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— Lou Holtz

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Manaa-Hoppenworth not yet ready to make Temple zoning decision

Will circumventing existing limits ever be explained to public?

BY BOB ZULEY

Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th], announced she has not yet made up her mind on a zoning change decision about the development plans proposed for the Emanuel Congregation Synagogue, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd., in Edgewater.

She said in a March 10 statement that she will be reviewing the community feedback from the Feb. 26 community forum convened at the Congregation. In addition, she is requesting the Emanuel Congregation and Fern Hill development team to return with their final proposal selection decision.

Manaa-Hoppenworth will then convene a new community meeting and feedback period to gauge community input on the final se-

lection presented before making her zoning decision.

The zoning decision now facing Manaa-Hoppenworth is whether to upzone the property to allow for a structure significantly taller than the height restriction currently imposed on Sheridan Rd. properties by the Chicago City Council.

These zoning restrictions were approved in 2006 by the Council after being sponsored by then-Ald. Mary Ann Smith [48th], in response to the skyscraper-glut that had made N. Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater a too-dense zone. Smith sought by ordinance to impose a 5-6 story height restriction on new construction – a measure that was agreed to by the City Council. It is existing zoning law, not a suggestion.

That is it was law until the Fern

Hill/Emanuel Congregation development team came along in 2025 announcing plans for a 420-foot tall building on the site. Before that, no other developer had the temerity to question the zoning restriction.

Such effrontery to existing law, established by a collaborative effort by community stakeholders, lawyers, and Ald. Smith, must be addressed by the Emanuel Congregation and Fern Hill development team.

To date, both have neglected to respond to a simple question seeking to learn whether the development proposal would be viable if the existing 5-6 story height restriction was respected. Neither have offered an explanation why their



Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth.
Courtesy 48th Ward

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Judge: “A public interest” for June 4 oral arguments in Broadway Upzoning case

City had sought dismissal

BY BOB ZULEY

At a status hearing convened on March 13, via Zoom, Cook County Circuit Court Chancery Division Supervising Judge Neil H. Cohen granted Adam Kingsley, the attorney for Edgewater Residents for Responsible Development [ERRD], Motion for Oral Argument saying that he agreed the case poses questions that involve “a public interest” for both sides and therefore oral argument is appropriate in this case.

The case was initially filed by Kingsley on Jan. 12. The City of Chicago filed a Motion to Dismiss [MTD] in March.

In a written statement to this newspaper, ERRD wrote, “Their argument in a nutshell is that the City can do whatever it wants – disregard its own Zoning Code and do a massive one-size-fits-all upzoning with no notice to affected property owners and no actual planning, no study of the existing community and no respect for prior planning.”

“They essentially are telling the court that affected property owners and residents have no rights

or recourse in the courts. We don’t think that’s the law in Illinois. The good news is that Judge Cohen recognized the public interest at stake in this case and readily granted our attorney’s motion for an oral argument that will take place in June.”



Cook County Judge Neil H. Cohen.
Courtesy Cook County Democratic Party

Interestingly, the City’s MTD did not challenge the sufficiency of the notices of the lawsuit that ERRD was required to send to over 1,700 property owners within

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Announced projects on the 6100 block of N. Kenmore Ave.

Image courtesy YIMBY

Former Kindred Hospital development update

Three projects announced so far; one awaits plans

BY BOB ZULEY

On March 11, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th], announced the excavation of the former Kindred Hospital site, 6143 N. Kenmore Ave., which is expected to begin in late-March.

The developer, Sustainabuild, is utilizing excavation company B&K Concrete in anticipation of building a 40-unit, 5-story condominium building, by-right, on the Kenmore Ave. site. A 40-car garage will be located in the basement level.

To its immediate south is Marquise Apartments at 6133 N. Kenmore Ave. Sustainabuild is also building a 12-unit, 4-story building at 6131 N. Kenmore Ave.

Another developer, The Domus Group, is building a 40-unit, 5-story building at 6146-58 N. Sheridan Rd. This project by Hanna Architects was approved by the Chicago Plan Commission in Nov. 2025 and was previously reported by this newspaper.

In Chicago, a by-right development is a construction project permitted to proceed without discretionary approvals, such as rezoning or public hearings,

because it strictly complies with existing zoning codes, density, and building regulations. By-right projects typically carry fewer delays and costs.

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth noted the complex demolition must follow strict regulations. The developer is aware of the dust and wind conditions on Sheridan Rd. The Alderman stated the demolition contractor, Henneghan, followed all dust remediation measures and that air monitors are used across the former hospital site.

For questions about these developments, call 733-784-5277.



Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd., with Malibu Condominium building on the left.

Grassroots opposition to Temple project leads to online petition

Nearly 500 signatures in opposition

STORY AND PHOTO
BY BOB ZULEY

A recent change.org online petition has garnered nearly its initial goal of 500 signatures to “Stop Emanuel Congregation from building on the lake.”

With 481 verified signatures received already by Monday, it is likely to soon reach its targeted goal.

Begun Feb. 10, the petition was started by local Edgewater homeowner Charlotte Lehwald who describes herself as being “passionate about protecting the safety, livability, and character of our neighborhood.”

The issue described in the introduction cites “the recent pro-

posal by Emanuel Congregation to construct a building on the lake [that] threatens our way of life.”

“The site in question is located at 5959 N. Sheridan Rd., and this development will have far-reaching implications not just for our street, but for everyone in the area.”

Emanuel Congregation has partnered with developer Fern Hill hoping to erect a residential rental building on the site that exceeds the established height restriction on new buildings along Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater.

In return for giving away their land to a profit-driven developer, the Congregation will receive a new synagogue built by the developer, Fern Hill.

Height restrictions of 5 to 6 sto-

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When Chicago's political life bloomed



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The Illinois Primary was raging for a while. But it finally came to a head March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Did they allow beer in the voting booth?

Did you have a strategy for voting? Was it looking for Irish names on the list of judges we know nothing of?

How did we get here?

In the world of politics, Chicago was a late bloomer as an American city. Settled as a town in 1833, it became a city, officially in 1837. William Butler Ogden was Chicago's first mayor. It was a Prairie city, built on a swamp, smack dab in the middle of the country.

Early on, local politics was the dominion of the landed commercial class. They saw their election to the City Council as a social right to strengthen the stability of local commerce and also to protect their family fortunes and properties.

Many early Chicago politicians had been trained for local politics in the Boston, New York or Philadelphia circles of family interests. All amid the two centuries of serious politics that brought many to the armies of George Washington or the corporate organizations that upheld family commercial endeavors.

But the more narrow and con-

servative constraints of old New England politics were often rejected in Chicago by more spirited sons with less devotion to the stranglehold of rigid observance. Many of Chicago's leading men of commerce, and their sons, had vastly different experiences of life on the Prairie.

Chicago government first began with six wards in 1837, that lasted until 1923 when each ward consisted of two elected members. In 1923 the city was redrawn, remapped, divided into 50 wards with one elected representative per ward. It was configured based on population.

In reality Chicago was 50 little cities with 50 little mayors of various qualities, personalities and political loyalties.

Chicago politics have always been shaped by the unblemished passion of political characters. Larger than life individuals of undivided allegiances shaping Chicago character, with chronic loyalties to the City of Chicago, always conscious of enabling its urban modernity.

From the start Chicago's needs demanded an enhanced adherence to the science of city building. The application of the most finely measured stratagems altering the landscape, shaping the cityscape.

Always aware of the great plan that Chicago architect Daniel Burnham created for the city, with deep awareness of parkland character, and it's 27-mile long waterfront. With a constant returning to the details of the lakefront plan, systematically and artistically. Most residents had never seen anything like it before.

The city has had an enormous capacity for an internal spiritual expression. It's more than concrete and asphalt. The city's dynamic modern American design of commercial and residential high-rise structures creates a powerful sense of balanced aesthetics. Always respected, never rejected. Architecture is a language that all Chicagoans speak. It is an intricate and intimate part of the political realities of life here.

In our 19th century political life, our political roll call read

like high society. Historic names graced the ballot box and the City Council assembly. Names like McCormick, Blair, Harrison, Field, Root, Sheridan, Shepherd, Roe, Smith, Carpenter and Palmer all demonstrated family ties to patrician industrialists or manufacturers like Cyrus McCormick or Marshall Field.

Families of great Prairie fortunes. Alumni of the nation's Ivy League collegiate. Lifted to lofty political enterprise, government was a part-time endeavor, like tennis or bridge.

But after the Civil War, urban life and the settlement of our city grew more complicated. Especially after the Great Fire of 1871. Chicago attracted growing populations of movable Americans who came here for refuge and relief.

Conflicts in Europe like the Franco Prussian War and the unification of Italy, as well as the Fenian Revolt in Ireland continued their flight to Chicago. So too the establishment of the German Empire brought many Europeans to begin the long century of immigration to America. Chicago was soon welcoming vast numbers of Irish, Germans, Poles, Jews and Italians to our shores. This population would create untested political necessities and social conditions demanding reasonable resolutions and unflinching accommodations to vast numbers of non-English speakers.

The rationale of our politics took a very radical turn in this age of immigration. Immigrants often living within familiar communities where language, custom and culture could sustain them.

More than any single ballot box issue that ensured large turn-outs of voters in local elections was the small proportioned, hands-on, small interests affecting the quality of life. The service aspect of life. The availability of local politicians to everyday people for things like garbage pick-up, water, sewers, the flow of traffic, the quality of local commercial enterprise, the taxing of local property, the nearness of police protection, police and fire safety, the quality of local schools and public transportation. All the issues that can alter the quality of neighborhood life.

In 1955, the Chairman of the Cook County Democrats, Richard J. Daley, was elected mayor. His

long years in office would return Chicago to its powerful politics of the past. He ushered in a new era of urban expansion, adding the first architectural additions to the city since the Depression. The strength and stability of Chicago's political past reappeared.

Daley had caught sight of a young, handsome war-hero who had been passed over for vice president in 1956. He was our adopted Irish son, the US Senate's youngest member, John F. Kennedy [JFK] from Massachusetts. His grandfather Fitzgerald had been mayor of Boston, with his own political machine up his sleeve. JFK was from a wealthy Irish American family with lots of offspring and great financial success. Some still live in Chicago.

Daley began opening the door of Chicago's famed Democratic machine to the Senator. The mayor invited Kennedy to come to the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago's St. Patrick's Day 1956 black tie dinner. There he began the introductions to judges, aldermen, legislators and prominent politicians, bankers, tavern owners, priests, nuns and war vets.

For Daley the Kennedy Presidential campaign had begun. And before it was over they would all be gathered in the White House with triumph in the January air as JFK placed his hand on the Bible, grateful for the transformative power of Chicago politics. With a piper's tune in the distance.

CSO: Chicago is on the edge of history. We always are. Never more than this year when **Klaus Makela** is embraced by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as its new conductor. It will be a growing experience. The revered **Riccardo Muti** will be Music Director Emeritus for life, offering her and the CSO a way to have close contact. The young Finnish conductor becomes the 11th CSO conductor in its 133-year history.

OOPA!: The annual Greek Independence Parade will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the corner of Halsted and Van Buren streets, celebrating Chicago's Greek American community and the rich Greek culture and history, as well as the Hellenic ideals of freedom and democracy.

PAPAL NUNCIO: Pope Leo XIV has appointed **Archbishop Gabriele Caccia**, formerly the Vatican's Permanent Observer to

the United Nations since 2019, as the new Papal Nuncio to the United States.

FAREWELL SAKS: Saks Fifth Avenue leaving their Mag Mile location is a sad economic moment for Chicago's retail economy. And a sad day for high-end fashion. Michigan Ave. will never be the same. It's nostalgic for this columnist who once worked at the old Saks back in 1969-1971 in Revillon's Fur Salon while studying at Loyola Univ. There I met Chicago's most fashionable and wacky employees and mad-capped customers. They remain in my memory still, **Julius Wagner, Bill Babcock, Peggy Wood and Sally Gates**. It's where I met the fabulous **Nena Ivon**.

OBAMA CENTER: The Obama Center on the South Side, designed in the intriguing Brutal Modernist architectural style, is set to open on Juneteenth weekend. The Barack Obama Presidential Center is a museum, library, and education project commemorating the 44th president. The Center has been designed with the community in mind. Jackson Park will shine. A new Chicago Public Library. A full-scale Oval Office. A Rooftop Garden and more.

LYRIC OPERA: **Giacomo Puccini's** beloved "Madama Butterfly" is underway at Lyric Opera Chicago in a beautiful production directed by **Matthew Ozawa**. Audiences have been swept away by the heartbreaking grandeur and artistry of one of operas most popular treasures. South Korean soprano **Karah Son** is making her Lyric debut. Come hear the famed aria "Un bel di vedremo," one of opera's most beloved.

GET WELL: Happy to hear that noted restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** is back home and following doctor's orders and work-

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Paying your tax bill online is easy and safe

You can also pay by mail or in person

In 1789, Ben Franklin wrote that nothing was certain “except death and taxes.” Let’s focus on the taxes part of the great American statesman’s uncomfortable reminder:

The due date for Cook County property owners to pay their First Installment 2025 tax bills is April 1. And there are numerous ways to pay.

Homeowners have the option to pay online (for free with your bank account), pay at a Chase Bank location, pay at a community bank, pay by mail or at the Treasurer’s Office, or pay by credit card.

Paying online is the quickest and easiest way to pay a tax bill. There’s no fee to pay online by transferring funds from your bank account. It’s the most convenient option because you can pay any time, day or night. Plus, this method is secure and avoids the risk of someone stealing your check from a mailbox.

A second option is to pay in person at

any one of nearly 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois, including those outside Cook County. You must present your tax coupon with your payment. Payment coupons can be printed online or detached from the bottom of tax bills.

When paying at a Chase Bank, your check must include the following information:

- Property Index Number and taxpayer name
- Property location, including unit number and mailing address
- Telephone number and Eemail address
- Tax year/installment

Another option is to pay at more than 100 community bank locations. A list of participating local banks where tax payments are accepted is online at cookcountytreasurer.com. Bring your entire original tax bill with you, and a bank representative will give you a payment receipt.

For those opting to pay by mail, your check must include a PIN and the same information listed above for paying at a

bank branch. Your canceled check is your receipt. Mail checks for current tax bills to the Cook County Treasurer’s Office, P.O. Box 805438, Chicago, IL 60680-4116.

The Treasurer’s Office welcomes walk-ins who prefer to pay in person at 118 N. Clark St., Room 112, in Chicago.

You also can pay via credit card online at cookcountytreasurer.com. There’s a 2.1% convenience fee with credit card payments that goes to the credit card company.

State law requires those who fail to pay their bills in full by the due date to be charged 0.75% a month in interest, or 9% a year. The Treasurer’s Office allows taxpayers to make partial payments over time. But taxpayers are responsible for paying the total tax amount owed, along with any interest on late tax payments.

While what Ben Franklin wrote about taxes 237 years ago is nothing we look forward to, when the proverbial “taxman cometh,” it should be easy to comply. The above shows it can be.



Seagull trying to steal food away from a Crow near Hollywood Beach. Photo by Pat Curry

Association annual meeting includes legal advisor

The Association of Sheridan Condo/Co-op Owners [ASCO] will be hosting a guest speaker for their upcoming Annual Meeting/Election 7 p.m. Monday, March 30.

The speaker will be Michael Kim, ASCO Legal Counsel who will review 2026 proposed legislation affecting Condo and Homeowner Associations.

The event is open to the general public and a Zoom link will be sent to those who make a reservation. For more information, visit <http://ascosheridanroad.org>.

CTA submits enhanced Security Plan to feds

The CTA has reportedly buckled under and submitted a newly enhanced security plan to the Federal Transit Administration [FTA], after being threatened with a loss of federal funding after failing to properly deal with the crime menace festering on CTA properties, trains and buses.

In December, the FTA determined the CTA failed to comply with a special directive that required the agency to implement “immediate, measurable corrective actions” aimed at reducing violent crime and addressing “unsafe conditions” on CTA property and on trains and buses.

The CTA was given 90 days to submit a new plan or face the withholding of as much as \$50 million in federal funding.

The new plan reportedly includes a 75% increase in monthly system policing hours, aggressive crime reduction targets, and expanded social service support.

But the problem of violent crime on the CTA is not entirely the CTA’s fault. State and Cook County policies of freeing violent offenders with no bail remains one of the root causes of Chicago’s recent spike in crime. Particularly since the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today [SAFE-T] Act was enacted in Sept. 2023.

The most notable and controversial part of that law is the Pretrial Fairness Act, which officially abolished cash bail in Illinois, allowing violent offenders to go free and prey on other victims mere moments after being arrested for committing violent felonies.

If their numbers can be believed, early data indicates that the CTA crime reduction strategies implemented over the past three months are working, as shown by a 25% decrease in transit worker assaults in January.

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Another big part of the problem is that CTA buses and trains are being used as shelters and housing of last resort by the homeless.

Among many initiatives, the CTA’s plan commits to 75% more monthly policing hours on the CTA’s system, funding 30 dedicated shelter beds—a five-fold increase—with \$1.65 million in allocated funding, and launching Crisis Intervention Specialists and Violence Interrupters—trained staff to

de-escalate mental health and behavioral crises and refer and connect riders to social services.

The rationale behind why the transit agencies should be expected to fund social services including providing homeless shelters is never really explained or defended. The CTA spends roughly \$2 million annually on connecting individuals to social services, mental health resources, and housing, rather than relying solely on policing.



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German boxer presentation on March 26

Max Schmeling will be the subject of a presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the DANK Hays German Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave.

The presentation will be given in person and virtually, the cost is \$25.

Schmeling, German boxing legend of the 1920s and 30s, was caught between the America's boxing world and Nazi Germany's propaganda. Famous for his two legendary fights against Joe Louis in 1936 and 1938—often called Hitler's "Superman" in the press—Schmeling proved to be his own man both in the ring and throughout his long life. For more information visit <https://dankhaus.com/event-6586679>.

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North Side existing home sales stuck in a quagmire



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With spring's cloudy skies overhead and rain or snow in the forecast, Chicago's North Side home-resale market remains in a quagmire in early 2026.

One veteran Near North Side/Gold Coast broker simply described the current home-resale activity as "a see-saw market."

The March 2026 Baird & Warner Market Analysis, covering the key North Side neighborhoods of Near North/Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center, closed existing-home and condominium sales in February declined sharply compared with the same month in 2025, reflecting softer listing activity across most geographical areas and price segments.

"Total home and condo sales fell about 18% year-over-year, with the most notable declines occurring in Near North/Gold Coast and North Center," noted veteran Realtor John Irwin, co-author of the Baird & Warner analysis with Jackie Lafferty. "Lincoln Park and Lakeview experienced smaller sales declines, suggesting somewhat steadier demand in those neighborhoods."

Pending contracts also plummeted in February, with homes and condos under contract declining a hefty 20%. The decline in pending contracts was most pronounced in Lincoln Park and Lakeview, Irwin said.

"Due to inventory constraints, buyer momentum, has moderated across much of the market heading into the early spring season," Irwin concluded.

Home and condo prices rise

Despite slumping unit sales activity, home and condo prices increased overall, supported by

limited inventory and continued buyer demand for desirable properties, the Baird & Warner brokers said.

"Appreciation was especially strong in February in North Center, where median resale prices hit a whopping \$1.11 million, compared with the same month in 2025," Irwin noted. "Home sellers in Lakeview also saw a resale price gain of 10.8% on a median price of \$540,000."

Near North/Gold Coast median price was \$429,000, a modest year-to-year gain of 1.5%. Lincoln Park posted a modest -2.3% decline on a median price of \$790,000.

The Baird & Warner team noted that across price tiers, luxury properties listed above \$2 million saw the strongest price growth, while mid-market segments remained relatively stable.

Listing tailspin

Inventory levels dropped sharply in February, compared with the same month in 2025, with the total number of homes on the market falling by more than one-third, year-over-year. This decline was particularly significant in Lincoln Park and Lakeview, where available listings contracted the most.

"As a result, months of supply also decreased, reinforcing the fact that the North Side existing-home and condo market remains supply-constrained, despite slower transaction activity," Irwin said.

"Even with fewer buyers closing on homes, the reduced number of available units continues to limit overall market balance," Irwin concluded.

Newly listed properties declined a whopping 27% in February compared with the same month in 2025. In Lincoln Park, new listings fell the most, while North Center remained relatively stable. "Lower listing activity continues to be a key factor behind the persistent supply shortage seen across the market," Irwin said.

Veteran analysts continue to say potential home sellers who currently have affordable mort-



Median North Side home prices

Median home and condominium prices in four target North Side neighborhoods rose +19.7% in Feb. 2026 compared with Feb. 2025, reports Baird & Warner.

Median prices on closed sales by neighborhood in February 2026:

Gold Coast/Near North	\$429,000	+1.5%
Lincoln Park	\$790,000	-2.3%
Lakeview	\$540,000	+10.8%
North Center	\$1.11 million	+65.4%

gages in the 3%-to-4% interest range are keeping their eyes on home-loan trends, and are not eager to list and move.

Happy St. Patrick's Day?

It may be St. Patrick's Day week, but few home buyers will be celebrating. On March 12, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that the benchmark 30-year fixed home loan average nationwide rose to 6.11% from 6% a week earlier. A year ago, the key rate was 6.65%.

Analysts said that the launch of the aerial war in Iran had a negative impact on mortgage rates, gasoline prices, inflation, and the stock market. The Dow Jones average has fallen nearly 3,000 points since early February.

On Feb. 26, prior to the Iran War, for the first time in 3.5 years benchmark 30-year fixed home loans nationwide hit 5.99%.

On March 12, the 15-year fixed-loan average rose to 5.50%, up from 5.43% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loans averaged 5.80%.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-purchase loans for borrow-

ers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

Crystall ball gazing

The Baird & Warner forecast team said the February market reflected a "supply-constrained environment" with moderating demand.

"Transaction activity and pending contracts slowed year-over-year, yet inventory levels and new listings declined even more sharply," Irwin noted. "This imbalance has helped support home prices, despite reduced sales volume."

As the spring home-buying on the North Side evolves, the brokers said: "Future market direction will likely depend on whether new listing activity increases enough to relieve the ongoing supply shortage."

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Craft beer shakeout takes out five brewers

Maplewood, Half Acre breweries join forces

There is too much beer in the world and not enough drinking. Nationwide, over the last five years, the boom-bust cycle has taken many craft beer industry victims, and left the remaining small brewers struggling, making 2025 the second consecutive year in which brewery closings out-paced brewery openings.

The craft beer industry was once the darling of the alcohol industry, with small batch craft brewers launching one after another. But the supply of small-batch beer grew too fast and is now contracting. Poorly capitalized small makers are shutting down because of increased competition, escalating costs and flagging consumer interest.

Those market conditions have caused at least five local breweries to recently announce their closure, including Alarmist Brewing in Sauganash; Whiner Beer Co. in Back of the Yards; Flapjack Brewery in Berwyn; Illuminated Brew Works in Norwood Park, and Casa Humide in Forest Park.

Joffrey Ballet Tower gets fix up

The Joffrey Ballet has completed a major refresh of its Chicago-based home, The Joffrey Tower, 10 E. Randolph St., featuring interiors by Rubiostudio, and vivid environmental graphics by designer Bob Faust.

Faust is known for crafting work with typography at its core, and showcasing visual examples of Concrete Poetry, courtesy of the national Poetry Foundation. Together, this interdisciplinary collaboration of art, design, architecture, dance, and poetry aims to re-imagine Joffrey Tower as both a home for ballet and a living work of art.

Under the direction of Joffrey CEO Greg Cameron, Joffrey began re-thinking the environment of their Tower post-COVID, aiming to create an integrated campus within the Tower's four floors to strengthen engagement between artists, its ballet students, and administrative personnel.

Key elements of the resulting \$2.5 million restoration include the creation of a Health and Wellness center and the installation of new Harlequin Wood Sprung Floors. The project also expanded the Tower's Costume Shop, the Grainger Academy lobby, and administrative facilities, adding meeting rooms and workspaces.

This is the first renovation since the Tower opened in 2008, the Company enlisted architect Elva Rubio and Corporate Concepts Inc. to facilitate the interior architecture. Rubio has over 30 years of experience in various practice fields, including urban design, interior design, design education, communications design strategy, and the built environment.

Upon completion of the structural foundation, Faust then embellished walls throughout Joffrey Tower with his signature "Wallworks," larger-than-life kaleidoscopically re-mixed photographs.

Indeed, like many small businesses, the craft beer industry headed into steep decline during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown.

One of the joys for craft beer enthusiasts was in venturing out across town in search of new beers and breweries. The lockdown changed that nomadic past time.

Those market forces were the trigger in the recently announced merger of two popular brands last week as Half Acre Brewing Company in Lincoln Square announced a merger with Bucktown's Maplewood Brewery & Distillery, creating a new, but as yet unnamed, beverage entity.

Half Acre and Maplewood said in a joint statement that the two brewers shared "similar visions for the future of our industry and city."

Acknowledging the beer industry's downturn, Half Acre

CEO Kevin McGillen told the Sun-Times that the decision to combine companies wasn't necessarily a sign that they were struggling.

"You read about these collectives or consolidation with craft breweries across the country and we feel that this is different, that this is not out of desperation but this is an opportunity to take advantage of a marketplace that is a bit tumultuous," said McGillen, who will become the new company's CEO.

The companies said the merger has yet to be finalized but is expected to be sealed up in the coming weeks.

All hope is not lost, and the number of small and independent breweries in operation in the U.S. at the end of 2025 totaled 9,778, and the economic impact of the craft beer industry was \$72.5 billion.



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Police Beat...

Streeterville man charged with attempted murder

Nigel Burwell, 45, of the 400 block of E. Ohio St., has been charged with Attempted Murder of 40-year-old South Side man.

Burwell was arrested 10:16 p.m. March 8, in the 8100 block of S. Stony Island Ave. He was identified as the offender who, minutes earlier, stabbed a 40-year-old male, causing critical injuries, in the 8200 block of S. Stony Island Ave. The offender was quickly placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly.

Uptown man caught and charged with June 2020 murder of woman

On March 11, Cornelious Wilhite, 42, of the 800 block of W. Eastwood Ave. in Uptown was arrested and charged with one felony count of First Degree Murder by Chicago Police and the U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force. He was captured in the 1500 block of W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park.



Cornelious Wilhite

Wilhite was identified as the offender who, on June 29, 2020, fatally shot a 35-year-old female victim in the 6100 block of N. Elston Ave. The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Man critically wounded in Lincoln Park shooting

A man was shot and critically wounded March 15 while sitting in a pickup truck in Lincoln Park, police said.

The shooting happened around 12:31 p.m. in the 1600 block of W. Fullerton Ave. The victim was seated in a parking lot when a gunman walked up and started shooting, according to preliminary information.

After being shot, the victim drove away from the scene and was later found at Stroger Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the neck.

Witnesses told police the gunman fled the area in a white SUV, possibly a Kia. They described the shooter as a heavyset Hispanic man wearing a black hoodie. No arrests had been announced as of Sunday.

The shooting marks the first shooting in Lincoln Park so far this year.

Chinese firm fined for stealing proprietary technology

A federal judge in Chicago has fined a Chinese telecommunications company \$50 million for criminally conspiring to steal proprietary technology from Illinois-based Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Beginning in 2006, China-based Hater Communications Corp. recruited and hired Motorola employees and directed them to take proprietary and trade secret information from Motorola without authorization. The stolen information

related to Motorola's digital mobile radio technology, which Motorola had developed through years of research and design.

The engineers used the stolen information, including source code, to develop products for Hytera—at a fraction of the cost that it took Motorola to develop the exclusive technology—and competed with Motorola in the digital radio market through 2020.

Hytera pleaded guilty last year in the Northern District of Illinois to a federal charge of conspiracy to steal trade secrets. In addition to the \$50 million fine, on March 5, U.S. District Judge John J. Tharp, Jr. sentenced Hytera to a five-year term of probation, which includes conditions for maintaining an effective compliance program and annual reporting of the program to the government. Judge Tharp ordered Hytera to pay restitution of approximately \$214 million, which he also ordered is to be offset by payments previously made by Hytera as a result of a civil judgment.

London man slashed at passenger's throat at Union Station, claimed to be CIA agent

A London man is charged with attempted murder after prosecutors said he held a knife to an Amtrak passenger's nose at Union Station, then slashed at his throat, missing by less than an inch. He allegedly claimed to be a CIA agent who believed the victim was a hitman.

Zakir Ibrahim, 25, was taken into custody on March 3 and charged with attempted murder in connection with the attack on a 32-year-old Amtrak passenger.

In a detention filing, prosecutors said Ibrahim held a knife to the victim's nose, then stepped back and slashed at the victim's throat with the knife "only narrowly missing the victim's throat by less than an inch." The victim "had to lean back to avoid his throat being cut," according to the petition.

Ibrahim was detained pending trial by Judge Luciano Panici, Jr., who noted the attack was captured on video and witnessed by bystanders.

Woman charged with violent robbery aboard CTA train in River North



Lemia Black, inset, and a surveillance image of the robbery suspect.

A Chicago woman whose broad grin in CTA surveillance footage helped put her behind bars is looking considerably less cheerful now that she's been charged in a violent Red Line robbery.

Lemia Black, 25, faces charges of robbery and aggravated battery of a transit passenger following the Jan. 5 attack aboard a Red Line train near Grand, according to court records. Black and accomplices approached

a 23-year-old woman on the train around 10:10 p.m., beat her and stole her phone, prosecutors said.

CPD released surveillance images of the suspect in mid-January, including one showing her smiling broadly as she strolled down a subway platform, and asked the public to help identify her.

Surveillance video also recorded the attack as it unfolded, and prosecutors said Black later admitted to throwing the victim's phone onto the train tracks. She claimed the confrontation stemmed from an ongoing dispute with the victim.

Black is a convicted gun offender who was already on parole for escaping electronic monitoring at the time of the alleged attack, officials said. The state has now revoked her parole and returned her to prison.

She is set to be released from state custody on August 22, at which point she will be transferred to the Cook County jail to await trial on the new charges by order of Judge Luciano Panici, Jr.

Shoplifter shoots convenience store clerk in the Loop

A shoplifter shot a convenience store clerk March 13 in the Loop, leaving the victim critically injured, Chicago police said.

The shooting occurred at approximately 10:41 p.m. at the 7-Eleven at 191 W. Adams St., according to police and witnesses. CPD said an unidentified man entered the store, took items from the shelves, and walked out without paying. When the clerk confronted him outside the store, the suspect produced a gun and opened fire, police said.

The 31-year-old victim was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with gunshot wounds to his abdomen and back. CPD said he was in critical condition.

Officers recovered three shell casings from the sidewalk in front of the store. Bullets also shattered the store's glass door.

The gunman was described by witnesses as a Black man in his late 20s to early 30s with short hair, last seen wearing a black jacket and black hoodie.

The clerk is the fourth person shot in the Loop in 2026. At the same point last year, there had been no shooting victims reported in the neighborhood. There were three at this point in 2024.

Hate crime charge filed against man who randomly attacked 3 women in the Loop

A 36-year-old man with a history of unprovoked attacks on women in Chicago's downtown neighborhoods is facing hate crime and battery charges after prosecutors said he attacked three women within blocks of each other on a single evening last week.

Edwin Barron, the latest in a growing list of accused "Loop punchers," was ordered detained as a safety threat by Judge Antara Rivera following his arrest in connection with the March 5 attacks in the Loop.

According to prosecutors, at approximately 7:50 p.m., two Hispanic women, ages 21 and 24, were standing near the Washington-Wabash L station in the first block of E. Madison St. when Barron approached and began yelling at them. He allegedly grabbed one of the women by the neck so aggressively that she heard her neck crack and felt pain.

Barron then moved east to the 100 block of S. Michigan Ave., where he encountered a 24-year-old Black woman, prosecutors alleged. That woman told police Barron had been screaming a racial slur at people on the street, then fixed his attention on her, charged at her, and repeatedly shouted the slur while threatening her before striking her hard on the arm. She fought back, throwing a water bottle and soda at him, prosecutors said. Barron allegedly chased her

Allstate faces class action over alleged secret app tracking

A federal judge won't fully end a class action accusing Allstate of using modern technology to surreptitiously track clients and use that information to allegedly adjust their insurance rates.

U.S. District Judge Jeremy Daniel said on March 3 that a group of Allstate auto insurance customers accused the carrier of cooperating with AllCorp, which owns three Arity subsidiaries, in using a software development kit that tracked customers' movements and phone usage. Among the applications in question is Allstate's Drivewise, which like the other technology would only function properly on phones with location information enabled.

The lawsuit was first filed in Chicago federal court, but was quickly

followed by other complaints, all of which were consolidated before Judge Daniel in Chicago.

The complaint alleged defendants had real-time access to driver data such as "geolocation, route history, driving schedule, fuel or charging levels, phone usage, hard braking events, hard acceleration events, tailgating, time spent idle, speeds over 80 miles per hour, vehicle speed, average speed, late night driving (and) driver attention" even when the phone owner was a passenger in another vehicle, and further claimed Allstate sold information to other insurers.

The plaintiffs have asserted the class action could include as many as 45 million other Allstate customers.

into the street before Chicago police officers arrested him nearby.

He is charged with one count of hate crime and three counts of aggravated battery in a public place.



Edwin Barron

It is not the first time Barron has faced allegations of randomly attacking women in the area. Court records show he was arrested in April 2025 in the 100 block of N. Wabash after a 35-year-old woman reported he randomly struck her in the face with his forearm as she was walking home from her job at Macy's. The blow knocked her to the ground, she said. But when she got up, she meted out a little justice by scratching his face and using a Taser on him, a CPD report said.

Officers noted the woman had swollen lips and a bloody nose. Barron was charged with misdemeanor battery in that case, but prosecutors dropped the charge two months later.

In Sept. 2023, Barrone was arrested near Navy Pier after allegedly punching a 41-year-old woman in the face twice while she was walking. A CPD report described the attack as "completely at random and unprovoked." He pleaded guilty and completed six months of court supervision.

Beyond the attacks on women, court records show he was arrested for shoplifting in October and December of last year and again in January.

Two women stabbed on Brown Line train in the Loop

Two women were stabbed March 14 while riding a Brown Line train in the Loop, the second serious stabbing on the CTA system downtown last week.

The attack unfolded at the Clark-Lake station, 124 W. Lake St., according to Chicago police. Around 7:52 p.m., two women, ages 43 and 23, got into a physical altercation with a woman on the platform, police said. The confrontation did not end there.

All three women boarded the train, and the suspect allegedly attacked the pair a second time, cutting the older woman on the arm and the younger woman on the hand.

Police dispatch records indicate the victims, described as a mother and daughter, initially called 911 to report that a woman was trying to rob them. That was quickly followed by a call that they had been stabbed.

Both victims were transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where they were listed in good condition Saturday night.

Officers located the suspect on a train car at Clark-Lake and took her into custody.

The incident is the second serious stabbing on or near a CTA platform last week.

On March 12, a 37-year-old man was stabbed while waiting on the north-

bound platform of the Grand Red Line station in River North, at 521 N. State St. Just before midnight, a man walked up to the victim and stabbed him in the left tricep without warning, according to police.

The victim managed to leave the platform on his own and flagged down a police squad car posted at the intersection of Hubbard and State streets.

An officer who reviewed surveillance footage described the assailant as a man of unknown race wearing a black hoodie, a black hat, a large puffy black coat, and light gray or light blue pants, with blue Crocs and a blue bag. The victim told officers he believed the attacker was Hispanic. No arrest has been announced in that case.

Four armed robberies reported overnight in River North, Gold Coast

Chicago police are investigating a series of armed robberies that swept through the River North neighborhood March 14, including a kidnapping in which two men drove a victim to three different convenience stores to withdraw cash from ATMs.

That incident, the earliest reported of the night, began around 2 a.m. near the corner of Maple and Dearborn streets. According to a preliminary CPD report, two men lured the victim into a vehicle, displayed a gun, and then made a circuit of nearby stores, ordering him to withdraw cash from ATMs. They eventually released him in River North, but not before taking his phone. The suspects were described only as Black males.

About a half-hour later, around 2:30 a.m., another man was robbed in the 400 block of N. Clark St. Witnesses reported seeing a crew of four or five men jump out of two vehicles, attack the victim, and then speed off toward Kinzie St. Officers responded and located the victim, but he chose not to file a formal report, according to a CPD officer at the scene.

The night's most violent episode came around 3:15 a.m. in the 200 block of W. Huron St., where a group of five men, at least one of them armed, piled out of a black Jeep and physically attacked and robbed a victim before climbing back into the SUV and fleeing onto the expressway. Police believe the Jeep was stolen earlier in the morning from Uptown. The suspects were described as Black males wearing masks; one member of the group was not masked and had dreadlocks, a preliminary report said.

Then, as daylight approached, a man was robbed of his phone and wallet around 6 a.m. near the intersection of Inner Lake Shore Dr. and Chicago Ave. Northwestern Univ. Police assisted the victim until CPD arrived.

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Feds drop charges against Sharp

40th Ward Chief of Staff

BY PETER VON BUOL

Federal prosecutors on March 12 moved to drop all charges against Catherine Sharp, 29, who is chief of staff to Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th]. She had been one of six people who had been indicted in October for being part of a criminal conspiracy to interfere with a federal agent from proceeding to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in the suburb of Broadview.

Federal charges were also dropped against Joselyn Walsh, who works at a garden center and performs as a musician.

While Sharp was still on the March 17 Democratic Primary ballot as a candidate to replace outgoing Cook County Cmsr. Bridget Degnen [12th], she had suspended her campaign two months earlier. Citing the stress she faced while facing federal charges, she had also fallen significantly behind in her campaign fundraising. While four candidates were in the race,

the frontrunner has been Elizabeth Granato, who benefits from being not only the wife of a powerful State Sen. Ram Villivalam [8th], she is also the daughter of



Catherine Sharp

former Ald. Jesse Granato [1st].

Paid a salary of more than \$70,000 by the city of Chicago, Sharp had been arrested outside of the city on a weekday morning when she was working for the city of Chicago. The position of aldermanic chief-of-staff is among the most highly-demanding positions in city government. They are considered on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition to Sharp and

Granato, two other Democratic candidates have been running for the seat being vacated by Degnen. These candidates are Isaiah White and Jose "Che-Che" Wilson.

According to the federal grand jury indictment, Sharp had been among a crowd of people who had intentionally surrounded a government vehicle to harass and intimidate a federal agent on Sept. 26, 2025.

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

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

Lollapalooza operator Live Nation reaches settlement with Feds

On March 6, Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., the world's leading live entertainment company, and the owner/operator of Lollapalooza, announced today that they have reached a settlement with the U.S. Dept. of Justice [DOJ] in the high-stakes antitrust case brought by the DOJ.

This settlement will resolve all remaining legal matters with the DOJ, and will require Live Nation to up some of their venues. This does not settle the claims of all plaintiffs in the lawsuit, and the company has created a \$280 million settlement fund to address the states' damages claims.

The DOJ and 40 state attorneys general first sued Live Nation in May 2024, alleging the concert giant built and maintained an illegal monopoly over live events through its control of ticketing,

venues and artist promotion.

The government argued the company used that dominance to squeeze competitors and lock venues into exclusive arrange-

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ments that harmed artists and fans. Live Nation has locked up some of Chicago's most noteworthy venues such as the Aragon Ballroom, House of Blues Chicago,

Credit Union 1 Amphitheater and Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island.

The centerpiece of the deal is expected to be structural changes to Live Nation's Ticketmaster ticketing business. Under the settlement, Ticketmaster will be required to open parts of its platform to rival ticketing companies, allowing third-party sellers such as SeatGeek or Eventbrite to list tickets directly through Ticketmaster's technology.

The deal also places new limits on the long-term exclusivity contracts Ticketmaster has historically used to lock venues into its system, cutting those agreements down to four years and allowing venues to allocate a portion of their tickets to competing plat-

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Letters to the Editor

Guaranteed paychecks

Illinois has more units of government than any other state by far but yet, the federal government must intervene... did you hear that Gov. JB Pritzker... our want-to-be president?

Don't we elect and pay for enough office holders and departments locally to provide for government to perform its basic functions, especially public

safety? Have we replaced do-nothing high six figure Dorval Carter yet?

When will the people of Chicago understand that they are nothing more than guaranteed paychecks for local public employees?

Robert L. Johnson
Old Town

Wake of the flood

The morning after the heavy rainfall on Sunday, a Chicago Department of Transportation [CDOT] truck pulled up in front of my building on Clark St.

Two workers, with one shovel, scraped up dead leaves, trash and muck that were covering up the sewer grates. Sewer grates that just happen to be in the protected bike lanes.

They weren't picking up and hauling away the debris that they shoveled off the tops of the sewer grates. They just put the piles of debris up on the curb, and grass

where there is a grass parkway.

So the next time there is wind, rain, even melting snow - all that debris will flow back down into the protected bike lanes and on top of the sewer grates.

Ensuring there will be more flooding in the streets.

The lack of forethought on these protected bike lanes, by CDOT and the city's urban planners, is beyond comprehension.

A. West
Andersonville

Peoples Gas' costly plan burdens Chicagoans

Chicagoans deserve to know how their gas bills are being affected by the state-granted utility monopoly, Peoples Gas. The company has requested approval from the Illinois Commerce Commission [ICC] for its Pipe Replacement Program, which would replace every old gas pipe in the city with a new one. This plan would not only raise consumers' gas prices but also lock Chicago into fossil fuel infrastructure until the end of the century.

In January, Peoples Gas filed yet another rate hike request with the ICC, which would increase the average Chicago home heating bills by \$10 per month upon approval from the commission. This comes at a time when affordability is already a serious concern: roughly 20% of Chicago residents are behind on their gas bills each month, and this plan would only push costs higher.

Residents deserve a say in how their money is spent, especially when safer, more affordable, and

more environmentally friendly alternatives exist to prevent dangerous failures in aging gas lines. The ICC and Peoples Gas should consider alternatives such as pipe liners and targeted pipe repairs, rather than launching an expensive, decades-long replacement effort.

The ICC must step in and reject Peoples Gas's proposal to pass its reckless spending onto residents. Chicagoans deserve a clean, affordable, and responsible plan to address safety risks. On April 1, we will be hosting a rally at Daley Plaza at 5:30 p.m. Anyone and everyone is invited to show up and support the cause.

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Art classes in Old Town

Let your artistic side bloom with an Art Class at the Old Town Triangle Center, 1763 N. North Park Ave.

Class sessions begin next week that include courses in drawing, watercolor, pastel, and oil painting — no experience necessary.

Intermediate and Beyond with Don Yang is designed for students to have an opportunity to learn oil painting in a systematic way at a college level. This class runs 6 weeks, March 23 through May 11, and is based on Oil Painting 101 to 400 level classes at the Ameri-

can Academy of Art where Don has taught painting and drawing for the past 22 years.

Yang will also be offering an 8-week Drawing and Painting class March 23 through May 11. In representational art, sound drawing is the cornerstone of everything that follows. In this class, the main emphasis will be on how to accurately see and draw three dimensional objects in an environment in order to create convincing realism.

Other classes will be offered too, for more information visit: info@oldtowntriangle.com.



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ing therapeutically to heal after his fall.

CME: Cheers to Chicago Mercantile Exchange's famed **Mickey Norton**, first woman to trade on the Exchange floor, and now part-owner of the White Sox.

HAYMARKET OPERA: On March 27, Haymarket Opera opens their season with the U.S. premiere of **Johann Adolf Hasse's** rarely performed 1726 serenata *La Semele*, marking its 300th anniversary. Their annual Early Opera Cabaret will take place on April 30, featuring dinner, drinks, and music at the elegant Arts Club of Chicago.

FLAIR: **Candace Jordan** and **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, friends of 50 years, are thrilled to be co-chairing the 2026 FLAIR fashion show fundraiser, together.



Barb Bailey with Susie Oyola.

AWARDS: **Joyce** and **Ron Yoshino** exemplify the spirit of the Japanese American Service Committee Distinguished Service Award through decades of leadership, volunteerism, and steadfast support of the the Japanese American community in Chicago. The Yoshinos will be presented their awards April 30 at the annual Cranes and Cocktails fundraiser at Artifact Events, 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Their story reflects the broader history of the community itself. Following the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** in 1942, **Joyce's** parents were incarcerated at the Poston War Internment Camp and **Ron's** parents at the Heart Mountain Internment Camp. Their families lost every-

thing. After World War II, both families resettled in Chicago as part of the migration of nearly 20,000 Japanese Americans who rebuilt their lives here. They played an important role in the redress movement and Redress Committee during hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in Chicago. To hear their whole story go to the event.

NAVY PIER: The 20th Annual Dancing with Chicago

Celebrities, "Live from the Pink Carpet," will be held on Friday, May 13, at the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier in aid of Breast Cancer research at Northwestern, U of Chicago and A Silver Lining Foundation. Doors open at 6 p.m., 6:45 showtime, auction and celebrity Dance Off.



Cardinal Blase Cupich

WHO'S WHERE: Canine pro **Bobbi Panter** and hubby, attorney **Matt Arnoux**, taking Paris by storm from the Hotel Bristol and the front rows of courtier shows, gathering and displaying wondrous fashions especially by **Givenchy...** **Myra Reilly** celebrating International Women's Day with four generations of family, all radiant... Film pro **Michael Kutza** getting some sunny R&R in Palm Desert during the Oscars... Chicago chanteuse **Barb Bailey** had a SRO crowd at **Sonia Oloyla's** house concert, what a pro... **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan** celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill with specials by **Chef Ryan...** **Sherry Lea Fox** also at RL with **Mary Lasky** and **Georgeann Yeotis Rivas** cheering "Mar-Mar" on her birthday... **Sherrill O'Bodine** and **Debi O'Catenacci** were looking for looking for Champagne on St. Pat's Day... Irish American News publisher **Cliff Carlson** and wife, **Kathy**, on their way to the Canary Islands... Lake Forest's **Jim** and **Anne Regan McNulty** spending some time in the woodland of Northern California and visiting the grandchildren... **Zurich Esposito** reports Marrakesh Country Club earned Historic District designation in Palm Desert CA... Have you watched musician **Jacob Collier** online? I'm blown away at his orchestral skills....**Victoria Dal Santo**, husband **John Dombrowski** and daughter, **Cristina Dombrowski**, out testing the slopes in Steamboat Springs, CO with lots of family... NYC's new **Archbishop Ronald Hicks** celebrated the centennial of St. Teresa Parish in Staten Island... **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** with **Ken Moll** and daughter, **Keely Moll**, in Paris... **Maria Pappas**, thousands of fans, incredible music, and the one and only **Argiros Konstantinos** bringing the house down. Greek pride, big energy, what a blast.

GLITZ AND GLAMOUR: **Jolanta Ruege** reminds us all of the importance of supporting A Silver Lining Foundation. Our gratitude to **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** for securing funds for mammograms, fostering awareness and early cancer detection, and advocating for women's dignity and respect in all circumstances.

CHEF EXCHANGE: Celebrated Chinese chef **Carol Cheung** will be joining some of our city's most celebrated chefs at Chicago Chefs Cook at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, an evening supporting five incredible causes that are making a real impact in our communities. Carol is proud to be cooking in support of Women's Culinary Leadership through the Women's Chef Exchange — helping create more opportunities, mentorships, and pathways to leadership for women in hospitality. March 26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a night of bites, community, and impact.

SERVICE CLUB: The popular Spring Hat Luncheon, "An Afternoon of Spring Splendor," is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago. More than a luncheon, co-chaired by **Lauren Brynjelson** and **Claudine Schramko**. A special thanks to **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Suzette S. Gilchrist** for organizing the Provisional Meeting at the Women's Athletic Club, and all the Committee members who shared Service Club Spirit. **Liz Teasley** celebrated with Service Club members, welcoming five new Provisionals to the club.

CLASS IS IN SESSION: **Mark Olley** and **Jim Ellsworth** with a small group of friends learned to prepare three classic French dishes from one of Chicago's best. He thanked executive chef **David Koehn** for sharing his talent and cooking tips. Another magical moment at Mon Ami Gabi.

POPE: **Cardinal Blase Cupich** in Rome says it was truly a blessing to visit Pope Leo XIV

with the **Orthodox Metropolitan Nathanael** of Chicago. This visit reflects a shared commitment to the ongoing work of Christian unity.

WAKE UP THE ECHOES: The Fighting Irish are mourning the passing of former football coach **Lou Holtz**, whose presence at the South Bend campus (1986-96) was not only powerhouse sports but dynamic lessons in being a refined human being of faith and moral probity. He was a larger than life Catholic unafraid to set an example for young men to follow in a world of questioned ethics and trying to make good decisions. He touched more hearts and souls than anyone ever suspected on that fabled campus. Coach Holtz had three rules - "Do the right thing, do the best you can, and always show people you care." Coach's service was at the University's Sacred Heart Basilica on March 16.



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(L) Tom O'Donnell presents Tom Tunney with a new work apron and chef's hat. (R) Shown from left to right: Martin and Casey O'Donnell Schmitt, Brian O'Donnell, Susie Pesa O'Donnell, Kevin O'Donnell, Erin O'Donnell Clark, Andy Clark and Jane Canepa, President of The Eventors, Inc. longtime family friend and coordinator of the event.

Kiwanis St. Pat's party dedicated to memory of departed community leaders

Dan and Kathy O'Donnell remembered

BY ROZANA AUDISHO

The Annual Lake View Kiwanis Club St. Patrick's Day party this year was dedicated to the memory of longtime Kiwanis supporters - and former club members -

Dan and Kathy O'Donnell with support from their families.

Over 70 people showed up for corned beef, cabbage - and the memories - with a side of cinnamon rolls served up by host Tom Tunney. The March 3 event was held at Ann Sather Restaurant, 909 W. Belmont Ave., with the generous support of owner and former 44th Ward Alderman Tunney

and his staff.

Since the early 1960s the O'Donnell family has operated Armitage Hardware on Armitage Ave. in Lincoln Park.

Event co-chair Tom O'Donnell (no relation) presented the family with photos of their parents and presented Tunney with a congratulatory Kiwanis apron and chef's hat. Tunney has long supported Kiwanis and was a family friend to Dan and Kathy, who were regular visitors to Ann Sather.

This annual event was a passion of past president Dan O'Donnell, whose dedication and leadership helped make it a meaningful tradition for the community. His wife Kathy, served as a past president of the Lakeview Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club and shared Dan's deep commitment to supporting youth in the community.

The Lake View Kiwanis Club was founded in 1921. Proceeds from the event this year will help support Key Clubs at local high schools, providing leadership opportunities, service projects, and youth development programs.

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The O'Donnell Family supported the event with their attendance and a donation to the club on behalf of their parents. That included Brian O'Donnell, Erin O'Donnell Clark and Andy Clark, Kevin and Susie Pesa-O'Donnell, Casey O'Donnell Schmitt, Martin Schmitt, Judge Marita Sullivan, Susan and Doug Frost, and Johnny Tarantino.

Talk on Marie Louise Brent at Uptown Library March 28

The Uptown Branch of the Chicago Public Library will host a presentation and exhibit on sculptor and WWI volunteer Marie-Louise Brent 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at 929 W. Buena Ave.

Born in Columbus, OH, in 1878, Brent was a sculptor and artist who spent most of her adult life in Paris. Brent was also a volunteer, and war correspondent, and recipient of the French Medal of Honor. She devoted her life to healing and supporting the wounded of France.

From distributing comfort bags at Gare du Nord, to driving supply trucks to the front lines, to creating life-changing facial masks alongside Anna Coleman Ladd in the renowned mask studio, Brent committed herself to serving others.

Brent helped countless gueules cassées— i.e., "broken mugs," victims of machine-gunfire, bombs, and grenade explosions—transition back into society. She helped to outfit wounded soldiers with facial prosthetics.

An estimated three million men were wounded in World War 1 between 1914 and 1918, of whom 15,000 - 20,000 suffered facial injuries that forever altered the course of their lives. After enduring the hardships of warfare, these survivors had returned from the front only to become victims of social stigma, oftentimes even within their own families.

Many men were abandoned, living as recluses, only venturing out under the cover of darkness. Although some more "fortu-



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"nate" veterans benefited from the nascent facial reconstruction techniques of the time, all were irrevocably marked, and in need of something to ease their transitions back into society. Brent's prosthetics enabled this to some degree.

The library hopes to tell this story, shared by her great-grandniece Sarah Lucas. Lucas is the Special Projects Director at the Alive Inside Foundation and the owner of Celebrating Stories, Ltd., an organization dedicated to helping people, especially seniors, preserve and share their life stories. She is a certified Storyteller and an End-of-Life Doula.

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City OKs second annual Chicago River Swim, celebrates the river's revival

The Chicago River Swim presented by the City of Chicago will return for its second annual event on Sunday, Sept. 20, bringing swimmers back downtown for another civic moment.

The inaugural Swim in 2025 marked a milestone as the first organized open water swim in the Chicago River in 98 years, demonstrating that the river can safely support large-scale recreational use. The event is the result of more than a decade of persistence led by founder Doug McConnell, working in partnership with City leaders, scientists, and environmental organizations to make the return of swimming to the river possible.

The City and Mayor Brandon Johnson are serving as Presenting Partner in restoring the river and expanding safe public access to its waterways.

Their political support enabled an event to take place in the center of downtown, reinforcing the river's transformation and establishing the Chicago River Swim as a new civic tradition.

"The Chicago River Swim reflects [our] commitment to restoring and activating the river as a safe and accessible public asset," said Mayor Johnson. "This event celebrates decades of environmental progress and demonstrates what is possible when the City partners with [others] to promote public health, and bring Chicagoans together around our shared waterways."

The event is produced by non-profit A Long Swim and founded by marathon swimmer and ALS advocate Doug McConnell.

"Year one proved that this swim

could be done safely and responsibly, and that people were ready to embrace the river in a new way," said McConnell. "The second annual Chicago River Swim is about building on that momentum. It is deeply meaningful to see this become a lasting tradition that supports ALS research and helps ensure more young people have access to swim education and water safety."

Proceeds from this year's swim will support ALS research as well as swim safety and swim education programs for youth.

Through A Long Swim, founder Doug McConnell has helped raise more than \$3 million for ALS research at the Ozdinler Lab of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, a cause that remains deeply personal following the loss of his sister and father to the disease.

The event will also support the Chicago Park District's [CPD] efforts to expand access to free swim lessons and water safety education for children across the city. Through the Chicago River Swim initiative, more than 4,000 children have already received water safety instruction.

The CPD offers a variety of aquatics programs for all ages, from toddlers to older adults. Last year, more than 27,000 residents registered for Learn to Swim and other aquatics programs that promote safety and water confidence. An additional 17,000 children enjoyed water safety instruction as part of day camp programming. The District also offers Lifeguard Explorers, a stipend-based program that provides participants, ages 14 to 19, with supervised



Chicago wouldn't exist if not for the Chicago River. Starting in the early 1800s, the River was a thoroughfare for exploration and then trade. By the 1880s, it was an open sewer for the growing city with 700,000 residents. This photo is from the 1908 Illinois Athletic Club Marathon River Swim.

Image courtesy The Long Swim and ALS

instruction and practice to successfully pass the requirements to become a certified lifeguard.

This water safety education is being delivered in partnership with the USA Swimming Foundation, which shares the goal of expanding equitable access to swim education. Thanks to a contribution from the Swim, USA Swimming Foundation will support Chicago Parks and Learn to Swim providers and efforts in Chicago. This initiative will expand Learn to Swim opportunities throughout the city of Chicago, increase access to lifesaving swim instruction, and ensure more children have the opportunity to become safe and confident in the water.

The Swim and where to watch

On event day, qualified swimmers will take on one-mile and two-mile courses along the Chicago River's main channel in downtown Chicago. The course, stretching from Wolf Point to State St., will be marked by inflatable buoys and safeguarded by lifeguards, kayaks, and support boats.

Spectators will be invited to gather along the Riverwalk and designated viewing areas to cheer on swimmers as they complete the course.

The Chicago River is now at its cleanest levels since the industrial revolution, supporting almost 80 species of fish and a growing diversity of wildlife. This

transformation reflects decades of progress, including stronger regulations, advanced wastewater treatment and the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan to reduce overflows, the environmental advocacy and restoration projects led by Friends of the Chicago River, and research and restoration led by the Shedd Aquarium.

Together, these partners have helped reclaim the river as a living ecosystem and made it possible for swimmers to safely return for the first time in nearly a century. Launched in 2025, the Swim marked a historic moment as the first organized open-water swim in the Chicago River in 98 years.

To celebrate the improvement of the Chicago River, the Illinois Athletic Association hosted a series of open water swims in the River starting in 1908. The river formed a natural stadium for both on-water and in-water events. The river swims attracted the highest-profile swimmers in the world (John Weissmuller won the event twice) and drew upwards of 100,000 spectators.

By the late 1920s, industrial discharge and street runoff had again polluted the Chicago River.

"The return of open water swimming in the Chicago River positions Chicago as a world leader in embracing its river as a resilient natural wonder, reflecting decades of investment, innovation, and collective commitment," said Margaret Frisbie, executive director of Friends of

the Chicago River. "The fact that people can once again safely enter and enjoy the river demonstrates how far we've come in restoring water quality, strengthening habitat, and recognizing the river as a living ecosystem, teeming with life, at the heart of our city."

Indeed there was a time not long ago when a fall into the Chicago River meant an immediate trip to the closest emergency room where you were tested for pathogens and biologic poisons.

Water quality will be rigorously monitored through a layered testing approach using data and real time analysis conducted by the Univ. of Illinois Chicago [UIC].

Applications for the 2026 Chicago River Swim will open on March 31 and will close on April 27. All applicants will undergo an eligibility review to ensure they meet established safety and experience requirements. Five hundred qualified swimmers will be selected, with participants announced the week of May 4. Additional event details, including the full weekend schedule, safety protocols, and registration information, will be announced in the coming months.

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forms.

Under the agreement, Live Nation will be required to divest themselves of 12 amphitheaters, loosening the company's stranglehold on the live music ecosystem.

The settlement also targets Ticketmaster's service fees at its amphitheaters. Under the deal, the company will be required to cap those fees at 15% of a ticket's price.

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Property: 1522 West Thorndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
No. 2024CH8243
NOTICE OF SALE
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Property Index No. 14-05-300-027-0000
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The judgment amount was \$1,913,568.00.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LOAN FUNDER LLC, SERIES 18513 Plaintiff vs. DISTINCTIVE DWELLINGS, LLC, ROBERT STEVEN BAYLESS, MARY ANN SKWERES Defendant
23 CH 1750
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NOTICE OF SALE

Real Estate For Sale
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P.I.N. 14-06-408-012-0000.
Commonly known as 1676 WEST EDGEWATER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
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25 CH 6704
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IL 60645.
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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, 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
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Property Index No. 10-36-317-019-0000 & 10-36-317-041-1002
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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Letter to the Editor

Opposed to Fern Hill proposal

I oppose Fern Hill's proposed B3-5 zoning change for the Temple Emanuel property as both unnecessary and inconsistent with the community zoning plan enacted by the City Council in 2006 after an extensive community process led by Ald. Smith.

I also oppose Fern Hill's upzoning request because it's approval would sanction a violation of the Public Trust Doctrine [PTD] and the Lakefront Protection Ordinance [LPO]. Fern Hill's proposal is a bad idea that is not in keeping with Temple Emanuel's cherished legacy in Edgewater. Other options for keeping the Emanuel Congregation in Edgewater can and should be considered.

The 2006 zoning plan for Sheridan Rd. intentionally limited future construction on Sheridan from Hollywood to Devon to primarily RM 5.5 to address the congestion that was widely recognized to have been caused by the over-building in the 1960's. The RM 5.5 zoning classification limits building heights to 6 stories and also limits density. Since 2006, all construction that has occurred on Sheridan north of Hollywood has been within the RM 5.5 limitations — including a number of buildings under construction right now.

Yet Fern Hill tries not to talk about the RM 5.5 zoning and instead compares its project to the high-rises built on Sheridan in the 1960's. It takes the position it is entitled to maximize its profits by building a very dense 12-story

structure from lot-line to lot-line -- even though this will certainly exacerbate the congestion on Sheridan.

No rationale has been offered that justifies over-riding the existing zoning plan that has worked for years and is working for others right now. There is no evidence that the circumstances that led to the enactment of the existing zoning plan have changed. If anything, congestion has gotten worse. The 48th Ward should not go backwards and repeat the mistakes of the 1960's that led to the problems we now have on Sheridan Rd.

The Zoning Code Section 17-13-0308 provides that zoning map amendments "must be made in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare." The first criteria for a zoning change is: "Whether the proposed rezoning is consistent with the plans for the area that have been adopted by the Plan Commission or approved by the City Council." Both the Chicago Zoning Code and the foundation of responsible development require sensitivity to surrounding circumstances and a zoning plan - not one-off upzoning that is both inconsistent with prior planning and will exacerbate congestion problems.

Further, the 1960's private construction on the formerly submerged public trust shore of Lake Michigan violated the PTD at the time -- and it still does. The past private lakefront construction on Sheridan is now accepted as

"grandfathered," but it was one of the mistakes that led to the enactment of the LPO in 1973. Construction of Fern Hill's proposed project - or any other new private development on formerly submerged Lake Michigan shore - is not allowed today under not only the U.S. Supreme Court's PTD, but also under Chicago's own Lake Michigan LPO.

The 48th Ward's approval of Fern Hill's proposal will set a precedent for lawless and environmentally insensitive future development on Sheridan. This is not what I want my community to stand for. Instead, we should look at the recent example of the Confined Disposal Facility in South Chicago where the community fought expansion of an illegal use on previously submerged Lake Michigan lands and succeeded in having that land restored to public access. Edgewater should not be doing the opposite - giving away its public access to the Lake Michigan shore to private developers.

Before going any further - the 48th Ward should require that Fern Hill provide the Alder and the Community with a demonstration that its project will comply with both the LPO and the PTD. This demonstration should be presented in a community meeting in Edgewater with an opportunity for full public Q&A and dialogue.

Pat Sharkey
Edgewater

ZONING from p. 1

new development project required a re-zoning to accommodate a 12-story [or taller] structure.

One powerful, longtime community organization has made their position known. In an earlier statement to this newspa-

per, the Association of Sheridan Condo/Co-Op Owners [ASCO] wrote, "We hope that Fern Hill and Emanuel Congregation will not seek the zoning change to B3-5 and will adhere to the established Sheridan Rd. down-zoning of 6-stories that was collaborated by ASCO [and others]."

Any exemption to the existing zoning code law along Sheridan Rd. in Edgewater for this development must be accompanied by a detailed exemption explaining the zoning change. The people expect that much.

JUDGE from p. 1

the 250 feet area of the Broadway Upzoning case. The substantial cost for certified mailings was borne by ERRD.

This legal technicality also places the future of an Old Town development lawsuit against the City in jeopardy as the plaintiffs purportedly didn't send the legal notices as required by state statute.

In July 2025, a similar lawsuit was filed against the City of Chicago and a developer, Fern Hill, to stop a 36-story "Old Town Canvas" residential tower at 1610 N. LaSalle Dr. In that case, Plaintiffs argue the project is too dense, violates zoning rules, and was rushed through city approval channels without proper notice.

The genesis of the ERRD law-

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suit against the City stems from the unprecedented scope of the Broadway Upzoning Framework, the scheme by the City's Dept.

of Planning and Development to radically upzone 12-blocks of Broadway and cross-streets in Edgewater from Winona Ave. on the south to Devon Ave. in the north.

The lawsuit alleges the City, working through Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth, [48th], violated the due process rights of affected property owners and also violated City and State zoning requirements without the legally required study, planning, or process.

The next hearing date for the oral arguments is scheduled for Daley Center Chancery Division Court Room 2308, 11 a.m. June 4, at 50 W. Washington St. While the court call time is not yet noted in the docket, it will be updated in this newspaper when known.

PETITION from p. 1

ries were imposed by municipal ordinance in 2006 by the Chicago City Council at the urging of the then-48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith. Smith sought to impose a responsible limit on future construction after the growth of the high-rise glut on Sheridan Rd.

Since the 2006 ordinances,

Fern Hill is the first known developer to challenge the existing zoning law.

In addition to the petition, two local organizations are opposed to the new, taller development at the site. The Association of Sheridan Condo/Co-op Owners seek the development to adhere to the 5-6 story height restriction established by the City Council.

The Edgewater Residents for Responsible Development publicly opined about the Congregation exploring acquisition by the Chicago Park District and an expansion of Lane Beach Park.

Many of the comments by signatories to the petition cite traffic as a significant factor for opposing the new development, with others criticizing the alderwoman.