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movement in time and space have ceased.
— John Steinbeck

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Searchlight casting as Chicago rescue workers look for a reported missing person at Jarvis Beach. Photo used with permission of Fred Morton

Avoid tragedy, stay off lakefront shelf ice

*Tranquil shelf ice
on city's shoreline belies
danger below*

BY BOB ZULEY

Spring is on the horizon and many are itching to get back on the lakefront, but beware of the ice shelf. What may look sturdy on first glance may in fact be thin ice.

The shoreline of Lake Michigan is distinctive and stunning, but our lake stands out as the deadliest of the five Great Lakes, according to the National Park Service [NPS]. The lake is unmistakably dangerous in the winter as frigid temperatures freeze the shoreline.

Though shelf ice may appear solid, it is inherently unstable. Shelf ice forms from float ice

when breaking waves and spray freeze in frigid temperatures, creating irregularly patterned ice full of cracks, crevices, and holes. It builds from the beach out into the lake without freezing to the lake bottom. It is unpredictable and unsafe to step onto.

Many pieces become jammed together but throughout the structure are pockets of air. Since each pocket develops independently, each is a different thickness creating variations in ice strength, density and depth.

One may plummet several feet through an air pocket into open water below the ice surface. Self rescue is difficult due to the friability of the ice and the cold water will sap body energy.

If you - or a pet - falls in, you'll have a few short minutes to save

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Man wearing ankle monitor violently robbed teen at Loop CTA station while on pretrial release for three cases

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 22-year-old Lansing man, arrested five times since Dec. 30, 2025, is accused of attacking and robbing a high school student on a downtown train platform while on pretrial release in three separate cases and wearing an electronic monitoring device. When officers arrested him hours after the mugging, they allegedly found not only the teen's stolen phone but six additional cell phones that police believe belong to other victims.

Devion Goodman is now detained on charges of robbery and

aggravated battery of a transit passenger by order of Judge John Hock.

Prosecutors said the attack unfolded around 2:45 p.m. Feb. 13 on the Roosevelt Green Line CTA platform. The 17-year-old Jones College Prep student was on the platform when Goodman allegedly grabbed his cell phone, according to a Chicago police report. When the boy tried to retrieve it, Goodman punched him in the face, knocked him to the ground, and took his wallet before fleeing the station, the report said.

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Federal judge rules Foxx must give testimony

*Questions over lawyers
who ran exoneration
group and sued city
for big bucks*

BY CWBCHICAGO

A federal judge has ordered former Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx to answer questions under oath about why she ordered deputies not to oppose efforts by two women to get their murder convictions tossed out, opening the door for them to pursue wrongful conviction prosecution lawsuits against the city.

Attorneys for the city and a former CPD detective at the center of the case are expected to probe a series of high-level meetings allegedly held between Foxx, her aides, and lawyers who simultaneously ran the Exoneration Project while representing clients suing the city over wrongful prosecution claims.

The ruling, issued Feb. 20 by U.S. Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim, came in consolidated civil



Former Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx.

rights lawsuits filed by Madeline Mendoza and Marilyn Mulero, who are seeking potentially millions of dollars from the city and former Chicago Police Detective Reynaldo Guevara over their alleged wrongful convictions in the 1992 murders of Hector Reyes and Jimmy Cruz in Humboldt Park.

At the heart of the dispute is what lawyers for the city and Guevara describe as a troubling overlap between Foxx's official

prosecutorial decisions and her alleged private dealings with the Exoneration Project, a non-profit organization whose staff lawyers are drawn almost entirely from the firm of Loevy & Loevy, one of the most active and prominent firms suing the city of Chicago over wrongful conviction claims.

The Exoneration Project bills itself as a non-profit legal organization affiliated with the Univ. of Chicago School of Law. But according to court filings and the organization's website, eight of its attorneys are Loevy & Loevy staff members, including the group's executive director, Josh Tepfer. Loevy & Loevy has represented plaintiffs in scores of wrongful conviction lawsuits against the city, many of them involving allegations against Guevara.

The Exoneration Project website also states, "we often collaborate with our clinic students, interns, and attorneys from the civil rights law firm Loevy & Loevy."

Attorneys representing the city

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Razny Jewelers expands on Oak St.

*Three generations
of luxury brands*

Oak St. continues to prove to be one of Chicago's strongest retail destinations for high-end retail. On Feb. 17, a prominent family-owned and operated jeweler announced it has completed the purchase of 109 E. Oak St., Chicago's destination for luxury shopping.

Razny Jewelers and the Razny family purchased the 7,500-square-foot, three-story retail building after assuming the lease in 2016. The property has remained under consistent ownership since the 1930s, when it was first occupied by a jeweler and watchmaker operating on-site, reflecting a long connection to fine jewelry and the design, construction, repair, and history of time-keeping devices like watches on Oak St.

The Razny family also acquired the adjacent retail property at 107 E. Oak St. which it purchased two years ago for \$16.4 million, giving the family ownership of both properties. Unlike nearby Michi-



Razny Jewelers and the Razny family have purchased a 7,500 square foot, 3-story retail site on Oak St., showing that Oak St. still is a strong destination retail street.

gan Ave., properties on Oak St. rarely turn over.

Investing in luxury timepieces offers a tangible, often inflation-hedging alternative asset, with top-tier brands like Rolex, Patek Philippe, and Audemars Piguet demonstrating strong, long-term appreciation. Key factors for profitability include brand prestige, rarity, condition, and the presence

of original box and papers.

Driven in part by social media, luxury timepieces are being heavily invested in by a mix of high-net-worth individuals, Gen Z, and institutional collectors, driven by the \$22 billion pre-owned market and desire for alternative assets. Key investors include af-

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Jackson's challenge to Chicago came from a true heart



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The Chicago election is looming before us, on St. Patrick's Day, and some pundits are saying that our current President wants to cancel the Mid-term elections later this year to control their outcome. They weren't joking. Those people have told us a lot of things that turned out to be a joke.

But voting in Chicago has never been a joke, it's a sacred obligation. It's also convenient, safe, easy, highly social and worth every second of your time.

I thought of Rev. Jesse Jackson as I cast my mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballots are quite a bend for justice.

I ate a chocolate truffle and drank a glass of Sangiovese Italian wine as I filled in my ballot with a fountain pen, and I toasted Rev. Jackson and Mayor Richard J. Daley. Without them the whole process of voting in Chicago would be different today. When you get to heaven ask them if I'm right... they'll be on my side.

Daley assisted in sustaining the success, order and effectiveness of Chicago life through our local elections. The best in the nation as the decades rolled on. He'd

knock a few heads together if he was still with us today. But for the most part his fingerprints are still everywhere. And Jackson's as well.

A lot of our voting procedures are what they are because of those two. Real Chicago folk, neighborhood Chicagoans who got it. Citizens of our urban political system are born understanding the significance of Chicago voting from Rogers Park to Bridgeport, from Englewood to Beverly, and from Hyde Park to Chinatown and Hegewisch.

Bottom line when it comes to voting, it's essential you get folk out to vote. Give 'em a ballot. Help 'em cast their vote. Build the power of the electorate with room for everyone. That's why Chicago endured when many American cities were crumbling. Our city thrived.

Rev. Jackson liked to say, "The arc of the moral universe is long and it bends towards justice, but you have to pull it to bend it... It doesn't bend automatically."

No one proved that better and widened the electorate more than the late Reverend and the action of Rainbow PUSH. He was a true Chicagoan. Someone who refused to let the critical urban issues of our life go unresolved or unchallenged. On the street. In our churches. At the ballot box.

Jackson was a truth seeker. His observations on American life sought always to liberate the victims of injustice. At Rainbow PUSH he helped to create a new vocabulary by which Americans could speak to one another about civil rights, injustice, poverty, ra-



Jesse Louis Jackson (October 8, 1941 – February 17, 2026) was an American civil rights activist, LGBTQ rights activist, politician, and ordained Baptist minister. A protégé of Martin Luther King Jr. and James Bevel during the civil rights movement, he became one of the most prominent civil rights leaders of the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
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cial bias and our government at every level. This new urban language, appropriately, altered the cruel cycle of exclusion for the nation's poorest and provided a way to speak about the unspeakable.

After decades of intense challenge he altered the conversation about what was just and fair. He always expanded the measured reason of debate. And the measure of political power he was confronting.

In Chicago he created a whole new unity for challenging what was lacking in people's lives. He was an architect of what could be possible, continuing the refinement of justice and what it means to challenge the fairness of neighborhood living, education, voting fairness and employment opportunities.

Chicago will never be the same for what he has done.

Jackson's challenge to Chicago came from a true heart with the capacity to see beyond the limits of short-sighted citizenship and distorted ethical traditions.

His voluminous sense of responsible citizenship and human rights had its formation in his deep personal faith that demanded more from his understanding of service to others. In many

ways, his was the spirit of service that was a historical Chicago tradition. One that helped to settle the Prairie. Making room for all.

From the open doors of Rainbow PUSH Jackson helped to restructure a powerful sense of Chicago civility that sought to create unity across our economic, political, religious and social character.

He helped to bring a fresh breath of life to our urban struggle carrying the spirit of his mentor, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., into the everyday conflicts and resolutions of urban growth and promise. Relationships were rearranged, expanded, intensified or restored by the human capacity to grow and evolve. Jesse Jackson's embrace of Chicago remains too powerful to disappear or be lost. He rests in the arms of his savior whose word he spoke and whose deeds he insisted we copy. Hungry for unity and thirsty for peace.

We are uplifted by the life and legend of Jackson who "pushed" the nation to fresh possibilities of self understanding. Running for President of the United States, twice, was just the beginning.

That's what I hope Americans, and especially Chicagoans, understand approaching the ballot

box this month. Never have we needed reasoned intelligence and widened awareness in an election.

Some Americans, hampered by the selfish misunderstanding of our republic's ideals, want to tyrannize the right to election by preventing the public from voting. Others seek to use voting itself as a way to penalize voter opposition. They must be exposed for the actions they embrace.

While Chicago life might seem "up for grabs," in the turbulent times we presently occupy, I believe that the spirit of Jackson is contagious. It remains a powerful encouragement. One that we desperately need.

I got to know Jackson best in the decades I worked as a speech writer at Chicago City Hall. I recall some years ago when he was part of a three-member team that went to Serbia to negotiate the release of two American flyers shot

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Cook County tax sale delayed

Lawmakers get more time to fix the system after Supreme Court rebuke

Late on Feb. 20 this newspaper got an email canceling the ordered placement for North Side properties being put up for a tax sale. The sales notices had only arrived in our office on Feb. 18.

That Friday the Illinois Senate voted to allow Cook County to delay its annual sale of delinquent property taxes until December, buying lawmakers more time to overhaul a system the U.S. Supreme Court rebuked in 2023.

These listings were for properties that were supposed to be sold in 2025. The 2026 sale also now appears to be in jeopardy as well.

The delay will shield the Cook County Treasurer's Office from conducting a March sale that would have put roughly 14,000 tax certificates on the auction block.

Cook County Treasurer Ma-

ria Pappas has been calling for a legislative fix since the Supreme Court's ruling in Tyler v. Hennepin County, which found that governments violate the Fifth Amendment when they seize properties for unpaid taxes and keep the surplus equity beyond what is owed, according to the publication.

Pappas may now be getting her wish.

Illinois is the lone state among those impacted that has not updated its tax sale system in response to the Supreme Court ruling. Instead, many Illinois counties have continued to conduct tax lien sales that could expose them to mounting liability.

The critical issue is Illinois' long-standing practice of selling delinquent tax debt to third-party investors, who can ultimately take title to a property and capture all its former owner's equity when the unpaid tax bill represents a fraction of the home's value. The

Supreme Court held that property owners are entitled to "just compensation" for any sale resulting in a surplus.

According to reporting in Crain's Chicago, the legal pressure is building. The high court is now hearing Pung v. Isabella, a Michigan case that could determine whether governments — not tax buyers — are on the hook for returning lost equity. If the plaintiff prevails, Cook County and other Illinois counties could face claims totaling millions.

Federal judges in two Illinois districts have already rejected arguments that counties are insulated from liability because they are following state law, noting the state does not require a structure that strips owners of all equity from their former properties.

The legal delays should for now stem Cook County - and taxpayer's - exposure to lost equity claims from growing further for present levels.

Cook County Board President candidate forum March 5

The River North Residents Association and Streeterville Organization of Active Residents are hosting a candidate forum for those running in the Democratic Primary for Cook County Board President. The event will take place on 5:30 p.m. Thursday, at Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch, 835 N. Michigan Ave.

Registration is requested, visit <https://rnrachicago.org/forum-for-cook-county-board-president-democratic-candidates/>.

Attendees are invited to send questions for candidates ahead of time to ccbpcandidateforum@rn-rachicago.org by 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3.

Density debate March 7 at Sulzer Library

With the City of Chicago making dramatic zoning changes adding massive new density on the North Side, while also allowing for new buildings that provide little to no off-street parking for tenants, density is on many people's minds.

There will be a community public debate 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave., that hopes

to examine what city policies allowing higher density may be doing to help solve Chicago's supposed housing shortage, and help create more tax money to aid in the city's systemic spending and fiscal problems.

The event is co-sponsored by Braver Angels, a national organization that promotes respectful political dialogue.

City to host public hearing March 6 on lead line replacement



A construction crew completes a lead service line replacement at a Chicago home in June 2023. Courtesy Vanessa Bly/NRDC

The City of Chicago will hold a virtual public hearing starting at 10 a.m. March 6, to receive public comment regarding its plan to apply for loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program for Lead Service Line Replacement [LSLR].

Chicago likely has the worst problem nationwide of lead in our drinking and cooking water. Chicago has the highest number of lead service lines of any U.S. city, with an estimated 412,000-plus homes connected by lead pipes.

This state of affairs has created a severe, long-term, systemic drinking water crisis, as studies show that nearly 70% of Chicago children under six are exposed to lead-contaminated tap water, with roughly 4% of young children tested in 2024 showing elevated blood lead levels.

The public hearing can be accessed through the following link: chicago.gov/dwmp or by phone at: 1-872-222-6918, Phone conference ID: 928 190 406#.

Michael Grillo, the Deputy Commissioner of the LSLR program, will receive written comments for a period of 10 days following this hearing at: watermanagement@cityofchicago.org or chicago.gov/dwmp or by phone at 312-744-6636.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the plan and project. The borrowed funds shall be used for lead service line replacement projects

and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning of LSLR.

Based on the 2025 City's plan, the replacement strategy hopes to scaling up operations to meet a mandatory state replacement schedule. The annual target starting in 2027 is approximately 8,300 LSLR per year with a cumulative replacement goal of 41,500 replacements by the end of the 5-year period in 2031.

That plan will still leave 90% of the problems in existence. The city has not committed to replacing all lead lines until 2076, according to recent reports.

Experts recommend using NSF-certified water filters (specifically for lead), running water for at least 5 minutes after it hasn't been used for 6+ hours, and requesting a free test kit from the city.



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Restaurants announced for Savor

Savor may be one of the most popular North Side foodie events of the Spring where locals can take a culinary tour of Lincoln Park's fine dining in one location.

This year's version takes place 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr.

With one ticket, you've got access to 25+ restaurants. This year's list of participating businesses include: Abrah Bakery & Daily Bistro; Avli Taverna; Azul; Blue Door Farm Stand; Briny Swine Smokehouse & Oyster Bar; Butcher & The Bear; Café Yaya; Cedar Palace; Firecakes; Geja's Café; Honey Butter Beach Club; J. Parker; Klein's Bakery - Armitage; Lakefront Restaurant at Theater on the Lake; Lunch Heroes; Mary Jo McGuire's; Mercadito; Ox Bar & Hearth; Pure Green; Roggenart European Bakery, Bistro & Café; Saponi Trattoria; Suda's; Tandoor Char House; Tropical Smoothie Café; UniUni Bubble Tea; Vanille; Zeitlin's Delicatessen and Exciting New Concept from Chef Zubair Mohajir.

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Senior Freeze should be on autopilot



The Home Front
by Don DeBat

Cash-strapped senior citizens in Chicago and Cook County must be rattling their walkers in unison this month, and eagerly casting absentee ballots from wheelchairs and rocking chairs.

All their applause and votes are directed to Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, who is joining with community groups, the clergy, and wise members of the Illinois General Assembly, calling for easier access to property-tax relief for low-income seniors.

Kaegi is supporting Senate Bill 1750 and House Bill 4801 which would allow easier annual renewal of the Senior Freeze Homestead Exemption, by providing automatic property tax savings for elderly homeowners.

The Senior Freeze for low-income homeowners over the age of 65 years freezes their property's taxable value.

Last year, more than 120,000 households in Chicago and Cook County received the Senior Freeze. In Nov. 2025, the General Assembly passed legislation to immediately raise the income eligibility threshold for the exemption to \$75,000 and boost it to \$79,000 by 2029.

"We want to help those homeowners who need it the most," said Kaegi. This proposed upgrade in state law makes "a quick, effective change that removes a serious barrier to access for seniors," he said.



Sen. Javier Cervantes (left) and Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

State Sen. Javier Cervantes [1st] said: "When this [idea] was brought to me, I thought it was common-sense legislation that we have to get done."

Senior Freeze red tape

This writer has interviewed several North Side senior citizens on the difficulty they currently experienced in order to obtain the Senior Freeze. Virtually all said the current red-tape system requires providing proof of residency and detailed income-tax data from an accountant. Then, they must fill out and file a fairly complex application on-line or in person—each and every year.

However, one athletic, 65-year-old North Side property owner with staying power reported that he patiently sat in the Assessor's waiting room on the third floor (Room 320) at 118 N. Clark St. and waited for his number to be called.

Eventually, a clerk called the senior property owner to the front desk. The senior citizen handed in the required application, identification and documentation and actually received a Senior Freeze Exemption in a single afternoon.

This writer wonders if a typical 75-year-old, hobbled by a walker and limping on wobbly knees, would have the stamina to go through the face-to-face ritual at the County Building.

Once completed and filed with the Assessor, the Senior-Freeze documentation sometimes takes several months to be reviewed and approved. If and when the exemption finally is approved, the Assessor issues a Certificate of Error so the homeowner can receive a corrected tax bill from the Cook County Treasurer. It usually takes 60 to 90 days to actually receive an approved tax refund in the mail.

If there is a mortgage on the property, the senior homeowner's lender likely will continue escrowing money for taxes at the former higher rate based on the latest tax bill. This process will go on until a corrected tax bill is issued.

One North Side senior, who qualified for the Senior Freeze based on his income,

applied and followed all the rules, said his lender still hiked the monthly escrow payment by \$2,000 to cover the second installment 2024 tax-bill hike which was due December 15, 2025.

Although a Certificate of Error was issued by the Assessor in early January, the property owner is still waiting for a corrected tax bill and refund from the Treasurer.

Other exemptions offered

Since 2019, the Assessor's office has been given authority to auto-renew several exemptions, including the general Senior Exemption, available to all homeowners who are age 65 regardless of income, as long as they reside in their primary residence. This category has increased 16% since 2019, Kaegi reports.

In addition, the Persons with Disabilities Exemption, and several categories of the Veterans with Disability exemptions also can be auto-renewed. Between 2023 and 2024, Cook County homeowners receiving the veteran's exemption has increased to 5,300 from 3,100, according to the Assessor.

Government is hungry for cash

Despite the palpable struggle of low-income senior citizens to pay their soaring property taxes, bills in Cook County rose a record 16.7% in 2024. Taxes are paid a year in arrears.

Critics charge that these increases are driven by government's insatiable appetite for more revenue and spending. In 2024, the combined tax levies of Chicago-area governments grew by \$528.6 million to a mountain-sized \$8.87 billion.

Currently, Illinois' annual real estate tax rate is 2.01% of a home's value. The tax bill on a single-family home valued at \$332,700 (the median home value in the U.S.) now is \$6,694.

Illinois is closing in on New Jersey, the state with the highest property taxes in the nation at a rate of 2.11%. In New Jersey, the bill on a median priced \$454,400 home is \$9,590.

In Wisconsin, where taxes average only 1.42% of value, the bill on a similar-priced home is \$4,734. Indiana taxes average only 0.74% of property value. In the Hoosier state the bill on a home priced at \$332,700 is only \$2,461.

Wonder why the Chicago Bears are thinking about moving to Hammond, IN?

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Commentary

Credit downgrades and ongoing financial mismanagement

BY ALD. SCOTT WAGUESPACK [32ND]

Last week Mayor Brandon Johnson continued his road tour undermining the 2026 budget that passed City Council instead of implementing what the vast majority of the council voted for in December.

Last week the City was hit with two credit rating agency downgrades to our finances. Our group of Aldermen that worked on the budget continue to work on implementing what was passed, including many of the Ernst & Young efficiencies and budget ideas we discussed throughout the budget process and that are mandated to be implemented as part of the 2026 budget passage.

Part of the budget we unfortunately had to pass included borrowing for operations, retroactive firefighter pay and a slew of settlements going back decades. We were assured by the Administration in public meetings, that the borrowing would be paid down accordingly. That we would not kick the can down the road, as part of the discussion in the credit rating downgrade.

We have now been led to believe that the

Johnson administration has decided not to pay what is owed now but will instead kick the can down the road again by deferring principal and interest payments and playing games with the city finances.

Credit rating agencies have warned for the past two years that the City needed to take specific steps, including addressing our structural deficit and declining reserves, end reliance on one-time fixes, implement efficiencies and operational reforms, and failure to make responsible pension contributions.

Instead of addressing those concerns, Mayor Johnson proposed budgets that took the city backward, not forward.

Chicago's credit challenges are the result of ongoing budget mismanagement, not the City Council's amendment to 1.6% of the Mayor's proposed FY26 budget that ultimately made it more financially responsible.

The City Council continues to be collaborative; however, we must also maintain our independence. The Budget Accountability Coalition is a collaborative, transparent framework that will be utilized to ensure the City's 2026 Budget is implemented.

DePaul Art Museum to close in June after 15 years in Lincoln Park



As the university continues to struggle with financial challenges it has decided to close the DePaul Art Museum at the end of the academic year. *Courtesy Sadlie Sringer*

BY JEREMY BATTLE
The DePaulia

The DePaul Univ. Art Museum will stop operations on June 30.

The Feb. 26 announcement follows budget cuts that have impacted other areas of the university, including the Loop Library.

In a university-wide email, President Robert Manuel said the museum will not be sold or left vacant. It will be used for a "space that continues to enrich the student experience."

"In the coming weeks, we will convene a discussion with our university community to explore how the museum building and its collections can continue to serve as

assets to DePaul, elevating our academic prominence and supporting the recruitment, training and development of current and future students," Manuel said.

Administration plans to work with museum staff to determine where the 4,000 existing artworks in their permanent collection at the museum will go. Final museum exhibitions will open March 5.

"While this marks the end of an important chapter, it also creates an opportunity to reimagine how we advance the arts at DePaul. Our university's strength in the arts remains deep and distinctive — spanning music, theatre, fine art, design, film and television, creative writing and more," Manuel said.

The museum, at 935 W. Fullerton Ave., opened in 2011 and has been free for all. According to Manuel, it has featured artworks from more than 600 Chicago artists and underrepresented artists.

"We understand this decision may be disappointing for you and the broader arts community," Manuel said. "It also helped foster an interdisciplinary learning environment for DePaul students and served as a cultural hub for community gatherings."

Property Tax Exemptions: How homeowners and seniors can save on taxes

Property taxes can be a financial burden but exemptions can reduce those costs by offering significant savings to property owners. There are three exemptions that do the most good for the most people.

They are the Homeowner Exemption, the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption and the Senior Freeze Exemption. The Cook County Treasurer's Office helps residents apply for these exemptions to lower their property tax bills.

First, check the exemptions you're receiving by visiting cookcountytreasurer.com and clicking on the purple box labeled Your Property Tax Overview. Search using your address or 14-digit Property Index Number.

Scroll down and you should see a grid with your exemptions. If the word "No" appears, as seen in this grid, you could be leaving significant money on the table.

Homeowner Exemption:

This is the most utilized exemption, with most owners qualifying. It lowers property taxes for homeowners who occupy their home as their primary residence for at least a year. First-time applicants must have lived there as of Jan. 1 of the tax year in question. The exemption renews automatically each year unless the property is sold.

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption:

Homeowners applying for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption for the first time are eligible if they're 65 or older and own and occupy their property as their principal place of residence. If a married couple owns a home jointly, they're eligible

when the older partner turns 65. To receive this exemption, the applicant must have owned and occupied the property as of Jan. 1 and must have been 65 or older during the tax year in question.

Senior Freeze Exemption:

Applicants must meet age and income requirements to qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption. Seniors aged 65 and older with an annual household income of \$75,000 or less are eligible. You must have owned and occupied the home on Jan. 1 of the tax year in question. This exemption "freezes" the equalized assessed valuation [EAV] of the property the year that the senior citizen qualifies for the benefit, insulating the senior from soaring property taxes that come with rising EAVs.

Unlike other exemptions, you must re-apply for the Senior Freeze every year since income levels can change.

How to apply for exemptions and refunds:

Apply for these exemptions online at cookcountytreasurer.com where you can search for yourself or anyone else, such as a parent. Verify that you're receiving the exemptions you're entitled to and apply for any you've missed. Remember, you can apply for missed exemptions going back four years.

Don't lose out on valuable tax breaks. Homeowners and seniors who qualify can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars annually. Visit the Cook County Treasurer's website to start the application process today as it might lessen your financial burden.

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Police Beat...

Man charged after alleged string of drug, gun sales in Jewel-Osco parking lot

A Northwest Side man is accused of launching a lucrative street-level drug operation in grocery store parking lots and selling a firearm to an undercover officer, beginning just one day after he pleaded guilty in an unrelated felony case and was given a chance to keep the charge off his record.

John A. Gonzalez, 28, is now facing armed violence and ten felony narcotics charges after prosecutors said he repeatedly sold cocaine, ecstasy, and other drugs to undercover cops in the parking lots of two Northwest Side grocery stores before eventually selling an officer a gun.

The scheme allegedly began on Nov. 18, 2025, the day after Gonzalez pleaded guilty to felony theft and received 12 months of court supervision. That arrangement, under which charges can be wiped from a defendant's record, was only hours old when Gonzalez allegedly sold nearly \$2,000 worth of cocaine to an undercover officer in the parking lot of Tony's Fresh Market, 4137 N. Elston Ave.

Prosecutors allege that Gonzalez then shifted his operation to the parking lot of Jewel-Osco, 4042 W. Foster Ave., where he conducted a series of additional sales. On Nov. 3, he allegedly sold 50 ecstasy pills. On Nov. 10, prosecutors say he sold another \$1,866 worth of cocaine. On Nov. 24, he allegedly sold 30 ecstasy pills, 50 Xanax tablets, an ounce of hashish, and \$1,750 worth of cocaine.

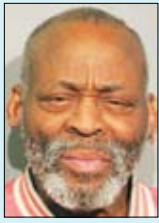
The transactions took a more serious turn on Dec. 2, when Gonzalez allegedly sold \$3,725 worth of cocaine along with a firearm and six bullets outside the Jewel, according to charging documents. He allegedly returned to the Jewel-Osco parking lot one last time on Dec. 15 to sell an additional \$1,825 worth of cocaine.

Gonzalez was detained following a hearing before Cook County Judge Ankur Srivastava.

Kids locked themselves in bathroom as serial burglar ransacked their home

A 62-year-old man accused of burglarizing a suburban auto dealership earlier this month skipped court and days later broke into two Chicago homes, including one where two children hid in a bathroom while he gathered the family's valuables, prosecutors said.

Terry Coulter was arrested on Feb. 13 in suburban Robbins and charged with burglarizing an auto dealership, according to court records. But when he failed to appear for a scheduled hearing on Feb. 18, Judge Teresa Molina-Gonzalez didn't issue an arrest warrant. She directed



Terry Coulter

her clerk to send Coulter a postcard reminding him to show up for court.

Four days later, prosecutors say, Coulter was breaking into homes in Lincoln Park and Logan Square.

Prosecutors say he started by smashing a window and entering a coach house in the 2100 block of N. Kenmore Ave. Once inside, he allegedly took Euros, a passport, watches, and other personal items. The break-in was captured on surveillance video.

About 1 p.m. that same day, officers responded to a 911 call in the 2300 block of N. Campbell Ave. after two children, ages 13 and 15, reported that someone was breaking into their home. The kids were alone and locked themselves inside the master bathroom while the intruder moved through the house, prosecutors said.

When officers arrived, they found broken glass and rooms that had been rummaged through, according to a CPD report. Officers allegedly found Coulter inside a basement bathroom. He allegedly had possession of the Lincoln Park victim's passport, watches, and Euros.

He's charged with two counts of residential burglary in connection with the home break-ins and is scheduled for a detention hearing on Friday.

Court records show Coulter has prior convictions that include two 6-year sentences for residential burglary in 1999, a 364-day sentence for attempted residential burglary in 1999, and a robbery conviction in 1982.

Gunmen fire shot during bump-and-run robbery in River North

Four masked gunmen fired a shot into the pavement during a brazen bump-and-run robbery in the heart of River North Feb. 25, according to Chicago police.

The robbery unfolded around 3:52 a.m. in the first block of E. Ontario St., just steps from the temporary Bally's casino. Police said a 36-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man were sitting inside their vehicle when a gray sedan struck them from behind, a police spokesperson said. Four men wearing ski masks jumped out of the car and at least two of them pointed guns at the victims, according to CPD.

During the confrontation, one of the robbers fired a round into the ground, but no injuries were reported.

The gunmen took the male victim's phone and forced him to unlock it before they fled the scene. It was not immediately clear what other property was stolen.

After the robbery, the crew sped westbound on Ontario St. before turning southbound on State St., according to video footage.

CPD did not release a description of the robbers.

Major commercial burglary spree plagues city

Chicago police are warning North Side residents of a rash of recent burglaries to commercial businesses in the Loop, Lake View East, Lincoln Park, Rogers Park, Uptown, Edgewater, Jefferson Park, Portage Park, West Ridge and many other Chicago neighborhoods.

The police sent out a very long list of over 40 burglary sites across the city

dating from Jan. 12 through Feb. 26.

In the incidents, four to seven offenders gain access to businesses by breaking a glass front door/window with sledgehammers and/or pry bars.

Offenders then enter the business removing money, cash registers, ATM and merchandise. Offenders then flee in a vehicle.

The offenders are wearing black ski masks, black hooded sweatshirts and black pants. Anyone with information on these crimes may contact Area 1 Detectives at 312-747-8384, Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8263, Area 5 Detectives at 312-746-7394 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com.

Please use reference # 26-CWP-003E.

Bystanders narrowly escaped Rogers Park gunfire

Video shows how close bystanders came to being struck during a Feb. 24 shooting in Rogers Park, capturing nine shots fired beneath a Howard St. overpass as pedestrians scrambled and a storefront's glass door shattered.

The 36-year-old man wounded near Howard and Paulina streets around 9:22 p.m. has twice been sent to prison for shootings, according to court records. He remains in critical condition.

In the video, two cars are seen parked facing south on Paulina St. with their hoods raised, apparently with one jumping the other's battery. Nearby, something draws the attention of a man stopped in a crosswalk, who turns to watch whatever is unfolding beneath the overpass. Seconds later, nine shots ring out.

A person is seen falling to the ground under the overpass. The man in the crosswalk scrambles for cover. The glass door of a nearby currency exchange shatters and cascades to the ground.

The exact position of the victim during the shooting is unclear, but a man believed to be him is seen limping from the cars on Paulina to a nearby building. He reportedly lost a significant amount of blood before first responders arrived. Paramedics transported him to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, where he was listed in critical condition.

At least a half-dozen people walk out from beneath the overpass moments after the shooting. A Chicago Police Dept. transit unit rolls into view as the video ends. They were the first to report the gunfire.

The victim is well-known to Chicago's police and criminal communities. Court records show he has been sent to prison twice in connection with shootings — once for shooting someone in 2006, and again for firing at an occupied vehicle during the pandemic.

Police have not released a description of the gunman, and no arrests have been announced. The motive remains unknown.

Judge orders city to refund \$163 million in ticket penalties

A Cook County judge has ordered the cash-strapped city to refund \$163 million in penalties it tacked onto more than one million vehicle citations, fines that sometimes doubled the cost of a simple parking ticket. Those penalties inflated the city's already steep ticket prices beyond the levels allowed by state law, Judge William Sullivan found in violation of state law.

Sullivan's ruling came Thursday after the case wound its way through the county's notoriously slow court system for eight years. Sullivan found that Chicago had illegally piled late fees onto citations for routine infractions like parking violations, in some cases pushing the total bill past \$500 for tickets that state law caps at \$250.

Chicago routinely doubled fines as a late penalty, a practice that pushed mountains of unpaid tickets well beyond the \$250 ceiling state law sets for non-moving violations. Collection

Suspect sought in shooting of 14-year-old in the Loop

Chicago police have released surveillance images of the person they believe to be responsible for shooting a 14-year-old boy in the Loop in February.

The shooting occurred around 8:35 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the first block of E. Washington St., in the heart of downtown Chicago.

Officers had already been deployed to the area that evening in anticipation of a large gathering when a 911 caller reported teenagers fighting near Washington and Madison streets. Within minutes, those same officers reported shots fired.

Police located the wounded boy at the corner of Washington and Wabash Ave. According to the Chicago Police Dept., the boy was standing on E. Washington St. when someone opened fire, striking him in the left foot. Officers recovered two shell casings at the scene. The victim was transported to Lurie Children's Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition.

At least one other juvenile was arrested during the incident on allegations of battering a police officer, authorities said.

On Feb. 27, police said the person



seen in the surveillance images "was involved in discharging a firearm which resulted in an innocent bystander suffering a gunshot wound to the foot."

The department described the suspect as Black, between 14 and 16 years old, between 5 feet 7 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a thin build. The suspect was allegedly seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, a black backpack, and Air Jordan 12 Retro Black University Gold basketball shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8261 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com, referencing case number JK-152048.

fees on top of those inflated fines added even more to drivers' tabs.

Some members of the class claimed they received multiple tickets within days for a single city sticker violation, with total fines soaring well past \$1,000. Sullivan's order requires the city to refund any payments exceeding \$250 for a single ticket, as well as reimbursement for collection fees above \$55.

In addition to refunds, the financial hit could include writing off a substantial chunk of uncollected citation debt currently sitting on the city's books, a prospect that adds yet another fiscal headache as Mayor Brandon Johnson operates with a budget that the City Council passed without his signature.

The city may appeal Sullivan's decision.

Man charged with randomly punching DePaul student in the Loop

Another man has joined the growing list of so-called "Loop puncher" defendants, men accused of randomly attacking people, usually women, in the downtown area. His name is Samuel Z. Jackson, and officials say he is a repeat offender who was on parole for robbery when he struck again.

Jackson, 31, is charged with aggravated battery in a public place for allegedly punching a female DePaul Univ. student in the face as she walked in the 100 block of W. Madison St. around 9:25 p.m. Aug. 11, 2025. Prosecutors said the blow knocked her to the ground before Jackson ran away.

Two Chicago police officers who were familiar with Jackson from a similar case recognized him from surveillance images, according to court records. Jackson was recently arrested in Rosemont to face charges in the August attack. Judge Ankur Srivastava ordered him detained.

The aggravated battery charge marks the most serious allegation Jackson currently faces, but it is not the only one. He is also charged separately with misdemeanor battery stemming from an altercation on a Metra train in the suburbs in January. Additional details about that case were not immediately available.

Court records show Jackson has faced other accusations of randomly punching people since being paroled last summer, but both of those cases were dismissed.

On Aug. 22, a 26-year-old man told police that Jackson approached him in the 1600 block of N. Western Ave. and punched him in the face without provocation. Prosecutors charged Jackson with misdemeanor battery, a non-detainable offense.

According to court records, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections chose not to revoke his parole in that case, so Judge Luciano Panici Jr. placed Jackson on electronic monitoring. That case was dismissed on Sept. 23 after the alleged victim did not appear in court, according to records.

About two months later, on Nov. 19, another 26-year-old man reported that he was walking in the 1500 block of W. Adams St. when Jackson approached him, asked what he was looking at, and then punched him in the chest and head. Officers arrested Jackson nearby. He was again charged with misdemeanor battery.

Judge James Costello ordered him placed on electronic monitoring, but the ankle monitor was removed on December 18 when the case was dismissed, court records show. The reason for the dismissal is not given.

Two juveniles robbed four people across the Loop, on Red Line

Two juveniles, including a 14-year-old boy, are accused of robbing three people in the Loop on Feb. 23 and targeting a fourth victim as they fled on a CTA Red Line train.

The crimes began around 9:30 p.m. when the 14-year-old and a 17-year-old targeted a 23-year-old man in the 700 block of S. Dearborn St., police said. Both juveniles implied they had guns by holding their hands in their hoodies as they mugged the man, according to a preliminary report.

CPD said the pair continued their spree over the next 20 minutes, attacking additional victims in the 700 block of S. Clark St. and the 600 block of S. Federal St. In the latter case, the juveniles were seen attacking a man and chasing him into a building while threatening to shoot him.

After the spree, the teens boarded a southbound Red Line while, unbeknownst to them, the first victim began tracking his stolen phone and sharing its location with cops.

As officers coordinated a response and prepared to intercept the train, the juveniles robbed yet another passenger at the 47th Street station, police said. Cops arrested them at the CTA station moments later.

The boys are each charged with three counts of aggravated robbery, two counts of attempted aggravated robbery, and two counts of aggravated battery. Their names have not been released because they are juveniles.

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On Wednesday March 11, well-known Chicagoans will compete onstage at Second City Theater for Tutoring Chicago's 60th Anniversary Celebrity Spelling Bee. This 18+ event includes food, an open bar, and a seat at the most difficult and funny spelling bee in town.

This year's mighty spellers will include Micah Materre, News Anchor, WGN-TV; Beverly Kim, James Beard Award-winning Chef and Restaurateur; Kevin Fishbain, Chicago Bears Writer at The Athletic; Cliff Chamberlain, Steppenwolf Theatre Co. ensemble member and Broadway performer, and JAMILA WOODS, award-winning poet and songwriter.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the spelling bee starts at 7:30 p.m., at UP Comedy Club at The Second City, 230 W. North Ave. For tickets visit <https://aesbid.com/ELP/BEE26>.

The fundraiser offers a night of laughs, in support of free one-to-one tutoring and mentorship for 1,400 underserved Chicago students.

JACKSON'S from p. 2

down during a very troubled time. Rev. Jackson was an independent American hero to the tough, tyrannical Serbian leadership.

That's why he was accepted to be part of the delegation seeking the fliers' freedom. Jackson's reputation went before him and helped to arrange a positive outcome for their mission. His diplomacy was a natural and human component of who he was. At a dark moment in American diplomacy, he was able to transform a tense and disastrous international crisis that even his critics and Chicago cynics had to admit was a grace-filled achievement.

We hope that the Jackson spirit will guide us now through the overloaded March 17 ballot, sorting out the office-seekers and office-holders who will have the opportunities to lift others to unity and calm in America's most American city. With Rev. Jackson's example we can bend the arc of justice.

CONDE NAST: The elite travel publication has announced "Chicago is the best big city in the United States." We'll take that.

PRESERVATION: The folks at Preservation Chicago today will name their 2026 Chicago 7 Most Endangered buildings. This fast-paced presentation by **Ward Miller** is always an interesting view of our towns' physical history. Since 2003, the Chicago 7 Most Endangered has sounded the alarm on imminently threatened historic buildings and community assets in Chicago to mobilize the stakeholder support necessary to save them from demolition.

HATS: **Steven Scott Kokin** is a renowned American milliner and hat designer known for bold, luxurious, and artistic creations often featuring materials like leather, ribbon, and feathers. Rising to prominence in the early 1980s, he has designed for celebrities such as **Julia Roberts, Hillary Duff, Raquel Welch, Michelle Pfeiffer, Cindy Lauper, Christie Brinkley, Sophia Loren, Ivana Trump, Joan Collins, Sarah Jessica Parker, Cher, and Alicia Keys**, and top designers like **Oscar de La Renta, Bill Blass, Pauline Trigere, Giorgio Sant Angelo, Donna Karan, Ralph**



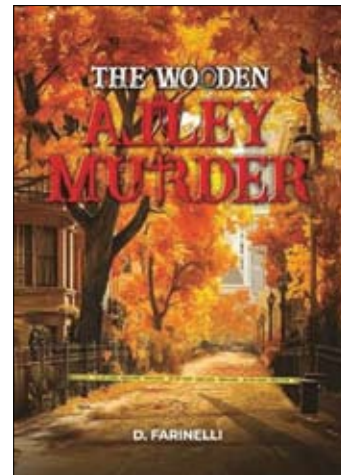
Pierrot's Funeral, 1947, Henri Matisse



Jill Cress with Jane Justic.



Steven Scott Kokin hat.



D. Farinelli's new book, The Wooden Alley Murder.



Guy Fieri

Lauren, Zac Posen, Catherine Malandrino, and Jade Lai. The Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum is presenting an evening with Kokin Thursday, March 19, 6-9 p.m. at the The Fortnightly of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place. Join for a stylish and story-filled evening celebrating Kokin, whose designs have crowned some of the most iconic TV and movie moments. Tickets are \$100-\$125. Guests will enjoy a curated hat fashion show, followed by an intimate Q&A with Kokin—and the opportunity to purchase his designs during the event.

A HIT: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble has a hit on their hands, "Pivot," playing through March 21. Everyone wants to see it. Everyone needs to see it. But everyone won't fit into this Edgewater jewel box theater. A world premiere dark comedy by Jeff Award-winner **Alex Lubischer**. Directed by **Hallie Gordon**, we follow Kara, a woman whose wedding plans in rural Nebraska unravel, forcing her to fight for her future in a story of grief, loss, and rural life.

THEATER HONORS: Congrats to Kokandy Productions on 17 Jeff Award nominations for musicals presented at Chicago's Chopin Theatre. *Jekyll & Hyde* (10) and *Amélie* (7) were both nominated in the Best Musical, Best Ensemble, Best Direction and many other categories. They were selected from 102 different presentations in Chicago in 2025.

EATS: **Joey Mondelli** with TV foodie **Guy Fieri** and the gang filling the tables at LaScarola, his #1 choice for best restaurant in America. It's his 'must go' whenever he's in town... **Mark Olley** raving about the grilled cheddar and baby gouda on sourdough at Starbucks... **Judy Bross** loving the "sammies" at the new spot in Old Town, Wells Street Kitchen and Juice for BLTs... Delighted to hear that the whole of Mart Anthony's Italian eatery was taken over Saturday evening for a wedding which should thrill **John, Jack and Michael Campo**.

DO TELL: Has any reader been to Chicago's "hidden Eu-

ropean Alley," at 121 N. Green St., behind Randolph St.? I'm just curious about your experience... write to me.

NEW HIDEOUT: An intimate new cocktail center has opened in the West Loop heavily influenced by the Frenchies. Cache 310 is mysterious and moody, just steps from the Chicago River at 310 S. Canal. Ooh la la.

TESTIFY: **William Kresse** appeared before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in Washington to testify at a public hearing on "Election Audit Standards." Discussing his thoughts on election auditing, including his recent research on the subject.

CUBS OPENER: Counting down the days until March 26 for the Cubs... **Seiya Suzuki** hit the Cub's first home run of 2026 Spring Training.

CHICAGO AUTHOR: Chicago master writer **D. Farinelli** has a new book, a wondrous publication called "The Wooden Alley Murder." Local Gold Coasters may recall the Wooden Alley as mysterious and hard to place. The laneway running behind the longtime Cardinal's residence at 1555 N. State Pkwy. The book is fab, and available now.

ALL THAT JAZZ: "Matisse's Jazz: Rhythms in Color" opens March 7 at the Art Institute. Celebrating **Henri Matisse's** book where he first explored his beloved paper cut-out technique and found success all over again in his 70s. The exhibition brings the electrifying prints of Jazz together with more than 50 paintings, prints, and sculptures from across the artist's five-decade career.

WHO'S WHERE: **Fernando Mendoza**, Indiana U.'s famed quarterback, was honored by the Davey O'Brien Foundation with the National Quarterback Award... **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** lunching at Joni's Diner in Lake Geneva... On April 23, **Irene Michaels** takes the stage in the Original Room at Don't Tell Mama for an intimate New York cabaret evening... Birthday girl **Jane Justic** celebrating her 81st birthday in Naples, FL with daughter, **Jill Cress**... **Bobbi Panter** in Pas-

sadena, CA with the pooches for Groom Expo West... **Jeanae Paul** led the way for **Barb Bailey, Sherrill Bodine, and Kim Duda** to Irene Michaels' concert at The Den Theater where she was in perfect voice and sang romantic ballads to her husband **Arny Garant**... Happy 90th birthday to Irish tycoon **Michael Smurfit**... **Vickie Dal Santo** and husband, **John Dombrowski**, in Steamboat Springs, CO joined by California sister **Colleen Dal Santo Ryan** and husband, **Kevin**... **Dr. Rose Gomez** visiting from Switzerland, catching up with friends... Christies' **Steve Zick** recalling his first official visit to Palm Springs 17 years ago in 2009... actor **David Archuleta** tasting his first Lou Malnati's pizza, loving it... **Eamonn Cummins** with real estate czar **Ken Dooley** at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery Chicago in the West Loop with Guinness' **Eoghain Clavin**... **Julia Jacobs** at Tony's Off Third, Gourmet Boutique in Old Naples, FL... **Whitney Reynolds**, husband **David Heiner**, and the twins, oceanside in Hutchinson Island Beach in Stuart, FL... U.S. Rep. **Chuy Garcia** has been hospitalized but feeling good and thankful for everyone's good wishes.

OPERA NEWS: The Metropolitan Opera in New York is scaling back their 2026-2027 season.

ORIGINAL COKE: Coca-Cola turning 140 years old and celebrating big, 1886-2026.

PATRICK DOHERTY: So sad to learn of the death in County Donegal, Ireland of one of the grandest of Irishmen, **Padraig O Dochartaigh (Patrick O'Doherty)**, the father of Chicago restaurateur and musician, **Ferdia Doherty**. Pat was a man of faith, grace, classical Irish character and deep learning. Brimming with friendship, wisdom, humor and song. Gentle Irish fields caress you, Pat, and hold you as time is now transformed.

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Construction is approaching substantial completion at TimeLine's new home at 5035 N. Broadway in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. Recent happenings include installation of rear signage visible from the Argyle stop on the CTA Red Line, a vertical marquee sign on the front of the building. Photos by Lara Goetsch

TimeLine Theatre offering sneak peak of new Uptown home

Series of preview events culminate with celebration March 21

BY SHEILA SWANN

At long last, TimeLine Theatre Company has announced a week-end of special events that will serve as a preview for the opening of their new home in Uptown.

TimeLine will open the doors to its new home for the first time starting Thursday, March 19 through Saturday, March 21, to offer its supporters, subscribers, members of the Uptown community, Chicago theater artists, media, and the public at large the chance to step inside 5035 N. Broadway for an early sneak peek.

Since purchasing the site in Dec. 2018, the project may have been one of the most difficult artistic site buildouts in modern Chicago history. That buildout includes TimeLine raising more

than \$42.6 million toward the approximately \$46 million project costs.

Some of the problems they faced included a pandemic shut down and government-imposed lockdown, the taking of some of their property for the CTA's Red Line rehab project, a failed attempt to save the facade and foundation, and skyrocketing material and construction costs.

But the TimeLine crew and supports now appear to have pulled it off.

"Designed as a stage for both art and community, the new TimeLine Theatre will become a lasting cultural destination, supporting performance, learning and engagement in Uptown for decades to come," said PJ Powers, TimeLine Artistic Director.

The results of those efforts are a facility spanning 33,600 square feet on Broadway, with 21,000 square feet of new construction, and 12,600 square feet of adap-

tive reuse of the former 1920s-era Reebie Bros. warehouse.

"Our new home is a place where the community will gather, learn, and be inspired," said Mica Cole, Executive Director of TimeLine Theatre. "It preserves the intimacy of our productions while opening the doors wider, inviting neighbors, students, and audiences from across Chicago to engage with our mission more deeply."

TimeLine holds its official Grand Opening in May 2026 with the inaugural production at its new home—An Enemy of the People, running May 6 – June 7.

One near term highlight will be the theatre's vertical marquee sign lighting 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19. This 40-foot vertical marquee adds visual excitement to Uptown's Broadway streetscape, marking TimeLine's new home. The sign's modern style is inspired by historic marquees of the

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Cabaret Professionals Musical Mondays return to The Rhapsody Theater

Chicago Cabaret Professionals [CCP] is presenting three unique concerts — Musical Mondays — that showcase the talents of more than 40 local cabaret artists. The all-ages concerts will be held at The Rhapsody Theater, 1328 W. Morse Ave., in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

The first concert, scheduled for Monday, March 23, celebrates "Harmony" and showcases the power of voices united - honoring not just musical harmony, but the harmony of spirit that makes Chicago's cabaret scene so vibrant and alive.

The second concert, on Monday, May 11, centers around the late, great Tony Bennett at 100. This show highlights his incredible musical legacy, featuring iconic songs from the Great American Songbook that were a canvas for Bennett's unique style and sound.

The third, and final installment of this cabaret series will be held on Monday, July 13 and celebrates America's 250th birthday with an evening of song that reflects the nation in all its complexity.

Show tickets run from \$30 to \$50 per show.

CCP began Musical Mondays in 2008, and for the last few years,

has called the Rhapsody Theater home. It is a membership organization that promotes the art of cabaret by educating performers, presenters and the public at large.

CCP members include seasoned and aspiring performers, composers, lyricists, producers, directors, writers, presenters, friends and music business professionals.

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Swedish Museum seeking artifacts for 50th Anniversary

As the Swedish American Museum in Andersonville prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, they are planning a special exhibition honoring five decades of history and community.

Members and neighbors are invited to loan photographs, documents, artwork, or memorabilia that reflect experiences with the Museum, 5211 N. Clark St.

Those who may have items to share, should email a brief description and photo to Curator Sarah Hawkinson at shawkinson@samac.org. Submissions will be reviewed by the Curator and the 50th Anniversary Exhibit

Committee, who will follow up with next steps.

Andersonville developed into a premier Swedish enclave in the late 19th century, serving as a refuge for immigrants following the 1871 Chicago Fire. Known as "Little Sweden," the area grew from a 19th-century farming community into a cultural hub that is today one of the most popular communities on the North Side.

Early Swedish farmers began settling in the area in the 1850s, originally creating cherry orchards. It was named Andersonville after Swedish landowner John Anderson. By 1930, Chicago had over 200,000 Swedish immigrants.

Mini used book sale March 7 at Newberry Library

The Newberry Library is hosting a Mini Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 7. Visitors can shop a curated selection of used books from a variety of categories at great prices.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the library's collections and programs. Library staff will also be hosting a tour of the Library at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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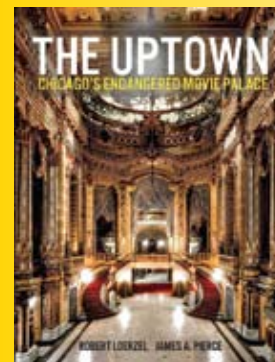
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THURSDAY, MARCH 12 AT 6:30 PM



Authors Robert Loerzel and James A. Pierce will talk about their new book on the history of the Uptown Theatre, which opened 100 years ago. One of America's largest and most lavish movie palaces, a theater that was "built for all time," it's been vacant and unused for more than 40 years. As they offer their insights into the building's past and potential, Loerzel and Pierce will share views of the Uptown throughout its ten decades.

Pierce, a journalist, WDCB-FM jazz radio host, and a founder of Friends of the Uptown, has been documenting the Uptown Theatre and advocating for its restoration since 1998.

Loerzel, a journalist, documentarian and photographer, is the author of *Alchemy of Bones: Chicago's Luetgert Murder Case of 1897*, and the documentaries *Union Stockyards* and *the Chicago River for the WTTW series Chicago Stories* and worked on WBEZ's *Curious City*. Loerzel and Pierce will also be selling and signing a limited quantity of books. The book can also be purchased at cityfilespress.com.

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yourself or be rescued.

The 50-50-50 rule for hypothermia is a rough rule for cold water exposure. In 50°F (10°C) water, you may have about 50 minutes of useful movement and

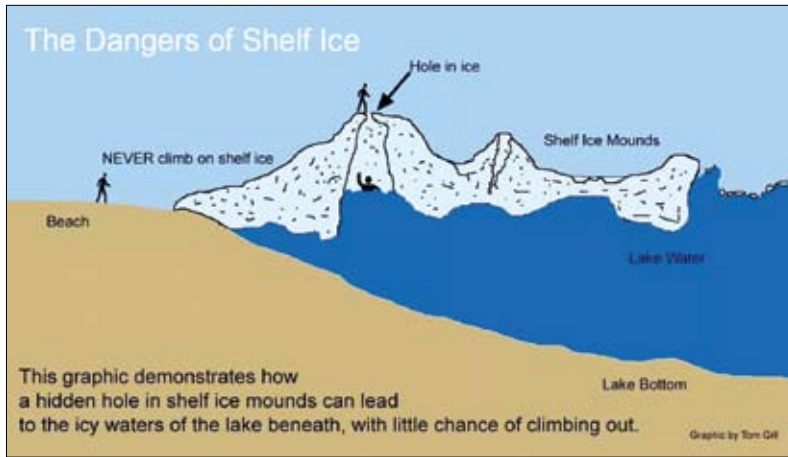
Cold water can conduct heat away from your body 25 times faster than air of the same temperature. Within minutes, your body's core temperature—the brain, heart, lungs and other vital organs—begins to cool, and your body responds by trying to keep as much heat as possible in the core. The flow of blood to the arms and legs is reduced, and your body tries to generate heat by shivering.

risk unconsciousness or death around 50 minutes without rescue. In very cold water, your body can experience hypothermia in just 10-15 minutes. This can lead

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(L) The Dangers of Shelf Ice. Graphic courtesy of Tom Gill (R) Two people and their dog explore shelf ice at Osterman Beach. Photo by Bob Zuley



to unconsciousness and create a severe risk of drowning within 30 minutes. Getting out of the water as quickly as possible is vital for survival.

Cold water can conduct heat away from your body 25 times faster than air of the same temperature. Within minutes, your body's core temperature—the brain, heart, lungs and other vital organs—begins to cool, and your body responds by trying to keep as much heat as possible in the core. The flow of blood to the arms and legs is reduced, and your body tries to generate heat by shivering.

In 2021, a Rogers Park resi-

dent fell through the shelf ice at Loyola Park. "I didn't realize that I was still on ice," the man told this newspaper. "I thought I was still on the beach. Fortunately, it doesn't get very deep there, it was only about a foot deep."

"I just wanted to warn people about how it may be difficult to discern where the beach ends and the water begins. So just keep a close eye on dogs or children when you go for walks near the lake."

A recent visit to Osterman Beach by this reporter found

two people and their dog exploring shelf ice. The next evening, Chicago police and fire units including a helicopter responded to Jarvis Beach to search for a reported missing person who was later safely located ashore.

"And if you were to fall through, that current might pull you right under," Dave Benjamin, executive director of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project told this newspaper. "And there is no rescue. There's no rescue for that situation. Hopefully they'll find you in the Spring."

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Uptown Entertainment District, including the Uptown Theatre and Aragon Ballroom.

An Uptown community preview will be held 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 20. All TimeLine neighbors are invited to enjoy free food and drink, and explore the public areas that will serve as a welcoming gathering place.

The official ribbon cutting will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March

21. That will be followed by an open house. All are invited for this lively celebration of the company's remarkable new space.

A giant Gala dinner party will be held May 15 that will include a performance of performance of An Enemy of the People, followed by an after party and celebration.

They will offer a 250-seat black box space, a street-level bar and café with patio, exhibit galleries, and education/community room.

North Township Real Estate For Sale

<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>040404</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-04, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-04, Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.- REGINA VALUTYTE N/K/A REGINA PAVLICIC, DEJAN J PAVLICIC A/K/A DEJAN PAVLICK A/K/A DEJAN J PAVLICIC A/K/A DEJAN J PAVLICIC A/K/A DEJAN PAVLICK, CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SSI-PAVLICIC II, LLC,</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>A SERIES OF SSI-SAM LORENZO, LLC, 535 N. MICHIGAN AVE. CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. 2025CH02587 535 North Michigan Avenue, Unit 1410, 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 12/15/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the On-line Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/23/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 25, 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.</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>Commonly known as 535 North Michigan Avenue, Unit 1410, Chicago, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-122-025-1185 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$196,853.76 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 535 North Michigan Avenue, Unit 1410 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</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>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) (l) 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 re-</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>quired 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Kluever Law Group, LLC (312) 236-0077 please refer to file number SMS001416-25FC1. 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. SMS001416-25FC1 Case Number: 2025CH02587 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</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 13282298</p> <p>252525</p> <p>181818</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>
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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-3, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.- JOSE R. GONZALEZ, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 6528 N. FRANCISCO CONDO ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 07717 6528 N FRANCISCO AVE, UNIT 1E CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 5, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 8, 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 6528 N FRANCISCO AVE, UNIT 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-317-019-0000 &10-36-317-041-1002 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$217,090.19. 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 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.</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>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 sales 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 24-216799. 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: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 24-216799 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Attorney Code. 65582 Case Number: 2024 CH 07717 TJSC#: 46-71 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.</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>Case # 2024 CH 07717 13282729</p> <p>040404</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.- UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, ROGERS PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMINA DZAMBEGOVIC, DECEASED, HADZIRA DZAMBEGOVIC, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF EMINA DZAMBEGOVIC Defendants 2022CH08405 1615 WEST GREENLEAF AVENUE UNIT F 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 November 4, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 6, 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 1615 WEST GREENLEAF AVENUE UNIT F, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-213-037-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$145,823.48. 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 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.</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>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 sales room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-020692. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO IL, 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 22-020692 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2022CH08405 TJSC#: 46-407</p>	<p>Real Estate For Sale</p> <p>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 # 2022CH08405 8231-962437</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ONSLOW BAY FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.- SHAHNAZ FATIMA; HOME BY THE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants. 2025CH08081 6420 N. Claremont Ave. Unit 2N, Chicago, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/24/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the On-line Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/23/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 25, 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 6420 N. Claremont Ave. Unit 2N, Chicago, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-31-312-045-1002 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$106,119.85 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 6420 N. Claremont Ave. Unit 2N 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. 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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)(l) 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC (630) 453-6960 please refer to file number 1463-217178. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. 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Unit #4123 Tinika Epps

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East Bank Storage, located at 429 W. Ohio St, Chicago IL (312-644-2000), is opening lockers:
3623X (Annette and Jimmy Briseno), 8313A (Josh Levey), 2521X (Mark Matthew Cook), 4617X (Shane Shvapakornkul), 3523X and 6619X (Edward Lahood), for public sale on March 31, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Cash only.

Notice of Public Sale

Pro Self Storage intends to enforce its lien on certain self service Storage Spaces in default listed below on the 20th of March 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at 3632 E. Lake Ave. Wilmette, IL 60091 at www.storage-treasures.com with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00 p.m.
F7 John Valetta
F15 Diana Macedo
F19 Wes Szydelko
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3058 Jerrad T Whitehurst
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4112 Rubin Turner
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on April 7, 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:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v- MARIA E. SANTANA, JOSE J. SANTANA, SHORELINE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2025CH02326
4970 N. MARINE DR UNIT 728 CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 27, 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 4970 N. MARINE DR UNIT 728, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-412-040-1242
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$93,968.32.
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

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recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC Plaintiff, -v- MARK FORD WOOLARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants
2025CH07882
1325 WEST CORNELIA AVE 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 November 10, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 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 1325 WEST CORNELIA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-20-312-013-0000
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and Guevara allege that beginning in 2020 and continuing through at least 2022, Tepfer and other Exoneration Project representatives met privately with Foxx and senior members of her staff on multiple occasions. Those meetings, according to court filings, ultimately led to the creation of a formal internal protocol at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSA), dubbed the "Guevara Case Review Protocol," governing how the office would handle post-conviction claims in cases where Guevara was alleged to have engaged in misconduct.

At one point, the city and Guevara's attorneys claim, Tepfer sent an email to Foxx, thanking her for agreeing to no longer contest any certificate of innocence petitions in cases involving accusations against Guevara. Foxx subsequently announced her office was seeking to vacate murder convictions in eight cases, including Mulero's, allegedly on the basis that Guevara had been involved in the investigations.

According to briefs filed in federal court, lawyers for the city and Guevara noted that "until late 2022, the CCSAO stood by the validity of both Mulero's and Mendoza's convictions and fought them at every step." The reversal, they argued, came swiftly and without a clear public explanation.

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fluent collectors, hip-hop artists like Jay-Z, and Travis Scott, and athletes like Michael Jordan who are backing specialized platforms like WatchBox.

"This acquisition marks an important next chapter in the family's 75-year commitment to offering the highest-quality natural diamonds, fine jewelry and finest Swiss timepieces," said Stan Razny, CEO of Razny Jewelers. "Our focus has always been on delivering an elevated shopping experience built on expertise, personal service and value. This purchase strengthens our presence on Oak St., [that] reflects our

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The teen reported the robbery, and authorities began tracking the stolen phone. About 8:25 p.m., officers located a signal placing the device. Responding officers allegedly saw Goodman jump down into a vacant lot beneath I-90/94.

Police found him hiding under a large hose reel with a cut on his face and scrapes on both knees. Lying next to him were the victim's cell phone and two credit cards bearing the teen's name, the CPD report said. Inside Goodman's backpack, officers allegedly found the victim's Michigan identification card and Jones College Prep ID card, along with six additional cell phones.

At the time of the robbery, Goodman was on pretrial release in three pending cases, court records show. In one of those cases, he was required to remain inside his home after 7 p.m. while on electronic monitoring. Records indicate he has been arrested five times since Dec. 30.

On Dec. 30, Goodman was arrested for trespassing at a shelter

When Foxx made her public announcement, she attributed the decision to vacate the convictions to an internal investigation conducted by the office's Conviction Integrity Unit and other staff and made no mention of the Exoneration Project meetings.

Certificates of innocence opened door to lawsuits

With the CCSAO declining to oppose their petitions, both women obtained certificates of innocence from a Cook County court, a legal threshold generally required before a person can sue for wrongful prosecution. Mendoza received her certificate in 2023, Mulero in 2024.

Mulero and Mendoza had both been convicted of first-degree murder in 1993 after pleading guilty to the killings. Prosecutors and police alleged that Mulero, Mendoza, and a 15-year-old girl murdered rival gang members. But Mulero and Mendoza claimed the girl acted alone, which the girl allegedly confirmed, according to court filings.

Mendoza received a 35-year prison sentence and was released in 2009. Mulero was initially sentenced to death; her sentence was commuted by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in 2020 after she had served 28 years.

Both women filed suit against the city and Guevara in 2023, alleging they were coerced into confessing and into their guilty

ambition in jewelry, timepieces, innovation and excellence."

While the purchase will bring the two neighboring buildings together under the family's ownership, plans are already underway to reimagine the space. The combined property will more than double Razny's presence on Oak St., with three floors of designer jewelry from celebrated brands, a bridal showroom, dedicated salons to showcase Swiss timepieces and a fourth-level private hospitality space designed for indoor and outdoor entertaining.

The expanded location will also include a dedicated Rolex space over two floors that includes private viewing areas, VIP

pleas through illegal interrogation tactics. Guevara has been the subject of scores of misconduct allegations across dozens of cases. To date, lawsuits involving accusations against him have resulted in \$159 million in payments from

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the city of Chicago, with many more cases still pending.

In his Feb. 20 ruling, Judge Kim ordered Foxx to submit to at least four hours of questioning by lawyers for the city and Guevara, with an additional hour reserved for follow-up questions from Mulero's and Mendoza's own attorneys. The judge also rejected the CCSAO's request to bar video recording of the session, though he restricted use of any video footage to the litigation itself, citing concern about the potential for misuse of recordings.

rooms, and a selection of Rolex timepieces. Construction is set to begin this spring.

"This acquisition reflects our long-term vision, rooted in three generations of family commitment to Chicago," said Ingrid Razny, the company's president. "It strengthens our ability to deliver an elevated shopping experience and exceptional offerings for generations to come."

The Razny family immigrated to America in 1951 with a suitcase and the vision of building a jewelry legacy they could pass on to their children. Today, Razny also has showrooms in Highland Park and Hinsdale and its flagship store in Addison.

in the South Loop. The next day, Judge Luciano Panici Jr. placed him on electronic monitoring with a nighttime curfew, according to court records.

One week later, while wearing the ankle monitor, he was arrested again. Around 8:15 p.m.



Devion Goodman

on Jan. 7, when prosecutors said a 31-year-old woman reported that Goodman peered into her home through the front door and then kicked and punched her 59-year-old father when the man confronted him. He was charged with misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor trespassing.

Judge James Murphy III released Goodman the following day on the non-detainable charges but ordered him detained for violating the terms of his pretrial release in the South Loop trespassing case. The next day, Judge Peter Gonzalez released him in the South Loop matter, and he was freed.

On Jan. 21, Goodman was arrested in Lansing and charged with public indecency, obstruction of police, and resisting police. And, he was set free once again.

Then, at 11:52 p.m. Feb. 1, he was arrested in the 1000 block of W. Foster Ave. after allegedly trespassing at a Circle K store. A store clerk told police he had shoplifted and then fled toward the Red Line, but because the store could not provide video footage and Goodman had no stolen merchandise, he was charged only with trespassing, a CPD report said.

He appeared in court on Feb. 2, and Judge Luciano Panici Jr. again placed him on electronic monitoring with a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew in that case. However, Panici ordered him detained for violating release conditions in the Jan. 21 charges, court records show. Judge Stanley Hill released him two days later.

Less than two weeks after that release, prosecutors allege, he robbed and beat a 17-year-old student on a busy downtown train platform.