

In the Spring, I have counted
136 different kinds of weather
inside of 24 hours.

— Mark Twain



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While the AI race sparked interest in data centers, most of the centers in the state are multi-tenant retail centers — shared by numerous tenants and highly connected with telecommunications, cloud computing and other providers. The Digital Realty center on Chicago's South Loop is an example.

Photo by Gabriel Castilho

The data center down the block

POWER Act drives politics of data centers, all levels of government want hand in regulations

BY NIKOEL HYTREK
Capital News Illinois

Managing data centers has been a growing issue around the U.S. as states balance economic development with community concerns about pollution, water usage and energy.

That has led to different regulations nationwide from moratoriums on development permits to putting data centers in their own ratepayer class. Illinois legislators have proposed regulating data centers with the POWER Act, a bill that addresses concerns about prices, water and pollution by requiring data centers to pay for their own energy and the infrastructure to generate it, and requiring that energy to come from renewable sources.

They also hope to mandate transparency about data centers water use and water permits from the Illinois Environmental Pro-

tection Agency [IEPA], which would manage how data centers handle wastewater.

They hope to get the IEPA to conduct assessments about how a data center would impact a community and want data center developers to enter community benefits agreements. The agreements would be enforced by a board of residents, organizations and local government officials.

Lawmakers sponsoring the bill call the regulations “common-sense” guardrails on a growing industry that impacts communities and electricity prices.

While data center backers say the economic benefits include job creation, capital investments and property tax revenue, environmentalists and consumer advocates claim they are far outweighed by the risks for water resources and energy prices.

The POWER Act thus far remains in committee. But Illinois has a history of passing large-scale energy packages as exten-

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CHA Board bypasses Mayor's choice for new agency boss

D.C. Housing Chief selected as CEO in surprise vote

BY BOB ZULEY

Mayor Brandon Johnson may be the lamest of lame duck Mayors in modern Chicago history. Nobody in city government seems to fear him, and nobody seems concerned about ignoring his wishes.

After 16 months without a leader at the helm, the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] Board of Commissioners defied Mayor Brandon Johnson in selecting Keith Pettigrew as the next CEO of the housing agency in a surprise vote. Pettigrew was a top

candidate identified by the CHA's CEO Selection Committee.

Mayor Johnson personally initiated the search for a new CHA CEO setting up a national search committee that evaluated over 100 candidates.

The announcement was made by CHA Operating Chairman Matthew Brewer who will remain in the role until Pettigrew takes the helm.

Pettigrew is currently the executive director of the District of Columbia Housing Authority, a position he has held for 28 months. He previously served as deputy general manager for op-

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Another Sterling Bay property taken back by bank

Vacant life sciences building seized

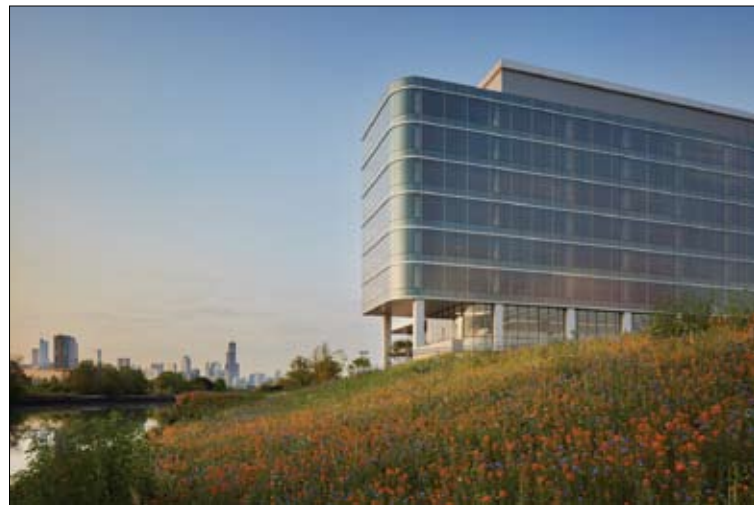
It was once a showpiece for Sterling Bay, but now 1229 W. Concord Pl. is another sign of severe distress in Chicago's commercial real estate market.

Bank OZK has taken back a signature property along the North Branch of the Chicago River that was once part of the now-failed mega-project Lincoln Yards.

According to public record, the transfer was executed via a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure to satisfy an outstanding \$65 million construction loan.

The property had been teetering on the brink of default for about a year. Despite Sterling Bay's claims that the building was a premier science lab, it has sat empty since completion in early 2023.

The building and entire Lincoln Yards project was once tout-



Artist rendering of the Life Science building, 1229 W. Concord Pl.

ed as Chicago's next great development and innovation hub, but is today prime evidence of how good intentions were killed by the COVID pandemic, the government-imposed economic lockdown, high interest rates and the cultural work-from-home shift.

A spokesperson for Bank OZK

told TheRealDeal.com that the property's carrying value has dropped well below the cost of construction, to \$50 million as of Dec. 31. That is 68% of the property's May 2025 appraisal, which valued the property at about \$74

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Another 'Loop Puncher' charged with randomly attacking a downtown woman

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 44-year-old man has been charged with randomly attacking a woman outside the Chicago Board of Trade building, making him the latest defendant linked to a growing number of so-called “Loop-Puncher incidents in the downtown area.

Thomas Knighten is accused of hurling a bottle at a 23-year-old Lakeview woman outside the building in the 100 block of

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People walk outside the Chicago Board of Trade Building near the spot where Thomas Knighten, inset, allegedly attacked a woman.

Columbia's spring enrollment falls to lowest level in more than two decades

The college reported 3,958 students in Spring, continuing a years-long decline

BY VIVIAN RICHEY
Columbia Chronicle

Columbia College's Spring 2026 enrollment fell to 3,958 students, marking the first time that number has dropped below 4,000 students in more than two decades, according to figures released by the college.

School administrators are also wrestling with a \$40 million budget shortfall.

Columbia retained 86% of students from Fall 2025, meaning roughly 14% of students enrolled in the fall did not return for the spring semester. Of those students, 307 were December graduates, representing about half of the decline. The college also enrolled some new students midyear, including 15 first-year students, 64 transfer students and

five graduate students, according to census data.

Colleges generally enroll fewer students in the spring than in the

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fall, in part because of December graduates as well as students who transfer or leave school. Columbia typically loses between 10 to 15% of its students from fall to

spring, according to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. The college had projected enrollment of around 4,000 students this spring.

“Our curriculum has changed dramatically to keep pace with our changing creative industries, and we have steadily improved our holistic supports for students' academic and professional journeys,” said Lambrini Lukidis, associate vice president of Strategic Communications and External Relations. “Yes, we are a smaller school than we were at the start of the century. We also serve and support our students at a much higher level than ever.”

Persistence among first-time, full-time first-year students for Spring 2026 reached roughly

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Humor brings a layer of stability to life



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Chicago's a funny place, not like mayonnaise after its sell date. But a spontaneous, laugh-producing, city of comics.

"Humor is often the best example to spotlight a dark heart or questionable intentions." Not sure who said this. I've always hoped it was St. Thomas Aquinas. Not Cher.

Remember Two Ton Baker riding in his tiny auto at Riverview Park in the 1950s with his caboose hanging off the sides?

Ray Rayner used to say they threw or were hit by more than 800 pies. Uproarious.

Frances Horwich, Miss Frances, was a deadpan-serious school marm ringing her hand held bell on Ding-Dong School. She scared me. Made me glad I had nuns.

Bozo's Circus Ringmaster, Ned Locke, looked a lot like everyone's drunk uncle. From Romper Room to Howdy Doody and Garfield Goose... what a pack of Chicago goofs.

These makers of belly laughs were folks of our shared Chicago childhood experience, seen on an 8-inch black and white TV



The Bozo Show (left) children's television program aired on WGN-TV in Chicago and nationally on its super-station feed from 1960 to 2001. Bozo's Circus Ringmaster, Ned Locke. Ray Rayner (right) presented WGN's "Breakfast with Bugs Bunny," which was later renamed "Ray Rayner & His Friends."



screen.

Yes, I am aging myself.

I lived in a very humorous family, filled with irony and witty, sophisticated observations. We treasured these media comics who created a humor that surrounded youthful imaginations, without vulgarity, bullying, embarrassment or attacks on our elders.

The instant laugh was usually fashioned from some mistaken identity, social faux-pas, lost homework, being naughty, or ill from too much candy or a baseball score.

This was foundational for shaping many a youthful sense of humor. Daffy Duck, Mickey Mouse, and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant were early 1950s style "influencers."

Many of us in those days learned to laugh by listening to the animals. That's still an impor-

tant learning experience in life.

This isn't Don Rickles slicing others up into small pieces. Or Joan Rivers identifying peoples' weight, wrinkles, disastrous love life or ethnicity. The humor we learned as youths wound up making us sensitive to the ironic in life, the real foundation for humor.

Humor, we learned, doesn't have to be at the expense of others. It is foolish and unnecessary to cripple others for the sake of a laugh. I don't believe those are the laughs that ultimately make us feel good about ourselves. They don't actually help make life, and our moments of hurt, loneliness, depression or sadness bearable.

When your humor cripples another you just dig the emotional hole deeper and deeper.

Ironically, such a response made me think of Timothée Chalamet, the young actor, who recently attempted to dismiss the artistic worlds of opera and ballet with an unwise characterization. What he said, expecting a supportive understanding or a laugh, backfired. I suppose he thought his youthful rebel reaction to some of the arts would earn him a revolutionary cloak of bravado.

But perhaps keeping his mouth shut or expanding his personal knowledge of these art forms would have better enhanced his own art career. Too much Don Rickles, not enough Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.

But that's what life is, a plat-

form always ready for enduring understanding. Life's too short for a Joan Rivers whammy that doesn't really identify what's humorously ironic in living.

Do we really need to discover more ways to increase sadness in life? Is expanding the cruelty of human living really necessary in the 21st century? Isn't what is hopeful and laughable in everyday survival what we are most in need of?

This is especially true now that there is so much bitter cruelty in our nation.

Humor is important in life because it has the capacity to lift anxious people out of a deadening fear. It helps to fine tune our souls to the moments of critical judgement that can clear our brains of wrong actions and poor vision. Such humor brings a layer of stability to life.

We have a lot to learn from Two Ton Baker, Ray Rayner and Bozo. None of them were friends with Jeffrey Epstein. None of them needed to distract the American people from what's really underway.

So stay close to the Elmer the Patchwork Elephant and Ringmaster Ned Locke. I hope they keep your eyes sharp. And your nose where they don't want you poking. And maybe even have

a Chi-town smile etched across your face. Hope it will help you "spotlight a dark heart or questionable intentions."

AMERICAN LIBERTY: The Newberry Library's latest exhibit

opening on April 9 is anchored by a rare copy of the Declaration of Independence. The exhibition is curated by **Eric Slaughter**, Deputy Dean of the Arts and Humanities Division at the Univ. of Chicago. Influential figures of America's Revolutionary age will be displayed relating to **Benjamin Franklin, John Locke, John**

Jay, and manuscripts of profound value.

PRITZKER PRIZE: Chilean architect **Smiljan Radić Clarke** has won the Pritzker Prize for architecture. Clarke said his designs "all try to reach a certain austerity." By that he means "stripping the work of excess." The effect is lyrical and experimental, rather



Smiljan Radić Clarke

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Cubs opener sold out on 150th anniversary celebration Thursday

10-year anniversary of World Series Win; All Star Game coming in '27

BY BOB ZULEY

The Federal Leagues Chicago Whales may no longer be playing in Weeghman Park but baseball lives on in the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field as our own Chicago Cubs take on the Washington Nationals 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cubs home-opener series [March 26, 28-29].

The hoopla will be hard to miss in the sold-out ballpark as a flyover by U.S. Marine F/A-18 A-D Hornets from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112 scream overhead as Allece Baker performs "God Bless America" and John Vincent sings the National Anthem.

An on-field flag presentation will take place featuring the U.S. flag and a Cubs 150th Anniversary flag, held by Cubs season ticket holders and front-office employees.

Cubs great Anthony Rizzo will throw out the ceremonial first pitch and Cubs Hall of Famers will sing the Seventh-Inning Stretch.

The Cubs are navigating a few player injuries heading into the opener. Pitchers Jordan Wicks [radial nerve irritation] and Porter Hodge [flexor strain] are confirmed to start the season on the injury list.

Outfielder Seiya Suzuki is recovering from a right knee sprain sustained in the World Baseball Classic. Tyler Austin is mentioned as having dealt with multiple injuries during spring training though his status is uncertain.

The bullpen injuries to Wicks and Hodge may require the Cubs to rely on pitching depth, such as RHP Jack Neely and LHP Riley Martin.

Over 150 years in the National League, the Cubs have played more than 22,000



(L) Chicago Cubs 150th Anniversary insignia. (R) The former House of the Good Shepherd seen from the Chicago Cubs-owned parking lot. Photo by Bob Zuley



games, scored over 103,000 runs, and recorded more than 200,000 hits – more than any other team in baseball history.

Nearly 2,300 players have worn the Cubs uniform contributing to 17 N.L. pennants, three World Series titles, and countless memories for Cubs fans worldwide.

Cubs great Anthony Rizzo will throw out the ceremonial first pitch and Cubs Hall of Famers will sing the Seventh-Inning Stretch.

The 2027 All Star Game will be hosted at Wrigley Field, the fourth in team history.

In other Chicago baseball news, the Chicago White Sox open their season on the road on March 26 against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Also on tap, the Chicago Cubs organization plans to expand customer parking opportunities by adding 259 new parking spaces to land recently acquired adjacent to their existing parking lot.

This is the first time in recent history that parking accommodations have been made for motor vehicle operators in Chicago. Additional parking would benefit not only baseball-game fans but concertgoers in the restricted permitted-parking neighborhood.

The Cubs seek to add 259 parking spaces at its Camry Lot, 1126 W. Grace St., which currently has 688 parking spaces, said Will McIntee, Cubs Director of Government and Community Affairs.

The expansion came after Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago sold its House of the Good Shepherd facility at 1114 W. Grace St. to the Cubs. The Archdiocese decided to relocate the shelter to another site, according to Catholic Charities.

Approximately 37% of game attendees drive to Wrigley Field while 63% use alternate modes of transportation, according to the Cubs.

Networking event April 15 at Athenaeum Center

The Coffee & Commerce networking event will be held at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport, starting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15. The event is being co-hosted by the Lincoln Park Chamber, Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber and Small Business Advocacy Council, and is an opportunity to enhance professional networks. For more information call 773-880-5200.

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Letter to the Editor

**Two churches,
two deals;
one developer,
one playbook**

Fern Hill is not a developer with two independent projects. It is advancing a model.

In Old Town, Fern Hill partnered with Moody Church to propose Old Town Canvas — a tower and parking complex requiring a zoning override of existing neighborhood limits. In Edgewater, Fern Hill has partnered with Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd., proposing a structure that requires overriding a height restriction enacted by City Council in 2006 after years of community collaboration. Different neighborhoods. Different churches. Same playbook.

In neither case did Fern Hill offer a compliant option. Every choice on the table required a zoning override. Whether these projects work within existing law was left unanswered.

Churches are tax-exempt. That status reflects a public judgment that faith institutions serve the communities that host them. It is not a license to monetize publicly supported land through private development partnerships while asking public officials to set aside the zoning laws that govern everyone else.

In Old Town, the override was granted. In Edgewater, similar pressure is now building. The Assoc. of Sheridan Condo and Co-Op Owners has already asked Fern Hill and Emanuel to respect existing law. That request has gone unanswered.

Two neighborhoods. Two churches. One developer. One playbook. Chicago's zoning process should serve residents—not be rewritten deal by deal.

Tim Carew
Old Town



by Don DeBat

**The
Home
Front**

Renters hunting for an affordable apartment in a nice North Side Chicago neighborhood this spring may be in for some sticker shock.

Between Feb. 2025 and Feb. 2026, Chicago's median rental prices rose more than many other major cities, according to a national survey by Axios Media, Inc. The survey is based on new leases signed each month in 54 metro areas with at least one million residents.

Chicago's median apartment rent rose 4% to \$1,670 a month over the past year—faster than in the other nine largest U.S. cities. That's still 34% lower than New York City which now has a median rent of \$2,245. Los Angeles posted a median rent of \$2,167 a month, and Washington, D.C. hit \$2,122 a month.

Rents increased in 20 metros, mostly in the Northeast and Midwest. Virginia Beach on the East Coast increased the most, by 5.3%. Rents decreased in 34 metros, mostly in the South. Austin, TX decreased the most, by 5.9%.

Axios noted that housing is unaffordable for many Americans. A new Harvard Univ. report finds a record number of renters are "cost-burdened," spending more than 30% of their gross income on rent and utilities. U.S. median rent on new leases now is about 20% above pre-pandemic levels, Axios reported.

Of course, this high-cost result

is not totally the fault of greedy landlords. In Chicago, rental property owners have to deal with the second highest property taxes in the nation, along with soaring insurance costs.

The Home Front column recently reported that one Old Town 4-flat owner was hit with a 21% property tax hike, and a 59% increase in fire-insurance premiums. Another small "Ma-and-Pa" landlord in North Lincoln Square was slapped with a 30% tax hike. And, a 3-flat owner in Logan Square is still reeling from a 31.7% tax hike.

6%-plus rent hikes coming?

Pinched North Side lakefront apartment landlords say they likely will be forced to raise rents at least 6% this spring to keep their building bank accounts balanced.

One Lincoln Park landlord is asking \$4,000 a month—up 12% from \$3,570—for a nice 2-bedroom plus den, 2-bath unit with private deck. Other landlords with vacant units are opting for a total cosmetic beauty makeover.

Off the lake, north of the rapidly gentrifying Lincoln Square neighborhood, a long-time owner heeded his Realtor's advice. He invested \$20,000 to cosmetically rehab a 2-bedroom unit with new bath fixtures, vanity and tile, and an updated kitchen with stainless-steel appliances and modern ceramic-tile flooring.

After a complete repainting, refinished oak floors, and installation of modern ceiling fans and new Levelor blinds, the base monthly rent was increased more



More people are renting in Chicago and other metro areas partly because home-buying remains out of reach.

than 30% to match the property's whopping real estate tax hike. It may take 2.5 years for the landlord to recoup his investment, but he is looking ahead to pay for inevitable future tax increases.

Gloomy future of renting

Here are some of the gloomy points of the Axios survey, and other facts covering the Chicago area and the nation:

- Chicago's rental share was 53% in 2023, according to the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul Univ. That means that more than half of the folks in the Windy City rent apartments.
- More people are renting in Chicago and other metro areas partly because home-buying remains out of reach. And, strong demand for apartments nationwide is keeping rents from falling

much further.

• Despite a weekly menu of burgers, franks and beans, renters are not home buyers because they simply don't earn enough to save for a down payment, 6%-plus mortgage rates are too high, and their credit score may be too low.

• The supply of affordable housing in Chicago has not kept up with demand, forcing more renters into housing they can't afford.

• Fewer people move in the colder months and Chicago isn't quite seeing those spring temperatures. Expect rents to climb as the peak summer season nears, Axios predicted.

Axios noted that rental markets are tighter in the Midwest, Northeast and parts of the West Coast because these are regions where building is harder, largely due to zoning restrictions and a lack of space.

Maybe it's time for Chicagoans to relocate to the Southland?

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

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**Park clean up
day April 11**

The Chicago Park District [CPD] is hosting their annual Park Clean Up Day on April 11, and the CPD is seeking volunteers to register for the 41st Annual City-wide Earth Day Park Clean-Up.

Throughout 2026, the Chicago Park District has recruited over 150 site captains to facilitate the efforts of volunteers at neighborhood parks. Supplies such as garbage bags, gloves, and other tools will be provided by the Chicago Park District and other partners.

In 2025, over 2,500 volunteers helped clean up 170 Chicago Park District sites.

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Police Beat...

Armed crew stole victim's guns in brazen Mag Mile holdup

A crew of armed robbers that Chicago police have linked to at least two other holdups this month surrounded a man near the Magnificent Mile on March 16, taking his valuables and a bag containing firearms before fleeing in a luxury SUV.

The robbery happened around 4:40 p.m. in the 100 block of E. Chestnut St. Police say a 64-year-old man had just stepped out of his vehicle when a black SUV, possibly a Maserati, rolled up with four males inside. Three of them got out, displayed rifles and handguns, and stripped the man of his wallet, a high-end watch, and the bag with the firearms, according to a preliminary report.

The robbers then turned their weapons on two bystanders, a 58-year-old woman and a 47-year-old man, but left without taking anything from them, a police spokesperson said.

The victims flagged down a passing CPD unit to report the crime. Camera footage captured the plateless SUV turning north on Rush St. before circling back to Chicago Ave. and heading south on Lake Shore Drive.

The robbers were described as Black males between 16 and 35 years old, dressed in all-black clothing and standing about 5-foot-7. Two wore white face masks and one wore a red face mask.

Area 3 detectives have tied the crew to two additional robberies in the area this month. In those cases, victims were robbed at gunpoint with handguns and rifles, losing high-end property including watches, jewelry, purses, clothing, and wallets, police said. In at least one instance, the offenders deliberately rear-ended a victim's vehicle as a ruse to get close to them.

The earlier robberies occurred in the 300 block of E. Chicago Ave. at 5:25 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, and in the first block of W. Walton St. at 4 a.m. this past Sunday, March 15.

Man who offered to sell drugs on Facebook gets caught in undercover federal sting

A Chicago man is facing a federal drug distribution charge for repeatedly selling fentanyl and heroin to an undercover agent in Bucktown, the South Loop, and East Garfield Park between last summer and early this year, according to a criminal complaint. Kevin McMullen, 37, also known as "Kevo," is charged with knowingly distributing 40 grams or more of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.

Investigators say the case began in late July 2025, when an informant told the FBI that McMullen was trying to sell fentanyl and heroin to people in Wisconsin via Facebook.

The complaint said that McMullen told the undercover officer early on that he couldn't travel to Wisconsin

because he was "on papers," a term meaning he was on probation or parole.

The transactions allegedly began on Aug. 28 with McMullen concealing nearly 50 grams of fentanyl behind his car's navigation screen before driving to meet the agent at a gas station in the 1700 block of W. Armitage Ave. Federal authorities said McMullen pushed a button on his dashboard that caused the navigation screen to open and reveal a plastic bag containing the drugs, which he sold to the agent for \$3,000.

The following month, McMullen allegedly sold about 68 grams of fentanyl and heroin to the agent for \$6,000 in a grocery store parking lot in the 1300 block of S/ Canal St.

Back at the Armitage Ave. gas station in November, McMullen allegedly arrived with 99 grams of fentanyl and heroin hidden behind his navigation screen and sold the drugs to the agent for \$10,000.

Finally, on January 13, McMullen allegedly arranged to sell 200 grams of fentanyl to the agent for \$10,000. The agent weighed the package on a portable scale and found it came up short — only about 145 grams — and paid McMullen \$8,800, less than the agreed price, according to the complaint.

All four transactions were recorded with covert audio and video equipment, and agents say McMullen's identity was confirmed by matching his Illinois driver's license photo to footage captured during the deals.

Near North Side man who killed mother, drove body downstate gets 20-year sentence



Marc Holliman

A Near North Side man who strangled his elderly mother with her own cane and then drove her body more than 80 miles downstate has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of murder, but mentally ill.

Marc Holliman, 58, was sentenced by Cook County Judge Ursula Walowski in the June 2021 murder of his 81-year-old mother, Juanita Holliman, a sentence he must serve in full.

Prosecutors said Holliman pressed his mother's cane across her neck as she slept on the living room couch of the apartment they shared in the 100 block of W. Delaware Pl. Investigators found written correspondence suggesting Juanita Holliman had recently discovered her son was forging checks in his name to drain money from her bank account.

Surveillance video allegedly captured Holliman dragging a heavy object from the home, loading it into the front passenger seat of his car, and covering it with cardboard boxes. Chicago Police Department cameras then tracked his vehicle as he drove south through the city toward Dwight, Illinois. One camera equipped with a heat sensor detected warmth emanating from the passenger seat where the woman's body was concealed beneath the boxes, prosecutors said.

Later that morning, Holliman pulled into a Dwight gas station and called 911. He initially told dispatchers

he wanted to report a robbery, then said he was having a personal emergency. He eventually told officers he no longer wanted their help, prosecutors said.

What followed was a prolonged and disturbing standoff. Holliman, holding a pair of scissors, approached one officer sitting in a squad car and asked whether the officer would shoot him if he charged at him with the scissors raised over his head. When the officer stepped out of the squad car, Holliman returned to his vehicle and began driving back and forth between two nearby businesses as police watched.

Now bleeding from self-inflicted wounds to his wrists, Holliman approached a second officer and repeatedly asked to be shot, according to prosecutors. Police called for an ambulance.

A Dwight officer who reached into Holliman's car to retrieve his keys while he received medical treatment discovered Juanita Holliman's body sitting upright under a box in the front passenger seat.

Holliman allegedly admitted to killing his mother, but told investigators from multiple agencies that she had been sick and in pain and had asked him to end her life. Juanita Holliman's daughter disputed that account, telling police she had seen her mother the month before her death and exchanged daily text messages with her. Juanita Holliman did not indicate that she wanted to die or was suffering, the woman said.

A public defender who initially represented Holliman said his mental health had deteriorated following what the attorney described as a "COVID procedure."

The jury convicted Holliman last June on two counts of murder. The guilty but mentally ill verdict means Holliman is entitled to mental health treatment while incarcerated.

17-year-old charged in Maserati crew robbery, but most suspects remain on the loose

Chicago police may have caught a break in their hunt for a well-armed robbery crew that has been hitting downtown streets, often in broad daylight, this month, but most of the group remains on the loose.

A 17-year-old boy faces charges in connection with one of the holdups linked to the so-called Maserati crew, according to CPD. At least three more crew members have not been charged, and charges have yet to be filed in several additional robberies police have connected to the group.

Police said the juvenile was part of the team that robbed two men, ages 25 and 47, in the 400 block of W. Erie St. in River North around 6 a.m. March 17. The victims were standing on the street when a dark-colored vehicle pulled up, several men climbed out, produced firearms, and demanded their property at gunpoint, according to a CPD spokesperson. The offenders fled northbound on Kingsbury St. No injuries were reported.

The 17-year-old is charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, aggravated possession of a weapon, and criminal trespass to a vehicle. A 15-year-old boy was also charged in connection with the incident, though not with the robbery itself. He faces charges of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and aggra-



Mugshots: Left to right: Ernesto Gayton, Anthony Hernandez, Frank Leal, and Issac Torres.

Four charged with mugging suburban men in Millennium Park garage

Two suburban men were surrounded, threatened, and robbed inside a Millennium Park parking garage, and four men now face charges, although prosecutors say three more robbers escaped and remain unidentified.

Ernesto Gayton, 19, of Evanston; Anthony Hernandez, 20, of Chicago; Frank Leal, 23, of Chicago; and Issac Torres, 19, of Cicero, have all been detained on robbery and attempted robbery charges in connection with the March 6 muggings by Judge Antara Rivra, according to court records.

According to a detention filing, the group surrounded a 24-year-old Midlothian man inside the garage at 5 S. Columbus Dr. Leal allegedly told Hernandez to "show him the gun," and Hernandez then lifted his sweater as if displaying a firearm. Feeling threatened, the victim handed over his chain and earrings. Torres and Gayton then patted down the victim as well as his companion, a 20-year-old man from Harvey, though nothing was

seized, police said.

About 30 minutes before the Erie St. robbery, four armed men confronted a man on the street in the 1200 block of W. Flournoy St. on the Near West Side, a neighborhood the crew had not previously targeted. The men struck the victim in the head with one of their firearms and took his wallet and phone before fleeing in a black SUV, according to a preliminary CPD report. The injured man walked to a nearby home and knocked on the door, asking the resident to call for help. CPD previously linked the Flournoy and Erie incidents in a community alert.

The crew's activity stretches back at least to early March. Police say victims were robbed in the 300 block of East Chicago Avenue at 5:25 a.m. on March 8, and in the first block of West Walton Street at 4:00 a.m. on March 15. In those cases, victims lost high-end watches, jewelry, purses, clothing, and wallets. In at least one instance, police say, the offenders deliberately rear-ended a victim's car as a ruse to get close to them.

One of the more brazen incidents linked to the crew occurred at 4:40 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of East Chestnut Street. A 64-year-old man had just stepped out of his vehicle when a black SUV, possibly a Maserati, pulled up carrying four males. Three of them got out, displayed rifles and handguns, and took the man's wallet, a high-end watch, and a bag that, according to a preliminary police report, contained firearms. The crew then turned their weapons on two bystanders, a 58-year-old woman and a 47-year-old man, though they left without taking anything from them. Camera footage showed the SUV heading north on Rush Street before circling back to Chicago Avenue and driving south on Lake Shore Drive.

Man shot during robbery in West Rogers Park

A 48-year-old man was shot in the arm during a robbery in West Rogers Park on March 18, Chicago police said.

According to CPD, the victim was walking in the 6400 block of N. Campbell Ave. when an unknown male approached him and demanded his property around 10:06 p.m. When the victim yelled for help, the offender pulled out a gun and fired, striking him in the right arm.

taken from the second victim, prosecutors said.

Cops reviewed surveillance footage and radioed a description of the robbers to patrol units. A CPD bicycle unit located the four accused men a short time later near the intersection of Lake and Wabash in the Loop. Officers allegedly recovered the victim's chain from Hernandez. Prosecutors say three additional people took part in the robbery but fled and have not been identified.

Judge Rivera noted that Gayton has a juvenile record that includes an adjudication for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and time served in the juvenile department of corrections.

Hernandez is currently on parole for an unlawful possession of a weapon charge that he pleaded guilty to on Jan. 26, according to court records.

Officers on scene applied a tourniquet to slow the man's bleeding before paramedics arrived and transported him to St. Francis Hospital, where he was listed in good condition.

The suspected gunman fled on foot and was last seen heading east through a gangway between two homes. He was described as a Black male wearing dark jeans and a puffy coat.

No arrests has been announced.

Armed men rob woman at gunpoint as she drops off daughter at daycare on Near North Side

An armed robbery crew targeted a woman as she dropped her 4-year-old daughter off at daycare on the Near North Side March 17, taking property from her at gunpoint before fleeing in a silver car.

According to a CPD spokesperson, a 26-year-old woman was in the 1100 block of N. Cleveland Ave. at 9:17 a.m. when a group of armed men poured out of a car, took her property, and drove off before officers arrived. No one was hurt, police said.

Officers in the area were told to be on the lookout for four suspects, all described as Black men armed with rifles: one in a white hoodie, one in a gray hoodie, and one in a black hoodie. No additional information was available about the fourth suspect. They were believed to have fled in a smaller silver car, possibly an Acura, with Kentucky license plates. Officers later recovered that vehicle on the South Side.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

The robbery resembles a string of armed holdups that have been hitting the downtown area this month, including three on March 17. That crew is believed to travel in a Maserati and also carry rifles. But when CPD issued an updated alert about the Maserati crew on March 17, the Cleveland Ave. robbery was not included, suggesting investigators have not linked it to the larger crime pattern.

In Tuesday's other holdups, a heavily armed robbery crew possibly traveling in a Maserati SUV robbed three people across in less than an hour. On the Near West

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(Left) Flowers mark where Sheridan Gorman was felled on The Lighthouse at Loyola Beach. Photo by Bob Zuley (Center) Sheridan Gorman, 18. Courtesy Sun-Times (Right) Alleyway where the alleged gunman ran northbound from Pratt Blvd. Photo by Bob Zuley

Rogers Park immigrant questioned in Loyola student's death

Man was tracked by cameras from shooting scene to his home

BY CWBCHICAGO AND BOB ZULEY

A 25-year old Rogers Park man and Venezuelan migrant was taken into custody March 20, in connection with the shooting death of Loyola Univ. freshman Sheridan Gorman, 18, of Yorktown Heights, NY. He has been charged with murdering Gorman.

The Dept. of Homeland Security [DHS] identified the man as Jose Medina-Medina. The DHS said that it had lodged an arrest detainer asking Chicago officials not to release the man, describing him as "a Venezuelan criminal illegal alien."

Gorman was out with friends shortly after 1 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, visiting the Lighthouse

at Loyola Beach, a pier structure jutting into the lake at 1054 W. Pratt Blvd. at Loyola Park in Rogers Park.

The group passed by a masked man wearing dark attire who revealed a firearm and fired one shot at the group fatally striking Gorman in the upper back. One shell casing was located near the scene. The Cook County Medical Examiner attributed the cause of her death to homicide caused by a "gunshot wound of torso."

Six minutes after the gunshot rang out, a witness observed a man running westbound from the direction of Tobey Prinz Park down the middle of Pratt Blvd. before disappearing northbound into the alley to the rear of The Vivian, a prominent structure located at 6807 N. Sheridan Rd. [originally known as the Rogers Park Hotel]. Detectives used cameras affixed to residential

buildings along Pratt Blvd. to track the man's escape.

The man discarded some of his outerwear in the alleyway while fleeing to his residence on the 6800 block of N. Sheridan Rd. Once inside his building, he was observed on video surveillance removing his mask. The man was identified to police by a person familiar with him in the building. According to CWBChicago, a firearm was recovered from his unit and will be ballistically tested for comparison with the shell casing found at the scene. Sources familiar with the investigation said there is no indication that any provocation or altercation preceded the shooting.

Chicago Ald. Ray Lopez [15th], said the man arrived from

Venezuela in 2023 although it is unknown if he had a pending asylum case.

The man's former address was 1222 W. Touhy Ave., the address of Leone Beach Park where the fieldhouse was used as an illegal migrant shelter. Leone Park on the north abuts Loyola Park to the south.

The DHS claimed that "Medina-Medina should have never been in our country, but was RELEASED into our communities by the Biden administration. He was then released AGAIN following an arrest for shoplifting in Chicago."

DHS concluded by saying, "Illinois sanctuary politicians and Gov. Pritzker must work with us to ensure this public safety threat is NEVER released back into our



Jose Medina-Medina

neighborhoods again."

Ald. Maria Hadden [49th], said after the shooting that, "the investigation has so far led police to believe that there is no broader threat to neighbors or the Loyola community."

Loyola's president, Dr. Mark Reed similarly said, "there is no ongoing threat to our campus community."

Both statements were made while the armed shooter acted without provocation, remained unidentified and at-large, and resided in the immediate neighborhood.

Medina, 25, was in court for a detention hearing on Monday after this newspaper's deadline. Medina is charged with first-degree murder, one count of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of aggravated assault by discharging a firearm, and aggravated possession of a weapon.

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Side, four men pistol-whipped a man in the 1200 block of W. Flournoy St. and took his wallet and phone around 5:30 a.m. Thirty minutes later, the crew hit in the 400 block of W. Erie St. in River North, holding two men, ages 25 and 47, at gunpoint before fleeing north on Kingsbury.

CPD issued a community alert Tuesday afternoon linking the morning robberies to three earlier holdups near the Magnificent Mile. The most recent of those came Monday afternoon on East Chestnut Street, where

three men climbed out of a black Maserati SUV, displayed rifles and handguns, and robbed a 64-year-old man of his wallet, a high-end watch, and a bag containing firearms. The crew then turned their weapons on two nearby bystanders before driving off. The crew is also suspected of robberies in the 300 block of E. Chicago Ave. on March 8 and the first block of W. Walton St. on March 15.

Police described the offenders as Black males between 16 and 35 years old, wearing dark clothing and masks.

\$42,000 bracelet stolen from boutique near Mag Mile

Two men are suspected of stealing a bracelet valued at \$42,000 from a high-end boutique near the Mag Mile this weekend, according to police and a preliminary loss estimate.

CPD said the two men entered a store in the first block of E. Huron St. around 4:48 p.m. March 21, removed the bracelet from a display case without paying and fled southbound on State St. on foot. No injuries were reported.

A witness said the theft occurred at Ikram, 15 E. Huron St., a Gold Coast

destination that houses a clothing boutique, an art gallery, and a cafe.

The suspects were described as two men, possibly Middle Eastern, both wearing sunglasses. One was dressed in a black button-down shirt, khaki pants, and black boots. The other wore a brown pullover, black pants, and black-and-white shoes. Area Three detectives are investigating. No arrests have been announced.

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Bunny Brunch March 28

The Chicago Park District will host a Bunny Bonanza Brunch at Pottawattomie Park, 7340 N. Rogers, on Saturday, March 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come get tattoo stickers, arts and crafts, and join in an egg hunt. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Lookingglass Prism Series starts April 13

Lookingglass Theatre Co. is hosting an evening of variety entertainment and conversation, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at 163 E. Pearson St.

During the evening, Lookingglass staff will interview three guests, and feature acts that run the gamut of performance styles, and hopes to entice audience participation with game show challenges.

The Lookingglass Prism

Series is an opportunity to meet people, and to gather around joy and laughter.

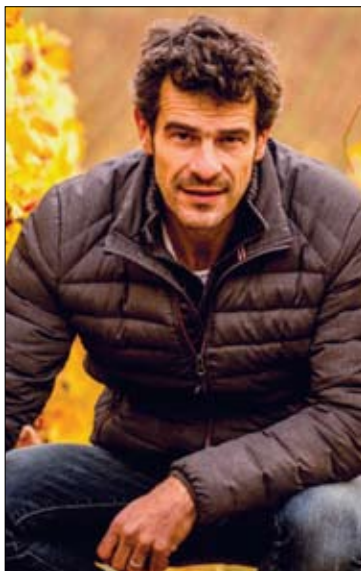
Guest interviews will be hosted by artistic director Kasey Foster and include Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], Composer Tomás Gueglio, and Darlene Jackson "Dj Lady D". There will also be performances by the Lookingglass Ensemble. Tickets will be offered as "pay what you can," visit <https://lookingglasstheatre.org/plays/lookingglass-prism-series/>.

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than cold or harsh, and in close dialogue with natural elements. Clarke's work "favors fragility over any unwarranted claim to certainty," the jury said.

CPS: The Chicago school board has narrowed its months-long search for a new superintendent to three finalists, including the current interim CEO **Macqueline King**. The other two candidates are **Meisha Porter**, a former New York City Schools chief, and **Sito Narcisse**, the former superintendent of East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools in Louisiana.

POPE MOBILE: Ford's Chicago assembly plant secretly built a custom SUV for **Pope Leo XIV**. The new "popemobile" comes complete with the Windy City skyline emblazoned on the inside.



Kermit Lynch

DEELISH CHAMPAGNE: Famed importer **Kermit Lynch** was perfectly content with his tiny portfolio of artisan Champagne growers, until he discovered **Nicolas Maillart**. Kermit hadn't added a Champagne to his collection since 2006, but when Maillart's wines became available, Lynch acted quickly. Maillart's wines were quietly known to clever Irishmen before Lynch scooped them up. They're available now in Chicago.

OPERA'S NOT ON TRIAL: Italian tenor **Andrea Bocelli** extended a concert invitation to **Timothée Chalamet** after the actor suggested "no one cares" about opera, noting more exposure to the art form could change the Oscar nominee's tune. Then **Steven Spielberg** and **Nathan Lane** added their voices to the chorus.

RAVINIA: This Summer the Chicago Symphony, **Ricky Martin** and **Paul Simon** will all be performing in a brand new pavilion. Make plans now to enjoy this treasured Chicago Summertime entertainment. The wide ranging 2026 season celebrates the pavilion's rebirth.

ART FAIR RETURNS: The Logan Square Arts Foundation, which has put on the Logan Square Arts Fest since 2009, announced this year's festival is "coming home" after skipping 2025 due to major construction on the Logan Square traffic circle. It'll be held June 26-28.

SPRINGTIME TRIBUTE: **Barb Bailey's** new show featuring singer **Bill Serritella**, "Around Sinatra's Piano Bar," is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Gateway Lounge of the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. Free parking. The

90 min. show is a tribute the great **Frank Sinatra**. Go get a ticket.

THEY'RE JAMMIN': Congratulations to Garcia's Chicago, 1001 W. Washington, on its first year in business. With good food and incredible bands, the club is a true asset to the city. **Tom Hamilton Band** is set to perform April 16. And founding member of Jefferson Airplane, **Jorma Kaukonen**, will play April 17 and 18. Go celebrate with manager **Jack Hanson-Reed** and the friendliest staff in town.



Cicero Blake



Tiger

SWEET HOME CHICAGO: Chicago collector **Bobby Tseitlin** purchased **Jerry Garcia's** custom designed guitar for \$11.56 million. Luthier **Doug Irwin** created the guitar, known as "Tiger," more than 46 years ago. **Jim Irsay's** Estate had put the guitar up for auction. Many are pleased that the new owner values the importance of this guitar being played, not locked away. One can only hope Tiger will show up on the Garcia's Chicago stage one night.

WHO'S WHERE: Filmmaker **Joey Majumdar** has been getting rejuvenated in a beautiful Tea Garden in Jaipur, India where the international cinema was assembled... Party planner **Shaun Rajah** in Paris... **Ken Moll**, and daughter, **Keely**, getting slope time in the snow near Zurich, Switzerland... **Sherrill Bodine** getting a road-trip in, discovering New Orleans-style beignets... **Elani Bousis** at the Maryville Academy luncheon celebrating 137 years supporting its young folk and Executive Director **Sister Catherine Ryan, FSP**... **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** highly recommending **Paul Tazwell's** fashions in his exhibition "Crafting Characters" at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry... Iconic American fashion designer **Jeffrey Banks** in Chicago speaking at "The Book Club Babes" about his latest work... Painter **Rosemary Fanti** honored during JCCIA Women's Division "Festa della Donna," celebrating with fellow honoree Italian American Women Business Owners... Happy Birthday to famed Chi-

cago politico **James Houlihan**... **Desirée Glapion Rogers** in New Orleans attending the UNCF gala with two handsome escorts, her brother, **Roy A. Glapion** and nephew, **Dalton**... **Jim "Skinny" Sheahan**, current president of Special Children's Charities, proud to support Polar Plunge Chicago for Special Olympics Illinois and take the closing frosty plunge in Lake Michigan... **Heather Farley** celebrating her father's 80th birthday at the Bocelli concert, wonderful to see the "IU Birdman" smiling and enjoying this fantastic time... Iran's **Cardinal Mathieu** has been evacuated to Rome... **Jeff** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** in the rolling hills of the Commonwealth of Virginia, lunching at the famed Can Can Brasserie for their quiche, after making a start in Charleston, WV to see their capitol and the fabulous Virginia state capital in Richmond, designed by **Thomas Jefferson**... famed Chicago Blues legend, **Cicero Blake**, has died at 90, after playing Chicago clubs for decades... a belated Happy Birthday to the maven of fashion, **Contessa Bottega**... Can't believe that it is one year since dearest **Rose Marie O'Neill** went to heaven, to report to St. Patrick and **Desmond Guinness**.



Joey Majumdar

HOTTEST CLUB: Chicago's hottest club just might be Seafood City, a local Chicago fish supermarket, although the 9 p.m. closure might just cramp some folks style. But it has been known to stay open with all night dancing as per the DJs who are known for creating all night dance parties. It's viral. Pop-up. And Filipino at 5033 N. Elston.

PARIS FASHION: The stunner of the Givenchy couture collection show in Paris was "pretty in pink" **Bobbi Panter**, who always out-Frenchies the French for natural poise, elegant taste and natural beauty. "Tres bonne," says husband **Matt Arnoux**.

PERFORMANCES ADDED: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble has announced additional performance dates for the world premiere of Jeff Award winning playwright **Alex Lubischer's** **Pivot**, directed by Rivendell's **Hallie Gordon**. Performances have been added for March 25-April 4, 2026, with the best availability April 1-4. The 30th Season takes place at Rivendell's home, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.

GOLDEN DANCERS: The Indian dance company, **Natya Dance Theatre**, celebrated its 50th anniversary with three performances at the Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago.

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Windy City Pulp and Paper Convention

Pulp fiction celebrating 130 years of pulps

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

We've all heard of Spider-Man, Batman, and Luke Skywalker but much of their inspirations go back to the days of "pulp" which included characters like Doc Savage, The Shadow, and Flash Gordon, respectively.

These earlier icons will be honored along with all the other larger than life heroes of the pulps at the 25th Windy City Pulp and Paper Convention, held March 27-29, at the Westin Lombard, 70 Yorktown Shopping Center in Lombard.

The three-day event draws hundreds of aficionados from all across the country to celebrate this uniquely American form of popular literature. Attendees hear from pulp-fiction historians, see original vintage pulp art displays, watch films adapted from the great pulp stories, bid on rare pulps and pop culture artifacts and peruse over 150 tables of hard-to-find collectibles including rare issues of such seminal publications as Adventure, Astounding, Black Mask, Doc Savage, The Shadow, Spicy Detective, Weird Tales, and thousands more.

In addition, pulps, paperbacks, and other vintage material will be for sale in the dealer's room.

There will over 180 tables of pulps, vintage paperbacks, vintage comics, original illustration art and much more for sale from dealers across the U.S. as well as

Canada and Europe. Two auctions on Friday and Saturday night, a fantastic film program of featuring films based on pulp stories, and programming, including New Pulp Sunday.

The complete auction catalog is now available at www.windycitypulpandpaper.com. The website also has details on absentee bidding, for those who can't make it to the convention.

The term "pulp" derives from the cheap wood pulp paper on which the magazines were printed; in contrast, magazines printed on higher quality paper were called "glossies" or "slicks."

The art show will feature a display of art from the pulps published by Fiction House. The 24th consecutive Windy City film program spotlights vintage motion pictures adapted from yarns written by prolific pulpsters for some of the top rough-paper periodicals of their day. Films include-The Blood Ship (1927), The Return of The Whistler (1948), Dr. Broadway (1942), and Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back (1934).

Also shown in the film fest is the 10 minute short Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (1934) screened in 1934 at the Chicago World Fair - the Century of Progress International Exposition, and Buck Rogers (1939, Universal Pictures serial, 240 minutes) based on characters appearing in

Philip Nowlan's "Armageddon 2419 A.D." and "The Airlords of Han" in Amazing Stories, issues August 1928 and March 1929 respectively.

Pulp magazines are inexpensive fiction magazines that were published from 1896 through the 1950s, which thrived in the years between the two World Wars, vied with radio and the movies as the era's most popular form of mass entertainment. These periodicals, printed on coarse pulp-wood paper and boasting eye-grabbing, often lurid cover paintings, introduced to the American reading public such immortal writers as Dashiell Hammett, Zane Grey, Raymond Chandler, Ray Bradbury, L. Ron Hubbard, Robert E. Howard, H. P. Lovecraft, and Robert Heinlein.

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In their first decades, pulps were most often priced at 10¢ per magazine, while competing slicks cost 25¢ a piece. Pulps were the successors to the penny dreadfuls, dime-novels and short fiction magazines of the 19th century.

Modern superhero comic books are sometimes considered descendants of "hero pulps" and widely recognized as the inspirations for such pop-culture mainstays as Star Trek, Star Wars, and virtually every comic-book hero from Batman to Spider-Man to Zorro (who originated in the pulps).

Admission is \$35 for all three days; \$25 on Friday and Saturday; \$10 on Sunday. Fee includes access to all convention events and souvenir program book containing pulp articles and reprints.



Images at right courtesy Doug Ellis

'The Dragon from Chicago' March 31 at Edgewater Library

In her book, *The Dragon from Chicago: The Untold Story of an American Reporter in Nazi Germany*, author Pamela D. Toler draws on extensive archival research to unearth the largely forgotten story of Sigrid Schultz. The multi-lingual Schultz was the Chicago Tribune Berlin Bureau chief and foreign correspondent for Central Europe from 1925 to 1941.

The free program, held during Women's History Month, is sponsored by Friends of the Edgewater Library, and will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Toler's book is a powerful account of a woman standing up for truth in an era marked by the spread of disinformation and propaganda spawned by hate. Schultz witnessed Hitler's climb to power and was one of the first reporters to warn Americans of the growing threat of the Nazi regime in Germany.

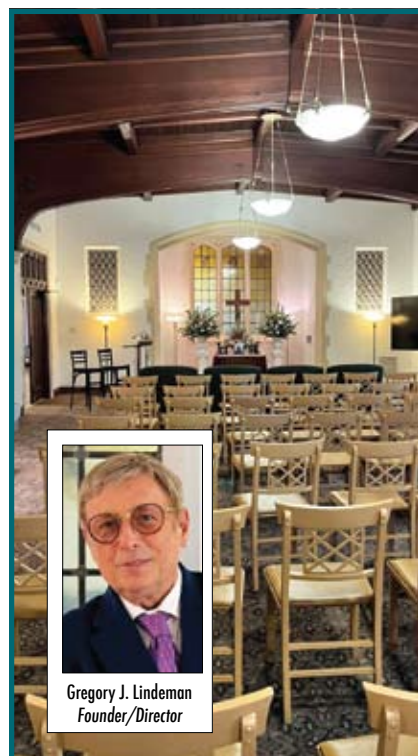
She regularly reported the truth about Nazi Germany in the face of censorship and the threat of expulsion, internment, or death. The Nazis called Schultz "that



(L) Sigrid Schultz in 1943 (R) Author Pamela Toler.

dragon from Chicago." Schultz was born in Chicago in 1893. Until she was 8--when the family moved to Germany-- Schultz and her parents lived in an area called Summerdale; it later became part of the community of Edgewater.

Toler is the author of 10 books of popular history for children and adults. An autographed copy of *The Dragon from Chicago* will be given away in a drawing at the program.



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sive amendments late in their regular or fall legislative session. The session is slated to adjourn on May 31.

Growing need for roles

Aurora is one Illinois city already regulating data centers. The city in September implemented a 180-day moratorium on development that will expire in late March.

The city set the pause so it could study the fiscal, environmental, storm water and utility impacts on the community and come up with rules and safeguards.

In late February, Aurora proposed ordinances that would require developers to conduct and submit multiple studies dealing with noise, water consumption and energy needs. The ordinances also require future data centers to meet standards for noise, vibrations, water use and energy use. New and expanded data centers “will also need to install and operate either on-site renewable energy techniques or on-site resiliency storage procedures.”

The POWER Act has similar requirements, and negotiations on the bill are ongoing.

“What we’re asking for in this legislation are principles that I think, widely, people

understand,” said state Sen. Ram Villivalam [8th]. “Accountability protects our taxpayers and protects our environment.”

Technology is an essential part of many people’s lives, “and the data centers needed to support that technology will continue to exist and expand, Villivalam said. “We’re saying this is going to continue. This is how we need to approach it,” he said.

Agreement between the governor and feds

Protecting consumers from paying for data centers’ energy needs is a key part of the POWER Act, and shifting the cost to the data centers, who will shift the costs to their customers, has widespread, bipartisan support in Illinois and nationwide.

Gov. JB Pritzker put the onus on PJM Interconnection, the electric grid operator that covers all or part 13 states from Illinois to the East Coast: “PJM must force data center developers to pay for capacity resources to power their operations to protect consumers from higher rates.”

Like all consumer products, those added costs will be passed on by PJM to end users. Illinois has provided tax incentives for data centers since Pritzker signed legislation in 2019. According to the state’s 2024 report, at least 27 data centers had received incentives totaling \$983 million

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in estimated lifetime tax breaks and benefits.

Pritzker has long advocated for attracting data centers to Illinois, especially given the state’s focus on growing quantum computing.

In January, Pritzker joined the Trump administration and 12 other governors in the PJM service area to call for PJM to adopt six principles to lower electricity prices. One principle would require PJM to allocate the cost of “any new” capacity to data centers.

In March come tech companies voluntary signed non-binding “Ratepayer Protection Pledge” at the White House, agreeing to cover the majority of costs for data center energy, though the pledge does not include penalties or other enforcement language. Seven companies have signed, including Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Meta. President Donald Trump announced the pledge during his State of the Union address.

Illinois Republicans have also called for data centers to pay for their own energy generation, though their support for the POWER Act isn’t guaranteed and they don’t share a commitment that energy generation come from renewable sources.

“While data centers have become part of the broader energy discussion, they are

not the primary driver of the rate increases families have been experiencing,” said Sen. Sue Rezin [36th]. “I believe large energy users should pay their fair share and that our grid must remain secure and dependable.”

Rezin sits on the committees that will likely discuss the POWER Act and she said she’s open to targeted proposals for handling data centers, but she also wants to ensure companies aren’t dissuaded from investing in Illinois.

Her concern is similar to that of groups like the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association [IMA], which framed the POWER Act as “penalizing innovation” in a news release after it was announced. They also advocated for dealing with energy prices by pursuing an “all-of-the-above energy approach” to generation.

“I have spoken to both the IMA and the Data Center Coalition, and they both say that there’s much in this bill that that they can work with,” she said. “Neither of those organizations felt like this was DOA.”

The bill language is now in the House Executive Committee, which meets Thursday at 10 a.m. and the Senate AI and Social Media Subcommittee, where senators will discuss multiple bills regulating data centers, though negotiations could come down to the wire if recent history is a guide.

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bike lanes.

Fuentes’ initial ordinance overlooks the vast disparity between tipped workers [bussers, servers, and tenders] in some restaurants/bars who earn substantially more than the minimum wage through tips, with others in the industry that barely survive working in eateries while earning minimum wage and who don’t receive tips. [Tips are received via auto-gratuity or cash]

The difficult dilemma that Aldermen had to balance was how to ensure the

viability of restaurants in their wards vs how to safeguard the interests of the workers employed in those restaurants.

Sam Toia, president of the Illinois Restaurant Assoc., a restaurant interest lobby, has been a vocal opponent to the “One Fair Wage” ordinance, warning of doom if eliminating the subminimum wage for tipped wages is enacted.

Specifically, Toia warns of significant job loss, restaurant closures and reduced hours, higher menu prices and service fees, lower take-home pay for staff, and perhaps most insightfully, the “Domino Effect”

that empty storefronts will have on Chicago’s economy, leading to more vacant storefronts along commercial corridors.

Chicago used to be known as a business-friendly town. That is no longer the case.

Illinois Restaurant Assoc. statewide data shows that median tipped restaurant workers earn \$28.48 an hour, about 75% more than Chicago’s minimum wage.”

Ald. Bennett Lawson, [44th], sent a statement to this newspaper prior to the vote, saying “The data is clear – eliminating the tip credit is hurting our local restaurants, forcing them to cut jobs and close their doors. Our restaurant industry simply cannot afford further implementation of this policy.”

“That’s why I support pausing it until we better understand how we can best support our employees and our restaurants and prevent additional harm,” he concluded.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, [32nd], who has been working with ward and citywide restaurants and with the IRA, sent an email saying [in part], “One of the most important issues on this topic is the narrative that this is a subminimum wage. It is not. The median tipped restaurant worker [in the city] earns 75% more than the current minimum wage of \$16.60/hour. IRA statewide data shows that median tipped restaurant workers earn \$28.48 an hour, about 75% more than Chicago’s minimum wage.”

“The overwhelming number of calls we got [to his ward office] was to freeze it because they’ve been earning far less since

it went into effect. If a tipped employee makes less than the hourly minimum wage, their employer must make up the difference,” he said.

“We listened to the workers who were the driving force behind this vote. I’d also note that according to our own city data, wage theft complaints are way down and the idea that the owners are stealing tips is just not adding up,” Waguespack concluded.

Another statement was furnished to this newspaper by a staffer of Ald. Andre Vasquez, [40th]. “Ald. Vasquez did not vote to pause the ordinance, because City Council has not yet held a full hearing to assess how this ordinance is affecting restaurants – especially in light of all the myriad economic pressures that have impacted them this year, with tariffs and other increasing costs.”

“At the same time, restaurant workers are also struggling under the same financial pressures, and we have to balance the concerns of restaurant owners with the workers. While the pause did ultimately pass, we anticipate that Johnson will veto,” it continued.

“Ultimately, we hope that this will lead to a more in-depth assessment about the measure itself, and allow for more conversation with all those who are affected, so we can land on the right solution,” the statement concluded.

Now may be an opportune time to follow Vasquez’ lead in asking for the City Council to conduct public hearings with experts from academia, business, and government to learn about the pros and cons of eliminating/maintaining the subminimum wage for tipped workers. This is too important an issue to be left to the whims of the moment.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK, N.A. Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JERRY MATTHEWS; DONNA J. MATTHEWS; 6500N. RIDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; WILLIAM P. BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JERRY MATTHEWS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 23 CH 2907 CALENDAR 60 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 4, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty’s office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-31-401-091-1022. Commonly known as 6500 N. Ridge Blvd. Unit 4f, Chicago, IL 60626. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Plaintiff, -v- Oluibenga Fadiya; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; The Towers Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecor Claimants Defendants. 2025CH06467 1221 N Dearborn St Apt 207N, Chicago, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/18/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 4/13/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following

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U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, -v- SONIA G GALINDO; BETTY NIEVES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE BETTY NIEVES LIVING TRUST DATED, MAY 8, 2010; CARL SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 2; SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE BETTY NIEVES LIVING TRUST DATED, MAY 8, 2010, Defendants. 24 CH 05146 1460 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 1406A, CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/12/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 4/13/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on April 15, 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 1460 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 1406A, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-207-086-1145 The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$153,840.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1460 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 1406A into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit

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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: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 24-18282L. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-18282L. Case Number: 24 CH 05146 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. **13283550** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff, -v- SETH JORDAN PHILLIPS; EMILY MERDZINSKI; RIVER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants. 2025CH02659 405 N. Wabash Ave. Unit 2314, 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 12/19/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 4/15/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 4/15/2026 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 405 N. Wabash Ave. Unit 2314, Chicago, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-132-037-1337 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$280,114.74 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 405 N. Wabash Ave. Unit 2314 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

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assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC (630) 453-6960 please refer to file number 7242-215733. 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. 7242-215733. Case Number: 2025CH02659 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. 8232-962977 181818 ----- 111111 -----

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million.

Bank OZK reportedly said it would only take title to the eight-story property if a short sale that was pending at the end of the year failed to close. Novak Construction was purportedly interested in buying the life sciences building shortly after buying portions of the Lincoln Yards site.

Novak closed on the southern 18.4-acre portion of former Lincoln Yards land for \$34 million late last year.

Both Sterling Bay and JP Morgan's investment arm, as well as Harrison Street Asset Management were investors in the Concord Place life sciences building. It is not known how much each party lost on the real estate bet.

Bank OZK said it expected to provide an update on the property in April, suggesting its future could be as a traditional office

space rather than a life sciences firm.

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In a better day, Sterling Bay pitched their effort to build up the life sciences community in Chicago at 1229 W. Concord as a "crucial role in the critical first

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87% to 88%, the college reported. Persistence measures how many students who start in the fall remain enrolled in the spring.

Columbia's enrollment drop from fall to spring is slightly higher than the national average. Nationally, fall-to-spring persistence rates are typically around 88% to 90%, meaning most colleges lose about 10% to 12% of students between semesters.

"Student demand is returning, but competition is sharper, students are more price-sensitive and outcomes matter more than ever," said Emmanuel Lalande, senior vice president for Enrollment Strategy and Student Success. "Our focus is on strengthening Columbia's value proposition rather than assuming national growth will lift all institutions equally."

Enrollment at the college peaked in 2008 when the college had more than 12,000 students. Columbia reported 4,461 students in Fall 2025, a drop of more than 1,000 students from the previous year.

The college enrolled 632 first-year students and 278 transfer students in Fall 2025.

"The decline in spring enroll-

ment is certainly concerning, but it is also part of a longer trend that many institutions in higher education are facing," said Faculty Senate President Karla Fuller. "For Columbia, the numbers reinforce the urgency of ensuring that the college's academic mission remains at the center of its planning and decision-making."

Columbia is facing a \$40 million budget shortfall, largely tied to enrollment declines.

Colleges across the Midwest are facing enrollment pressures tied to declining numbers of college-age students, often referred to as the "demographic cliff." Some Chicago universities have also reported enrollment drops linked to fewer international students. At DePaul Univ., international enrollment fell by 744 students this fall compared with last year, while new international graduate student enrollment dropped nearly 62%.

Columbia's enrollment decline continued through the pandemic and fell even more sharply after the strike. The college, which is dependent on tuition to cover operating expenses, has since cut nearly half of its majors, closed the Student Health Center, reduced housing options and laid off 48 full-time faculty as it ad-

phase of establishing the heart of Lincoln Yards. This pioneering life sciences development project is setting a new precedent for the future of the tech industry by combining science and hospitality for the first time."

Designed during the pandemic, the focus on light, air, and openness was supposed to help promote the essence of life sciences.

The entire 55-acre Lincoln Yards complex has resulted in massive losses, and the site was recently taken over, at bargain prices, by new owners. Novak is taking on the southern portion, while JDL Development and Los Angeles-based Kayne Anderson paid \$84 million for the northern side of the vacant site. JDL and Kayne recently announced plans for a new residential-focused development that could add 3,000 housing units to the Lincoln Park community.

justs to a smaller student body.

"Enrollment trends have real implications for students and faculty alike," Fuller said. "A smaller student body affects course offerings, faculty workload, and the overall learning environment. At the same time, it presents an opportunity for the institution to think carefully about how it defines its identity and strengthens the distinctive creative education that has long drawn students to Columbia."

Student Government Assoc. President Jenna Davis said that she sees pros and cons in the college having a smaller student body.

"I think a positive thing is that students would have strong relationships with faculty, student body," Davis said. "I also acknowledge it may discourage students in a lot of ways."

But, she added, "the students that are here make this school thrive, and I believe it will continue to do that. Even at a smaller scale."

Colleges nationwide are facing enrollment declines tied to the "demographic cliff," but the impact varies by region. An Education Advisory Board study shows that enrollment declines are accelerating in the Midwest,

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erations for the Housing Authority of New Orleans and various senior leadership positions in the D.C. government.

The CHA provides affordable housing to approximately 135,000 people across 65,000 households, and as of late 2024, approximately 164,000 unique applicants are on the CHA waiting lists for housing.



Keith Pettigrew
Courtesy DC
Housing Authority

Mayor Johnson had made no secret of his desire to appoint his one-time loyal ally, former Ald. and Vice Mayor Walter Burnett, [27th], to the CEO position, a glaring example of an old-school-type reward. Burnett resigned from the City Council in July 2025 after 30 years as alderman. Johnson then appointed Burnett's son, Walter "Red" Burnett, as his replacement.

But Burnett's nomination to the position by Johnson hit speed-bumps almost immediately. Some CHA residents opposed the cro-

where fewer 18-year-olds and lower enrollment has reduced first-year classes.

"Columbia is a specialized arts, media and creative-industries institution rather than a traditional liberal-arts college," Lalande said. "That specialization offers advantages in the current climate, including clearer academic-to-career pathways and closer alignment with workforce demand in creative fields."

State-level data suggest broader enrollment complexity in Illinois as well. According to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, public universities in the state collectively saw enrollment rise at the start of the 2025-26 academic year, nearing their highest level in a decade, with growth driven largely by first-year and transfer students even as international enrollment declined.

Even as undergraduate enrollment nationally reaches a decade

high, experts caution that demographic contraction represents a long-term structural shift rather than a short-term disruption.

Burnett and his wife, Darlena Williams-Burnett, faced questions in 2025 about receiving over \$260,000 in payments as housing voucher landlords.

While the Mayor championed Burnett as "the strongest candidate" and praised his experience growing up in Cabrini-Green, the CHA search committee and the Board issued a letter noting that Burnett was not considered qualified due to a "lack of operational experience."

Pettigrew's actual CHA salary has not been negotiated and finalized. He currently earns approx. \$325,000 annually in his DC post. His CHA predecessor, Tracy Scott, earned \$311,250 annually.

Burnett likely won't be seen driving a ride-share to cover his expenses. As a retired 30-year city employee, Burnett stands to receive \$120,608 per year [or \$10,134 per month]. His final salary as alderman was \$152,016 in 2025.

W. Jackson Blvd. on Feb. 6. The woman ducked, and the bottle instead struck a window of the historic Board of Trade building, shattering it and causing an estimated \$12,800 in damage, according to prosecutors.

Knighen then allegedly grabbed a 54-year-old Lynwood woman by her backpack, threw her to the ground, and punched her repeatedly before fleeing the scene.

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The entire incident was captured on video, officials said. Both victims and a security guard who works at the Board of Trade building later identified Knighen as the attacker. He was arrested recently, weeks after the February incident.

At a detention hearing, Judge Luciano Panici Jr. ordered Knighen held, citing his status as a convicted felon and what the judge described as "mental health conditions." The judge said Knighen "chose to attack a random defenseless victim," leading him to believe that there were no conditions short of jail that could keep the community safe from him.

Knighen faces charges of aggravated battery in a public place, felony criminal damage, and misdemeanor assault.

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