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## Smash-and-grab burglars target businesses in Lincoln Park, Lakeview

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are searching for a burglary crew that smashed its way into at least three businesses in Lakeview and Lincoln Park Jan. 12, in a series of crimes that may be connected to a crime pattern the Chicago Police Dept. warned about less than a week ago.

Shortly before 3 a.m., four men armed with crowbars and other tools forced their way into Z Food Mart at 3504 N. Broadway in Lakeview, according to a preliminary police report.

Minutes later, just after 3 a.m., the crew struck again on Clark St. just south of Fullerton Ave. in Lincoln Park.

At least four men smashed through the front door of Big Apple Finer Foods at 2345 N. Clark St. and took cash from the registers, a report said. Directly across the street, the same group broke



Big Apple Finer Foods, a family-owned grocery store at 2345 N. Clark St.

into Serai Cafe and Deli at 2342 N. Clark St. and removed the cash register before fleeing.

Cops were told to be on the lookout for a purple 2018 Kia sedan that was seen in the area and had recently been reported stolen in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood.

Last week, CPD warned about

a group of armed men burglarizing and robbing small businesses, many in Lakeview and Lincoln Park.

Between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 3, the crew struck in the 2300 block of W. Chicago Ave., the 3000 block of N. Ashland

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## City Council approves development of Lourdes site on Ashland

Loss of parking lot dooms the church

BY BOB ZULEY

The Chicago City Council in December approved a residential development dubbed 'The Schoolhouse on Ashland' at 4641 N. Ashland Ave. The Phase 2 development is across the street from Chase Park at the corner of Ashland and Leland avenues.

Planned by Honore Properties, the project site is a current surface parking lot of the former Our Lady of Lourdes School which has recently been converted into the residential Schoolhouse on Ashland. The loss of the parking lot leaves the church with little hope for survival. The church and its grotto was a regional attraction drawing parishioners from near and far.

The site previously was home to the Our Lady of Lourdes Church itself.

Designed by Kennedy Mann, the five-story metal and brick building topping out at 60 feet is planned to include 78 residential units. The proposed unit mix includes five studios, 61 one-bedrooms, 10 two-bedrooms, and



The Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot [below] may soon sprout a new housing project [above].

two three-bedrooms.

The project will include 33 interior car parking spaces and a bicycle room. Before the onslaught

of high density Transit-Oriented Developments, the zoning for a

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Lincoln Park's Larry Harris dunks the ball against Whitney Young.

## Whitney Young survives Lincoln Park 65-62

BY JACK LYDON

A basketball game at Lincoln Park High School is quite an experience. The gym itself is small with only three rows of seats on two sides of the court. It's loud. It's dark. It's crowded. It's half game and half concert. The fans are part of the game. Seriously, the feet of the fans sitting in the first row are actually on the court. At one point, a Lincoln Park player stepped on the foot of a person sitting in the front row, stumbled and was called for traveling. The Lincoln Park bench started screaming. The referee respond-

ed, "It's the same for both sides."

The 25th ranked visiting Whitney Young Dolphins survived Thursday evening's tense Chicago Public League Red-North division match at Lincoln Park 65-62. The Lincoln Park Lions (11-4, 3-1) are a top team in the Public League, the best team on the North Side. They are ranked not only for having suffered an early season loss to an underrated Hyde Park high school squad. There other losses are to No. 20 Kenwood and Whitney Young, twice. In a curious sched-

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## Knife attack leaves father, 6-year-old injured in Lincoln Park

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 6-year-old boy and his 27-year-old father were injured in a knife attack after a man became aggressive and attacked them Jan. 11 in Lincoln Park, police said.

At approximately 10:24 p.m., the victims were walking in the 2700 block of N. Sheffield Ave. when an unknown man approached them and became aggressive, according to a Chicago police spokesperson. The man produced a sharp object and began a physical altercation with the victims that resulted in the father

and son being injured.

The father suffered a puncture wound to his left arm, while the boy sustained a minor laceration to his back, the CPD spokesperson said. Both were taken to Illinois Masonic Hospital, where they were listed in good condition.

CPD said the assailant fled south on foot. Officers were told to be on the lookout for a Black man in his late teens or early 20s, standing 6'-1" or 6'-2" tall with an afro hairstyle. He was wearing a navy jacket, black pants, and carrying a bookbag.

## Property Tax most hated tax in Illinois

Survey of 3,022 respondents

Americans may joke that only death and taxes are certain, but which taxes do we hate the most? According to a recent survey by 5 Star Loans of 3,044 respondents, aimed to uncover the most despised tax in every state - from sky-high property taxes, to steep sales taxes, to the polarizing "death tax".

The three most most hated taxes in Illinois are:  
**#1 Property Tax - Utterly Despised.**

Illinois residents are well-versed in the art of complaining about property taxes — and for

good reason. The state consistently ranks near the top nationally for effective property tax rates, with homeowners paying thousands more each year than their counterparts across state lines. It's not unusual to hear property tax bills discussed with the same solemnity as a mortgage payment.

The frustration isn't just about the dollar figure. Many residents feel they're paying premium rates for services that haven't kept pace — crumbling roads, underfunded schools, and mounting pension obligations. In Illinois, property taxes are a symbolic of a state

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# Are kindness and solutions possible these days?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Decades working at Chicago's City Hall taught me there is no problem that can't be quickly fixed.

Whether that's the early arrival of a head of state, a special guest's admission to a museum after hours, immediate seating in a crowded popular Chicago steakhouse, or a police escort out to a plane at O'Hare, on the runway piloted by the King of Jordan, himself, awaiting his children to join him aboard after special transit through the crowds.

People can usually make the solution happen. Unless you have to explain what the only solution is.

Since I'm no longer in City Hall, I don't get much opportunity to handle special solutions or even ease peoples' burdens from red tape. But the memory of them still keeps me hoping someone recognizes the ease of being kind, and the importance of problem solving.

In a city as large, robust and beautiful as Chicago we interface with countless individuals who were not raised with our same sense of references, lingo, or common language.

While shopping with my sister

at Mariano's we stopped at the deli counter where a hip young man came over to see what we'd like. My sister said she'd like "a pound of Jarlsberg and a pound of baked ham." He responded with "Jarlsberg and what?" She repeated, "A pound of baked ham."

"I've never heard of it," he admitted.

I couldn't help myself. "Excuse me," I said in my softest, politest voice. "You're telling us you work at the deli counter and you've never heard of baked ham?"

"Yeah, that's right," he admitted. "We have lots of ham, but I never heard of baked ham."

It was pure Twilight Zone.

We tried to figure it out. Was this some kind of urban social dilemma making itself known on the deli floor? Did the nation's social dissolution between the various age groups come to a head here at a deli counter?

At this point in January many Chicagoans might be at their wits end trying to maneuver a way out of strange cultural dilemmas. We are strangled by political correctness run amuck. Regurgitated on City Hall's fifth floor Mayor's office and the second floor's City Council Chambers. The waves of misjudgment engulf the brightness of city neighborhoods.

As the new year begins we must stand up, at least for the two things all Chicagoans agree upon. Baseball and ice cream for a start. For laughter and reason for another. For wits and nerve. For kindness and understanding. Well, that's six things.

"Won't you be kind?" is a phrase used in classic Blues songs, notably by Luke Jordan and Hattie Hart, as a plea for compassion and reciprocity in relationships, often involving themes of struggle, desire, and mutual respect.

Don't let the cultural uglies have the last word on our politics, our neighborhoods, or on our deep dish pizza. From Riccardo Muti to the works of painter Pablo Picasso.

The Chicago Picasso was commissioned in 1963 by the architects of the Richard J. Daley Center.

Picasso not only agreed to un-



(L) In 1967, the Chicago Picasso was unveiled to the sounds of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and a poem written specially for the occasion by Gwendolyn Brooks. Photo courtesy J. Crocker (R) A portion of a Ray Patlán mural at 1831 S. Racine Ave.



dertake the project but, he also insisted on doing it free of charge. He donated both his design and 42-inch model to the people of Chicago as a gift.

How kind of him.

Picasso was a Chicago kind of guy. That's why he gave us the "The Picasso" (untitled), the sculpture in Daley Plaza. He'd fit right in here, today.

Remember, people can always make the solution happen, with a bit of kindness.

People can usually make the solution happen. Unless you have to explain what the only solution is.

**MLK DINNER:** The Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations is hosting the 56th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Dinner, a powerful interfaith and multicultural gathering honoring the legacy of America's most iconic civil rights leader, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at The Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Dr./Palatine.

Founded and hosted by **Rev. Clyde H. Brooks**, a longtime civil rights leader and personal colleague of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, the dinner brings together leaders, advocates, and citizens from across Illinois to reaffirm their shared commitment to justice, inclusion, and opportunity for all.

This year's program features a keynote address by **Hon. Elizabeth Rochford**, Illinois Supreme Court Justice; a performance by the Grammy Award-winning **Soul Children of Chicago**, under the direction of **Walt Whitman**, and recognition of outstanding leaders advancing the causes of social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. The ICDHR continues its legacy of providing college scholarships and leadership development for Illinois youth. This year's event serves as a tribute and a fundraiser to empower the next generation.

**MORE ART:** Go visit the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen for their exhibition dedicated to artist **Ray Patlán** (1946–2024), a pivotal figure of the Chicano art movement and the Community Mural Movement. From 1968 to 1975, Patlán emerged as an artistic force and a pioneer in Chicago's Mexican community, completing ambitious mural projects that captured the life and voices of the people in his neighborhood in response to the social injustices and movements of his time.



Ray Patlán

**SAMI:** This Friday in Andersonville, the Swedish American Museum is opening "Mov Giele | My Voice." A special exhibit featuring the vibrant and dynamic work of Sámi artist **Per Eloff Nilsson Ricklund**. With roots in the Sámi cultural landscape and a gaze turned toward philosophy, archaeology, and art history, he creates works that carry both memory and movement.

**BERNADETTE:** Afterasmash hit run in Europe, Bernadette, The Musical is premiering in Lake View next month and will tour 12 additional cities this year. This is a musical about the courageous story of **St. Bernadette of Lourdes**. It opens Feb. 19 with performances scheduled through March 15 at The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture on Southport.

Makes one wonder why city officials let our own Lady of Lourdes Church and Grotto in Ravenswood get turned into condos and apartments? It was worth keeping.

**CONSISTORY:** Pope Leo XIV has summoned the entire College of Cardinals to Rome to finally get down to brass tacks in the papacy. Chicago's **Cardinal**

**Blase Cupich** is there. All cardinals are obliged to be present for discussions and debates as the Pontiff gets down to business. It is believed that the pope is further organizing his first consistory to appoint new cardinals. In addition, it will offer a plan for reorganizing outdated structures.

**BOATING:** Nothing says boating like snow and cold. Discover Boating Chicago Boat Show returns to Rosemont Jan. 28–Feb. 1. Saturday programming includes a football-themed "Boating" activation, with appearances by legendary Chicago players **Charles "Peanut" Tillman**, **Israel "Izzy" Idonije**, and **Jerry Azumah** reuniting for lively football-meets-boating conversation, sharing game-day stories and time on the water. Moderated by TV host and sideline reporter **Lauren Screeden**.

**MLK:** Illinois residents get

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# Sharp suspends campaign for Cook County Commissioner

*Indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in October, Cat Sharp suspends campaign as candidate for Cook County Commissioner; Fundraising pales in comparison to Democratic frontrunner Elizabeth Granato*

BY PETER VON BUOL

With two months to go before the March 17 Democratic primary election for Cook County Commissioner [12th] and lagging significantly in campaign fundraising, Catherine Sharp, 29, has suspended (but not ended) her campaign.

Sharp, currently chief of staff to Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], was indicted in October by a

federal grand jury for being part of a criminal conspiracy to interfere with a federal agent from proceeding to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in the suburb of Broadview. Sharp, who is paid a salary of more than \$70K by the city of Chicago, was arrested outside of the city on a weekday morning when she was supposedly working for the city of Chicago.

While Sharp has blamed the suspension of her campaign on



Catherine Sharp

fighting the presidential administration of President Donald J. Trump, fundraising for her campaign fell dramatically after her arrest in September.

“Navigating this unimaginable legal process and all the costs-emotional and financial-that come with it, have made running for office much more difficult. As a result, I feel that the most responsible decision for me is to suspend my campaign for Cook County Board so that I can focus on winning the legal

battle against the Trump administration,” said Sharp in a Facebook post.

At deadline, Sharp had not yet responded to any questions from this newspaper.

Despite the suspension of her campaign for Cook County Commissioner due to the stress of fighting federal criminal charges, Sharp continues to collect a city paycheck as Vasquez’s chief of staff. The position of aldermanic chief-of-staff is among the most highly-demanding positions in city government. They are considered on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition to Sharp, three other

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# Schakowsky endorses Biss for Congress

*Quigley makes it official, seeks Mayor’s office*

BY BOB ZULEY

Longtime northside U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, [9th], endorsed Evanston Mayor Daniel K. Biss as her successor in Congress, while warning against the influence of “out-of-state donors and special interests.”

Schakowsky, 81, has served the North Side of Chicago and northern burbs since 1999 when nearly 50-year Congressman Sidney Yates opted to retire. Schakowsky faced Illinois State Senator Howard W. Carroll [and future Governor] J.B. Pritzker, who finished second and third, respectively.

Biss, 48, a mathematician, is serving his second term as mayor of Evanston. He is a former member of both the IL State House and Senate. Biss has a BA from Harvard Univ. and earned a Masters and PhD. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He brings a degree of name recognition and experience to the highly congested field of 17 candidates seeking to replace Schakowsky. Biss’ opponents include

State Senator Laura Fine, Skokie School Dist. board member Bushra Amiwala, former federal prosecutor Nick Pyati, and retired FBI agent Phil Andrew.

Other candidates include Kat Abughazaleh, content creator; Sam Polan, US Army veteran; Howard Rosenblum, National Association of the Deaf; Bruce Leon, 50th Ward Democratic Committeeman; State Rep. Hoan Huynh, and State Sen. Mike Simons.

Among those seeking to occupy the mayoral suite of City Hall is Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. She has announced her intention to run for Mayor, though her official campaign launch will follow her 2026 reelection bid for Treasurer; she believes her extensive experience makes her the right choice to lead the city.

The Greek-American attorney and politician has served as the Cook County Treasurer since 1998, and unlike the current Mayor, Pappas is a straight talker who



(L) Mayor Daniel K. Biss. Courtesy City of Evanston (R) U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley.



missioner from the 10th District. He voted with President Joe Biden’s stated position 100% of the time in the 117th Congress, according to a FiveThirtyEight analysis. In July 2024, Quigley called for Biden to withdraw from the 2024 presidential election.

Quigley championed the Big Cat Public Safety Act into law in 2022 as his major legislative accomplishment. The law banned private ownership of big cats and brought an end to the cub petting industry.

Quigley considered running for mayor of Chicago in 2019 after Rahm Emanuel indicated he would not seek reelection, but ultimately did not. He considered a mayoral run in 2023 but opted not to run, instead endorsing U.S. Rep. Chuy Garcia.

Quigley will be a 2026 candidate for reelection to his Congressional seat despite being an announced 2027 mayoral candidate.

doesn’t have anxiety attacks, and is one of the most popular politicians in town. She is a woman whose public appeal crosses many boundaries and ethnicities.

U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, [5th], a stalwart Democrat voice in Congress since the 2009 special election is also running for mayor. He previously taught environmental policy and Chicago politics as an adjunct professor at Loyola Univ. Chicago.

Prior to Congress, Quigley, 67, served as a Cook County Com-

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## Distress sale at Sears, with \$29M sale price

Sale of former Sears store converted into housing added to Chicago's busiest multifamily year since 2022

Such a deal, the former landmark Sears store in Ravenswood, that was converted into 59 apartments, has been sold at a discount: \$29 million.

Back on Dec. 16, Bender Companies recorded the purchase of the former Sears department store, 1900 W. Lawrence Ave., closing the book on a foreclosure fight against the property's previous owner, Chicago-based CA Ventures.

Bender bought the four-story property located at Wolcott and Lawrence just west of the Metra station, and the sale resolves a foreclosure suit tied to the property, which also includes roughly 19,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space which is fully leased, including with DeVry University's Advantage Academy, a program that allows Chicago Public Schools high school students to earn college credits in technology-focused courses.

The sale was reported in Cook County as a sale in lieu of foreclosure, and comes a little more than a year after LoanCore Capital filed a \$32 million foreclosure suit against CA, alleging the developer failed to pay off its loan on the property.

In a released statement, Mark Barnes, Bender's vice president of investments, said that there is a shortage of larger apartment offerings in Ravenswood, which was a key factor behind the acquisition. Bender says they plan to invest in both exterior and interior upgrades.

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John Nocita was an unforgettable talent



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Old newspaper writers, editors, artists and photographers never die. They just etch their work into history, then quietly fade away.

One unforgettable talent was John Nocita, 83, a gifted newspaper artist and graphics specialist, who met his last deadline on Dec. 30, 2025, after a stalwart battle with Alzheimer's.

"John Nocita's successful 47-year newspaper career started as a copy boy at the Chicago Tribune in 1963," said his son, attorney John Nocita, Jr. "He graduated from a photo-retouching school in Rochester, NY, and was hired by the Chicago Daily News in 1965. John chose retouching over photography because it paid more money."

After Nocita joined the star-studded Chicago Daily News art and graphics department, and refined his skills at photo retouching, his career took off, his son said.

Nocita moved to the Chicago Sun-Times in 1978, after the Daily News folded. He was promoted to director of the Sun-Times Editorial Art Dept., which was responsible for creating graphically appealing front-page layouts focused on compelling news photos.

In 1994, Nocita was promoted to Advertising Art Director of the Sun-Times, and finished his long career in that executive position in 2009.

"On the surface, John was a quiet, unassuming guy—an 'average Joe' from Jefferson Park on the Northwest Side. But professionally, he was a respected Old

# Chicago newspaper artist meets last deadline



Front Row, L to R: John Nocita, Bill Sidlauskas, Tom Siebel, Gunther Rhein, and Tim Weigel. Back Row L to R: Don (Garbo) Garbarino, Sam Gendusa, Don DeBat, Mike Royko, Tom Sellers, Steve Yahn, and Jack Bruza. Chicago Daily News Archive photo

School newspaper art and graphics expert," recalled Don (Garbo) Garbarino, his friend for more than five decades.

This writer met John Nocita at the Daily News in 1968, and we became friends and softball buddies. I was just starting out as a young business news reporter. Years later, I worked as Real Estate Editor of the Daily News and Sun-Times.

The memorable day I met John, he was busy air brushing the cleavage on a photo of an attractive, buxom blonde. "The editors like to show cleavage in print. It helps sell newspapers," John quipped.

By the 1970s, Nocita was established as a gifted artist on a staff that included star illustrator John Downs, Art Director and page-design specialist Jerry Gibbons, illustrator Jim Yepp, and artists Tom Carollo, Jack Bruza, Al Phillips, Glenn Winston and Laurie Hamilton.

John was loved and respected by virtually every staffer at both papers for his wit and amazing graphic knowledge and talent.

Swift Johnny also was a gifted athlete and the star center-fielder on the original 1970 Chicago Daily News 16-inch softball team, managed by Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Mike Royko.

"I marveled at a diving catch Nocita made near the fence in a championship game at Thillens Stadium in the 1970s against Media League rival Chicago Today," recalled Garbarino.

After an occasional loss or a bad game, Nocita was the only player brave enough to stand up at our sponsor—the famous Billy Goat Tavern—and jokingly criticize the team's play, while the gruff Daily News manager Royko fumed, because he despised losing.

In a 1973 Media League play-off game at Lincoln Park, tough-as-nails Nocita volunteered to play catcher to give Royko pitch-

ing advice. There was a crucial play at home, and catcher Nocita caught the ball, blocked the plate, tagged the runner out, and received an elbow to the face. Nose broken, Nocita laid on the ground



John Nocita

smiling while clutching the softball to his chest.

Nocita, and his dear late friend Sam Gendusa, also managed the Nomads softball team which played at Dunham Park on the Far Northwest Side. Peggy, John's wife, often sent young sons Mike and John, Jr. to accompany their father to the games so Nocita would need to skip the traditional trip to the sponsor's saloon.

The Daily News softball team celebrated its 25th anniversary with a "reunion and survivors" game on June 8, 1996 at Lincoln Park. Nocita and Royko pitched against each other for the first time ever.

Each team featured a star-filled roster of former award-winning newsroom staffers and an assortment of AA Hall of Fame ringers. Nocita's "Iron Heads" edged "Royko's Raiders" 16-13. However, the Raiders led five to one in pulled hamstrings. A historic post-game beer party was hosted at the Billy Goat on Lower Michigan Ave.

After winning dozens of championships and tournaments, the

renowned Daily News/Sun-Times squad was inducted as a historic team into the Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall-Of Fame in 2008. Nocita personally designed the team's congratulatory full-page ad placed by the Sun-Times in the HOF dinner program.

Born on Nov. 18, 1942, to parents Frank and Angeline (Bucaro) Nocita, John grew up in the tough Little Italy district near Chicago and Hudson avenues—a neighborhood that eventually would become Cabrini Green.

John was graduated from DePaul Academy High School.

He married Peggy, his high school sweetheart in 1963, and moved to Jefferson Park on the Northwest Side. He purchased a brick two-flat with his family and coached his sons and grandsons in Little League baseball. Later, in retirement, he resided in Norwood Park.

Along with pitching for the Sun-Times softball team throughout the 1980s, Nocita also was an avid, life-long Lionel train collector.

"John was a loving father and grandfather with a playful sense of humor. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors in times of need," said Michael Nocita, his youngest son.

Even as he endured the effects of Alzheimer's, John's warm personality continued to shine. "He was well-known for his kind nature by the compassionate and caring staff at Waverly Inn Memory Care, where he spent his final months," said John Nocita, Jr.

"John worked hard, played hard and lived a full life. He will be missed greatly by his family who loved him so very much," said Michael Nocita.

Nocita is survived by his sons, John (Rose) Nocita and Michael (Jan) Nocita, seven grandchildren—Tyler (Hannah) Nocita, Dr. Megan Nocita, Angelina (John) Story, Emily Nocita, Nick Nocita, John Nocita, and Alyssa Nocita—as well as two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Sam Story.

He also is survived by siblings Frank (Rosemary), Phillip (Geraldine), Marie (Chuck) Rinella, and Jackie Ferrara. John was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret ("Peggy"), sisters, Christine, Bernie, and Carol, and his brother, Joseph.

A visitation was held on Jan. 2 at Bucaro Funeral Home & Cremation Center in suburban Bloomingdale. A funeral Mass was held on Jan. 3 at St. Paul of the Cross church in Park Ridge. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorials to the Alzheimer's Association or Misericordia Home.

For more housing and softball news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat, a 1999 Softball HOF inductee, is writing a book titled "Chicago's Game." DeBat also 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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## Giant pot shop proposed for Western and Peterson

A large new pot shop has been proposed to open at 2415 W. Peterson Ave.

The owners are requesting a rezoning from B3-2 to C1-2 for 2415-25 W. Peterson Ave. to allow for usage as a cannabis dispensary by Eagle Dispensaries of Illinois, LLC.

Eagle Dispensaries of Illinois, a Black-owned company led by Georgia-based entrepreneur Marcus Ferrell, is also working to open its first Chicago pot shop at a former bank building at 5900 W. Irving Park Rd. As of late 2025, the company had requested a zoning change to allow for a marijuana dispensary.

## Ald. Hopkins' curfew plan comes back before City Council

After first opposing the idea last summer, over New Years Mayor Brandon Johnson considered the option of an early curfew for Chicago's youth. He may soon have a chance to double down and try to tamp down future troubles by backing another curfew proposal coming before the City Council.

The latest proposal comes from Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], who wants to allow police impose a four-hour "time and place" curfew anywhere in the city with advance notice. It's a similar proposal to the one he offered last summer. A proposal that Mayor Johnson rejected in June 2025.

The newly resurrected curfew proposal is targeted at curbing "teen takeovers." The proposal was brought out of committee Jan. 7, paving the way for yet another vote to change the city's current curfew law to allow "time and place" curfews for mass gatherings.

Police recently dispersed a teen gathering during a downtown tree lighting in November after a mass-shooting erupted. The chaos that followed led to 14-year-old Armani Floyd being shot and killed downtown and eight other teens hurt.

The city's current curfew for teens under 18 is 10 p.m., except for Millennium Park, which has a 6 p.m. curfew following previous violent takeovers there.

The proposal would allow Chicago police to impose a curfew of up to four hours anywhere in the city, with at least 12 hours' notice. It would also require social media platforms to take down posts about teen takeovers - or face fines.

It is a shift from Hopkins' last proposal, known as a "snap curfew," which would have allowed police to impose a curfew anywhere at any time with just 30 minutes' notice.

The council's Committee on Public Safety voted 11-4 to advance Ald. Hopkins' revised proposal to the next City Council meeting later this month.

# Renegade aldermen's new 'Congestion Tax' takes hold

**New downtown congestion tax zone will spread north to Foster Ave.**

BY BOB ZULEY

A majority of City Council aldermen recently joined together forming a renegade faction that passed the 2026 city budget. One aspect impacting rideshare passengers is a new \$1.50 fee on top of the regular fare, proving that the practice of nickel and diming workers is alive and well.

Officially known as the Ground Transportation Tax [GTT] Transportation Network Provider [TNP], it is a city-mandated surcharge of \$1.50 per vehicle [up from \$1.13], per ride accepted for every such ride that includes a pickup or drop-off, seven days a week between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in either of the two congestion zones.

Passengers taking shared rides will be charged 60¢.

The term "Downtown Zone" has been renamed "Congestion Zone," and the boundaries have

been substantially expanded.

Navy Pier and McCormick Place are excluded from the new fee, though trips to or from those locations are already subject to a surcharge of \$5 per ride, as are trips to and from the city's airports.

Rideshare rides to a specific destination address may not be possible because of the city-prohibition of rideshare vehicles to temporarily enter into any privileged bicycle lanes, or designated bus routes, to discharge or pick-up passengers. These designated zones are enforced by citation and carry a substantial fine.

The new downtown congestion zone 1 now extends northward from West 31st St. and S. State St. northward to Foster Ave. and Broadway, and eastbound to Lake Shore Dr. The western boundary of congestion zone 1 is essentially Western Ave.

The city's downtown congestion fee for rideshares went into effect in 2020. Congestion zone 2 exists in the Hyde Park community.



Chicago GTT TNP Congestion Zone 1 Boundary.

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# Police Beat...

## Macy's sells beer? Man accused of taking \$1,200 in merchandise including a cold one

A Chicago man who allegedly tried to walk out of Macy's flagship store in the Loop with more than \$1,200 worth of merchandise, including a beer, now faces a felony retail theft charge.

According to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, Community Safety Team officers were called to the store, 111



Jeffery Lowery

N. State St., at about 5:30 p.m. Jan. 4, after store security reported a theft in progress. Investigators said security video showed a man taking jewelry, gift sets, a comforter, and a can of beer from a cooler before attempting to leave the store without paying.

Loss prevention employees tried to detain the man, but he refused to comply. Sheriff's officers arrived, stepped in, and took the man to the ground after he continued to resist, according to the sheriff's office.

The agency identified the man as Jeffery Lowery, 33. He has been released pending trial on a charge of felony retail theft and misdemeanor resisting.

The case quickly picked up steam on the sheriff's office Facebook page, where commenters unleashed a variety of insights:

"This dude is going to Macy's?? He looks more like Kmart blue light special kinda guy," David Barger wrote.

"He was going to his car to get his wallet. Give that good man a chance!" Michael Michaels pleaded.

But Joanne Jones Demmin voiced what many readers appeared to be thinking: "Wait, they sell beer at Macy's?"

## Man found shot, critically injured on Rogers Park street

Police are investigating after a man was found shot and critically injured on a Rogers Park street Jan. 11.

A passerby found the 26-year-old man on his hands and knees in the 1700 block of W. Albion St. around 5:50 a.m. Responding officers determined the man had been shot in the throat.

The victim was unable to speak due to his injuries, but an officer at the scene said they were working to determine whether he had been targeted in a robbery.

Police found a blood trail leading from the area where the man was discovered to the third floor of a nearby apartment building, authorities said.

Chicago Fire Dept. paramedics transported the man to St. Francis Hospital, where he was taken into surgery and listed in critical condition.

He is the first victim shot in Rogers Park this year.

## Cops catch Boystown armed robber in under two minutes

Chicago cops needed less than two minutes to arrest an armed man who robbed a Boystown convenience store early on Jan. 5.

At about 3:22 a.m., a man walked into the 7-Eleven, 3407 N. Halsted St., displayed a gun, and took the store's registers, according to a preliminary CPD report. While the robber scurried across the store's parking lot with the registers, a 911 caller reported the robbery in progress.

Officers on patrol quickly spotted 33-year-old Antonio Robinson run-

ning behind an alley in the 800 block of W. Roscoe St., just across Halsted from the store. The cops detained Robinson after a short foot pursuit and recovered a handgun, according to CPD.

Robinson, who is charged with armed robbery, possession of a firearm by a repeat felon, and a couple of misdemeanors, appeared for a detention hearing at 26th and California on Jan. 7.

According to court records, Robinson received a seven-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2019 and another seven-year sentence for possessing and firing a handgun in 2015.

## Three juveniles charged with armed robberies in Lincoln Square and West Ridge

Three boys, ages 15, 16, and 17, are charged with committing two armed robberies in Lincoln Square and West Ridge on Jan. 5, police said.

At about 10 p.m., three armed robbers jumped out of an SUV and robbed a 44-year-old man at gunpoint in the 6600 block of N. Maplewood Ave., according to a Chicago Police Dept. report. All three robbers displayed guns as they took the victim's wallet before driving away.

Just under an hour later, three masked, armed robbers tried but failed to rob a 42-year-old man in the 2200 block of W. Winona St., police said. Once again, the suspects were seen escaping in an SUV.

Officers searched the area, found an SUV matching the one described by the victims, and arrested the three juveniles in the 2500 block of W. Bryn Mawr Ave. at 11:22 p.m., CPD said.

All three juveniles are charged with armed robbery and attempted armed robbery. The 17-year-old is also charged with obstructing identification. No other information was available about the teens or their histories because juvenile court proceedings are shielded from public review.

## 25-year-old teamed up with three juveniles to rob victim at gunpoint on North Side

A 25-year-old man teamed up with three juveniles to rob a victim at gunpoint Jan. 5 on the North Side, authorities said.

The Chicago Police Dept. said Javonni Clark of Zanesville, OH, is charged in connection with the robbery and has a detention hearing Dec. 8. Three boys, ages 15, 16, and 17, were charged earlier this week with committing the same robbery as well as a second attempted robbery a short time later in Lincoln Square.

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Antonio Robinson

## Man found stabbed to death on CTA train in the Loop

A 37-year-old man was found stabbed to death aboard a Blue Line train in the Loop early on Jan. 10.

Chicago Police and the Fire Dept. responded to the Clark-Lake station after the man was found unresponsive and bleeding on a train around 2:27 a.m. Investigators determined the man had suffered two stab wounds, one to the chest and one to the abdomen. He was taken to Northwestern Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police said they have not yet determined when or where the man was stabbed, and no one is in custody as the investigation continues.

## Nearly 3 years after bicyclist was beaten to death, police release suspect photo



Chicago police are trying to identify this man in connection with a 2023 murder in the South Loop.

Nearly three years after a violent attack on a cyclist in the South Loop, Chicago police have released an image of a man they say is responsible and announced the case is being investigated as a murder.

The attack occurred in the 2200 block of S. State St. shortly after 1 a.m. May 22, 2023. A 62-year-old man was riding a bicycle on a sidewalk when another man began beating him with a construction sign and then attacked him with the bike, police said at the time.

CPD said the victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

This weekend, CPD released a photo of a man they say is responsible for the attack and said the investigation is now classified as a murder.

Police described the suspect as a Black man in his 20s to 30s and asked tipsters to contact investigators by calling 312-744-8261 or submitting information anonymously at CPD.TIP.com. The case number is JG-269792.

On Jan. 11, Cook County Crime Stoppers announced a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in the case. They can be reached at 800-535-7867. The organization does not require tipsters to provide names. Instead, rewards are claimed using a unique code number.

The long delay in releasing the image is just one unusual aspect of the case. It remains listed as a non-fatal aggravated battery in CPD's online crime database as well as the city's database of violent crime victims, and, additionally, this reporter has been unable to locate a Cook County Medical Examiner case aligning with the details provided by CPD.

## Woman smuggled opioid-laced paper in baby's diaper during Cook County Jail visit, officials say

A 28-year-old woman attempted to smuggle opioid-laced paper into the Cook County Jail during an inmate visit by concealing the toxic material inside her baby's diaper while the child was wearing it, officials said Jan. 8.

Investigators learned on Nov. 8 that Kierra Holder intended to smuggle narcotics into the jail during a visit with an individual in custody that day, a sheriff's office spokesperson said. Staff members approached Holder



Mugshot of Curtis Freeman, inset, and surveillance images of the suspects.

## Second man charged in 'brutal' Red Line robbery in the Loop

A second man is now charged in connection with a "brutal" summer-time robbery of a man aboard a Red Line train in the Loop. Chicago police arrested Curtis Freeman, 18, on Monday on charges tied to the Aug. 13 attack, according to a Chicago Police Dept. statement. He was scheduled for a detention hearing on Jan. 6.

Prosecutors allege Freeman and a 28-year-old parolee, Nathan Emerson, were among several people who "brutally attacked and punched" a 42-year-old man aboard the train around

7 a.m., according to a detention filing.

The group allegedly stole the victim's phone, wallet, and bag before leaving the scene.

Police released surveillance images on Sept. 1 showing five people wanted in connection with the attack. Emerson, who was arrested and charged last month, later admitted he took part in the beating, officials said.

Like Emerson, Freeman is charged with one count of felony robbery.

when she arrived at the jail with her three children, including an infant, informed her of what they had learned, and escorted her and the children to an office area.

After receiving the Miranda Warning, Holder agreed to cooperate with the investigation and initially denied that contraband was hidden on any of the children, the spokesperson said. Investigators then conducted a search and allegedly found 32 strips of suspected drug-soaked paper, described as "suboxone strips" in a criminal complaint, concealed inside the diaper the infant was wearing.

The sheriff's office submitted the contraband to the Illinois State Police lab, which confirmed the strips contained buprenorphine, a synthetic opioid commonly used in medication-assisted treatment but considered contraband inside the jail.

Upon receiving the test results, sheriff's officers arrested Holder on Jan. 4 to face one felony count of bringing contraband into a penal institution. Court records show that Judge Antara Rivera released Holder, who is not charged with a detainable offense, the next day.

## Man charged with double shooting that left man dead on Pink Line train in the Loop

A man has been charged in connection with a double shooting aboard a Pink Line train in the Loop that left one man dead and another injured just before Christmas.



Pedro Villarreal

Pedro Villarreal, 34, appear in court Jan. 12 for a detention hearing on charges that include murder, attempted murder, and unlawful possession of a weapon, authorities said.

The shooting happened around 1:22 a.m. on December 23 aboard a Pink Line train near the Washington-Wells station. Last month, CPD said a 23-year-old man and a 44-year-old man were riding the train when they became involved in a verbal altercation with an unknown man who was armed with a knife.

The dispute escalated into a physical fight, at which point one of the victims produced a firearm, police said in an initial media statement released last month. During the struggle, the offender gained control of the gun and fired it, police said in a statement after the shooting.

The 23-year-old was shot in the wrist and ran from the train. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition.

Officers later found 44-year-old

Raymond J. Robinson Jr. still on the train, unresponsive with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Police administered CPR and other lifesaving measures before Robinson was transported to Northwestern, where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators recovered a shell casing from the train near Harrison's body. At least one of the victims appeared to be homeless and was traveling with a bag of clothing.

## 12 years for pushing chef onto Blue Line tracks, breaking cop's nose

A man who badly injured a restaurant chef by pushing him onto the CTA Blue Line tracks at the Division St. station has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for the attack and for battering two police officers during his arrest, including one whose nose was broken.

Cory Patterson, 36, had been arrested dozens of times and was on pretrial release in three separate cases when he shoved a Wicker Park restaurant chef onto the tracks around 9:30 p.m. Nov. 29, 2022.

The victim, Jose Duran, who was 28 years old at the time, said he was heading home from work at Schwa when Patterson pushed him off the platform at the Division Blue Line station. Duran suffered a broken nose, broken jaw, a fractured eye socket, and other injuries, prosecutors said. In the days after the attack, he told supporters that he had undergone surgery and expected to undergo more.

A CTA employee monitoring a live security camera feed inside the station saw the attack and quickly notified CPD, providing officers with a description of the assailant. Police spotted Patterson outside the station shortly afterward. He ran when officers approached but was arrested following a brief foot chase.

"I did it," Patterson allegedly told officers as they walked him to a squad car. "I pushed his a\*\* on the tracks, and I don't care."

Prosecutors said Patterson then headbutted one of the officers, breaking the officer's nose. After being transported to a police station, Patterson allegedly spat on and tried to bite another officer, shoved a third officer, and spat in the face of a fourth officer.

This week, Patterson pleaded guilty to aggravated battery causing great bodily harm in the attack on Duran, according to court records. Prosecutors dropped attempted murder charges as part of his plea deal. Judge James Obbish

# Federal funding to Chicago frozen, HUD says funds fraudulently funneled to non-citizens

On Jan. 6, the federal government announced it would freeze more than \$10 billion in social services and child care funding meant for a handful of Democrat-led states over concerns that the benefits were fraudulently funneled to non-citizens, including in Illinois.

Then on Jan. 9, a judge granted five states' (California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, and New York) request for a temporary restraining order that will prevent the federal government from freezing the funds. The restraining order, issued by Judge Arun Subramanian in the Southern District of New York, means the freeze can't take effect while the full case plays out, unless an appellate court overturns the stay.

The funding halts were announced by the Dept. of Health and Human Services [HHS] Administration for Children and Families to each state, citing concerns that benefits were fraudulently going to "illegal aliens." Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul claims the freeze, which includes money for child care programs in Illinois, "callous," and stressed that it targeted only Democratic-led states.

The HHS wants to freeze funding from the Child Care Development Fund [CCDF], the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] program, and the Social Services Block Grant [SSBG] program.

In fiscal year 2025, Illinois received around \$57 million in

federal CCDF, about \$180 million in TANF, and \$62.5 million in SSBG.

Raoul said he can't provide an exact date for when federal funds Illinois has already received might run out, only saying the date is "fairly imminent."

At least \$7.35 billion in TANF money is now at risk of not going to those states. The CCDF funding block of nearly \$2.4 billion affects those five states, while another \$869 million from the SSBG funding is at risk from these five states as well.

The governors of those five states, including JB Pritzker, were also asked to hand over comprehensive lists of funding recipients

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# Commemorative MLK Day at History Museum



Image courtesy Chicago History Museum

From noon to 1 p.m. is a public talk by Elizabeth Todd-Breland of the Univ. of Illinois Chicago, whose research and teaching focuses on 20th-century US urban and social history, African American history, and the history of education, economics, public policy, neighborhood transformation, education policy, and civic engagement.

From noon to 2 p.m. will be Poems While You Wait by Dave Landsberger, Kathleen Rooney, and Eric Plattner. Poems While You Wait is a collective of poets and their manual typewriters whose mission is to appear around the city in public places to provide patrons encounters with poetry. Visitors provide the poets with a subject and will receive their own unique hand-typed poem in minutes. No requested topic is off limits.

From 1 to 2:30 p.m. will be the Lawndale King staged reading, when Collaboration Theatre will present a free reading of Lawndale King, Willie Round's powerful new play about Martin Luther King Jr.'s time living in Chicago's North Lawndale community in 1966. Legendary Chicago director and filmmaker Pemom Rami will direct the reading and join Round for a post-show discussion.

Lawndale King revives the chapter when he moved his family to live in an apartment on Chicago's West Side. It tells the stories of activists, families, slumlords, gangs, pastors and neighborhood youth, revealing the tension, hope, and courage that defined one of King's most dangerous missions in joining the Chicago Freedom Movement to fight discriminatory housing practices. That will be followed by a panel discussion.

The Chicago History Museum will be holding their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at 1601 N. Clark St.

In an era where identity politics and race are driving a great deal of public debate and policy, King's message about creating a colorblind society may be as important today as ever.

Events will include a family-focused celebration of Dr. King's ongoing influence on civil rights, and hands-on activities, talks and tips on how to become more civically engaged in your community. All events are included with admission, which is free for Illinois residents on this day.

The schedule includes 11 a.m. to noon - Freedom Song Sing-Along with Lenny Marsh and Friends. Marsh will lead guests through a musical performance of songs inspired by the Civil Rights Movement.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be Button Making for Justice where guests can create their own protest buttons. At the same time, Make-Take Arts: Printmaking with Purpose with local artist Jomo Cheatham who will show how people like Dr. Margaret Burroughs and Carlos Cortez have used various types of printmaking to create protest pieces of art. Cheatham will guide guests through making their own prints using a variety of simple tools, design your own image, which will then be transferred onto cardstock.

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# Chicago car impounds not unconstitutional 'taking'

BY SCOTT HOLLAND  
*Cook County Record*

A federal appeals panel says Chicago's policy of towing and disposing of vehicles doesn't reach the level of unconstitutional taking without compensation, even if the value of the cars that are seized may greatly exceed the allegedly unpaid ticket debt.

Ryan O'Donnell and Michael Goree sued the city and United Road Towing alleging violation of their Fifth Amendment rights as a result of the graduated forfeiture process through which unpaid tickets can result in losing ownership of vehicles.

The men were represented in the potential class action lawsuit by attorneys Jacie C. Zolna and Benjamin R. Swetland, of the firm of Myron M. Cherry & Associates.

According to court records, the city ultimately sold O'Donnell's vehicle to URT for scrap value and it relinquished Goree's to the lienholder. Both men say they should've been paid after the disposal or the proceeds should've offset their unpaid ticket debt.

After U.S. District Judge Andrea Wood dismissed the complaint for failure to state a claim, the men took the putative class action to the U.S. Seventh Circuit

Court of Appeals. Judge Thomas Kirsch write the panel's opinion, filed Dec. 22; Judges Michael Scudder and Doris Pryor concurred.

According to Kirsch, the system begins with a ticket: vehicle owners can pay in full, agree to an installment plan or contest the violation. If they don't pay or if they lose the challenge, the city sends a notice that the liability determination is final. Once a vehicle owner gets at least three such notices, or two that have been unresolved for at least a year, the city makes all vehicles registered to that owner eligible to be immobilized.

When the city sends a notice of impending immobilization, it gives the owner 21 days to pay in full or request a hearing. When that window expires, the owner then has 24 hours to pay, start an installment plan, take part in a relief program or request more compliance time. Failure to do so means the city can tow and impound those vehicles.

Once the city impounds a car, it sends another notice granting 21 days to pay and reclaim the vehicle, request an extension or demand an administrative hearing on the validity of the impound or immobilization.

Once the city determines a vehicle is unclaimed, it can sell or

otherwise dispose of the property.

Because the men challenge the applicable city code section as facially unconstitutional, Kirsch said, they can only survive dismissal by showing that enacting the law itself constituted an illegal taking. He referenced another 2025 Seventh Circuit opinion, *Hadley v. South Bend*, which also "arose from a state's exercise of its police power rather than eminent domain."

As with *South Bend*, the Chicago graduated forfeiture process is an example of municipal authority to determine proper public safety measures, in this instance enforcement of city traffic code.

"The purpose of the forfeiture scheme is to target individuals who — by refusing to pay — have hitherto evaded punishment for their traffic and parking infractions," Kirsch wrote. "Instead of continuing to issue unanswered tickets, the city institutes a different form of punishment: hindering offenders' ability to drive by immobilizing, impounding and potentially even disposing of their vehicles. Without this graduated forfeiture scheme, vehicle owners who repeatedly violate the traffic code could evade punish-

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## CEO Lassere leaving Chicago History Museum

A leadership change is coming to the Chicago History Museum [CHM], 1601 N. Clark St. An announcement was made Jan. 7 that after five years on the job, Donald Lassere is stepping down as President and Chief Executive Officer at the museum.

The change comes after staff reductions and a fight with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees [AFSCME].

While the Board of Directors conducts a search for Lassere's replacement, Michael Anderson, who has worked at the Museum for 12 years and is currently the Vice President of External Engagement and Development, will serve as Interim President and CEO.

Lassere had succeeded Gary T. Johnson, the museum's previous

leader. Prior to that he had served at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, KY. His last year of tenure was marked by staff layoffs and reductions following troublesome unionization efforts at the museum.

In Feb. 2025, CHM employees started a unionization campaign, as part of a regional union expansion at Chicago-area museums and cultural institutions by AFSCME Council 31. During that effort, some CHM employees claimed that museum executives retaliated against employees who were union organizers.

The CHM is one of the city's oldest cultural institutions and staff maintains a collection of more than 23 million objects, images and documents.



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in for free for a family-focused celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's ongoing influence on the fight for civil rights, starting at 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Chicago History Museum. Enjoy hands-on activities and learn how to become more civically engaged in your community. Sing-along with **Lenny Marsh** and Friends who returns to lead guests through a musical performance of songs inspired by the Civil Rights Movement.

**GMAN TAVERN:** **Joe Shanahan**, as the story and film says... "don't turn your back on Friday night" and he didn't, at Gman Tavern in Wrigleyville for **Ike Reilly and Assassination**. **Evan Douglas Peters**, **Mo Morrison**, **Gilbert Langlois**, **Catherine Oleson**, **Colin Smith** and **Eamonn Cummins** didn't miss a beat.

**WHO'S WHERE:** **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** in Palm Beach, loads of crab and croquet on the club lawn... could **Janet Owen** look any cuter than in that Red bow outfit... **Edmund Lester** thrilled with visit from son, **Andrew**, from sunny California... Nothing like dancing mid-afternoon on New Year's Day to an incredible disco band to start the year off on the right foot, the University Club outdid themselves for **Ben Pennington** and guests... Judicial candidate **Dan Balanoff** was joined by **Carrie Watt Stern**, **Megan Collins** and **Annie Lozarro** to watch their Hoosiers win big over 'Bama... **Sherry Lea Fox** at Las Ventanas en San Jose del Cabo, Mexico... film's **Joey Majumdar** had a wondrous time at **Maria Pappas'** event in the County Building... **Thad Wong** wrapping up a couple of days with college daughter **Hatti Wong** in Miami... **Heather** and **Bruce Farley** ate, drank and celebrated being together, the cat and dog tolerated each other, enjoyed the season- cheers... **Honey Jacobs Skinner** and **Donovan Pepper** at the Ritz Carlton Chicago... **Matt Tully** says he's the luckiest guy in the world 38 years in a row, blessed to have the best family and friends anyone could ask for and a twin **Bridget Tully Vrabel** who does it all (amazing mom to 4 under 5)... **Jim Houlihan** with **Alison Howlett** and **Donovan Pepper** at the Chicago Hilton.

**KING OF HEARTS:** The 18th Annual King of Hearts Gala is Friday, January 30 at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park hotel. The fundraiser provides scholarships for over 100 Christ The King [CTK] Gladiators. Honorary Gala Chair, **Rev. Brian Paulson, S.J.**, the Gala Host Committee, and CTK Board of

Directors will be honoring longtime CTK advocate, **Jack Jiganti** with the Footsteps of St. Ignatius Award. Raffle items include a three-night getaway for two at the Estonia La Jolla Hotel & Spa in San Diego or a three-night retreat for two at the Setting Inn in scenic Willamette Valley in the heart of Oregon's Wine Country. One ticket for \$100, three for \$250, or seven for \$500. Event and raffle tickets are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/M60/>

**SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCE:** **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** boast it was a fantastic New Year's Eve 2025 with a cocktail party at the one and only **Kam Patel's** downtown residence followed by an epic dinner at Chicago Cut overlooking the fireworks on the Chicago River joined by **Mike Kravitz**, **Silvano P. Sintich**, **Bill Cunningham**, **Michael LaPorta**, **Laura Wix**, **Claire Marie**, **Heather Heaterz** and **Iwona Agnieszka**.

**TID-BIT:** What well-known sports matron stayed up north to finish her holiday shopping before heading south to orange juice country, but refused to fly citing all the problems? She was lucky. She was able to "talk" her building's garage attendant into driving her all the way to Florida. He stayed for a few extra days helping get things ready. Wonder what Santa left him?

**OH MY:** We had a conversation over the holidays with old friend **Michelle DiGiacomo**, who tells us of regular phone conversations she had with a local pol now running for a higher office that got steamy. We won't tell, but she may.

**OLD TIME HOCKEY:** Looks like **Hudson Williams** and **Connor Storrie**, the stars of "Heated Rivalry," the gay hockey series are really busting out, even presenting at the Golden Globes.

**PICASSO MEMORY:** When I travel, I make sure a Picasso is always just a short ride away. Any city I visit becomes an opportunity to view his work. Our own Art Institute has some of his best, a remarkable line up of his work.

In an emotional moment some 10 years ago, I paid a call in New York on his great biographer, the late **Sir John Richardson**, in his fabulous apartment on the lower end of Broadway. Vast rooms encrusted in great art, filled with rare Picassos, Andy Warhols, and Lucian Freuds.

Artist **Adam Umbach** and I spent the afternoon with Sir John at the Union Square Cafe, lunching and talking about Picasso. And all the intricacies of an artist's life. It was very kind of Sir John to entertain us. We came away refreshed.

Putting paint on canvas is one way I can honor the city I love

and help to restore its artistic energy. Perhaps you can do the same this year.

**NOT FADE AWAY:** The first time rhythm guitarist **Bob Weir** performed in Chicago it was 1968 with the Grateful Dead at the Uptown Theater, he was 21 years old. His final performance here was two sold out nights in November 2024 with the Wolf Bros., the Wolfpack and the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra, at the Auditorium. Weir died Jan. 10 at the age of 78.

In the years between he performed in Chicago almost annually at venues including the International Amphitheater, Kinetic Playground, Electric Theater, The Syndrome, UIC Pavilion, Loyola Univ., Rosemont Horizon and Soldier Field.

In 2023, Weir and his band Dead & Company set Wrigley Field's record for most paid tickets for a single concert ever, playing to more than 80,000 fans in the sold-out stadium for two nights.

Possibly the hardest working man in the music business, performing before a live audience more than any other artist, Weir leaves behind a vast legacy.

This Friday at 9 p.m. WXRT 93.1 FM will play from its archives a 1987 Grateful Dead concert from the UIC Pavilion. The music never stopped.

**DANCE:** Emergence Dance Theatre presents the popular and romantic Dance Chicago program, *Dances From the Heart*, Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. The program, curated by Artistic Director **John Schmitz**, takes place at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, 2936 N. Southport Ave. Tickets range from \$19-\$49 and are on sale now at [Athenaeum-Center.org](http://Athenaeum-Center.org) or 312-820-6250.

*Dances From the Heart* showcases the hottest romantic and transformational works from Dance Chicago's best performers, featuring an amazing array of dance styles including Flamenco, Ballet, Jazz, comedy dance, musical theatre, Tap, Urban Fusion, Irish, Classical Indian, Hip-Hop and others.

**Well the first days are the hardest days, don't you worry any more, cause when life looks like easy street, there is danger at your door. Think this through with me, let me know your mind, what I want to know is, are you kind?"**

- Robert Hunter

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The house at 1525 W. Pratt Blvd. competes on "Ugliest House in America."

## Candyland House may land HGTV gig and \$150K makeover

It is one of Rogers Park's most recognizable homes, and perhaps not in a good way. The Candyland House at 1525 W. Pratt Blvd. is now heading to national television, and possibly a six-figure renovation.

The pastel-drenched Victorian home built in 1891 is featured this season on HGTV's "Ugliest House in America," giving the property a shot at a \$150,000 makeover.

The home appears in the show's seventh season, which premiered this week.

Owners Joe Bergantino and Ricky Gonzalez said HGTV reached out in late 2024 about a potential appearance, without initially disclosing the show. When they learned their house was being considered for "Ugliest House in America," the couple took it in stride. Gonzalez told Block Club that they started laughing.

The show tours some of the country's most over-the-top fixer-uppers before selecting one for a full renovation. The winning home gets a fast-tracked overhaul that would otherwise take years for most people to achieve.

In 2022 Bergantino and Gonzalez bought the home and they have slowly been restoring it while documenting the process on social media. Locals know the home for its candy-colored exterior and wild interiors, a legacy of artists Jackie Seiden and the late Don Seiden, who coated nearly every surface in pastel hues, sometimes accented with glitter.

When the Seiden family sold the house in 2021, neighbors worried the next owners might strip away its personality. Bergantino and Gonzalez promised to preserve the home's design, and say they won't change that even for HGTV.

Filming took place in June, with a 12-hour shoot expected to be edited down to a brief segment. The couple paused their own renovation work once they learned they'd be featured, figuring an untouched interior might improve their odds of winning the makeover.

Without the help of HGTV they guessed it would take a decade to complete their plans. If selected, the transformation would take about six weeks.

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Democratic candidates are running for the seat being vacated by current Cook County Cmsr. Bridget Degnen [12th], who decided not to run for re-election. These candidates are Elizabeth Granato, Isaiah White and Jose "Che-Che" Wilson.

Only Granato has amassed a significant amount of campaign contributions. As the daughter of longtime former 1st Ald. Jesse Granato, Elizabeth Granato has the advantage of name recognition, which is often enough for a candidate to win a Democratic primary for a lower-profile office such as Cook County Commissioner. Granato has another important advantage, her husband is influential State Rep. Ram Villivalam [8th].

According to the federal grand jury indictment, Sharp was among a crowd of people who had intentionally surrounded a government vehicle to harass and intimi-

date a federal agent on Sept. 26, 2025.

"The [six] defendants and others allegedly crowded together in the front and side of the government vehicle, stood in its path, banged on the car and windows, and pushed against it to hinder and impede its movement. The conspirators broke one of the vehicle's side mirrors and the rear windshield wiper and etched a derogatory message into the body of the vehicle," according to information in the indictment.

Sharp and the other five defendants were charged with conspiracy to impede a U.S. law enforcement officer and individual counts of impeding a U.S. law enforcement officer.

A spokesperson for the FBI's Chicago field office on Oct. 29 added an indictment only contains criminal charges and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

## Digilio's 40 years, 40 films event at Library



Nick Digilio

Join the Rogers Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library for a free special event 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 21, celebrating the release of "40 Years, 40 Films" with the author in attendance.



Award-winning film critic and Chicago broadcaster Nick Digilio has passionately reviewed movies, championed under-appreciated gems, and entertained audiences across radio, podcasts, theaters, and live events.

Now he reflects on 40 years of moviegoing, movie reviewing, and movie-loving — one film at a time.

The event will be at the second floor community room of the Rogers Park Library, 6907 N. Clark.

Digilio grew up six blocks from Wrigley Field, and has entertained and informed the public for almost four decades. As a radio show host, he spent over 35 years with WGN-AM radio reviewing films.

## Lincoln Park museum names new director

Mariah Keller will become the new Executive Director of Wrightwood 659, an arts space in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood designed by architect Tadao Ando. Founded in 2018, Wrightwood 659, 659 W. Wrightwood, hosts exhibitions on socially engaged art and architecture, on issues facing LGBTQ+ communities, and on Asian art and architecture.

Keller succeeds Jan Kallish, who has led Wrightwood 659 since 2021, and who is retiring and returning to entrepreneurial projects in theatre and the performing arts.

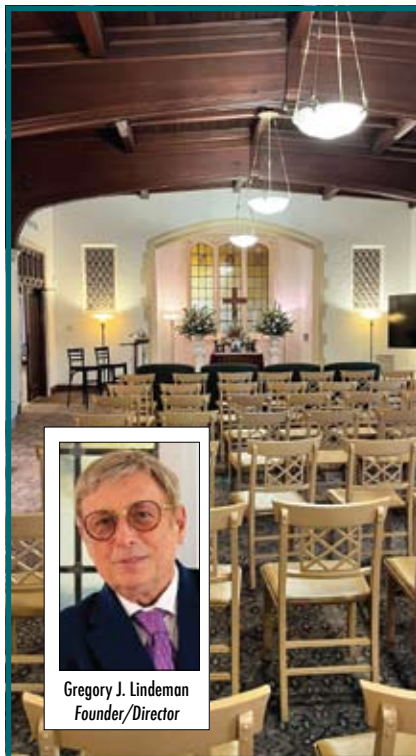
## Cubs convention starts Jan. 16

The Chicago Cubs unveiled the schedule for the 2026 Cubs Convention, set for Jan. 16-18, at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. The Convention will be the first time fans and the team come together to celebrate the club's 150th anniversary as a National League franchise and the 10-year anniversary of the 2016 World Series championship.

To commemorate these major milestones, attendees can expect new programming throughout the winter weekend. The convention will also kick off fan voting for the Cubs 150th Anniversary Team.

Guests can mingle and enjoy a beverage with Cubs Executive Chairman Tom Ricketts at a reception Saturday afternoon. Fan-favorite activities include Cubs Bingo and Harry Carayoke, which will wrap up the evening.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, young baseball and softball players can sharpen their skills in a hands-on youth baseball and softball clinic led by players, alumni and Cubs Nike RBI coaches.



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between 2019 and 2025 by Jan. 20.

A news release from HHS Friday stated the funds will remain frozen until HHS's Children and Family Services division reviews documents requested from the states and finds they are following federal requirements that they only be used for U.S. citizens.

"Families who rely on child care and family assistance programs deserve confidence that these resources are used lawfully and for their intended purpose," said U.S. HUD Deputy Secretary Jim O'Neill. "This action reflects our commitment to program integrity, fiscal responsibility, and compliance with federal requirements."

**IMPOUNDS** from p. 7

The threat of impoundment and disposal forces them to internalize the consequences of their behavior and, accordingly, deters those violations in the first place."

The panel rejected the framing of the process as a debt collection mechanism rather than application of law enforcement. Unlike bankruptcy actions, Kirsch explained, the towing program raises money and improves traffic law compliance. Further, while the panel did acknowledge "some forfeitures may result from an inability to pay, that's not necessarily true in every case" and arguments that depend on specific situations to be valid aren't applicable to their facial challenge to the enactment of the city code.

"Their arguments that the underlying offenses may be minimal, or that the vehicle owner may not be the offending driver, fail for the same reason," Kirsch continued. "Allowing owners to recover their cars after paying is consistent with (the code's) punitive purpose. Once owners pay their ticket debt, they've internalized the cost of their infractions and there's no need for the city to continue to hold their vehicles. Second, the sweeping nature of (the code's) reach also serves a punitive purpose: if the city doesn't place every vehicle registered to an owner on the immobilization list, those with multiple vehicles can continue to drive, thwarting (the code's) intended effect."

The men also invoked a 2023 U.S. Supreme Court opinion, Tyler v. Hennepin County, which

invalidated property tax sale systems that didn't compensate the original owners for any equity amassed at the time the government claimed and resold their properties. The principle that the government "may not take more from a taxpayer than she owes," Kirsch wrote, isn't applicable when a government is applying law under police power.

With the main question resolved, the panel said, the remaining claims fail. There is no underlying constitutional violation supporting a claim against URT, nor is there a viable state law unjust enrichment claim, the judges said.

**North Township Real Estate For Sale**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff, -v- MICHAEL A. IGNACIO, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ARTEMIO D. IGNACIO, MICHAEL A. IGNACIO, MARIA C. GORDON, THERESA JANE IGNACIO, RICHARD N. IGNACIO, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ARTEMIO D. IGNACIO JR., LAKE POINT TOWER GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2024 CH 00453 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 6512 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 505 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 6512, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-214-016-1019 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after

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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 & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-23-06923 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2024 CH 00453 TJS# 46-28 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 00453 **13279900** 141414 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PHX EQUITIES, INC., as successor in interest to FIRST BANK OF HIGHLAND PARK PLAINTIFF -vs- THOMAS M. DEL BECCARO, MERRILL LYNCH CREDIT CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Case No. 10 CH 25856 DEFENDANTS CONSOLIDATED WITH NO. 10 CH 47058 CALENDAR NO. 59 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2127 NORTH SEMINARY AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60614 HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE OF J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-A6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES COUNTER-PAINTIFF, -vs- THOMAS M. DEL BECCARO; PHX EQUITIES, INC., as successor in interest to FIRST BANK OF HIGHLAND PARK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS COUNTER-DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

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entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 9, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-04-208-033-1003. Commonly known as 1510 N. DEARBORN PKWY. 103, CHICAGO, IL 60610. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580. 24-04359 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13279265** 313131 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff vs. LAONGKWAN PINYAPAP, SHORELINE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 5471 CALENDAR 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 18, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-08-412-040-1309. Commonly known as 4970 N. MARINE DR., APT 921 CHICAGO, IL 60640. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580. 25-02477 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13279608** 141414 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, Plaintiff, -v- KATHRYN F CARROLL; 6118 SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Defendants. 2024CH09153 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 206, 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 7/30/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 2/2/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 2/4/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 206, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-210-023-1010 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$91,702.39 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 206 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Rayerm Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 24-194741L Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-194741L **Case Number: 2024CH09153** 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. 8277-960985 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2, Plaintiff vs. JOSEPH E GOHNDRONE, SHERIDAN BOARD-WALK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 2110 CALENDAR 63 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 10, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-210-020-0000; a/k/a 14-05-210-025-1036; a/k/a 14-05-210-025-1046. Commonly known as 6102 N. Sheridan Rd., Apt 506, Chicago, IL 60660. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE

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ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS002248-25F2C INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13279342** 070707 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST SERIES 2020-3 Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF L. KARL KITTLAUS, DECEASED, 3180 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ALLIANCE AFFILIATED EQUITIES CORPORATION, CROST IMPORTS, INC., JULIE FOX, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR L. KARL KITTLAUS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025 CH 00679 3180 N LAKESHORE DR 5H 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 October 29, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 30, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3180 N LAKESHORE DR 5H, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-28-200-003-1032 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$287,198.36. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 24-232764. 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. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325 ROSEMONT IL, 60018 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 24-232764 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2025 CH 00679 TJS# 45-2942 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 # 2025 CH 00679 **13279065** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff vs.

**Real Estate For Sale**

MARSHALL JUNIOR RAY AKA MARSHALL RAY; PARK PLACE TOWER MASTER ASSOCIATION; PARK PLACE TOWER 1 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 1665 CALENDAR 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 3, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-21-101-054-1126. Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Road, Unit 1007, Chicago, IL 60613. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 1475-213680 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13279052** 313131 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700**

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This public sale will result in the goods being sold to the highest bidder. The winning bidder must pay by cash at the time he/she is declared the winning bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply; see the Manager for additional details.

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Pro Self Storage intends to enforce its lien on certain self service Storage Spaces in default listed below on the 23rd of January 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at 2724 W. 21st St, Chicago, IL 60608 at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00 p.m.  
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# \$33 million in grant awards for community development projects

The city gifted 58 neighborhood improvement projects \$33 million in taxpayer-funded development grants, approved Jan. 7 through the Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD]. Most of the projects are located on the South and West Sides.

The projects include bars, restaurants, a brewery and grocery stores, which collectively represent \$90 million in public-private neighborhood spending.

While nine projects were selected to receive grants ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million, only one is located on the North Side, the PACTT School, 7225 N. Greenview Ave. in Rogers Park, which got \$500,000 for a \$3 million expansion creating six classrooms for youth with autism.

An additional 45 improvement projects were selected to receive "small grant" awards ranging from \$51,800 to \$250,000. North Side projects include Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave. in Lake View; Gateway to Learning, 4925 N. Lincoln Ave. in Lincoln Square; The Goodman Theatre, 330 N. Clark St. in the Loop; Bella Luna Chicago, 713 N. State St. on the Near North Side; Joel Hall Dancers, 4511 N. Clark St. in Uptown, and KMY Banquet Hall, 2091 W. Touhy Ave. in West Ridge.

The next submission deadline for grant applications is Feb. 13. For more information visit [Chicago.gov/CDG](http://Chicago.gov/CDG) and [Chicago.gov/NOF](http://Chicago.gov/NOF).

## POLICE BEAT from p. 6

sentenced him to five years in prison on that battery count.

Patterson also pleaded guilty to aggravated battery of a peace officer for headbutting the arresting officer, receiving a 12-year sentence to be served concurrently, court records show. He additionally pleaded guilty to battering a second officer and was sentenced to a concurrent five-year term.

Effectively, Patterson received a 12-year prison sentence and must serve half of that time before becoming eligible for release. With credit for time already spent in jail awaiting trial, he will likely serve just over two additional years.

CPD records show Patterson had been released from custody in three separate cases in the month leading up to the attack. Those cases included trespassing at the Roosevelt CTA station about one month before Duran was attacked; disorderly conduct nine days before the attack; and misdemeanor battery involving two victims over the age of 60 five days before the attack. According to CPD records, Patterson was released directly from the police station in each case without appearing before a judge.

Prosecutors said Patterson's criminal history includes convictions for aggravated battery of a peace officer, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and nine misdemeanor convictions.

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## Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

### Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. Plaintiff, -v- JOSETTE H. TERRELL A/K/A JOSETTE TERRELL, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CITY OF CHICAGO, VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC, SYMPHONY OF EVANSTON HEALTHCARE, LLC, 1239-41 WEST JARVIS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2023 CH 00436 1241 WEST JARVIS AVE #G2 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1241 WEST JARVIS AVE #G2, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-315-027-1010 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$32,353.45. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special

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assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTEVISTO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to

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file number 316501. 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](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTEVISTO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: [tlleadings@potestivolaw.com](mailto:tlleadings@potestivolaw.com) Attorney File No. 316501 Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2023 CH 00436 TJS# 45-3290 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 00436 13279699 141414 ..... 070707 ..... 313131 .....

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## \$3.4 million in grant awards to support arts, cultural organizations

Chicago's Neighborhood Access Program approved \$2 million in taxpayer support to Chicago arts and culture organizations.

The Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE] announced the 49 grants Jan. 7. Additionally, another 39 organizations are benefitting from over \$1.4 million in new Neighborhood Access Program (NAP) grants. The gifts are a one-time bonus.

Nearly 50 organizations were selected to receive the grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. North Side recipients include the American Writers Museum, the Chicago Architecture Foundation and Chicago Architecture Center, Chicago Artists Coalition, the Chicago Children's Museum, the Chicago Collections Consortium, the Chicago History Museum, the Chicago Media Project, CircEsteem, Crossing Borders Music Collective, Deeply Rooted Productions dba Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, Experimental Sound Studio, Facets Film Forum, Full Spectrum Features NFP, the Haitian American Museum of Chicago, Kuumba Lynx, Music and Dance Theater Chicago, Inc., Lincoln Park Zoological Society, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Mandala Arts, Pegasus Theatre Chicago, Rendezvous Arts Inc., Steppenwolf Theatre Co., The Chicago Philharmonic Society, The Illinois Humanities Council, The Joffrey Ballet, Third Coast Percussion NFP, and the Thompson Street Opera Co.

Additional grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 will go to Chicago City Theatre Co. dba Joel Hall Dancers & Center - Awakening the Dancer in Uptown; Subhajt Sengupta - Neighborhood Melodies: A Celebration of Cultures in Rogers Park; CRE8 Space L3C - CRE8 Space Summer Fashion Design Program; Danielle Stolz - E-tegami Chicago; Subhajt Sengupta - Neighborhood Melodies: A Celebration of Cultures in Rogers Park, and the What's Your Forté Foundation - Youth Arts Residency in Partnership with The Simple Good.

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Ave., the 2600 block of N. Lincoln Ave., and the 3100 block of N. Broadway.

The same group is also suspected in a pair of incidents on January 5 in the 500 block of N. Halsted St. at 12:41 a.m. and in the 2900 block of W. Montrose Ave. at 1:48 a.m.

CPD said the crew consists of up to five Black men between 20 and 30 years old, all wearing dark clothing and ski masks. During last week's crimes, the offenders were reported to be using a stolen black Acura TLX.

Detectives from Area 3 and Area 5 are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 or Area 5 detectives at 312-746-7394. Tips can also be submitted at CPDTIP.com, referencing crime pattern 26-CWP-001.

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project like this would have required at minimum 78 parking spots.

The future building will include a dedicated rideshare and delivery drop-off on Ashland Ave. adjacent to the parking entrance.

The developer plans to break ground on the \$21 million project in Fall 2026 with an 18-month construction timeline.

At one time, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church occupied the current parking lot site. In 1929, in preparation for the Ashland Ave. street widening project, the pastor, Rev. James Scanlon had a plan.

The widening of Ashland threatened Our Lady of Lourdes Church, so the congregation moved the massive brick edifice across the street.

Pat Butler, a former reporter for this newspaper, reported that 50 men, two tractors and several teams of horses were used to move the 10,000-ton church. Once across the street, it was rotated 90 degrees to face the cross street. As long as they were moving the church, they also decided to cut it in half and add a 30-foot addition to the middle, increasing the seating



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capacity by 300 people.

But that 'surgery' also condemned the building to a lifetime of leaks when it rained.

The church conducted its final mass

on May 19, 2024 and was closed due to declining attendance. The property may be sold for development, though no plans have been announced by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### SURVIVES from p. 1

ule anomaly, the Lions faced the Dolphins two games in a row because they played on December 30 at the Chicago Public League's holiday shootout hosted at Whitney Young high school. The Dolphins prevailed in that game 69-61.

Although the Dolphins lead most of the game, it was never by much. The Lions came within one point, 55-54, with under three minutes to play. It seemed Lincoln Park might pull off an inspired comeback victory.

Unfortunately for the Lions and their cheering fans, they had no answer for the

Dolphins' transition offense. The Lions installed their full court press to force turnovers but the Dolphins, lead by their senior point guard, 6'1" and Tennessee commit, Marquis Clark, kept their cool and methodically brought the ball up court for layups and open three-pointers. Clark is considered by many the third best player in the state of Illinois. These were by no means easy layups but if they did not fall, the resulting free throws were enough to maintain Whitney Young's lead.

Another bright spot for the Dolphins was the emergence of freshman forward Travis Jamison II. Jamison finished with 18 points consisting of 6 out of 9 three-point shots.

Despite the struggles faced by the Lions, the inspired play of senior forward Larry Harris was an eye-opener. In the final minute of the game, Harris came up with two big dunks, one of which was taken away for hanging on the rim, and free throw. There was also an inspired rebound of a missed free throw where Harris split two Dolphin defenders and grabbed the ball but missed had his put back shot blocked.

"I knew that I had to put way more effort in at the end. I always try to get the rebound after a free throw no matter what," Harris said.

"They are not even really better than us. We just keep beating ourselves," said Harris about Whitney Young. "The first game we had them down twenty at the half and we let them come back. We are a better team than that."

"It's always fun in the Lions den," said Lincoln Park head coach Joshua Anderson.

"Just lack of focus from the first through the fourth. You have to focus through the complete game. We had lapses. We weren't focused. We were not executing what we watched on film."

There were also some key missed free throws at the end of the game.

"That's been our Achilles's heel throughout the season," Anderson admitted. "We are losing games by five or six points but we are missing ten to twelve free throws a game. You can't win a game like that."

"For us to get over the hump in the big games, we have got to do the little things. That focus has to be there from the first quarter through the fourth quarter. We can't have lapses," said Anderson.

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struggling to make up enough lies to paper-over where all that money is really going.

#### #2 Vehicle City Stickers and Registration Tax - Universally Hated.

Few taxes feel as redundant as the annual Chicago City Sticker and vehicle registration fee. Illinoisans dislike paying for something they already own, and the ritual of renewal can feel more like rent than responsibility. It's a recurring reminder that ownership always comes with strings attached.

#### #3 Utility & Service Surcharges - Loathed on Principle Alone.

Utility surcharges frustrate households because they're buried in bills, easy to overlook and like sales taxes, hit the poor hardest. These charges fund infrastructure or regulation, but consumers see them as nickel-and-dime tactics from companies and governments alike. It's the modern equivalent of a hidden tax on simply keeping the lights on.