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Real Estate Grim Reaper takes another victim in \$240M Loop office tower



The 50-story skyscraper at 181 W. Madison St.

It plays like a broken record, skipping back over and over again, as one more Loop building after another falls prey to high debt loads based on pre-crash values, and falling demand for downtown space.

This time the financial troubles are for the landlord of the 50-story skyscraper at 181 W. Madison St. in the Loop. Chicago residents should get used to hearing about “Special Services,” who are the financial Grim Reapers settling old debt and working out the math under the new real estate reality.

Special Servicer Situs AMS is now initiating foreclosure proceedings against SinOceanic I Ltd., an affiliate of China’s HNA Group that emerged from bankruptcy in 2023, according to loan servicer notes collected by Morningstar Credit.

Situs is chopping a new path through the foreclosure forest over a \$240 million debt that will be cut down by giving back the building to the lender.

The current state of Loop real estate is shocking to those used to seeing Chicago’s central business district carry the local economy forward. Building owners today struggle with plummeting office property valuations and a corporate exodus out of town, or to smaller, more efficient work spaces.

The crash of the central business district’s tax base is one of the reasons why North Side property owners now see their own property taxes spiraling out of sight. Somebody has to pay for Chicago’s profligate spending,

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While it’s still too chilly for most humans, wildlife abounds on Chicago’s lakefront, this coyote was spotted near Hollywood Beach.

Photo by Pat Curry



A rendering of the proposed Francis Parker expansion on Belden Ave.

Francis Parker School planning expansion north, fronting Belden Ave.

In 2020, Francis Parker School was accused by its Lincoln Park neighbors of undertaking a hostile takeover of the community through their campus expansion plans. They said they felt they were being pushed out by the pricey private school.

This battle was over the school’s purchase of two condos on Belden Ave., just north of the school at 330 W. Webster.

Well it appears the hostile takeover concerns may have been well-founded. On March 31 the

school hosted a community meeting where they made their expansion plans known to the general public.

The school has been a part of the Lincoln Park community for 125 years, and has intentions of being around for another century or more. The ability to think a century down the road is a luxury institution’s may enjoy, but not one humans can entertain. It is that long game that nearby residents have long feared... suspecting the gradual take over of Belden Ave.

by the school. The wealthy school could, over time, slowly buy up most of the property on its northern border as they become available. Long term planning is what a 100-year outlook affords large institutions: a safe bet. Whatever real estate Parker buys today, will be worth a lot more 100 years from now.

To that end, 100% of condominium unit owners at 317-325 W. Belden voted to sell the build-

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Bridge closures for testing

Two downtown bridges will be closed this week to conduct testing in advance of the summer boating season. Motorists and pedestrians will be redirected while each bridge is closed.

The closures include the Washington Street Bridge Thursday, April 9 at 11:59 p.m. through 5 a.m. Friday, April 10; and the Wells Street Bridge 11:59 p.m. Saturday, April 11 through 5 a.m. Sunday, April 12.

Another Loop retail foreclosure on State St.

After the pandemic and government-enforced economic lockdown that sent workers home from working in the Loop, making a living managing downtown commercial property continues to be difficult in the current real estate market.

State St. may be one of the hardest hit commercial corridors, and now it’s taking another gut punch with the pending foreclosure of 36 S. State St., a 19,000 square foot commercial building.

Rialto Capital Advisors is the special servicer for a securitized mortgage loan, and last week they filed a foreclosure complaint on the property against New York-based Jenel, who purchased the property in better times. Back in 2018, Jenel bought the property for \$26 million.

According to TheRealDeal, the dispute centers on an alleged loan maturity default involving a \$16.8 million balance Jenel assumed from Thor Equities in 2018. At that time, Jenel bought the property from Thor, providing over \$9 million in new money while taking on the property’s existing debt.

But when the loan note came last June, Jenel allegedly did not pay off the note. Now, Rialto is taking over the property, alleg-

ing a total debt of \$17.7 million, which includes default interest and liquidation fees.

The State St. building was once a desirable Loop property, but after the pandemic lockdown, everything changed, and it is now caught in the crosshairs of low vacancy rates, a tight credit market, and much less demand for retail space, compared to 2018.

The State St. retail building maintained full occupancy and was reportedly paying its bills as of Sept. 2025, according to Morningstar Credit. Morningstar claims the property’s revenue for the first nine months of 2025 climbed to \$1.9 million, following a 2022 lease to Five Below for 14,300 square feet, after the former tenant - Blick Art Materials - departed.

Despite the good prospects through Sept. 2025, the property’s appraised value plummeted nearly 48% from a decade ago, to \$13.5 million in July, 2025. That drop put the loan into maturity default, and now Rialto is moving forward with a foreclosure. The Cook County court has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 28. Until then, the property remains in legal limbo.

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The Lake Effect we all know how to handle



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

'From you have I been absent in the spring, When proud pied April, dressed in all his trim, Hath put a spirit of youth in every thing.' (Shakespeare, Sonnet 98, 1-3)

There's a unique poetry to the life we're experiencing right about now in Chicago. Like a rhapsody by Rachmaninoff. There's a special flow in the air. We are witnessing resplendent work in progress. The transition of the seasons and the alteration in the temperature that engulfs us.

If you've been here for a few years, you know. It's cold and wet today, when only last week it was sunny and 75. We adapt by keeping a coat on a hook by the door, 'just in case.'

We feel a change in the touch of sun on our face, and think, "should I grab my jacket?"

We've all learned to measure with the imbalanced cadence of

chill and warmth hunting for harmony and synchronicity, expecting a change in the wind's direction.

Like emerging from hibernation, we embrace our atmosphere with earnest engagement, searching the vital patterns of change. As Shakespeare writes, (Sonnet 104) The seasons alter: hoary-headed frosts, Fall in the fresh lap of the crimson rose, And on old Hiems' thin and icy crown, An odorous chaplet of sweet summer buds is, as in mockery, set.

Chicagoans are lucky abiding beside Lake Michigan. The "Great" Lake. A timeless catalyst for change and combustible weather patterns. Knowing to expect it is just one of those things that makes you a Chicagoan.

Our lakefront movements are oceanic, drawing all eyes out across the waters stretching beyond the horizon. Chicagoans grow weather-wise from birth. Touched by the natural science and handsome nearness of the source of our mid-continent climatic balance and control.

Lake winds ebb and flow. In summer the lake is our "ice box." In winter it lifts the thermostat for toasty survival. Arizona could use a lake like ours.

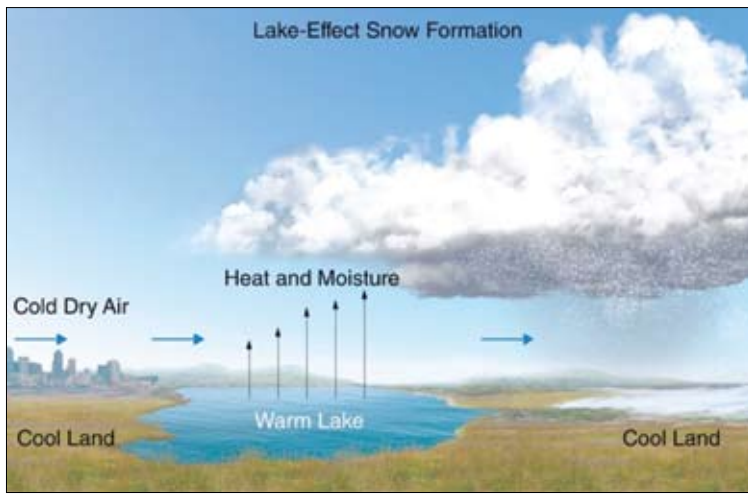
In each and every season it commands nature. It is a unique element of the nature of Chicago. At the same moment, it can be 20 degrees cooler on Sheridan Ave. than on Western Ave.

It is today as curious and unpredictable as the lake winds that affected Chicago's earliest settlements. The weather even tangles with Cubs baseball, with more RBIs when the wind blows out.

Al fresco dining requires we take a jacket when it's 80 degrees out on Western Ave., but are dining on Sheridan, State or Clark streets.

Chicago remains today a fair weather urban capital of sweat and poetic imagination in settling the Prairie, establishing critical trade and financial markets, and sailing the waters of Lake Michigan as if it were an ocean. So get out and do your job, and don't forget to grab a jacket.

OBAMA CENTER: The



Typical mechanisms causing lake effect snow.

Figure source: Aguado and Burt (2015)

granite exterior is now in place, including words from **President Barak Obama's** "You Are America" speech, visible in their entirety from a spot on Stony Island Ave. The plaza at the foot of the center's museum tower is also taking shape. The center opens June 19.

DANCE: **Paul Rody, John Benstead, Amy Keenan, Jill Jaworski, Tara Cope, Ingrid Klauss, Becky Collins, Tom Pickett and Catherine Smith** all heavy lifting for Chicago's premier dance ensemble celebrating its 63rd season with its "Studio 63" gala at which they raised \$230,000 to benefit **Giordano Dance**.

STUDY: A new study shows 1-in-3 Illinois workers have 'no confidence' employers will protect them from AI replacement.

EXPO CHICAGO: EXPO Chicago is returning to Navy Pier this week. The 13th edition of the Contemporary Art Fair runs from April 9-12. EXPO Chicago draws upon the city's history as an international cultural destination, highlighting the region's arts community. The show features leading contemporary and modern art galleries, alongside a curated program of talks, on-site installations, and public art initiatives.

Highlights include a partnership with the forthcoming Obama Presidential Center; Focus, the emerging galleries section; and a continued collaboration with the Galleries Assoc. of Korea (GAoK).

ASTOR CLUB: The original Astor Club in London was a watering hole for royals, gangsters, aristocrats and salesmen between 1950 and 1970. A Chicago version of the club opened [re-opened] in

Chicago in 2023 at 24 E. Goethe in what was once Maxim's of Paris. Now the Astor Club is planning to open a second club at 1516 N. Lake Shore Dr. as a daytime clubhouse in the fall. Find a date who is a member and go!

PRACTICE: **Michael Lerich** says **Frank Sinatra** learned a critical lesson from **Benny Goodman**, he was always practicing.

CLOSED: Piazza Bella in Roscoe Village has permanently closed after 27 years.

MOM?: Restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair's** cat, **Zaza**, was just adopted by his neighbor's mother.

ON THE PROWL: **Jerry Garcia's** guitar **Tiger** made a surprise showing at Martyr's, 3855 N. Lincoln Ave., on March 27. **Derek Trucks** of **Tedeschi Trucks Band** brought the beloved guitar onstage to play with **Terrapin Flyer**, in support of Martyr's longtime sound engineer **Tony Baker**. The benefit concert helped raise funds for Baker's hospice care and end-of-life memorial expenses. To contribute, go to www.gofundme/f/honoring-tyon-with-love-and-care. In a twist of fate, Tiger's creator, **Doug Irwin**, passed away that same day.

HOSPITAL CLOSES: Just like its sister Weiss Hosp. in Uptown, Oak Park's West Suburban Hospital, a safety-net health center serving West Siders, announces abrupt closure. Medical Center's president and CEO said the hospital's faulty records and billing system caused a drop in revenue. Many doubt the truthfulness of his statements.

Healthcare in American is a hot mess. Today it's get big or go broke. Could medical fisticuffs be in the offing? One of the owners is trying to get talks going to

reopen.

WHO'S WHERE: Univ. of Illinois junior studying abroad, **Bailey Kapel**, was in Rome for Easter... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** were front and center for the Cubs' opening day with 40,000 of their friends... **Zurich Esposito** birthdaying at **Marrakesh Country Club** in Palm Desert with **Al Chapman, Trina Turk** and **Brian McCormack**... Belated Happy Birthday to **Richard Koranda** receiving a fabulous portrait by wife, **Rosemary Fanti**... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** having dinner with pals **Bunny Frum** and **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**... **Kristine Zielbauer** birthday saluted by her pals **Sherrill Bodine, Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, Leah Chavie, Sally Jo Morris Pfaff, Kate Krause Prange, Jennifer Sutton Brieva, Myra Reilly, Julia Jacobs, Candace Jordan** and **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**... Salon Buzz? **Duc Ho**, celebrity stylist, out at **The Alston** with **Irasema Guerrero, C. Nok Ngo, Bic Nguyễn, Brenda Le** and **Alexa Nguyễn Dempsey**... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiner** shimmer in the twinkle of the Eiffel Tower in Paris... **Lucien** and **Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange** say Spring is coming to Morunas in San Miguel Allende, Mexico... **Dr. Rose Gomez** is in Miami... **Julie Harron** with **Michelle Kubala** in Old Town... **Barrister Bernard Dunleavy** at Friedrichsbad, Baden-Baden, Germany... **Mark Olley** joined antiquer **Doug Van Tress** at his Golden Triangle on Grand Ave. for an enjoyable evening... **Bonnie Spurlock**, the queen of the Easter Parade, at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church for underwriting church's advertising... **Kathleen Haines-Finley** and **Barb Bailey** had a charming whirlwind luncheon at

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Deadbeat city workers owe millions in fines yet remain on payroll

CTA and CPS workers owe more than \$19 million

BY BOB ZULEY

Back in 2023, when mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson had to fork over \$3,357.04 to the city for his unpaid water bill and another \$1,044 in unpaid parking/traffic tickets dating back to 2014, city workers might have taken it as a sign that the Johnson administration was going to be serious about collecting money from people who contemptuously violate the law.

Johnson, however, equated the debt to struggles faced by working class families. He has since repeatedly balked at having debt collectors hound people to pay their debts to the city.

Today, approximately 12,761 city em-

ployees - or those from sister agencies - now owe City Hall more than \$19.5 million for delinquent water bills, parking violations, speeding tickets, building code violations, and various other infractions, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

In 2024, deadbeat city workers only owed \$18 million in fines, fees.

Nearly 80% of those scofflaws have jobs with the Chicago Board of Education or the Chicago Transit Agency. The city agency with the third highest number of workers owing money is the Chicago Police Dept. [at \$800,000].

One Chicago Public School [CPS] substitute teacher owes \$197,052 for building code violations, fines and traffic tickets racked up over 25 years making him the single biggest debtor. He owns a minimum of one condo, five other homes, a vacant lot

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in the city, and a pair of homes in Harvey.

A convicted robber of 11 banks landed an entry-level job through the Chicago Transit Authority's [CTA] Second Chance program even though records show he owes

more than \$136,000 in fines primarily for drinking in public and selling 'loosies' [individual cigarettes] - a likely case of identity theft since he was in federal custody when all 34 citations were issued in his name, possibly to his namesake son - who was fatally stabbed three years ago.

CPS and CTA say they don't turn away applicants who owe money to the city even though City Hall may later garnish as much as 25% of an employee's paycheck under state and city law.

Six years ago, CPS decided to stop disqualifying applicants who owe money maintaining those people need a job to pay their debts. Yet more than half of all city workers who owe the city have never been enrolled in a payment plan with City Hall or had their paychecks garnished.



(L) Dead birds collected from McCormick Place in 2023 displayed at the Field Museum. Courtesy of Field Museum



(R) McCormick Place's Lakeside Center. Photo courtesy @Carl Giometti

Lights Out campaign underway to save migrating birds

Dimming lakefront buildings especially important to prevent collisions

BY BOB ZULEY

Chicago sits on the edge of one of the Earth's greatest migrations. The fall departure and spring return of all manner of birds which travel along the Mississippi Flyway.

That flyway follows the Mississippi River - with a leg heading up and down Lake Michigan - from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and back again in the spring. It is used by over half of all North American bird species, including sparrows, warblers, owls, ducks, plovers, cranes, chickadees and many more, including 40% of waterfowl. It spans 14 US states and three Canadian provinces.

That means literally millions of birds pass through Chicago twice a year. Just like many humans have memorized landmarks that chart the route between our homes and certain familiar places, birds use the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers, and The

Great Lakes as guides to help them travel south to north and vice versa.

As stewards for our feathered friends, it is incumbent on humans to do what we can to facilitate those two annual migrations and provide safe passage.

On one bad night in Oct. 2023, locals found over 1,000 dead birds who had crashed into the McCormick Place Lakeside Center.

That now means dimming your lights during the evening.

The annual Lights Out campaign is underway and aims to prevent nighttime bird collisions into tall buildings and preclude the city from becoming a graveyard for migratory fowl every spring.

Experts emphasize marking windows and treating glass, especially near the lakefront where many birds pass.

As of early 2026, migration patterns are shifting northward quickly due to warmer weather with significant activity reported

in the Great Lakes region.

Every night during the migration season, thousands of birds are killed when they crash into illuminated windows, disoriented by the light. The Field Museum says that darkening just half of a building's windows can make a big difference.

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That means turn down the lights or close those window shades and curtains.

Researchers found that on nights when half the windows were darkened, there were 11-times fewer bird collisions during spring migration than when all windows were lit. Even low-rise structures like McCormick Place are affected.

The campaign encourages buildings 40 floors and higher to turn off their lights from 11 p.m. until sunrise. The lights throw

off the birds' navigational abilities, leading them to circle the buildings repeatedly and die from exhaustion or even collision with the structures.

"Chicago is often considered the deadliest city in the U.S. for migratory birds as millions pass through the city each season," said Annette Prince of Chicago Bird Alliance.

Each year, Prince and other advocates find more than 8,000 dead or injured birds in a square mile of downtown, and that's only about one-tenth of the birds that actually hit buildings, Prince adds.

"Chicago launched the Lights Out Campaign in 1995 and had about 90% participation from office and residential buildings," Prince says.

The Lights Out Campaign encourages the owners and managers of buildings to turn off or dim their decorative lights. The Chicago Audubon Society manages the program along with the Building Owners

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Is new proposal for domed Soldier Field full of hot air?



The Home Front
by Don DeBat

Yet another beauty makeover for Soldier Field is on an architect's drawing board as a follow-up to the Chicago Bears planned exodus to Arlington Heights or Indiana.

Soldier Field would get a translucent, domed roof, 20,000 new skybox seats, and a surrounding entertainment district under an architect's new pipe-dream proposal.

Now that the Chicago Bears posted a rare winning season in 2025, fans have visions of a Super Bowl dancing in their heads. So, why not run the billion-dollar jock strap up the goal post?

The disloyal, profit-seeking Bears, with an exciting No.1 drafted quarterback and a potential Super Bowl contending team, want to dump the Windy City, and are planning to become real estate developers with a move to the suburbs or out of state. Building a new stadium outside of Chicago likely would cost \$3-billion in today's dollars.

The Bears already paid nearly \$200 million to buy the former Arlington International Racecourse, and demolished the grandstand there to create a 326-acre site that's ready for construction.

Wonder why Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Texas Rep. Greg Casar recently introduced the "The Home Team Act" in the U.S. Congress? The act would require a sports-team owner to announce that it wants to relocate a year prior to moving. That one-year notice would give the com-

munity, not-for-profits or private investors a chance to buy the team at "fair market value" before the owners move it.

The latest Soldier Field dome idea is similar to a \$2-billion plan to put a lid on the stadium designed under former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot in 2022, which went nowhere.

The new translucent-dome plan, floated by Chicago architect Edward Peck, would create an entertainment complex by building a concrete and steel deck over adjacent rail lines and Lake Shore Dr.

The proposal adds new suites and fan amenities "to challenge the assumption that Soldier Field is no longer viable," said Peck, the managing director of Edward Peck Design. Peck was engaged to create the concept by a Bears fan, or developer, who asked to remain anonymous.

The Chicago Bears, the city and the Park District, which owns the stadium, are not involved with the Peck proposal.

The Soldier Field site, next to the Museum Campus, the Loop and McCormick Place Convention Center, would likely generate significantly greater revenue for the city and state than the suburban Arlington Heights site, or Indiana, said Peck, whose firm has been involved in numerous large projects, including NFL stadiums and Olympic venues.

The entertainment district concept, built on a deck west of Soldier Field, echoes that of Landmark Development's "One Central Plan," which proposed a mixed-use development built over the rails west of the stadium. State lawmakers are considering tax incentives for a scaled-down version of that proposal, separate from the stadium debate.

Peck estimated his plan would be 35% more cost-effective than building a new



This newspaper reporter wonders what the late Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Mike Royko—and his alter-ego Slats Grobnik—would say about this big-money game of political football over the fate of Soldier Field?

stadium, which would help pay for the estimated \$700 million cost of the 10-acre entertainment district deck.

This newspaper wonders what would the late Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Mike Royko—and his alter-ego Slats Grobnik—say about this big-money game of political football?

For a living die-hard Bear's fan assessment, we interviewed our own Slats Grobnik—Mr. Zak, Inside Publication's go-to blue-collar source for sports stadiums, casinos and urban planning.

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Insight from Mr. Zak

"The Bears should stay put," Mr. Zak declared. "If they move, and they probably will, it's all about money, not Bears' NFL tradition, or love of the game of their loyal fans."

Mr. Zak says adding a translucent dome and 20,000 additional revenue-producing roof-top skybox seats may only cost an estimated \$500 to \$600 million.

Those improvements likely would bring an elusive Super Bowl to Chicago in a few years. Fans hope the Bears will keep spending tens of millions of dollars to bring in high-quality players so their team might actually get to play in the Super Bowl. So, this writer, also a Bears fan, likes Peck's translucent-dome plan.

After the last "remuddle" of Soldier Field, architecture critics said the silvery, space-age design looked like a flying saucer crash-landed on top of the landmark, 100,000-seat stadium originally built in 1924.

A landmark lost

After its remuddling, Soldier Field lost landmark status and was booted off the National Register of Historic Places. Not only is the "renovated" stadium ugly, it is flawed by today's stadium standards. It only seats 61,500 fans, and doesn't have the required all-weather dome.

However, over the years, this writer oddly has grown to accept the remodeled Soldier Field like a blue-collar Slats-Grobnik fan loves the gap between his wife's front teeth, the hairy mole on her cheek, or the bump on her ethnic nose.

My pre-renovation love affair with Soldier Field dates back to 1959, while attending the city high school football champion-

ship game between Lane Tech and Fenwick, a Catholic League powerhouse. Lane, my alma mater, won 19-0 in the snow because of a grinding running game.

Earlier in the Public League semi-finals, Lane Tech defeated Chicago Vocational High School [CVS] on statistics after a 6-6 tie. CVS was led by future Bear's star and NFL Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus.

Softball World Series

Another forever-memory moment of mine was the 1975 Windy City 16-inch softball World Series played on a beautifully manicured diamond with bleachers laid out at the north end of the old Soldier Field.

"The South Side's ERV Strikers, led by pitcher Mike Tallo and hot-hitting John Kelleher, edged the suburban Big Banjo Bruins 8-7, before 25,000 cheering softball fans," recalled Tom Bonen, who played right field for the Strikers. The Bruins upset the favored Bobcats 15-13 in the semi-final game.

As nightside Sports Copy Desk Editor and softball columnist at the Chicago Daily News, this writer helped Royko and TV broadcasters Tim Weigel and Marty Robinson identify players while the team did color commentary on the game broadcast by WTTW (Channel 11), and viewed by more than 100,000 softball-loving Chicagoans.

The Soldier Field location was approved by Chicago Park District czar, Ed Kelly, a Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame inductee, and a star on the famed Kool Vent Awnings Windy City championship teams in the early 1950s.

Casino proposal ignored

Today, Mr. Zak likes the idea of building an entertainment mecca west of a domed Soldier Field on air rights over the Outer Drive and Metra railroad tracks. Earlier, Mr. Zak's brilliant proposal to locate the new Chicago casino in McCormick Place No. 1, was ignored by Mayor Lightfoot.

That was another big mistake by the former mayor, said Mr. Zak. During the COVID pandemic the city had already pumped \$15 million into the old McCormick Place building for new (casino-compatible) electrical and other upgrades in an emergency plan to use the facility as a hospital.

Mr. Zak notes that Mayor Lightfoot took a \$40-million donation from Bally's Casino, and that was it... the casino now is under construction at Chicago Ave. and Halsted St. on the edge of Goose Island—one of the most congested intersections in Chicago.

"Whatever happened to the \$40 million?" asks Mr. Zak.

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The chaos under the Mayor's helm

Mayor 'reflexively hostile to oversight,' says Inspector General

BY BOB ZULEY

Just last week, this newspaper reported on the hiring of Keith Pettigrew as the new Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] CEO for a four-year term, a rare dose of stability at the CHA. The appointment by a vote of 7-2 by the CHA Board marked a win for the board over Mayor Brandon Johnson, who has been pushing for the appointment of beleaguered former Ald. Walter Burnett, a strong mayoral ally.

Now, Johnson says he has removed CHA Board chair and Interim Operating Chairman Matthew Brewer from his role at the CHA, however Brewer says he's not going anywhere. It isn't immediately clear the mayor followed the proper procedures to effect such a change.

The CHA board's bylaws state that the Board Chair is designated by the mayor and a "filing of the Certificate of Appointment with the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County," whose responsibilities fall under the Cook County clerk's office.

As of April 1, the clerk's records reportedly show no documents related to Johnson's appointment of CHA Board Cmsr. Jawanza Malone as the new chair.

Johnson also can't fire Brewer as Operating Chairman since that decision is controlled by the Board, Brewer said.

"They are wrong on the facts, and they are wrong on the law," Brewer told the Sun-Times. "If this is just an attempt to bully and scare us to back down, I don't think it is going to happen."

For decades, the mayor has historically chosen the leader of the CHA, with the board vote typically serving as a rubber stamp of the mayor's candidate of choice.

CHA Cmsr. Malone and Debra Parker voted on Pettigrew's appointment, while Mildred Harris abstained. Brewer has asked the mayor to remove Parker from the board after the agency's independent Inspector General determined she committed fraud.

The CHA board members who voted to appoint Pettigrew reaffirmed their commitment on April 1 in a public statement. "The public vote held during the Board meeting on March 17 ... was not a unilateral action by Operating Chairman Brewer; rather, it reflected a duly recognized and transparent vote of the Board. Board members were informed of Mr. Pettigrew's selection, and the affirmative public votes of seven board members affirmed the appointment."

The mayor has been intent on appointing his candidate, Burnett, however the board has been un-

able to confirm Burnett due to significant opposition by CHA residents and a conflict of waivers that need approval from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Burnett's apparent conflicts of interest, according to the CHA and HUD, involve his 30-year record as city alderman, and as a longtime ownership of properties rented to CHA voucher holders, Johnson's other internal troubles relate to the Chicago Board of Education which resigned en masse after Johnson fired Chicago Public Schools CEO Pedro Martinez after Martinez failed to authorize a risky \$175 million high-interest loan.

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] board also defied Johnson. After President Dorval Carter resigned, Johnson tried to install CTA CEO John Roberson as Carter's permanent replacement. The board refused and Roberson took a job with the Obama Presidential Library. Nora Leerhsen has served as an interim CTA president for nearly 18 months.

Johnson also fired his deputy mayor for community safety, Garien Gatewood, along with Gatewood's assistant, Manny Whitfield, in March. The termination followed a complaint Gatewood filed in Oct. 2025 with Chicago Inspector General Deborah Witzburg. The complaint concerned Johnson's Chief of Staff, Cristina Pacione-Zayas, and top aide Jason Lee.

In her own message on the eve of her departure from City Hall, Witzburg pulled no punches as

she evaluated Johnson's embrace of ethics: "This administration has shown itself to be reflexively hostile to oversight. This has come largely through the Law Dept. ... interfering with OIG's [Office of Inspector General] access to city premises, withholding records from OIG, declining to provide records from OIG, declining to provide records even though they were, in fact, publicly available, and declining to implement recommendations from OIG," Witzburg told the Sun-Times.

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Police Beat...

Woman shot while walking near the Magnificent Mile

A woman was shot while walking at one of the busiest intersections along the Magnificent Mile on March 30, the unintended victim of a gunman who was trying to shoot someone else nearby, Chicago police said.

The shooting happened around 9:27 p.m. in the first block of E. Chicago Ave., just west of Michigan Ave., and set off a chain of events that left a man's car riddled with bullets and caused a three-car collision along one of the city's most heavily trafficked commercial strips.

Police said a 22-year-old man was driving a red sedan when someone in a white sedan pulled up and opened fire on his vehicle. The red sedan was struck multiple times, but the driver was not injured.

But a 25-year-old woman walking nearby was not as lucky. A bullet struck her in the left thigh, CPD said. She was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition.

Witnesses offered conflicting accounts of what happened, though most described the gunman as a Hispanic man seated in the back seat of the white sedan. No one was in custody as of Monday night, and the investigation was ongoing.

The woman is the third person shot on the Near North Side so far this year. That's down from six shooting victims at this point last year. There were four people shot as of this date in 2024, though that number includes a police officer and a gunman who were both wounded during an exchange of gunfire, CPD said.

Three men charged with attempting to rob undercover agent

The U.S. Attorney's Office on April 2 charged three men with attempting to rob a federal agent during an undercover firearm transaction in Chicago. Jeremy Jones, Christopher Densmore and Carmell Massey attempted to rob an agent from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

The agent was working undercover when the agent met with the defendants in a Chicago parking lot for the purpose of buying two firearms from them, the complaint states. During the meeting, the defendants attempted to rob the agent of \$600 in government funds that the agent planned to use to purchase the guns.

When Jones pointed a firearm at the undercover agent, the agent responded by firing a shot at him. Jones and the two other defendants attempted to flee the area, but law enforcement quickly arrested all three defendants, the complaint states.

The complaint charges Jones,

19, Densmore, 22, and Massey, 20, all of Chicago, with one count of attempted robbery and one count of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. The firearm charge is punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years in federal prison and a maximum of life. The attempted robbery charge is punishable by a maximum of 25 years.

The defendants were scheduled to make initial appearances in federal court in Chicago April 3.

The complaint was announced by Andrew S. Boutros, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Christopher Amon, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Field Division of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Home invader strikes North Center woman with candle, arrest made

A man is in custody after he allegedly broke into a North Center woman's apartment April 4 and struck her in the head with a candle.

Police responded to the woman's second-floor unit in the 4200 block of N. Lincoln Ave. shortly after midnight after the man forced his way through the door and entered her apartment, according to a preliminary CPD report.

The 23-year-old victim confronted the man, who threw a candle at her, striking her in the back of the head, the report said.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old man in the building. Charges were pending as of April 3.

Feds hit migrant accused of killing Loyola student with gun charge, taking 'no chances' on release

Federal prosecutors have filed a gun charge against a 25-year-old man accused of killing 18-year-old Loyola Univ. freshman Sheridan Gorman in Rogers Park, describing the case as a safeguard to ensure he is not released while the state murder case proceeds.

In a criminal complaint revealed April 3, authorities charged Jose Medina with illegally possessing a firearm as a person unlawfully in the United States. The charge stems from a March 20 search of his North Side apartment, where Chicago police recovered a .40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun, according to the filing.

Medina remains detained in the Cook County Jail on state charges that include murder in the fatal shooting of Gorman one day before the search.

U.S. Attorney Andrew S. Boutros made it clear that the federal filing is intended as a backstop.

"Given the senseless, cold-blooded nature of the murder of a young student with a bright future ahead of her, the Chicago U.S. Attorney's Office will take no chances that this illegal alien perpetrator will be released back into our community," Boutros said in a statement announcing the charge.

The federal complaint largely lays out information state prosecutors revealed regarding the investigation that led to Medina's arrest: Surveillance video tracked the shooter to an apartment building in the 6800 block of N. Sheridan Rd., and facial recognition combined with witness identifications pegged Medina as the gunman.

A search of Medina's apartment revealed a firearm wrapped in a ski mask, officials said, and testing by the ATF linked the gun to a shell casing found near Gorman's body on the pier at Loyola Beach.

Federal authorities say Medina entered the country illegally near El Paso in May 2023, intending to go to New Rochelle, NY. He was released from custody and wound up on a bus that shipped him to Chicago courtesy of the state of Texas.

The single-count federal charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison if convicted.

While the murder case will continue in Cook County court, the federal filing gives prosecutors an additional path to keep Medina locked up regardless of how the state proceedings unfold.

The federal complaint charges Medina, also known as "Jose Gregorio Medina," "Jose Gregorio Medina-Medina," and "Jose Medina," 25, with one count of illegal possession of a firearm, which is punishable by a maximum sentence of ten years in federal prison. Medina is currently detained in state custody without bond. His initial appearance in federal court has not yet been scheduled.

CTA robbery suspect freed on an ankle monitor robbed someone else 4 days later

After prosecutors charged Emile Hobson with robbing a woman on the CTA late last year, a judge ordered him to be kept in jail, saying he was too dangerous to be trusted to an ankle monitor. But another judge reversed that decision and put Hobson on an ankle monitor, which court records show he immediately violated, and, according to prosecutors, then robbed yet another victim.



Emile Hobson

Hobson, 35, was arrested on Nov. 1, 2025 at the Roosevelt CTA station. Prosecutors said he walked up to an 18-year-old woman who was transferring trains at 12:42 a.m., told her to give him her purse or he would hurt her, and walked off with the woman's bag. CTA employees called 911, officers detained him nearby, and recovered the woman's purse from him, according to the allegations. Video recorded the incident, prosecutors said. Later that same day, Judge John Hock ordered Hobson detained, citing what he called the randomness of the attack and Hobson's apparent "willingness to prey on vulnerable people in public." Hock called him "a clear threat to any person he might have an opportunity to rob," and pointed to a prior robbery conviction on his record.

Six weeks later, on Dec. 15, Judge Tyria Walton disagreed with Hock's analysis and released Hobson on an ankle monitor. The very next day, the court's monitoring office noticed a "major violation," court records show.

According to those records, Hobson was supposed to be on 24-hour home confinement but did not show up at his home until 1:36 p.m. Dec. 19 — four days after Walton released him. The records also state that Hobson failed to charge the device, and it "entered sleep mode on Dec. 22," at which point the office was unable to locate him and declared him absent



WANTED

Surveillance images of three mail theft suspects sought by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Three \$100,000 rewards offered for mail theft crew that is pounding Chicago residential buildings

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is ready to open the vault. On March 31 the agency announced three separate \$100,000 rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of three mail thieves who have been targeting residential buildings citywide.

The thieves have been active since

mid-January, investigators said, and surveillance images accompanying the reward announcements suggest the trio has been working together. Tipsters can call anytime 24/7 877-876-2455 and refer to case 4142062.



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Woman battered on Red Line

Chicago police are warning residents of a recent battery that took place on a CTA Red Line train in the River North neighborhood.

Mass Transit Detectives are seeking to identify the pictured subject who approached a female passenger on a CTA Red Line train located at 800 N. State March 25 at approximately 4:40 p.m.

The pictured subject made inappropriate physical contact with the passenger and then followed her off the train. The incident was document-

ed under JK-194085.

The offender is described as a male White-Hispanic, 5'-11" to 6'-2", 190-210 lbs, thin goatee, dark-colored baseball hat, tan hoodie, black puffy jacket, black pants, white socks, black shoes.

Those who may have any information on this crime can contact Detectives at

312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference RD#JK-194085.

without leave.

The monitoring office notified Walton of the violations on Dec. 23, a week after they began, and she issued a warrant the same day, according to court records. About a month later, on Jan. 27, Hobson was brought back before Walton, who released him on electronic monitoring again.

Just four days after that, prosecutors say, Hobson robbed someone else in a parking garage near the Magnificent Mile.

At 6:30 a.m. Jan. 31, Hobson allegedly approached a 35-year-old Gold Coast resident in the first block of E. Walton St., brandished what appeared to be the handle of a firearm, and demanded the victim's gym bag and phone. After getting the phone passcode, he fled, prosecutors said. Chicago police officers apprehended him within minutes and recovered the phone from his pocket, according to a detention petition.

Judge James Murphy detained Hobson on the new robbery charge and for violating pretrial release in the earlier case.

Hobson has a prior Bruch with the law in Las Vegas, where in 2018 he was charged with terrorism after he was accused of walking through a major shopping mall while wearing a mask and carrying a realistic-looking AK-47 replica. The outcome of that case was not immediately available.

Under new rules implemented by Cook County Chief Judge Charles Beach last month, all major electronic monitoring violations are now reported to judges within 24 hours. Beach's office also announced that the Cook County Sheriff's Office is expediting service of electronic monitoring-related warrants.

Investigation of man found beaten to death on street corner

Chicago police are continuing to investigate the death of Alexander Kazanowski, 25, who died days after being found badly beaten on a street corner on the Northwest Side last week.

A passerby found Kazanowski lying facedown on the corner of Belmont and Harding around 3:15 a.m. March 24. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruled his death a homicide, caused by head trauma suffered during an assault.

A source familiar with the case previously says that it appeared Kazanowski was walking home after getting into a disagreement at a local bar. The working hypothesis was that he had been followed from the bar by the other party involved in the dispute.

The Chicago Fire Dept. took Kazanowski to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, but he succumbed to his injuries on Saturday. He is survived by his partner, Tori, his daughter, Thea, and his soon-to-be-born son, John.

In 2023, Kazanowski co-owned an antique shop in Rogers Park, drawing the ire of protestors who found comments on his personal Christian beliefs on his Facebook page to be transphobic and hateful. Other residents stood up for his right to speak his mind.

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Bill to take facial recognition tool away from police adds two co-sponsors, but supporters lack examples of local problems

BY CWBCHICAGO

A North Side lawmaker's effort to strip Illinois police investigators of one of their most powerful new tools since the advent of DNA indexing has failed to get out of committee. But the bill has two new co-sponsors, both from Chicago, suggesting it is far from dead even though its supporters can't seem to find any examples of the technology being used to wrongly accuse anyone of wrongdoing in Illinois.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Kelly Cassidy [14th], would ban any local or state law enforcement agency in Illinois from accessing a facial recognition database, and would prohibit agencies from working around that ban by partnering with or contracting out to a third party to do it on their behalf.

Tom Weitzel, the retired Chief of Police in suburban Riverside, was blunt in his assessment.

"Facial recognition is one of the most important investigative tools to come along in policing in 50 years," he said. "Eliminating it outright is reckless and dangerous."

Cassidy's bill, Weitzel continued, "doesn't regulate facial recognition; it destroys it. It strips police of a critical tool used to

identify violent offenders and protect the public. No one in Illinois has ever been charged based solely on a facial recognition match. That claim is a myth, and it should not be driving legislation."

"Illinois already has some of the toughest biometric protections in the country. We can strengthen oversight without gutting a tool that helps solve violent crime," he said.

We first reported on Cassidy's efforts last month, detailing dozens of violent crimes, many from the CTA, in which Chicago police detectives developed critical leads by feeding high-quality surveillance images into facial recognition databases, often a dataset maintained by the Illinois Secretary of State. Those cases included murders, rapes, robberies, and kidnappings cracked with the help of the technology, according to court records.

Cassidy's bill explicitly bars the Secretary of State from allowing such use of its database.

Just days after our report, CPD used facial recognition to help identify Jose Miranda, the man accused of murdering Loyola Univ. freshman Sheridan Gorman on the pier at Loyola Beach, which is located in Cassidy's own district.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection found a possible match to Miranda by searching its facial recognition database at CPD's request, another move that Cassidy's bill would prohibit.

purposes.

Ed Yohnika, spokesperson for the ACLU of Illinois, which supports the legislation, confirmed as much.

"Yes. It would end the use of

Critics of the bill say no one is claiming facial recognition is a cure-all, but rather that it is an additional tool proving effective at identifying otherwise unknown suspects. A possible facial recognition match alone is not sufficient to file charges. Detectives use a "hit" as a starting point to generate leads and identify potential suspects.

Cassidy did not respond to a request for comment over the first story, but did respond to a follow-up, claiming her bill "does not limit state and local police from investigating crimes." Lawyers who reviewed her bill told this reporter that characterization is flatly incorrect, and the bill would absolutely prohibit local and state law enforcement from using facial recognition for investigative

that one tool," Yohnika said. "Enhancing public safety is a complex issue that requires a serious discussion exploring a range of different approaches. The fallacy here is the suggestion that biometrics is a panacea that will address all public safety concerns. That is simply not true."

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Cassidy dismissed CWB Chicago's detailed case-specific reporting of murders, rapes, and robberies solved with the assistance of facial recognition as "anecdotes" and called it "curious that in discussing this issue, we hear about particularly heinous and troubling crimes, but nothing about people being misidentified by facial recognition technology and held for hours — if not days — based on system errors."

To that point: a form email circulated by the ACLU of Illinois references a "man in Detroit [who] was arrested and held for more than a day a few years ago because a biometric system was used — based on grainy surveillance footage at a retail store — to

BILL see p. 11

So you think they're dead?

Medical Examiner's Office to host Missing Persons Day April 18

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office is hosting its sixth Cook County Missing Persons Day event to connect those who have long-term missing loved ones with resources and experts.

Those whose friends and family have been missing more than one month will be able to file a missing persons report, submit DNA samples, medical records, pictures and other files to aid in the search. Emotional support services will also be available to families.

Missing Persons Day will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Cook County

Medical Examiner's Office, 2121 W. Harrison St.

In its first five years, the event attracted hundreds of family members and friends of missing persons. Three families received closure after the 2025 Missing Persons Day event.

"Our goal is to assist families in locating their loved ones by being a centralized resource for those searching for missing relatives and friends," said Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Ponni Arunkumar.

For more information about the event, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/missingpersonsday.

City effort to recruit, train short term immigrant guardianship

The City of Chicago Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights has undertaken an initiative to help local citizens take guardianship of immigrant children.

On April 15 and 17 the city is hosting Train The Trainer: Short Term Guardianships events. Both will be virtual. The April 15 event will be at noon in English, while the April 17 event will be at noon and be given in Spanish.

Guardianship of immigrant children involves legal arrangements—often short-term or standby—that allow parents to designate an adult to make medical and educational decisions if parents of children are detained, arrested, deported, or incapacitated.

These precautions prevent chil-

dren from entering foster care. This training will be on short-term guardianship to help immigrant families develop emergency care plans for their children so they won't be swept up in federal illegal immigration actions.

As of 2024, Chicago Public Schools estimated that between 9,000 and 17,000 migrant students who arrived since Aug. 2022 are enrolled in local schools. These students are part of a broader population of roughly 150,000 to 200,000 undocumented and illegal immigrants in Chicago.

The session will focus on utilizing statutory short-term guardianship forms to ensure that families can proactively have an emergency plan in place for their children.

City Sticker amnesty April

The City of Chicago announced an amnesty program that will provide relief from expensive City Sticker tax fees and tickets. During the month of April, anyone may purchase a City Sticker from the City Clerk without having to pay late fees or back charges.

To participate, visit one of the three Office of the City Clerk locations or one of the four Dept. of Finance locations. You can also purchase your sticker online at ezbuy.chicityclerk.com. Amnesty Month will run through April 30.

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Trivia night fundraiser
 Edgewater's food pantry Care for Real is hosting their second annual Trivia Night fundraiser 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at St. Andrews Church Gym, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd. Tickets are \$50 per person, food will be provided, and the evening is BYOB. For more information call 773-769-6182.

Wells Park bird walks
 Bird walks will be held in Wells Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., at 7 a.m. April 19 and 26, and May 3, 17 and 31. Walkers will learn about birding activity in Welles Park. Bring your own binoculars and comfy shoes. The walks meet up at the park gazebo and last about two hours. To RSVP for a walk, email the Greening Committee at wellespark-greening@gmail.com.

Note to starving writers: Spring Supper Club April 14
 Nothing says you're not a starving writer like a steak dinner right off a sizzling grill. The Independent Writers of Chicago [IWOC] are hosting their annual Spring Supper Club soirée at Weber Grill, 539 N. State St., 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. IWOC is a non-profit professional association for freelance writers, authors, and content creators based in the Chicago area. Tickets are \$35 if paid online, \$40 at the door. Guests may register online at <https://iwoc.wildapricot.org/event-6588186>.

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 and Managers Assoc., the National Audubon Society, and the City of Chicago. The migratory seasons run from mid-March through early June and again from late-August through mid-November. The goal is to eliminate the total light emitted after 11 p.m. by extinguishing exterior spotlights, logos, lighted clock faces, greenhouses, antennae lighting, etc. If you do come across an injured or dead bird, contact Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, who will care for the hurt ones or retrieve the dead. The hotline number is 773-988-1867.

The Seed is planted at History Museum
 Chicago Seed artists created some of the anti-Vietnam War movement's most radical imagery. Established as a collective in 1967, the Chicago Seed started as a small, local publication about the local counterculture centered in the Old Town neighborhood on the city's North Side. But the riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention radicalized the predominantly white male staff, and they began to focus on more serious issues, particularly the Vietnam War. At its height, the Chicago Seed reached some 30,000-40,000 readers, making it one of the nation's most widely circulated and influential underground newspapers before it ceased operations in 1974. Artwork and imagery from The Seed will be included in a new exhibit at the Chicago History Museum titled "Design for Change: Chicago Protest Art of the 1960-70s." The exhibit will mount more than 100 posters, fliers, signs, buttons, newspapers, magazines, and books from the era, expressing often radical ideas about race,

war, equality, and sexuality that challenged mainstream culture of the time. The Seed magazine cover from April 1972 depicts Vietnamese people raising the National Liberation Front flag in the style of the famous World War II image of US soldiers raising the American flag at Iwo Jima in 1945. To create the student strike page, the newspaper used split-font inking, which allows for multiple color gradations without using the more complex and costly method of color separation. Images, from left: Cover of the Chicago Seed, vol. 8, no. 6, April 26, 1972. CHM, ICHI-183582-001, Maralee Gordon, artist. Chicago Seed, vol. 8, no. 6, p. 29, advertising a general strike for May 4, and a rally for Armed Forces Day at the Great Lakes Naval Base. CHM, ICHI-183582-002.



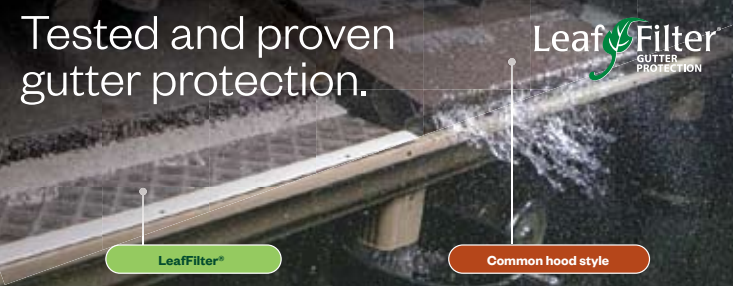
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 Neiman Marcus... **Janet Owen** visiting the Easter Bunny with **Miss Margot**... **Maria Pappas** celebrating Greek Independence Day 2026, then off to Greece... **BJ Murray** home in New York, no longer on crutches just using his walking stick, coping with his bad knee... **Carol Cheung** cooking up a storm for Chef **Art Smith** at "Chicago Chefs Cook"... **Billy Gainer** is a swell Papa attending the home opener with his kids at Sox Park... Maestro **Riccardo Muti** back in town waving his wand over the stunning **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**, World's Best and Chicago's very own... **Irene Michaels** and **Arny Granat** at fun soirée at **Colby Luckenbill's Colby Gallery**... **Paul R Iacono** feasted with fabulous pals at Tres Dita as beauty **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Frank N. Jeffery** and **Todd Hatoff** gathered 'round... Prayers and healing wishes for **Mamie Walton** following a tumble... Ret. Judge **Rhoda Sweeney** lunching at the Polo Club in the Beverly Hills Hotel.
POPE NEWS: Pope Leo XIV visiting lovely Monaco, a most Catholic nation. Royals **Prince Albert II** and wife, **Princess Charlene**, **Princess Stephanie**, **Princess Caroline**, and the 11 year old twins, **Princess Gabriella** and **Prince Jacques**, are permitted the privilege of wearing white in the Pontiff's presence. The Vatican announced that Illinois native, **Archbishop Fulton**



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Sheen will be beatified Sept. 26 in St. Louis.
LET'S PLAY 54: **Dave Hoekstra** has 53 consecutive home openers at Wrigley Field.
BOOKS: **Jim Kinney** has read his way through the Booker Prize final list of literary works of this year's nominees, just finishing "Seascraper," by **Benjamin Wood**.
ANTHEM: Ten years ago Ireland celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its War of Independence and Proclamation of the Republic with a broadcast on Ireland's National R.T.E News with violinist **Patricia Treacy** performing a patriotic anthem.
FOR FOODIES: Friends recently disclosed the top notch menus at some new additions to Chicago cuisine. It was like pulling wisdom teeth. Since our leadership gets around so well, we thought you might like to comment if you've experienced any of them. Ox Bar & Hearth received some good detailing in this column when it opened at 1578 N. Clybourn in Lincoln Park, excited a new eatery was going into the former location of the Golden Ox. A real favorite back in the 1980s for this newspaper. Lots of positive commentary, especially about their Sunday brunches. It's attractive, offers great high-end steaks. Pastries are really creative. Dinner appears tip-top. Intriguing. Then there's Pleasant House Pub at the north end of Bridgeport at 2119 S. Halsted. Basically this is a British pub. Serves up all the familiar Brit food pies, eggy breakfasts, and British meats. Good looking burgers and "chips." But I've never been a blood pudding fan, a standard part of a full English breakfast, as are baked beans. The Irish love them too. But not this Irishman. Let me now of your experience.
Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.
 -- **Henry David Thoreau**

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Letters to the Editor

New taxes coming to North Side

Now that everyone, well about 30% of those eligible, got our little taste of democracy by voting in the primary elections, now is the time for Democrats to roll up their sleeves and start applying new taxes.

Remember, the condo, bungalow or two-flat that you call home, it is not your home. It is an ATM for the Chicago Machine.

Moderate Democrats used to think of raising taxes to buy off their constituencies. Progressives think in terms of extracting wealth out of your property, persons and purses. Over the course of the summer, they will come with new ways of seizing our wealth.

Since most services don't charge a sales tax, the next big thing will be service taxes. Here are just a few ways they will decimate the middle and working class.

- Taxes on personal electric equipment: Cars, leaf blowers, lawn mowers and computers. 10-11%.

- Investment Income Tax: Those stocks or mutual funds will be hit every year. Think of it as a property tax, like on your home. 15-18%.

- Delivery Tax: Amazon, Uber,

Uber Eats, UPS, FedEx, and pizza delivery, 12%.

- Doggie Taxes: Entry to a dog park, and dogwalking and grooming services will be taxed. \$5 each use.

- Medical Services: Doctors, Dental, Rehab services and Prescriptions. 10-15%. But don't worry, they'll frame it as using the money to pay for health care for illegal immigrants.

- Dry Cleaning Tax: Come on, only 10%. Home Repair Tax 12%. Vehicle Repair Tax another 10%.

- Online Tax: Anything we order online will be taxed for the "convenience" at 5%.

And just to round it out, a 5% tax on gym memberships, events and a hotel, motel or apartment rental tax.

These fall under the WE/THEY Theory. We got money, They want it.

Gov. JB Pritzker, County Board President Preckwinkle and Mayor Brandon Johnson will be grabbing with both hands, once they set their budgets after the November elections.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

When property taxes punish the most vulnerable, there's a breaking point and mandate for reform

We are now after the April 1 deadline for taxpayers to pay their Cook County property taxes, and thousands of taxpayers will not be able to pay their 1st installment. The growing number of late payments signals a deeper problem. In 2023, approximately 165,000 properties paid late. Moreover, homes in Black and Hispanic communities were 2 and 2.5 times as likely to face foreclosure as homes in White communities. These are not isolated incidents—they reflect a systemic strain on homeowners.

The property tax burden is not shared equally.

Across Chicagoland, property tax increases have been especially steep in these same neighborhoods that can least afford them. Reports have shown seniors and clergy publicly protesting tax bills that rose by 200% or more, mainly in the Black and Brown communities.

At the same time, the Illinois Answers Project revealed that at least \$444 million in property improvements were not placed on the tax rolls. This inequity has contributed to significant tax increases not only in Black, Brown, and Hispanic communities, but also in working-class White neighborhoods.

Voter response has been unmistakable. Assessor Pat Hynes, up against a two-term incumbent, saw overwhelming support in many communities most affected by these disparities. He carried all four major South and Southwest townships—Rich, Thornton, Calumet, and Bloom—where Black residents make up between 51% and 74% of the population. Notably, property tax rates in these areas range from 200% above the countywide average of 9%.

In Chicago, Hynes won 13 of 15 majority-Black wards, often

by margins as high as 69% to 71%, including neighborhoods such as Austin, North Lawndale, Englewood, Garfield Park, Pullman, South Shore, Roseland, Douglas, Grand Boulevard, and Auburn Gresham where taxes exploded. He also maintained strong support in majority-White wards like Mount Greenwood, Beverly, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Dunning, and Portage Park, winning between 68% and 76% of the vote. In predominantly Hispanic wards—including Garfield Ridge, Humboldt Park, New City, Clearing, and the East Side—he earned between 54% and 76%.

These results point to a shared demand for property tax reform across racial and geographic lines.

Both Assessor Hynes and I have extensive experience working within Cook County's assessment system. With that expertise, we were able to file underassessment appeals before the Board of Review to correct glaring errors—errors that left millions of dollars in property value off the tax rolls and unfairly shifted the burden onto other taxpayers.

No homeowner—or professional in either the public or private sector—should have to take extraordinary steps to ensure fairness. The current system demands structural reform to restore equity, transparency, and trust. Under Hynes, we have the right Assessor for the job: a highly ethical, trained assessment professional with more than two decades of experience working under three former Cook County Assessors. Hynes clearly heard the public's outcry for meaningful property tax reform.

Andrea Raila
Edgewater

Asheville's Wilcox returns to Old Town School April 10

BY PETER VON BUOL

Asheville-based guitarist David Wilcox, 68, who is highly regarded for the virtuosity of his finger-picking style and his deeply personal storytelling, is returning to perform at the Old Town School of Folk Music [OTS] April 10 at 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

A frequent performer at OTS, Wilcox said he really appreciates the sense of community fostered by the Lincoln Square institution. On his previous visits, he has walked around the halls of the school and quietly observed its many music classes.

"I love playing at the OTS. I think it's because it helps foster a sense of community that grows around a place like that. People have come to my concert just because they know that if something's booked OTS, it's going to be interesting. It's not just about the concerts, but it's about a community of learning and finding empowerment through expression," said Wilcox.

Since its inception in 1957, the school's educators have advocated a communal approach to teaching music.

"I love that. Upstream of any sort of change in culture is getting together and trusting in one another to get a sense of who we are. Music is a real shortcut to that," he said.

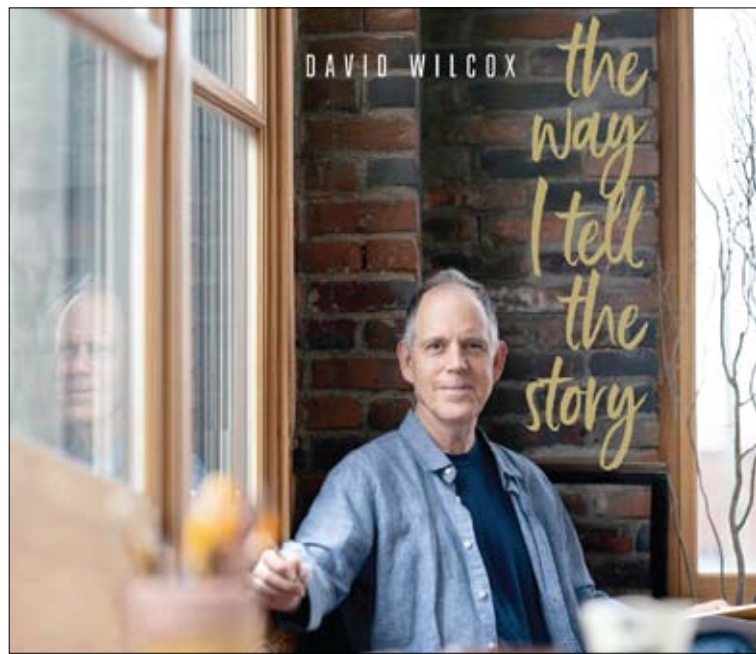
"Music is a way for people to feel that they have something in common, and not just as an idea, but just as an embodied experience."

Over the course of his nearly four-decade long career, the Ohio-born Wilcox has released 23 albums. In 1980, his second album "How Did you Find Me Here" sold more than 100,000 copies, all due to word of mouth.

Five years later, his 1994 release "Big Horizon" hit 165 on the Billboard charts. Wilcox's latest album "The Way I Tell the Story" was released after the death of Nance Pettit, his wife and longtime collaborator. Because of Wilcox's direct approach to songwriting, he has found a direct connection to his audience.

"People react to my music as if they have gotten to know me. My approach is to reveal my true self, through my music. Because of that, when I travel around, I stay with people that I have gotten to know while touring. There are towns all over this country where people invite me to come and stay with them," said Wilcox.

Wilcox cites finger-picking legend Doc Watson as his most important early influence. In the



David Wilcox, an American folk musician and singer-songwriter guitarist, will perform April 10 at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

school's infancy, Watson was a frequent guest at the home of Old Town co-founder Dawn Greening.

"I loved his syncopation, he played so beautifully. His version of the [Mississippi Sheiks country blues] song "Sitting on Top of the World" is such a great version. It's got such life in it," said Wilcox.

As a young guitarist, Wilcox spent countless hours listening to Watson's recordings to figure out for himself how to play them.

"I would start and just listen to a first few seconds and really study it over and over again, just isolating the variables and figuring out what the fingering must be. I would listen for the subtleties. And I would also listen for the lowest note. That was the key to figure out where to put the Capo

[a clamp which allows a guitarist to change song key while keeping familiar chords]," said Wilcox.

Wilcox credits the late singer/songwriter Bob Franke as his biggest songwriting influence.

"Franke had such a vulnerability and an honesty that was inspiring. I have a bunch of new songs that are getting the best responses of the night. Some of my songs are about what is going on now in our political history. When I play them, I have been getting a standing ovation in the middle of a set. It's pretty interesting. And I love that the newest songs are getting the best response," he said.

Tickets for the show are \$45 for the general public and \$43 for OTS members. For more information call 773-728-6000.



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Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 6722-194263 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13284595** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN HERMAN, CARA HERMAN, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, CITIBANK, N.A., STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025CH04408 2137 W MORSE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 9, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 11, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2137 W MORSE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-31-119-004-0000 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special

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assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100

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BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-01234 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2025CH04408 TJSC#: 46-387 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025CH04408 **13284799** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs. Abayomi Ajayi; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Oluaranti Ajayi; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Damon Ritenhouse, as Special Representative for Oluaranti Ajayi (deceased) Defendant 25 CH 16 CALENDAR 56 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 12, 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. 11-31-120-048-0000. Commonly known as 2004 W. Farwell Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the

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312-357-1125 E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com Attorney File No. 25-01589 Attorney Code. 18837 Case Number: 2025 CH 8618 TJSC#: 46-485 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025 CH 8618 8277-963673 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. COLM TREACY A/K/A COLM BERNARD TREACY A/K/A COLM B. TREACY, TUAN ANH HOANG, STATE OF ILLINOIS, JULIE MAI KIRKEL Defendants 2025CH09915 4911 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4911 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-309-009-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any repre-

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His rap sheet spans 36 years, now he's AWOL after being found sleeping at Dunkin' with burglary proceeds

BY CWBCHICAGO

Fabian Jeffers had nearly 90 cases in his Cook County criminal court file, including 16 felony matters, when Chicago police found him sleeping at a donut shop, surrounded by electronics he allegedly stole from a nearby business. Prosecutors didn't ask a judge to hold him, so he was released. And he hasn't been seen since.

It all began around 8 a.m. Feb. 28, when a business in the 300 block of W. Institute Plc. reported a burglary. Someone had made off with a computer, a Chromebook, an iMac, and other elec-

tronics valued at roughly \$8,300, according to a CPD report.

A company representative quickly located the property: Jeffers was sleeping with it at the Dunkin', 309 W. Chicago Ave., the police report said.



Fabian Jeffers

Officers arrested Jeffers, 59, at the scene.

A search of his jacket turned up two screwdrivers and a metal baton, which the police report characterized as "burglary tools."

The following day in court, prosecutors did not ask Judge

Thedford D'Anthony to detain Jeffers pending trial. He was released with instructions to return in five days. He did not return, so Judge Anthony Calabrese issued a warrant for his arrest, and court records show it remains active.

Jeffers' criminal history in Cook County stretches back to the Bush administration. No. The other Bush administration.

Among his prior cases, court records show a 1992 cocaine manufacturing and delivery charge that resulted in probation, a 1992 robbery conviction that carried a three-year sentence, a 1993 unlawful use of a weapon by a felon conviction resulting in

three years, and a 1995 burglary conviction resulting in three years. A 1997 burglary brought seven years, and a 2004 felon in possession of a firearm conviction resulted in four years.

More recently, judges have shown increasing leniency. A 2016 burglary was reduced to theft and resulted in a four-year sentence. A 2015 burglary was reduced to misdemeanor theft with 364 days time served. A 2019 aggravated battery of a merchant charge resulted in a two-year sentence satisfied by time served.

The hugs and rainbows approach continues into this decade. A 2023 narcotics conviction was

reduced to a misdemeanor, resulting in 20 days time served. A 2024 residential burglary charge was reduced to a misdemeanor, resulting in 75 days time served. A 2025 felony drug possession case was reduced to a misdemeanor which, combined with a misdemeanor domestic battery charge, resulted in 109 days time served.

Jeffers now faces a new burglary charge in the Feb. 28 case, assuming he is located and brought before a judge again.

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falsely identify him."

We asked Yohnika whether he could point to any problematic cases involving state or local law enforcement in Illinois.

"Not at this time," he said. He went on to reference the state's record of false convictions and noted that Clearview AI, a private facial recognition company, is barred from contracting its database of facial images to law enforcement agencies in Illinois, at least until 2027.

Yohnika also acknowledged that the ACLU has found no examples of anyone being criminal-

ly charged in Illinois based solely on a facial recognition match with no corroborating evidence, though he added that a lack of public reporting on how the tools are used makes it difficult to know the full picture.

We put a broader question to Yohnika: Investigators are human, and the investigative process is not perfect. Erroneous detentions happen, sometimes based on fingerprints, DNA, or eyewitness accounts. Everyone wants those errors minimized. So why are mistakes by facial recognition considered intolerable enough to warrant an outright ban, while no one is seeking bans on other iden-

tification methods — including eyewitness identification, which is essentially facial recognition by a human rather than software?

"We should be working to address concerns for all unwarranted detentions," Yohnika replied. "But the fact that some other procedures may be flawed should not give a permission structure to add on another layer of flawed technology."

Cassidy's bill failed to advance out of the Illinois House Judiciary — Civil Committee before the body adjourned late last month and was sent back to the Rules Committee. By that point, 227 people had submitted witness slips opposing

the measure. One person submitted a slip in support.

Before the bill was sent back to Rules, Rep. Kevin Olickal [16th], also a politician from the city's Far North Side, signed on as a co-sponsor. He did not reply to an inquiry about his decision. On April 2, Rep. Lilian Jiménez [4th], based in Humboldt Park, became a co-sponsor, too.

Republican Rep. Patrick Sheehan [37th] of Homer Glen, who also works as a police officer, was not shy about where he stands.

"Well, it sounds like Rep. Cassidy wants a lot of crime to be unsolved and literally bring us back into the Stone Age when it

comes to fighting crime," Sheehan told the Center Square. "I think it would bring us back 250 years in terms of what our law enforcement is able to do."

Some observers are pushing for a middle path rather than an outright ban: codifying best practices, prohibiting arrests based solely on facial recognition, and requiring regular training and certification of officers who use facial recognition on the job. Another possibility: requiring that any biometric data belonging to someone who is cleared as a suspect or found not to be relevant to a case be purged within 72 hours.

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This season's DCASE exhibitions and programs invite residents and visitors alike to be inspired and experience the arts.

2026 Spring & Summer Exhibitions:

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Chicago-based artist Aguilar presents a two-part retrospective exploring the themes of communication, translation and collaboration. Through acts of translation and shared authorship, Aguilar invites artists, friends, family members and even strangers into his creative process, transforming the exhibition into a living dialogue.

The exhibition features works created with a range of collabora-

tors including Saoirse Ahumada Furin, Jess Bass, Cecilia Beaven, Julieta Beltrán Lazo, Alex Bradley Cohen, Maria Burundarena, Joeeun Kim, Joshua Mitchell, Jonas Müller-Anheim, Ricardo Vilas Freire and Zespo.

Ornament & Information Apr. 10 – July 19, Chicago Rooms

Ornament & Information presents artists working in Chicago and Vienna whose practices explore the historic intellectual exchange between the two cities — from modern architecture to mid-century economic thought. Through sculpture, painting and conceptual approaches, the exhibition reflects on how ideas evolve as they move between cultural contexts.

The exhibition is curated in partnership with Gertie Chicago and featured artists include Anna Sophie Berger, Gaylen Gerber, Benjamin Hirte, B. Ingrid Olson, Devin T. Mays, Max Guy, Josef Strau, Isabelle Frances McGuire, Walter Pichler, Diane Simpson, Miriam Stoney, Valentina Triet, Micah Schippa Wildfong, Heimo Zobernig.

Public programs include an opening reception on Friday, April 10, in the Chicago Rooms

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Tangible Sound: Arrival to a Higher Ground Apr. 25 – Sept. 27, Michigan Avenue Galleries

Photographer Lauren Deutsch and filmmaker Jonathan Woods present an exhibition translating the energy of Chicago's improvised music scene into color, movement and visual form. Developed by the Tangible Sound Collaborative, the project celebrates the city's legendary experimental music community and honors the influence of the Assoc. for the Advancement of Creative Musicians.

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screenings, presented in partnership with Cinema/Chicago. Each week's screening will highlight cinema of a different country, offering audiences the chance to discover global stories on the big screen.

The screenings take place every Wednesday evening in the Claudia Cassidy Theater throughout the summer. All screenings are free and open to the public.

Under the Dome Apr. 23, 2026 | 5–8:30 p.m., Preston Bradley Hall

Experience live music beneath the magnificent Tiffany glass dome during Under the Dome, an intimate concert event. This evening brings together local artists and audiences for a unique cultural gathering inside the landmark Chicago Cultural Center.

In addition to live performances by musicians, the event will feature a community clothing swap in partnership with Chicago Fair Trade, encouraging sustainability and creative exchange among attendees. Designed as a welcoming space for artists and audiences alike, the Under the Dome series highlights the Chicago Cultural Center as a place where music, creativity and community intersect.

This all-ages, alcohol-free event offers a relaxed and accessible concert experience for residents and visitors. American Sign Language will be provided. Performers will be announced at a later date.

Motion/Pictures Dance Project with Jasmin Taylor Apr. 25, 3–4:30 p.m.

Join Motion/Pictures Dance Project (MPDP) for a public program exploring the intersection of dance and film through movement, storytelling and collaborative creative practice. The Chicago-based production company works at the intersection of choreography and cinematic language, expanding narrative space through rhythm, image and embodied expression.

Founded by director and producer Talia Koylass, MPDP creates work that uplifts Black and Black-diasporic stories while exploring emotional nuance and challenging social norms through movement. This program will feature a presentation with artist Jasmin Taylor, explaining how choreography and film can merge to create boundary-pushing storytelling.

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and if it's not going to be downtown property owners, then it's going to be the neighborhoods. The city, county and state have made it clear they do not intend to slow down their spending. The 946,000-square-foot Madison St. tower is the latest victim of this cratering market. It isn't the first to fall and won't be the last.

According to TheReadDeal.com, the immediate trigger for the loan's failure in January was an alleged "imminent monetary default" set to cause a \$1 million shortfall the building's lender was expected to suffer for last month's payment cycle, loan data shows.

As part of HNA's bankruptcy proceedings in 2023, the building's anchor tenant Northern Trust — long its largest occupant

— executed a two-year lease extension, pushing its expiration from the end of 2025 to Dec. 31, 2027. The bank slashed its space by nearly half, contracting from 400,000 square feet to

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just 225,000 square feet. It's a familiar tale of unintended 'Black Swan-like' consequences emanating from Chicago's post-COVID, post-government-imposed eco-

nomie lockdown world. For now, our former golden goose has been cooked, after public officials showed Chicagoans they don't really have to go downtown to work or play.

To make matters worse for the landlords, the Northern Trust deal included a four-month free rent period that began this year. The deal now suffers under a 60% op-

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ing in its entirety to Parker. Condominium unit owners at 327-335 W. Belden made individual decisions to sell to Parker over time, and each unit holder did so voluntarily.

At the meeting, school officials laid out the current school expansion plans for discussion. The meeting ran for nearly three hours and saw strong opinions from all sides. To support the expansion, Parker would develop a new educational building at 327-335 W. Belden. It would be their first physical expansion onto Belden.

Neighbors on Belden now see that the camel's nose has slipped under the tent.

For now, Parker has committed that 317-325 W. Belden will remain as a multi-family residential building for 30 years, "preserving existing high-quality housing units that contribute to the city's tax base." Few people at the recent community meeting will be around in 2056 to press their concerns... but the school likely will be.

So a word of caution to those future neighbors: the existing zoning does allow for Parker or a third-party developer to remove both buildings and construct a much taller, and denser building.

The other buildings would be connected to the school by an overpass that would cross over an east-west alley north of the school's main building. New

erating expense ratio, and an 86% occupancy rate that will now fall further as the bank vacates their extra space.

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dead loans on downtown property.

While 181 W. Madison is much less valuable today than the \$375 million appraisal it fetched in October 2019, it's clear that this foreclosure will contribute to the added tax burden communities outside the Loop will have to bear. Yes, that means you.

lights would also be added to the outdoor sporting field to the south and east of the main building.

The Belden site is just over 16,000 square feet. This site allows the school to implement its educational program while keeping the height of the building within the range of adjacent residential buildings. The planned reconstructing of 327-335 W. Belden also honors the architectural character and height of the existing structure and residential streetscape, with reuse of original decorative elements where possible.

The proposal, if it is approved in full, would include space for 125 additional students, added over a seven-year period. Tuition at Parker now runs from \$46,000 to \$52,000 per year, so those spaces would generate over \$6 million a year in new revenue.

As a deal sweetener, Parker said they would contribute to a 100% affordable housing development on the west side of Clark St.

The school also claims that up to 25% of the new students would be offered financial assistance.

The Parker's proposal depends on obtaining certain formal city approvals, and they expect to start the required planned development effort that will include dealing with the Lakefront Protection Ordinance. They say their negotiations with the City over their phased project will begin this month. Field lights, security cameras and pedestrian lighting

could be installed first, followed by the Belden construction, which school officials said would begin no sooner than 2028 or later.

"This is a topic many neighbors feel strongly about due to its history in our ward, and while the conversation was at times heated, there were substantive questions asked that assist our negotiation and decision-making process," said Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd].

Parker is raising funds for the proposal through their private sources. They say that no taxpayer or tuition dollars or income from annual Parker fundraising would be used to fund the project.

The Alderman says he and his staff are now reviewing all the feedback, including written forms, emails, and phone calls. He promised that this feedback would be compiled and made public.

Demand for a Parker education is strong and there continues to be many more applicants each year than there are available openings. Surely Parker's best salesman is the general dysfunction of Chicago Public Schools [CPS].

Indeed Chicagoans are leaving the city in part because of a lack of educational opportunities and/or a lack of affordable educational opportunities. The sorry state of CPS may be the greatest moral failure - of many - that Chicago must bear now. The CPS truancy, math and reading skill numbers are a national embarrassment.

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