said about the access a resident or reporter has to a public official once the meeting has concluded. They're in the room. In a virtual meeting, the "leave" button is an escape hatch for any public official who wishes to have no further conversation.

Virtual meetings are the antithesis of free speech, and the right of free assembly, and to petition the government.

Certainly, the pandemic was a valid reason for taking proceedings from council chambers to a Zoom room. But it was simply an exception to the rule, a need that now longer exists as we all return to a safer normal.

The public has a right to interact with their elected officials, face to face and not on a screen.

Let's not create an environment that further removes governing from the public's eye. Let's find ways to create more opportunities for personal interactions with our elected officials.

As society returns to normal, so, too, should public meetings. The rule must be for in-person proceedings. Virtual meet-

## Skeleton stolen from Woolly Mammoth



A skeleton has been stolen from Woolly Mammoth, 1513 W. Foster Ave.

The staff at Woolly Mammoth are now doing everything they can to track down this little skeleton stolen from their shop last week. It wasn't for sale, but part of the collection.

They ask neighbors and other to please

keep your eyes peeled and contact woollymammothchicago@yahoo.com with any leads.

Woolly Mammoth Chicago is a retail store offering odd, amusing and eclectic items resurrected from the past. They specialize in vintage and antique taxidermy, anatomy items, medical stuffs, books, toys, skulls, bones, skeletons, military, funerary, art, charts, maps, tools, specimens, natural history, science, culture, and industrial.

ings should be an exception, only when participants' health and safety is at risk.

Senate Bill 482 must be rejected.



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**Iapoce** and associate pitching coach and catching/strategy coach **Mike Borzello** will not return to **David Ross'** group in 2022.

**ALL HEART:** Writer **Joe Mallon** tells us of a new anthology of Chicago writers set to emerge, "Open Heart Chicago," **Vincent Francone** is editing.

**BRAGGING RIGHTS:** Chicago singer, actress **Joanie Palato** says, "Our show in New York at Pangea was beyond my wildest dreams. We got an excellent review by **Stephen Mosher**."

**ELINA'S:** There's a new Italian-American restaurant in West Town. **Ian Rusnak** and **Eric Safin**, chef-owners of Elina's, 1202 W. Grand. Get ready for rich chicken and eggplant parmesan, rigatoni a la vodka, linguine and clams. Lacking a liquor license — it's BYOB for now.

**CONDUCTING A CLASSIC:** Maestro **Rich Daniels** has been recording a song with the extraordinary cellist, **Jill Kaed-**

**ing Gailloro**, for the Immigration Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the beautiful Saint James Chapel at the Archdiocese Pastoral Center (the former Quigley Seminary North). Special thanks to **Vince Gerasole** and his great team who filmed and recorded them. You can see the entire version at the virtual event on Oct. 29.

**PAX TIBI: Madeleine Engel de Janosi McMullan**, her life read like a true James Bond saga. A Stone Ridge Baltimore Sacred Heart girl, a distinguished historian who with her aristocratic Viennese family, the **Engel de J'Anosi**, fled the Nazi and were shielded by their French relations in Lyon, France, later settling in England, going on to a scholar's career of collegiate academics and then, life in the C.I.A. Her marriage to **James McMullan** of William Blair brought her to Lake Forest and a life of remarkable Chicago philanthro-



(L) Judge (Ret.) Rhoda Sweeney Drucker, White Sox part-owner Mickey Norton and Fred Drucker. (R) Ian Rusnak and Eric Safin. Photo courtesy Chicago Eater



**Manny's...** Candle maven **Tina Weller** getting autumn quality time with son, **Marcus Weller**... **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** was excited to cheer on her runner husband, **Ken Moll**, and son, **Kenny**, at the Chicago Mara-



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thon... Congrats to RL's **Christopher** and **Jacqueline Yum** on 13 years of marriage... **Jeffrey** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** visiting **Alice Walton's** Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Arkansas... **Judge Rhoda Sweeney Drucker** with hubby, **Fred Drucker**, and White Sox

py, deeply immigrant focused, from the Westside's Holy Family Church, to the Art Institute, Rush Medical Center, founding the Infant Welfare Society, the Historical Society, the Botanic Garden, as well as an art focused educational philanthropic foundation. Gone at 92 in Lake Forest with faith and elegance intact.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Beverly's **Pat Carr** just received his appointment to City Manager of suburban Tinley Park... Wine expert supreme **Brian Duncan** sharing hope that many of you will come experience George Trois with him in Winnetka... **Lucia Adams** traveling to the Green Briar and on to the Biltmore, a Who's Who of timeless resorts... Artist **Adam Handler** has a new show, if you're in Paris check out a new group exhibition... **Kristine Farra** and **Eileen Howard-Weinberg** with **Maria Brightly**, **Maria Lampros**, **Kiki Furla**, **Libby McCarten Andrews** and **Julie Karagianis** at Gibson's Steakhouse toasting life and friendship... Architecture critics **Lee Bey** and **Blair Kamin**, lunching deli-style at



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part-owner **Mickey Norton** at the Sox lone winning playoff game... **John Reilly** flipping crepes in the French tradition for dearest **Myra Reilly**... **Gabriel Nieves** just completed three World Major Marathons in three weeks, Berlin, London and Krakow... Lovely **Jolanta Ruege** in the autumn sun at the Yacht Club... Bondgirl **Diane "Therese" O'Connell**, waiting for hip surgery and

praying up a storm to St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, during her patronal month of October... the very dapper **Julius du Bruhl Lewis**, the toast of Manhattan, had a birthday last week... Man-about-town **Shelley Howard** tunes up at Gibson's Steakhouse with piano player, **Lloyd Wilson**, and performer, **Robert Kalfin**... U of I Alumnae President, **Michael and Lois Dal Santo Haring**, in Champaign-Urbana for Homecoming... Artist **Rosemary Fanti** and husband, **Richard Koranda** found a historic train town in Aberdeen, NC.

**SHOWTIME IN NEW YORK:** **Barb Bailey** presents "Hollywood—Out of the Box" at Don't Tell Mama on Friday, Nov. 5 in New York and Sunday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., here in Chicago at the Venus Cabaret Theater, 3745 N. Southport. Get tickets.

**EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME:** Together again with drinks and memories at the Ritz, **Bobbi Panter**, **Wynnis Mackie** with **Karin Carlson**.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL:** **Eddie Robinson**, the oldest living former Major League Baseball player and the last surviving member of the 1948 World Series winning Cleveland Indians, has died at his ranch in Bastrop, Texas at the age of 100. Go Tribe!

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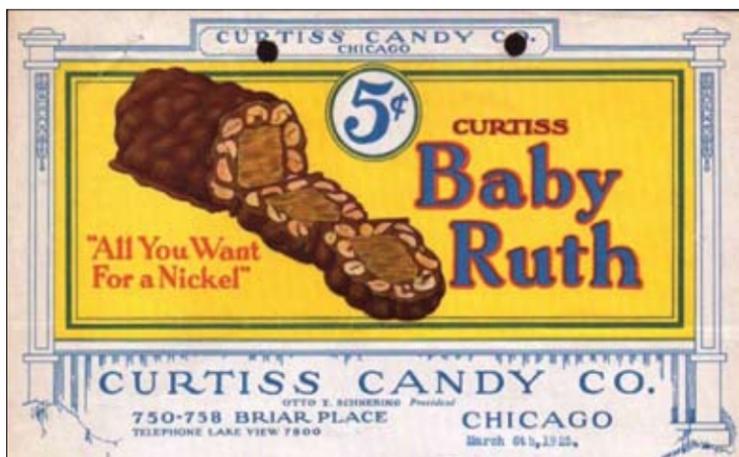
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<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR23, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR23 Plaintiff, -v- NICOLE J. ZAFER, ELIOT HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SOPHIA ZAFER WORDEN, ERIKA L. ZAFER, EMILY ZAFER LEFLORE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ZAFE G. ZAFER, NICOLE J. ZAFER AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, FOTINA PATRIAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2020CH01339 1255 N. SANDBURG TERRACE, APT 2106 CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 26, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 17, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1255 N. SANDBURG TERRACE, APT 2106, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-222-062-1153 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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, examine the court file, CODILIS &amp;</p>	<p>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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CODILIS &amp; ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-20-00616 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2020CH01339 TJSC#: 41-1635 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 # 2020CH01339 13178331</p>	<p>at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-32-133-026-0000. Commonly known as 2040 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manly Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-038462 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13178333</p>
<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR4; Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT B. WHEATLEY; KRISTN WHEATLEY; BMO HARRIS BANK NA SBM HARRIS NA; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants; 17 CH 15445 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 18, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 511 W DIVISION #304, CHICAGO, IL 60610</p>	<p>Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4139, Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4347 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport,</p>	<p>etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS &amp; ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS &amp; ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-19-02670 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2015CH06555 TJSC#: 41-1673 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 # 2015CH06555 13178395</p>	<p>202020 131313 060606</p>

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# America's Sweet Tooth: North Side's part in creating candyland



## Hog butcher and candy-maker to the world

Chicago is home to some of the most famous names in candy. In fact, one of America's most popular candy bars was created in Lakeview East... The Curtiss Candy Co. - the makers of Baby Ruth - which was founded in 1916 by Otto Schnering at the corner of Clark and Briar Place.

The Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative [LPCRI] is holding a Fall program 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, via Zoom, featuring Colleen Doody, PhD, Associate Chair, History Dept., DePaul Univ. and moderated by Miles Harvey, MFA, Professor of English, DePaul Univ.

The event is free to the public, those who are interested should

register at <http://go.depaul.edu/LPCRI>.

The program will dive into the shared history of Lincoln Park and the candy industry and its impact on Lincoln Park's growth and development. Today, Chicago remains a major center of the candy industry. Curtiss Candy Company, once headquartered in the community, serves as an early example of the industrialization of the sector and its successful foray into mass marketing. So bring your sweet tooth and a couple Baby Ruth bars.

When asked what inspired her to begin researching the history of the candy industry in Chicago and what her talk at the program

will focus on, Doody said "When we think of industrialization in 19th and 20th century Chicago, our image is of stockyards, packing houses and steel mills. But Chicago was also the "Candy Capitol of the World" for much of the 20th century. As more and more candy companies move out of the city, this history is being lost or forgotten."

By the early 1960s, over 100 local companies directly or indirectly employed 25,000 workers in a \$300 million per year industry. Chicago's factories produced a number of iconic confections: the Milky Way, Oh Henry!, Snickers, Baby Ruth, and Butterfinger bars; Cracker Jacks, Wrigley's gum, Milk Duds, and Tootsie Roll, just to name a few. "My talk will focus on Curtiss Candy, which made Baby Ruth and Butterfinger and started in Lincoln Park shortly after World War I," said Doody.

The LPCRI is a partnership between DePaul Univ. and the Lincoln Park organizations and businesses to collect, document, and preserve shared history. LPCRI develops and supports research, publications, exhibits, and educational programs about the neighborhood. You can read more on the official website.



## Fall pretzel blitz, we love pretzels

The DANK Haus Chicago, 4740 N. Western Ave. is hosting four pretzel making classes in October. Who doesn't love pretzels?

These pretzel-making classes will be offered in-person. Students will get hands-on training from Reinhard Richter, Chicago's resident Pretzel Meister, and may take home their homemade pret-

zels at the end of the class. Classes are Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

One class will even be taught entirely in German (Oct. 29). All students will get the recipe and be able to communicate directly with the chef.

For reservations call 773-561-9181.

## Clark St. Spooktacular this Sunday

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Spooktacular, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, on Clark St. from Dickens to Diversey.

The event is free and open to the public, who may join the haunted fun as 22 participating businesses on Clark St. from Armitage to Diversey transform into trick-or-

treat stops featuring candy and surprises for the whole family.

Dust off your costumes and grab your cauldrons to pick-up sweet treats from over 20 business along the street. Be amazed by spooky specials throughout the day, creepy stilt walkers, and magicians. For more information call 773-880-5200.

## Boys and Girls Clubs + Kiwanis fundraiser underway

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club [NBGC] is teaming up with the Kiwanis Club of Lakeview to raise funds for youth programs and provide volunteer opportunities for the NBGC Youth Leaders.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakeview is organizing a fundraiser where gently used items (clothing, small household items, etc.) can be donated. NBGC is collecting the donations at their clubhouse, 2501

W. Irving Park Rd. The fundraiser runs through Oct. 29.

Allowable donations such as clothes, household textiles (bedding, blankets, pillows, etc.), and small household goods Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

When a donor drops off bags or boxes to the NBGC, they will receive a tax deductible receipt for their donation.

## Letter to the Editor

### New Andersonville microsite for sharing thoughts on community

We are still buzzing from the news that Andersonville was ranked second "Coolest Neighborhood" in the world and number one in the U.S. in the annual Time Out List. This honor has not been achieved by just one business, organization, person, initiative, or project, but rather a collective energy that we as a community have been able to carry and show to the rest of the world.

To celebrate this collective effort we invite all of our community advocates to participate in a campaign we are calling #WeAr-

eAndersonville. Our #WeAreAndersonville microsite includes a variety of media assets including press and coverage of the news, images to share on social media, badges, and Andersonville-centric merchandise from some of our local businesses.

We designed the site to be collaborative, and if you want us to include an image of you in the campaign we invite you to fill out

the form on the site and share a few images and notes about what Andersonville means to you.

Because of the quick turnaround, will require a google account to access. We can't wait to celebrate more of what Andersonville means to all of us in the weeks to come

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**POLICE BEAT** *from p. 6*

When Ray, 33, appeared before Judge Mary Marubio for a bond hearing this week, prosecutors provided her with the state's version of what happened at the Argyle station.

The victim, who is identified as Asian in a CPD report, entered the CTA station with his partner, and the men made their way up to the platform. As they reached a landing, the victim felt someone punch him in the back of

the head and he fell to the ground.

When the man looked up, Ray, standing over him with a clenched fist, called him the n-word.

"That's what you get," Ray allegedly said. "You deserve it."

Prosecutors did not mention any anti-Asian statements or suggest hate crime as a motive.

The victim's partner recorded video of Ray leaving the scene, and the FBI later released the footage with its press release. Another witness also

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heard Ray call the victim and his partner the n-word, prosecutors said.

Ray has three felony convictions — for theft in 2015 and guns in 2007 and 2008.

Judge Marubio reduced Ray's bail, which Gallagher set at \$250,000 on the warrant, to \$75,000. She ordered him to go on electronic monitoring if he posts the mandatory 10% deposit. He remains jailed as of Saturday morning.

In March, two men said Ray punched

them in their faces without provocation while shopping at a Walgreens in Andersonville. The men were unable to help prosecutors pursue felony charges in March due to Passover, according to a note in CPD's arrest report. Gallagher sentenced Ray to six months conditional discharge in the case late last month.

The next day — the day he was supposed to be in felony bond court on the Argyle Red Line CTA attack charges — Ray had another court date

in Skokie at 9 a.m. According to court records, he appeared via Zoom and received a sentence of time served for a pending shoplifting charge. Then, he went home without being taken to felony bond court.

Prosecutors this week suggested a mix-up with the two court hearings resulted in Ray being released by mistake. His next court date is Oct. 28.

—Compiled by CWBChicago.com

**Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AR7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR7 Plaintiff,

-v- SVETLOZAR STOYANOV, EXTOL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC, CITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 30TH 2017 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002374165, PARSA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 18 CH 12164

4840 N. SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT #4 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 February 17, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 19, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4840 N. SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT #4, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-416-038-1004

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$899,731.35.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff,

-v- CHRISTINA CAPRI AKA CHRISTINA KOOPMANS, EGON MAX KOOPMANS AKA EGON M. KOOPMANS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHQ INC., CWHQ REVOLVING HOMEQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-D, 4216 NORTH ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 19 CH 01174

4216 N. ASHLAND AVE GARDEN, UNIT G CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent

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Commonly known as 4216 N. ASHLAND AVE GARDEN, UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-18-410-044-1001 fka 14-18-410-024-0000

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$237,280.71.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 396402.

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Attorney Code: 40387 Case Number: 19 CH 01174 TJSC#: 41-1949

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff,

-v- MARK JAKUBIK, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, GRANVILLE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2019CH07008

6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT #22L CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 16, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT #22L, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-210-024-1121

The real estate is improved with a condominium. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered

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for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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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 # 2019CH07008 13178297**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ABS LOAN TRUST V Plaintiff,

-v- IRENE D. PIETRUCZYK AKA IRENE PIETRUCZYK, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, HOLLYWOOD TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 18 CH 07521

5701 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 6K CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 9, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 17, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 5701 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 6K, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-407-017-1248

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$37,814.56.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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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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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 323467.

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Attorney Code: 40387 Case Number: 18 CH 07521 TJSC#: 41-1633

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 # 18 CH 07521**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- BRENDAN CAREY AKA BRENDAN P. CAREY, WINONA TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION Defendants 19 CH 03593

1043 W. WINONA ST. 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 January 22, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 23, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1043 W. WINONA ST., CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-405-024-0000

The real estate is improved with a townhome. The judgment amount was \$339,232.66.

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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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For information, Steven Rappin, Esq., HAUSELMAN & RAPPIN, LTD. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 29 E. Madison, Ste. 950, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 370044.

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Attorney Code: 4452 Case Number: 19 CH 03593 TJSC#: 41-1721

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- CLIFFORD ANDERSEN, 6300 SHERIDAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID ANDERSEN, GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DAVID ANDERSEN (DECEASED) Defendants 2019CH09226

6300 N SHERIDAN RD # 617 CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 23, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6300 N SHERIDAN RD # 617, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-202-019-1093

The real estate is improved with a condotownhouse. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-090572.

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## Downtown robberies

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning downtown area businesses of recent armed robberies. In these incidents, the offender(s) entered stores displayed handguns and demanded the store clerks to open cash registers. Then they removed an unknown amount of cash, took other merchandise and fled.

Incidents include one in the 200 block of W. Jackson 2:44 a.m. Oct. 9, and another on the 300 block of W. Adams 2:58 a.m. Oct. 9.

The offenders are described as male(s), 18-30 years old, 5'-6" to 5'-10", wearing hooded sweatshirts and ski masks.

## Auto thefts reported on Northwestern's downtown campus

BY CWBCHICAGO

Northwestern Univ. Police are warning about recent motor vehicle thefts from garages on the school and hospital's Streeter-ville campus. In one case, a car owner was threatened by a gunman that they found sitting in the driver's seat of their vehicle, the alert said.

Northwestern authorities said four vehicles that were left parked, locked, and unoccupied have gone missing since Sept. 15. Thefts were reported from Northwestern garages on the 200 block of E. Superior St. and the 300 block of E. Erie St.

Around 4 a.m. Sept. 22, a victim noticed

a masked person sitting in the passenger seat of their vehicle inside the Erie St. garage, according to a separate warning from Northwestern Police. They also saw two masked people sitting in a black four-door sedan parked next to their car.

When the person inside the victim's car saw them, the offender got out and pointed a handgun at the driver, police said. The victim ran away.

"There are no useable descriptions of the suspects," Northwestern police said in an alert.

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## Division St. to be restored in Gold Coast

The cars are back! The section of Division St. between State Pkwy. and Dearborn St. will be restored to full street access. This section of the street has been closed for the city's expanded outdoor dining program to help support businesses during and after the government-imposed pandemic economic shutdown.

Due to the concerns over automobile traffic, CTA bus activity, emergency vehicle delayed responses, the need for residential use, along with additional street closure is-

sues, Division St. will soon be available for public transportation.

But Ald. Brian Hopkins says he'd like to find a way to continue to use the street for outdoor dining and drinking.

"This historic business district remains a vibrant part of local entertainment, and I am committed to providing a European-style outdoor area with seating on this block of Division St. Please stay tuned for more information on this future project."

### Streeterville's Got Talent fundraiser runs through Oct. 29

It's not too late to cast a vote for the 2nd Annual Streeterville's Got Talent fundraiser. Your vote will support the activities and programs of the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents. Each vote costs \$5, and as this is Chicago, vote as frequent and as often as possible.

A portion of the proceeds will support the Chicago Police Foundation (CPF).

View the various acts on the SOAR website, [www.soarchicago.org/](http://www.soarchicago.org/).

The winner will get \$1000 and two runners up will get \$250 each. For more information call 312-280-2596.

### HOTELS from p. 1

Lodging Assoc. — an 86% decline from the \$2.5 billion they made that year.

"The reason why we are in Chicago every other year is because it is the hub of the Midwest," said Mark Hoper, senior vice president of Fabtech's media and exhibitions. "There are still more machine tools sold in the Midwest than any other region."

Resort cities such as Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Miami and Tampa, Florida, have done better, with Virginia Beach hotels expected to see revenue from business

travel drop by about \$280 million, Tampa by about \$165 million and Miami by almost \$500 million from 2019.

Nationally, the lodging association doesn't expect business travel revenue to return to pre-pandemic levels until 2024.

#### Hotel occupancy plunges

Hotel occupancy in downtown Chicago was 53.6% in the month ending mid-September, a drop from 82% from the same period in 2019, according to data tracking firm STR. For comparison, nationwide hotel occupancy came in at 61.4% in the month ending mid-September this year, a

little less than the 66.8% occupancy rate from Sept. 2019.

The average daily rate for Chicago hotels in the central business district dropped to \$195 this month from \$211 in 2019. Revenue per available room logged \$104.47 in Sept. 2021, dropping nearly 40% from \$173 in 2019.

Those precipitous declines have meant increasing distress for Chicago's hotels. As of Sept. 21, 62% of Chicago hotel loans packaged in commercial mortgage-backed securities had gone into special servicing, with a total unpaid balance of \$1.2 billion. That compares with zero loans in special servicing at the end of 2019. Prominent downtown hotels that had CMBS debt include the 1,641-key Palmer House Hilton, the second-largest downtown hotel; Hilton Chicago Magnificent Mile; and JW Marriott Chicago.

The carnage could get much worse. It depends on how long lenders are willing to wait for some kind of recovery, said Jon Peck, president of Peck Hotel Consulting.

"The question will be lender patience, how patient lenders are going to be," Peck said. Lenders "will have to make a decision on how much they are going to take on their note. What they want to sell that for and when is the right time to do that."

The drop-off in convention and business travel has made the city's lodging industry more dependent on tourism.

"Chicago has always been very reliant on convention business, in particular, major citywide conventions," said Stacey Nadolny, managing director of hospitality consulting at HVS Chicago. Referring to the city's hospitality industry as a three-legged stool consisting of leisure, commercial and group travel, Nadolny said leisure travel did the heavy lifting for hotel occupancy this year.

#### Lollapalooza a rare bright spot

Among the bright spots was the Lollapalooza music festival July 29 to Aug. 1, when room occupancy soared at 85%, according to Choose Chicago, the city's official tourism organization. That was followed by a surge in the Covid-19 delta variant that slammed the brakes on leisure travel across the country.

Choose Chicago created an online "Seize Your Summer" campaign to lure travelers.

Officials said the campaign generated more than \$79 million in hotel revenue between May 1 and Aug. 11 and that summer demand for hotel rooms was expected to exceed 2 million room nights. For comparison, that number represents only 60% of the rooms booked in the summer of 2019.

"Leisure travel was good to have, and it really helped us get through the summer and there was good growth in that area," said Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Assoc. "But

a market like Chicago cannot rely solely on leisure travel."

The Fabtech convention shows the challenges faced by the city's convention industry. Hoper still recalls the endless meetings to decide how to make the convention center safe for visitors — the masking and social distancing and testing. The planning started almost a year earlier, just after the 2020 convention was canceled.

"We definitely felt the effect of Covid for sure," said Hoper. "We probably lost 15% of our audience when people were told they had to wear masks."

With the pandemic still raging and travel still a fraction of its 2019 level, it's not clear when or if the return to normal the city's lodging industry has hoped for will come.

Even before Covid, conventions were on a downsizing trend, with technology enabling them to use less floor space.

#### Growing convention competition

"Conventions getting smaller and using less floor space means there's more complications for Chicago," said Ted Mandigo, a hotel analyst in Chicago. "Conventions that were held in Las Vegas, Chicago or Orlando could be held in Nashville, TN, or Denver, CO. Competition has gotten stronger, and uncertainty has impacted the market." Mandigo expects that even when conventions resume full-scale, they will be down 10% because of competitive factors.

No new hotels opened in Chicago between 2008 and 2013, while the city continued to grow, said Nadolny of HVS. From 2015 to 2018, 7,500 rooms were added, a growth rate of about four-percent a year over the four-year period.

Even if the city sees resurgent demand for lodging, it would remain a difficult place to build.

"The market was already showing signs that it was more challenging to develop here based on construction costs, high property tax, labor costs," Nadolny said. "It became more difficult to bring in hotel projects."

Even so, there are seven hotels under construction that are expected to be completed by 2022, according to Peck. Considering that there are about 50,000 hotel rooms in Chicago's central business district, analysts say that's statistically insignificant, but hospitality officials take it as a positive sign for the future.

"We are still seeing hotels break ground now," said the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association's Jacobson. "These are savvy investors who are not taking risky gambles unless they know they are going to eventually succeed. I think there is still confidence in the future of Chicago tourism."

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