

I've had so much plastic surgery, when I die, they will donate my body to Tupperware.

— Joan Rivers

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Chicago proposed 'fire-trap' ordinance sparks flames

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Chicago may be the Windy City, but it also is home of some of the greatest fires of the past century.

The Great Chicago Fire of 1871—when most city neighborhoods consisted of wooden balloon-frame homes—claimed more than 300 lives, displaced 100,000 people and scorched 3.3 square miles of the Windy City.

A few years later, in 1903, the Iroquois Theater fire at 26 W. Randolph in Chicago's Loop took 602 lives.

In 1958, the devastating "Our Lady of the Angels" elementary school fire at 909 N. Avers in Humboldt Park tragically took the lives of 92 children and teachers.



Ald. Matt Martin

In 2003, the E2 Club fire at 2347 S. Michigan Ave. claimed the lives of 21 young people at a social event.

So, when 47th Ward Ald. Matt Martin recently proposed an ordinance that would let developers construct buildings of up to five stories with a single stairwell, eyebrows rose.

It is true that none of the historic disasters mentioned above took place in buildings that would be covered by Ald. Martin's proposed ordinance.

However, fire experts and building-department leaders aren't ready to go out on a ladder. The proposed change to the city's building code is drawing push-back over safety concerns from Chicago fire officials and other critics, including a firefighter union leader who said it "should be avoided at all costs."

FIRE-TRAP see p. 4



The Joyce Kilmer Triangle Monument may soon be returning to the three-way intersection of N. Rogers, W. Birchwood, and N. Ashland avenues.

Joyce Kilmer Triangle Monument work underway

While not completed in time for Memorial Day, the 49th Ward office reports that the construction on the Joyce Kilmer Triangle Monument in Rogers Park has begun.

The monument was installed in 1953 and donated by the American Legion Post 780. It is located in a triangle at the intersection of Birchwood, Ashland, and Rogers. Last year, the Chicago Dept. of Transportation undertook an intersection redesign and had to remove the monument. Future plans for the monument, including providing a new placement spot for it were included in the redesign.

Joyce Kilmer was a celebrated American Poet best known for his poem, "Trees." He also enlisted and served in the New York National Guard during World War I and was deployed to France in 1917 with the 69th Infantry Regiment. He was killed in battle at the Second Battle of the Marne in 1918 at the age of 31. Many schools and parks across the country are named in his honor, including our very own Kilmer

Elementary School.

Plans include brick pavers, a pedestal for the monument, and natural stone landscaping features that will create a mini-plaza for reflection around the monument. Ald. Maria Hadden reports that the new space for the monument should be ready to be unveiled in a couple of weeks.

New Playground

Just to the west of Kilmer Elementary School, 6700 N. Greenview Ave., the school's new playground is taking shape. There will be two separate play areas with age-appropriate equipment, funded by CPS, located on Kilmer's current playground space.

Adjoining these two areas will be a nature play space, made possible by \$200,000 won by Kilmer parents through our Participatory Budgeting process. Already, the entire space has been fenced off and the old play equipment removed, with the full project scheduled for completion reportedly in time for the fall semester.

Bill creates gender and reproductive care regulations for out-of-state foster placements

BY HANNAH WEBSTER
Capitol News Illinois

A bill that would require the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services [DCFS] to consider access to reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare before placing foster children out of state passed the legislature during the last week of session.

Gender-affirming healthcare includes a range of social, psychological, behavioral, and medical options designed to treat an individual's gender identity when it conflicts with their biological sex. It includes hormone therapy, surgeries on reproductive organs,

harsh puberty blocker drugs, mental health support, and social transition assistance.

The legislation, if signed into law, will require that DCFS conduct individualized risk assessments before placing a foster child in another state. The assessment would specifically consider whether the youth or their caregiver could face criminal charges for healthcare that is legal in Illinois or whether the youth would lose access to healthcare that is legal in Illinois.

Sponsored by North Side State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, House Bill 4966 came amid updated federal policy known as the SECURE Act

[Safeguards to Ensure Continuity and Uphold Rights and Equity] that bans some of these services, including abortions and gender- and sexuality-related healthcare and surgeries across state lines.

According to DCFS, 68 foster children are currently placed in other states. HB 4966 would only apply to children 8 years old or older.

Several major Chicago hospital systems continue to offer gender-affirming surgical procedures for adults, though many have suspended services for minors due to federal funding pressure.

BILL see p. 12

Chicago's Berlin Wall Monument at Western Ave. Brown Line Station remains hidden through end of July

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PETER VON BUOL

Despite not being visible, Chicago's Berlin Wall Monument remains on site at the CTA's Western Brown Line station during the station's ongoing more than two-year long \$19 million reconstruction project.

Located at 4648 N. Western Ave., the usually very visible monument has been a local tourist attraction since it was first unveiled in 2008. It continues to be among the city landmarks featured on the website of Chicago, the city's official tourism agency. Its lack of visibility has caused some commuters to ask if the Cold War landmark had been removed.



According to a CTA spokesman, the landmark section of Berlin Wall has not been removed from the Western Ave. Brown Line station, but is being stored off-site while station work progresses.

According to a spokesperson for the city's transit agency, the landmark has not been removed and stored off-site.

"The Monument remains on

site at CTA's Western Brown Line station and has not been removed. [It] is currently being protect-

MONUMENT see p. 12

Public hearing on Bryn Mawr landmarking effort

The Commission on Chicago Landmarks hosted a public hearing Monday in City Hall on the proposed landmark designation for the Bryn Mawr Avenue District, and on the preliminary disapproval of the permit application for demolition of 1114 W Bryn Mawr.

Local landmarking can forestall the forthcoming planned demolition of the Fischer Building at 1112-1114 Bryn Mawr Ave., a contributing building to the historic district. The two-story commercial building immediately east of the elevated rail tracks was built in 1909 for John Fischer. Over time it housed a billiard parlor and a dance hall on the 2nd floor, with grocers the most common tenants at the street level.

Norridge-based Harlem Irving Co. has a planned six-story development on the entire block where a former Nookies restaurant was located. They have been granted approval to demolish the rest of

the block, but were denied approval for a permit to demolish the Fischer Building because it is a contributing structure to the historic district.

The preliminary disapproval of the permit application triggered an expedited 90-day landmark designation process for the proposed Bryn Mawr Avenue Historic District.

The proposed local landmarking of the Historic District runs along Bryn Mawr from Sheridan to Broadway. The area is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On April 2, the Commission approved the recommendation for Preliminary Landmark status of the Bryn Mawr Avenue Historic District.

Monday's public hearing was held to gather facts and information to assist the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in deciding

BRYN MAWR see p. 12

Would Old Man Daley have let the Bears think about leaving?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The Governor and Illinois Legislature left unfinished their effort to keep the Chicago Bears in town.

There was no Springfield solution. No Chicago City Hall solution. And the Bears Board of Directors voted to advance the stadium in Indiana.

So now almost everyone expects the Hammond Bears will soon be unveiled.

Stalemates and inefficiencies in City Hall - not just this week, but over long periods of hand-wringing - just may have brought fans a second Indiana NFL football team. Moving to Northwest Indiana as so many other former Chicagoans have done.

This Bears fiasco could never have happened when the Daley clan ruled. Their recipe for success happened during a better time for Chicago politics and American consciousness. When this was still a good town to do business in, when leadership wasn't just about picking your pockets.

That was a time when Chicago was both aggressively inventive and hungry for designs and planned progress. Chicago once offered "solution" giants. Now our leadership features gifters.

The Daleys presided over a seemingly endless lifetime of problem-solving and rigorous urban invention. They knew to take care of the little details on a massive scale, and nourished hard-nosed Chicago life. Yes, it was the post-war world of the 1950s, when we could reap the harvest of invention, common sense and healthy political leadership. Chicago sparked during both the Eisenhower administration and in the bitter Cold War. We beat the Soviets back then, but now the Soviets seem to run City Hall.

Chicago flourished, functioning with verifiable political achievements. The vast cultural commitments from political loyalists from Rogers Park to Hegewisch, stretched the full 27 miles of lakefront, bringing commerce, culture, professional sports, economic development, urban growth and political influence.

Nothing identified the dynamic actions of Daley Sr. more than the major construction of downtown skyscrapers, expressways, subways and landmarks during his time in office.

Chicago embraced the chance to grow and expand, keeping skilled architects busy. The passion for high-rise construction lifted Chicago out of its Midwestern self-understanding. Chicago residents could visibly see the possibilities for economic expansion and architectural elegance as no city in the nation could.

This massive post-WWII economic and aesthetic boom spread across Chicago's neighborhoods and the central business district, our golden goose. It revitalized Navy Pier and modernized the CTA. Our city improved efficiency and customer service, grew health benefits and rights for domestic partners, which brought Chicago to fresh leadership. By 1996 the presidential conventions had returned to Chicago.

Resurgence of Chicago's political influence in America was in full swing. Chicago politicians cherished Chicago sports. Team owners like the Wrigleys, the Halas Family and Bill Veeck weren't just Chicago celebrities, they were a deep part of this city's fabric. Our sports teams lifted Chicago, perhaps reaching a pinnacle with the Bears' Super Bowl victory in 1986, and yes, the Cubs World Series win in 2016.

That's why it's so sad now to see Bears fans so betrayed and ill served. Lackluster leadership in Chicago's political apparatus is beyond dismal. Useless, unintelligent, paralyzing missteps are all good adjectives that come to mind.

Could you imagine our present mayor shaping the career and election of John Fitzgerald Kennedy for the presidency? Or helping bring on commercial flights at O'Hare Airport just as jets were being invented? Or orchestrating the construction of the John Hancock Center, the Sears Tower, or a world class lakefront stadium?

What passes for political leadership in Chicago these days is a mere shadow of what it was when we had the Daleys at our helm. It's as fake as a \$5000 designer suit on a carnival barker who is past due on his water bill.

How quickly things fell apart. Leadership is about guiding your business through difficult times. Where's our leadership? Nobody knows where the local economy is headed, certainly our Loop is struggling, businesses are leaving, and the property tax burden is shifting to our neighborhoods, so borrowing a few billion backed by taxpayers while worrying about interest rates means this isn't the time for new stadium projects. You don't want to be left without a chair if the music stops. Remember, only last December the Mayor spent our city checking account down to zero. We're broke.

St. Jude is the patron of impossible things. I'm certain that the Daleys, father and son, had him on speed dial during their long decades of service. Look around and you can see all they created, even if much



Richard J. and Richard M. Daley.

of it is starting to rust.

Say a prayer to St. Jude. Otherwise, it's Hammond here we come. Last one out, please pay the water bill.

PRESIDENTIAL CENTER: Friday, June 19 is the opening of the Obama Presidential Center, fast becoming part of the celebration of America's 250th anniversary. What could be more significant and Chicago-proud than commemorating the nation's first Black president. Just what we need. The Obama patriotism still is lifting America.

On July 27, Chicago Philharmonic brings its flagship Side by Side program to the John Lewis Plaza of the Obama Presidential Center. Community musicians are invited to bring their instruments for a free rehearsal led by Artistic Director and Conductor **Scott Speck**, culminating in a summer evening concert shared on the plaza. Listeners are invited to enjoy the music at the newly opened Center.

THE THEATER: **Laurie Metcalf** has been redesigning American theater productions for half a century since she and her group of college pals founded Steppenwolf Theater. It's no shock she won her third Tony Award for her performance on Broadway in **Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman**.

ON THE RIVER: Trump Tower officially will have a new tenant, leasing a 2,800-square-foot terrace-level space to the Mediterranean-inspired Cafe Prasino. Set to open in 2027 at 401 N. Wabash Ave., it ends a 17-year vacancy at the base of the tower.

WHAT'S IN A NAME: The movement to salute former President **Barack Obama** with a street in his name along the Wabash Ave. corridor would place his name on land occupied by the Trump Tower, intended to poke the bear, an ironic, if not shallow Chicago political maneuver.

Publicity Club of Chicago's Lifetime Achievement Award is one of the highest individual honor in local media, recognizing a communications, marketing, or public relations leader whose career has made an extraordinary and lasting impact on the profession. They'll be naming a new winner this year during the the 68th Annual Golden Trumpet Awards. Past honorees include some of Chicago's most influential communications leaders, including **Daniel J. Edelman, Al Golin, Richard Edelman, Betsy Plank, Tom Burrell, Michelle Flowers Welch, Carol Fox, and David Axelrod**. Nominations are open through Friday, June 26.

HER FIRST: After all of these years, **Maria Veeck** is having her first solo show at August House Studio in Roscoe Village, titled "View From A Room" at 2113 W. Roscoe St. Opening reception is 6 p.m. Friday, June 26. Go check it out.

BAR NEWS: **Perry J. Browder** of Alton has been sworn in as the 150th President of the Illinois State Bar Assn. at the Supreme Court of Illinois Building in Springfield.

CANINE BLISS: The CTA plans to bring a walking path, dog parks and playground underneath the Red Line tracks to 10 blocks of Edgewater and Uptown. Construction scheduled to begin soon.

WAIT, WAIT: NPR announced that regular "Wait! Wait!... Don't Tell Me!" panelist **Alzo Slade** will replace **Bill Kurtis** as the show's judge and scorekeeper. Kurtis retired last month.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO: Zoo Fiesta is "su fiesta" and everyone is invited. Bring the whole family for a celebration of Latin cultures and communities at Lincoln Park Zoo on June 26.

GERMAN: **Heidi Christen** is departing as Executive Director of the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center. Her time at DANK came with strengthening of cultural programming, educational offerings, and community partnerships, keeping the DANK Haus a vital hub of German-American life in Lincoln Square. Based on 2025 census estimates, over 200,000 residents in Chicago identify with German ancestry, and 2.1 million statewide.



Laurie Metcalf

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Tribune reporter to speak on Madigan years July 11



Ray Long

Former Illinois House Speak Michael Madigan will be the topic of a free public talk, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Edgewater Branch Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

The presentation will be given by retired Chicago Tribune reporter Ray Long, who covered Madigan for over 40 years. Long has just published a book on his experience with Madigan called "The House That Madi-

gan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer."

Madigan was the longest-serving legislative leader in American history before he was convicted on federal corruption charges and sentenced to prison last year. His power was so feared that few state representatives or other public officials ever even spoke of the vast, and open corruption undertaken in the Madigan years in power.

Levy Center hosts City Clerk Valencia for June 24 meeting

City Clerk, Anna Valencia will be the guest speaker for the next Northeast Levy Center Village Zoom meeting 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 24.

Valencia will be speaking on the Office of the City Clerk, its functions, and the ways it is bringing services directly to residents, as well as their current modernization efforts.

Additional updates from com-

munity members and organizations will be shared. To register for the meeting (and obtain a Zoom link), email Sean Dolan at sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org.

Those who wish to join the meeting can use Zoom Meeting ID: 886 8091 2480 and Passcode: 142325. Those who prefer to call in the number is 312-626-6799 with the same passcode and ID.

FIRE-TRAP from p. 1

Advocates say the proposed “Fire-Trap Ordinance” is a bid to make apartment construction more affordable and to increase higher density development. The Home Front column asks: What is Ald. Martin smoking?

That’s as crazy as building concrete barriers all over the roadways making it impossible for people to ‘pull to the right for sirens and lights.’

Let’s turn the clock back to 1945, when during the post-World War II housing shortage, builders and landlords were allowed to split up residential buildings to create more “fire-trap” apartments.

For example, a typical three-flat apartment in Old Town was chopped up into seven units, including a dank one-bedroom basement abode where renters likely shared space with rats. Each apartment had only one exit stairway and no fire escapes. In 1948, renters typically paid \$16 to \$20 a month and shared the one bathroom on each level.

Today’s older Old Towners recall some cash-strapped, worried renters on upper floors would tie a rope to their bed post at night for quick window escape in case of a fire disaster.

Last year, Ald. Martin introduced legislation to allow apartment buildings between two and six stories to be constructed with only one stairwell and entrance and exit on each floor. Currently, only two-story buildings are allowed to have one stairway.

That ordinance has since been revised to apply to buildings with



1871 Chicago Fire map.



The Gold Coast after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.



Marlene Hopkins, Comr. Buildings Dept.

a maximum of five stories after earlier feedback from the fire department, Martin said.

The proposed code change—which would bring Chicago in line with similar so-called “progressive practices” in New York City, Seattle and other cities—would also mean developers could skip constructing central hallways in the impacted buildings, giving them more space to build apartments or to construct larger, family-sized units.

Housing providers would also save money on construction costs by only needing to build one stairwell instead of two, advocates said.

At a recent hearing on the ordinance held by the City Council’s

zoning committee, Martin said the measure would act as one tool to boost apartment production across Chicago, something sorely needed amid the North Side’s affordable housing shortage.

“While this is not a silver bullet by any means, I think one modest solution involves reforming our staircase regulations around three-, four- and five-story buildings,” Martin said.

The legislation would also require single-stair buildings to include modern fire protection protocols, including sprinklers and self-closing doors. Sprinklers are generally required in buildings with four or more units, but there are some exceptions allowed.

Still, the measure garnered skepticism and opposition at the hearing, where no vote on the ordinance was taken. The Chicago Fire Dept. and the Building Dept. opposed it in its current form.

Erik Steinmetz, president of the Chicago Firefighters Local 2 Union, said during the public comment period that the code change would result in deaths “and should be avoided at all costs.”

“A second stairway is not an architectural luxury. It’s a life-safety feature. It is a second chance when a first path fails,” Steinmetz noted.

Chicago building code currently requires buildings with more than two stories to have more than one stairwell. Exterior stairways like a back porch can also qualify for buildings up to four stories.

Construction experts also won-

der if the city’s powerful building trade unions would give the green light to the single-stairway suggestion. After all, a typical union carpenter’s stairway-labor workload would be cut in half.

Ordinance proposing single-stairway new apartments

The ordinance, proposed by Ald. Matt Martin, would allow a single-stairway in new-construction apartments when the following stipulations are met:

- Maximum 5-story new-construction buildings with 4-units per floor.
- A minimum of 13 water sprinklers per floor in 5-story buildings.
- Corridor separation between units and a stairway with two-hour fire rating.
- Maximum 20 feet of travel distance between unit exit door and stairway.
- Smoke detectors in all common areas, independent of sprinklers.
- Self-closing doors throughout.

—Don DeBat

Martin’s measure would extend the single-stair rules to buildings up to five stories, with no more than four apartments per floor, for a maximum unit count of 20 dwellings. Only new buildings would be impacted.

Affordable housing advocate Alex Montero, chairman of Strong Towns Chicago, said the one-stairway ordinance with

mandated sprinklers could spark the construction of more below-market-rate apartments because any new building with more than 10 units would have to follow the city’s affordability requirements.

However, influential city leaders are far from on board with the current version of the ordinance. During a recent presentation, Dept. of Buildings Cmsr. Marlene Hopkins expressed concern about the proposed ordinance, and said it could harm the safety of both building residents and firefighters.

“When one exit becomes compromised by fire, smoke, structural failure or emergency operations, occupants and first responders must have an alternative path available,” said Marlene Hopkins.

“For decades, Chicago has required multiple independent means of egress in residential buildings, because redundancy saves lives,” Hopkins said. “When one exit becomes compromised by fire, smoke, structural failure or emergency operations, occupants and first responders must have an alternative path available.”

Jim McDonough, the assistant deputy commissioner of the Chicago Fire Dept., noted that two stairwells in smaller buildings are vital during fires so one can be used for evacuations, while firefighters utilize the other one to do searches and stage the operation.

“With two stairwells, we’re quicker in our primary searches. We get water on that fire quicker. It’s like clockwork. Then, everyone goes home,” McDonough said.

He also added that the fire department has only 10 tower-ladder trucks in the city that can reach up to the sixth floor of a building.

Despite the push back from experts, Ald. Martin still believes his single-stair proposal has legs, and could benefit Chicagoans in need of new housing. Martin said the measure could possibly come up for a council vote by July.

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Lakeview leads city in air bag thefts from vehicles

City effectively gave up investigating air bag thefts

BOB ZULEY

“We’re number one!” is not the slogan we want to hear when discussing victimization. There will be no foam #1 fingers handed out. Well, maybe one with a different foam finger displayed...

Congrats are going out to Lakeview by Chicago’s various roving criminal gangs who helped put them on top. The neighborhood sitting between Lincoln Park and Uptown holds the current record for having the most air bag thefts from vehicles in the city – with West Town, Logan Square, Belmont Cragin, Humboldt Park, and Avondale bringing up the rear. These six communities [out of the city’s 77 community areas] account for

42% of all reported air bag thefts in the city.

Air bag thefts racked up more than 1,200 victims in the first four months of 2026. Those 1,200 crimes of opportunity resulted in exactly one arrest – and the one man charged [from Elgin who allegedly committed a Pilsen theft] entered into a deferred prosecution with officials, meaning he won’t be convicted if he stays out of trouble for one year and isn’t caught with a weapon.

If you want to know why your car insurance bill has gone up so much in the last year, these air-bag thefts are a big reason why. For the sake of comparison, there were only 70 reported air bag thefts in the entire city during the preceding three years, according to a report by WBEZ.

The most common vehicles targeted in air bag thefts are Honda’s



A stolen steering wheel air bag. Photo courtesy Manuel Martinez WBEZ

and Acura’s – with thieves specifically targeting 2012-2016 Honda Civics and CR-Vs because of their popularity and the ease of which the steering column can be pried open, and the air bag module removed.

While police may complete an incident report documenting the theft, police have suspended air bag theft investigations quickly, and virtually all cases have gone unsolved. Theft investigations often result in a drain of investi-

gators’ time and can be difficult to solve without video or forensic evidence. Adding to the dilemma is that air bags may have a model number of the vehicle but lack the vehicle’s identification number [VIN] making it impossible to trace it back to the vehicle.

Anthony Riccio, who retired as the First Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Dept. in August 2020, says the spike in air bag thefts likely means criminals have noticed that police aren’t doing much to combat the problem.

“Thieves smash car windows, swipe air bags and sell them on the black market for a few hundred bucks. Because it happens in minutes, or even seconds, it’s tough to make arrests,” Riccio told WBEZ.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas [36th]

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Illinois solons delay new credit card swipe fee law until 2027

Bankers gain upper hand over consumers after Trump intervenes

BY BOB ZULEY

The controversial law banning credit card “swipe fees” on sales taxes and tips has been delayed for a second time by Illinois legislators and now faces significant legal hurdles that leave its future uncertain following federal court intervention and a change of the Trump administration’s position.

On June 1, a federal judge issued a permanent injunction against the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act [IFPA], ruling that it is preempted by federal law for national banks, federal savings associations, and credit card networks.

Perhaps the biggest rationale behind the delay is the flip-flop of President Trump. The administration now sides with major banks and card networks against retailers to block Illinois’ landmark swipe fee ban.

President Trump had earlier expressed support for federal swipe fee reforms, however now his administration’s regulators actively moved to protect national banks from state-level fee limits.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [OCC] released an interim rule designed to preempt the Illinois IFPA. The rule shields national banks and federal savings associations from state laws restricting credit card interchange [swipe] fees.

The OCC’s intervention created friction with retailer groups who argued the agency’s crack-down on the state law contradicts Trump’s prior endorsement of the federal Credit Card Competition Act, said J. Craig Shearman of the Merchant Payments Coalition [MPC]. The group called on the administration to retract rules issued by the OCC that would block state laws on swipe care fees.

“This rogue move by the OCC flies in the face of President Trump saying we need to stop the swipe fee ripoff,” MPC executive member Doug Kantor said. “The President himself has recognized the harm these fees do to affordability, and an agency working



Mark Robertson, president of 2Bears Tavern Group. Courtesy IRMA

under his control should not be taking the opposite position. ... Illinois has taken an important step toward bringing swipe fees under control while waiting for Congress to take broader action.”

Citing the OCC’s preemptive rule change, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall issued a permanent injunction blocking the Illinois law. State-chartered institutions remain outside the immediate scope of the injunction.

Illinois lawmakers approved a one-year delay to the law’s implementation. The ban, which originally targeted the collection of swipe fees on retail taxes and tips, is now delayed until July 1, 2027.

In analyzing whether a permanent injunction would or would not harm the public interest, Judge Kendall stated that “while there is strong public interest for the people of Illinois to see their legislative determinations come to

fruition, there is a stronger interest still in ensuring the Supremacy Clause [Article VI, Clause 2 of the US Constitution] is properly effectuated.”

Kendall concluded that “in light of the new regulation, the Interchange Fee Limitation does ‘impose an undue burden on the performance of the banks’ functions’ ... and thus is invalid with regard to national banks, federal savings associations, and out-of-

state State banks.”

However, state banks chartered in Illinois and federal and state credit unions are still subject to the Interchange Fee Limitation under the Ruling. So another appeal to the Seventh Circuit is highly likely.

Mark Robertson, president of 2Bears Tavern Group, said, “Bluntly, this delay shows that

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Downtown store burglaries

Chicago police are warning residents of recent, related commercial burglary incidents in the Loop.

In both incidents, offender(s) enter into a small retail store by removing the sealant molding to extract a windowpane or door glass insert. Upon making entry, offender(s) remove property contained inside business, including currency contained inside cash registers, bottled liquor, and tobacco products.

Incidents include one on the 0-100 block of E. 9th St 2:10 a.m. Friday, June 5, and one on the 300 block of E. Wacker Dr. 12:36 a.m. Wednesday, June 10.

The offenders are described as African American male, 17-25 years old, 5'08-5'11, 160-180 lbs, with eyebrow/ear piercings, and a white female, 17-25 years old, black shirt with "crosses" on shoulders, blue pants.

Those who may have any information on these crimes can contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference # 26-3-022/

Armed robbery on Ashland

Chicago police are warning residents about a recent armed robbery with a handgun in Lincoln Park.

The incident occurred on the 2300 block of N. Ashland at 3:32 a.m. June 9, when the offenders, armed with firearms, entered restaurants through the drive-thru window and took cash registers.

The offenders are described as three to four Black males, 15-30 years old, all wearing black or grey sweat outfits and ski masks and driving a 2019 black Lexus IS 300.

Those who may have any information on this crime are asked to contact Detectives from Area One at 312-747-8384 or Area Three at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference # 26-CWP-017.

Pet dog swiped in West Ridge burglary



Chicago police are warning residents about a recent burglary in the West Ridge Neighborhood.

In the incident, a 10-year-old Chihuahua/Beagle mix dog, was taken from a vehicle parked in a parking lot during a vehicular burglary.

The incident occurred on the 2100 block of W. Peterson Ave. 12 noon June 10. The offender is described as a male African American, 25-35 years old, 6'0-6'4 tall, 160-180 lbs, with long dreadlocks, wearing a white tank top, blue jeans, and

white shoes.

Anyone who may have information on this crime can contact Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8263

or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference # JK289402.

Lake View menace rearrested

Lakeview East menace Leon Jackson was re-arrested on Monday, June 8 for aggravated battery in a public place. Jackson has a history of targeting individuals along Broadway, and many residents in Lakeview say they feel unsafe while he is present.

Jackson faces multiple charges for continuing to target neighborhood victim.

His pre-trial detention hearing was June 11, and his next hearing is tentatively scheduled for July 1.

Shooting on Lakeview lakefront may be gang-related

A man is recovering after being shot along the lakefront in Lakeview early June 14. The victim was near the tennis courts in the 3700 block of N. Recreation Dr. when someone opened fire, striking him in both thighs around 3:40 a.m., according to preliminary information gathered from police sources.

A CPD statement, which incorrectly said the shooting occurred at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, said the victim was "uncooperative in providing details of the incident to responding officers." The department also said it had not determined the man's age but reported that he was in good condition.

A law enforcement source said the victim is known to have gang affiliations. He is the second person shot in Lakeview this year, compared to one shooting victim at this point last year. However, the total remains well below the levels seen during several recent years.

Police had been patrolling Recreation Dr. and the lakefront clock tower area from late Saturday night until about 1 a.m. Sunday because large crowds had gathered there.

Before Lakeview's gentrification, the area was a popular summer gathering spot where gang clashes were common. Gang graffiti regularly covered portions of the lakefront seawall until about a decade ago. In fact, the shooting occurred at almost exactly the same spot where two people were shot on July 6, 2014. Another shooting happened in the same area on June 11, 2016. And a 23-year-old man was shot about 150 feet south of the clock tower early on July 30, 2016.

After gang-related shootings began increasing, the local police district periodically closed Recreation Drive to vehicle traffic on warm-weather weekends and holidays in an effort to reduce violence. The most recent shooting in that section of the lakefront occurred on Aug. 21, 2022. In Oct. 2024, two people were shot, one fatally, a couple of blocks south in the 3500 block of N. Belmont Harbor Dr. The case remains unsolved.

Alderman wants nightlife crackdown after woman is shot outside Lincoln Park bar

A 39-year-old woman remained in critical condition last week after she was shot outside a bar in Lincoln Park over the June 7, and the alderman

who represents the neighborhood is now pushing city officials to tighten the rules on the strip of nightlife businesses where it happened.

Chicago police responded to multiple calls of shots fired just before 3 a.m. Sunday in the 600 block of Belden Ave., with callers reporting people running from the area. Officers searched but found no victims, but the woman showed up at Northwestern Memorial Hospital about 45 minutes later with gunshot wounds to her chest and thigh and was rushed into surgery.

Officers went back to the area around Lincoln and Belden avenues, where they found shell casings at the entrance of an alley just east of Lincoln. A blood trail led toward the nearby bar district, officers at the scene said.

Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd], emailed constituents Sunday morning saying the woman had been shot outside a bar on the 600 block of Belden. By Monday, he said he had spoken with police and been told the shooting "was an isolated incident stemming from an altercation between a group of individuals after leaving a nearby bar on Lincoln Ave. and moving onto Belden Ave."

Knudsen said concerns about the Lincoln Ave. bar corridor are not new to his office.

"For several years, my office has been in contact with the City's Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Dept. and CPD related to this corridor, specifically to advocate for stricter rules on nightlife," he said. "On this stretch, there are a few businesses about which we consistently receive noise, cleanliness and safety complaints. Adjacent businesses and residents have called for a reevaluation of what is permitted along this corridor, and they have been partners in this ongoing advocacy."

He said he is "urging city departments to allow us to set new rules on this stretch of businesses to ensure that nothing like this happens again."

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261.

Former CHA Director, construction company owner part of \$4.8M kickback scheme

A former property director for the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] was given more than \$421,000 in kickbacks from the owner of a construction company in exchange for steering that owner to more than \$4.8 million in construction and renovation work at CHA properties, according to a June 9 indictment returned in federal court in Chicago.

The indictment accuses Ryan Ross, formerly a Director in the CHA's Property and Asset Management Dept., of receiving the kickbacks in 2023 and 2024 from Vanessa Rhodes, the President of Bell's Better Buildings, Inc., a Chicago company that did business as Twenty Eleven Construction, Inc.

In exchange for the kickbacks, Ross used his official position to fraudulently award construction, renovation, and other work to Twenty Eleven Construction and another company affiliated with Rhodes, the indictment states. As part of the scheme, Ross and Rhodes also caused Rhodes's husband to falsely represent himself to CHA property managers as an employee of the affiliated company who would purportedly complete the work on CHA units, the indictment states.

Ross and Rhodes concealed the fraud scheme, including Ross's financial interest in the CHA work he awarded to Twenty Eleven Construction and the affiliated company, by submitting false documents to the CHA, including proposals, scopes of work, and invoices, the indictment states.

Ross spent some of the kickback money to purchase a vehicle for himself and pay for repairs and renovations on his home, the indictment states.

The indictment charges Ross, 50, and Rhodes, 47, with eight counts of honest services fraud, each of which is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison. Arraignments in federal court in Chicago have not yet been scheduled.

The indictment was announced by Andrew S. Boutros, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Mabelle Jindra, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General.

Man drank up to 11 shots at a Wrigleyville bar before crashing into an Uber driver at 76 mph

A 21-year-old man who allegedly consumed up to 11 shots of tequila



at a Wrigleyville bar before racing through a red light on Addison St. at 76 mph and crashing into an Uber driver's SUV faces felony charges

James Bradley after prosecutors said he triggered a chain-reaction crash that seriously injured four people, including a childhood friend who suffered extensive injuries.

James Bradley is charged with two counts of aggravated DUI causing great bodily harm and two counts of aggravated reckless driving causing bodily harm in connection with the March 1 crash near Western Ave. and Addison St.

According to prosecutors, Bradley attended a bachelor party at a Wrigleyville bar that began around 11 p.m. Feb. 28 and included bottle service with two bottles of vodka and two bottles of tequila. Prosecutors said Bradley arrived around 11:15 p.m. and consumed between five and 10 shots of tequila during the event. His friend later purchased an additional bottle of tequila, and Bradley took another shot from that bottle before the gathering ended around 3 a.m., according to the allegations.

After the party, prosecutors said, Bradley offered to drive home a woman he had known since grammar school and another male friend.

Chicago police surveillance cameras allegedly captured Bradley's 2023 Honda running a red light at Addison St. and the Kennedy Expy. at about 3:20 a.m. Prosecutors said the Honda then ran another red light before reaching Western Ave., where it entered the intersection against a red signal and slammed into the driver's side of a 2023 Toyota SUV being operated by an Uber driver.

Data recovered from Bradley's vehicle showed it was traveling 76 mph in a 30 mph zone and that the brake pedal was not depressed at the time of impact, prosecutors said.

The collision flipped the Uber driver's SUV and sent Bradley's Honda into a third vehicle. The crash was recorded by Chicago police surveillance cameras and a red-light camera that activated when Bradley entered the intersection against the signal, according to prosecutors.

Police and firefighters found Bradley in the driver's seat with cuts to his face and head. A blood sample drawn at approximately 4 a.m., about 40 minutes after the crash, showed Bradley's blood-alcohol concentration was .143, according to prosecutors. The legal limit in Illinois is .08.

Bradley's childhood friend suffered the most severe injuries. Prosecutors said the 21-year-old sustained a lacerated liver that required surgery, fractures to both ankles, with one requiring surgical repair, fractures on both sides of her pelvis, and cranial trauma for which she continues to receive treatment.

The other passenger in Bradley's Honda, a 22-year-old man, suffered a broken upper right arm that required surgery, a broken nose, and fractured ribs.

The 58-year-old Uber driver sustained abdominal injuries, including a lacerated kidney, prosecutors said. His passenger, a 37-year-old man, suffered minor injuries. The 41-year-old woman driving the third vehicle was not injured.

Bradley has no prior criminal record, but prosecutors noted that he has received three speeding citations in DuPage County since 2022, including one issued in January.

During Bradley's initial court appearance on May 19, defense attorney Stephen Komie said he was surprised prosecutors sought to have Bradley detained pending trial. The lawyer noted that Bradley had cooperated with investigators and voluntarily surrendered to police.

But Judge Antara Rivera granted the state's detention petition, citing Bradley's driving history and the circumstances of the crash, saying she felt Bradley "hasn't learned his lesson."

"It is a miracle that everybody is alive, and that's what's concerning to me," the judge added.

But, nine days later, Judge Robert Kuzas felt differently and ordered Bradley released from custody to await trial, records show.

Burglar who targeted 14 luxury homes across Chicago gets 10-year sentence, but he'll be out in less than five



Gregory Miller (right) a surveillance image of the burglars.

A suburban man who formed a burglary crew that specifically targeted high-end homes in Chicago to steal valuable jewelry, cash, and other property has been sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to 14 residential break-ins. But records show he is expected to be released after serving less than half that time.



Prosecutors said Gregory Miller, 37, and two accomplices burglarized more than a dozen homes from Lincoln Park to Bucktown and West Town during a months-long crime wave in 2024, making off with property worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. When Chicago police finally caught up with Miller, he allegedly told them he committed the crimes to support his relatives.

Court records show Miller had been accused of burglarizing a Chinatown woman's home in April 2023, but prosecutors allowed him to plead the case down to a misdemeanor trespassing charge on Valentine's Day 2024.

Just three months later, on May 11, Miller broke into a Humboldt Park family's home and stole up to \$200,000 in jewelry, prosecutors alleged. The burglary in the 2400 block of W. Haddon was the first of many more to come.

He was also accused of targeting luxury homes in the 1000 block of N. Wood on May 14; the 1800 block of N. Maud on May 16; the 1600 block of W. Erie on July 14; the 1400 block of W. Erie on Sept. 3; the 1700 block of W. Erie on Sept. 18, and the 2000 block of W. Race on Sept. 20.

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Mpox remains a concern; Vaccinations offered by CDPH

BY PETER VON BUOL

Throughout the month of June, Chicago's Dept. of Public Health [CDPH] has been holding Mpox vaccination events throughout the city, and continues to offer Mpox vaccinations at city clinics.

According to officials at the CDPH, Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) is a viral infection, with symptoms that can include a painful and uncomfortable rash or sores (which appear like pimples or blisters) throughout the body, often accompanied by a flu-like illness or the swelling of lymph nodes.

Severe cases of Mpox can require hospitalization, particularly among persons with other health conditions or those who are immunocompromised.

Mpox is spread through close, personal contact with someone who has been experiencing symptoms.

Symptoms of an Mpox infection typically appear 7-14 days after exposure but in some instances, an outbreak may occur days earlier or even, 17 days after exposure, according to officials at the CDPH.

While Mpox can affect anyone, it continues to primarily affect gay and bisexual men and is spread through intimate contact and also, contaminated towels and linens. Chicago has typically experienced increased infection numbers during Pride Month, when visitors come to Chicago and sometimes participate in

anonymous sex with others.

The next community vaccination events will occur 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday June 20 at Black Male Wellness Day at Jackson Park, 6233 S. Stony Island Ave. and Tuesday, June 23, from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Touche, 6412 N. Clark St. The CDPH's Sexual Health Clinic at 2849 N. Clark St. offers Mpox vaccinations on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Last year, between June 1 and Nov. 24, 2025, the CDPH reported 166 new Mpox cases, a 374% increase (35 cases were reported during the same period of 2024) from the previous year. New cases were primarily among those who had not been vaccinated against the virus.

City public health officials have urged vulnerable populations in June to take precautions to stop the spread of Mpox and are advocating those populations to get vaccinated.

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had not been vaccinated against the virus. Twenty-four percent of these cases were recorded among people living with HIV. Eight patients were hospitalized last year.

The Mpox vaccine is also available at the CDPH's Sexual Health Clinics in Roseland, 200 E. 115th St.; and Austin, 4909 W. Division St.

Those without a doctor or insurance can call the HIV/STI Resource Hub at 844-482-4040 or visit www.hivhub.org for help finding care.

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ministered a smallpox vaccine found to be about 66% effective against Mpox. The vaccine has been approved for use in adults 18 years of age and older and who are determined to be at high risk for smallpox and monkeypox infections

The virus was first discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. The virus is a species within the genus Orthopoxvirus, which also includes smallpox and cowpox.

While it is believed an African rodent or non-human primate may have been the original source of the disease, its ultimate source continues to elude medical researchers. The first human case of Mpox was recorded in 1970.

Prior to the 2022, Mpox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries, but the current outbreak is not linked to a current African outbreak.

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The crawl takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. along Clark St., from Diversey to Armitage. Tickets are \$50, and \$60 at the door. Check-in is at Briny Swine Smokehouse & Oyster Bar, 2577 N. Clark St.

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Free program on the legacy of colonization in the Americas

Artist talk, film screening June 20

Wrightwood 659 in Lincoln Park will present a free public program in conjunction with its current exhibition Dispossessions in the Americas: The Extraction of Bodies, Land, and Heritage from La Conquista to the Present.

The program will be held at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 600 W. Fullerton Pkwy.,

5 p.m. Saturday, June 20, with a screening of Centurión (2025), a short film commissioned for the exhibition, followed by an artist talk with Mapenzi Chibale Nonó, in conversation with exhibition curator Jonathan D. Katz.

Free registration is required at www.wrightwood659.org. The exhibition is on view now through July 18, at 659 W. Wrightwood.

The movie follows a family in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during the 1990s as they navigate the Mano

Dura contra el Crimen policy, a mandate that consequently subjected neighborhoods to heavy police and military presence in the name of crime control.

The exhibition "Dispossession" brings together more than 40 works by 36 contemporary artists from across Latin America whose works seek to critique the long-standing politics of dispossession. Featuring photographs, videos, installations, performances, sculptures, and paintings,

all produced between 1960 and 2025, the exhibition examines the enduring legacies of colonialism, showing how dispossession continues to shape communities.

From 2021 to 2024, 12 Latin American museums across 10 countries worked with local curators to create the exhibit. The Wrightwood 659 exhibition is the final presentation of works from these exhibitions and includes bilingual text in English and Spanish.

LEAVING? from p. 2

POLISH: Kasia Bednarz is a first-generation Polish immigrant and the first person in her family to attend college, but she never imagined she would become one of Chicago's rising business leaders as the founder and CEO of FARE. She went from working as a cocktail waitress at 17 years old, to running a counter in a food hall, to building one of Chicago's fastest growing restaurant chains with 10 locations and plans to expand nationally. You will find her this summer in Old Town at 868 N. Wells St.

In 2010, Bednarz fell in love with the joy of real food, seasonal veggies, and the kind of long, low-key dinner parties where good ingredients and good conversation stretched late into the night. At the time, the food world felt split in two: food that was "healthy" but restrictive, or food that was fast, convenient, and full of processed shortcuts. So, she decided to make the kind of food she was craving: fresh, flavorful, and actually good for you. That idea became FARE, and the belief that fast food can be real food. What started as a small Chicago concept has since grown into a rapidly expanding restaurant company projected to generate approximately \$13 million in annual revenue this year, with expansion into Charlotte underway and a team that will soon surpass 150 employees.

BUS TERMINAL: The City of Chicago is fast at work deal-making to the tune of \$19 million to take over downtown's former Greyhound Bus Station. The plan is to convert it into a city-owned,



Pope Leo XIV and Pasquale Dominic Gianni.



Judge Carol Kamin Bellows

publicly managed intercity bus hub. The city plans to spend an additional \$31 million for rehabilitation and upgrades to secure the site's future, preventing a move to curb-side services, with funding coming from the taxpayers in the Canal/Congress Tax Increment Financing district.

ENGAGED: So thrilled to discover that Il Girasole Restaurant's co-founder, young **Christian Hernandez** is now engaged to **Michele Olvera**, the love of his life. Eleven years is the perfect courtship length.

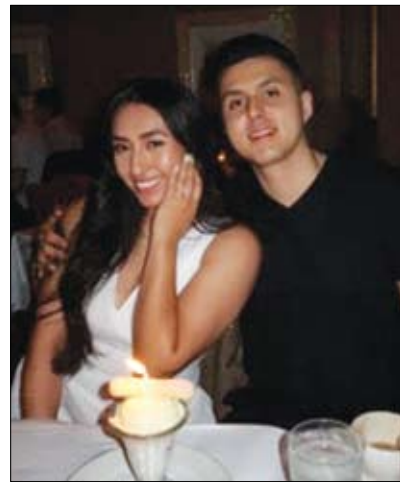
POPE: **Pasquale Dominic Gianni**, son of **Nina Mariano** and the grandson of the late **Dominic DiFrisco**, is a young Chicago-based attorney and civic leader was part of the official Mayor's delegation to Rome to meet with **Pope Leo XIV**, and was received in audience at the Vatican recently, very humbling, he said. DePaul Univ. President **Robert L. Manuel** was also a member of the Mayor's delegation at the Vatican, presenting the Pope with copies of his Prevoist parents' DePaul University diplomas.

LUX AETERNAM: **Carol Kamin Bellows**, 91, a woman of colossal achievements, worked out at the East Bank Club almost every day since its opening in 1981. Loved by all. A trailblazing Chicago lawyer and judge, Carole was the first woman in the U.S. elected to lead a state bar association and went on to serve more than three decades on the bench of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The U of I graduate was also a Northwestern Law School grad in an era when few women attended.

She grew up the daughter of a prominent Chicago labor attorney and law professor. She wed **Jason E. Bellows**, also a Chicago lawyer, who remained her partner and steadfast supporter until his death in 1980. When Carole graduated from law school there were few opportunities for women lawyers at private law firms. She began her legal career as a permanent law clerk to the Chief Judge of the Illinois Court of Claims. Within



Madame Bernadette Chirac



Michele Oliver and Christian Hernandez.

the American Bar Assoc., she was a founding member of its Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities significantly influencing civil rights reforms. Judge Bellows opened doors that had long been closed to women, part of that generation of pioneers who insisted, gently but unrelentingly, that the law was theirs, too—and leaves behind a profession permanently bettered through her efforts and her example. What a gal!

WHO'S WHERE: **Jack and Sandy Goggin** are over the moon over granddaughter, **Ev Gallios** and her Loyola Academy basketball teammates who just won the State Championship with lots of grandparents cheering... **Jolanta Ruege**, who brings so much nobility and great fashion to Chicago, just celebrated a birthday, Nostrovia... **Eamonn Cummins** with **Pennie Taylor**, **Michael LaPorta**, **Carla Marie**, **Heather Heaterz**, **Kim Patel**, and **Laura Wix** at new Chicago Riverfront restaurant, NAIA... **Melinda** and **Lucien Lagrange** giving a personal Chicago tour to a student from Switzerland, who wants to be an architect... **Duc Ho**, Chicago's elite hairdresser and social treasure, had a memorable birthday ... Who is **Kevin Sobieski**? Meet **Andy Cohen's** rumored boyfriend, a finance executive who works in portfolio operations at TPG... Bravo to **Kevin Reynolds** for his stunning works bringing Chicago to vivid life in the **Johnny Depp** photo compe-

tion... Special congratulations to **Abby Fyfe**, server supreme at Mon Ami Gabi, who just had her long-awaited baby boy. And special thanks to **Gael Florez** whose skills in the dining room at Mon Ami make it one of our favorite Chicago eateries... **Katherine Hughes**, **Susan Chatman** and Maestro **Rich Daniels** had breakfast with tourism rock star, **Rose Horcher**, chatting about Scoring Stage project they're building in Chicago... **Karen Zupko** and **Mr. Mike** had a meaningful visit to Normandy and the D-Day beaches... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** featured in "The North Shore" Weekend Lifestyle & Arts section for June /July with fabulous drawing by illustrator **Tom Bachtell**... Illinois "farm boy" singer **Doug Allen Nash** enjoyed a wonderful lunch with Chicago's own "legendary" **Denise Tomasello**... **Ciro Longobardo** and **Tony Pirola** counted more than 550 reservations at their Piccolo Sogno restaurant recently, giving everyone an elegant workout, no one more the **Luis Munoz**, **Esteban** and **Dorio Pizano**... **Madame Bernadette Chirac**, the formidable former First Lady of France, the widow of President **Jacques Chirac**, has died at 93.

There is no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you. - Will Rogers

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Theater of the Mind extended through August, can your brain handle it?



Chicago audience members experience Theater of Mind, David Byrne and Mala Gaonkar's one-of-a-kind immersive theater experience, directed by Andrew Scoville. Photos by Todd Rosenberg

Caution: the brain may wander! Side effects may include a distrust of your own senses, a disorientation of self, and a mild to severely good time. You may not be who you think you are. But we're all in it together.

BY SHEILA SWANN

Do you trust your mind? Do you remember an event the same way your friend remembers it? Is any of it real?

Visit David Byrne and Mala Gaonkar's Theater of the Mind, presented by the Goodman Theatre, to test your mind and find out.

Take a journey led by a Guide whose stories are inspired from the creators' lives, explore how they perceive the world through sensory experiments that reveal the inner mysteries of the brain.

Under Director Andrew Scoville and Technology Director Heidi Boisvert, PhD, Theater of the Mind is a 15,000-square-foot immersive experience taking just sixteen audience members at a time through a 75-minute journey of self-reflection, discovery, and imagination, inspired by and grounded in neuroscience.

"For a few years, David and I partnered with several cognitive neuroscience labs to see how some of the most basic human intuitions determine how humans react," said co-creator Gaonkar. "What we concluded

"It's a different level of understanding, a different kind of knowledge—visceral, immediate, and profound," said David Byrne.

was that the experiments and ideas of the labs we partnered with, several of which we embedded in our narrative, seemed as engaging as any piece of theater. We began referring to this project as a 'Neuro Fun-house,' but as we worked on it, we came to realize that it was evolving to be something more than that. It has made us rethink some of our own beliefs and assumptions, to see ourselves and the world in a different way. We hope that it might have a similar effect on our audience—and think of science and theater in a new way."

"Mala and I have long been fascinated by the science behind these experiences; though reading about the phenomena involved is exciting, it's quite something else to actually experience it," said co-creator Byrne. "It's a different level of understanding, a different kind of knowledge—visceral, immediate, and profound. The film and theater adage 'show, don't tell' became a guiding principle in discovering a way to include these experiences in an entertaining and engaging show. A show in which the audience makes many of the inferences for themselves, without being told by us



Em Modaff, a Chicago actor, storyteller and musician, plays a Guide who takes guests on a tour through the mind.



what it means. For me, the broader implications that these phenomena have in our lives, our sense of the world, and our sense of self is key."

"It's been thrilling to welcome so many people, across generations, to Theater of the Mind—more than half of whom are joining us for the first time," said Goodman Theatre Walter Artistic Director Susan V. Booth. "We had hoped to create a memorable, out-of-the-box, one-of-a-kind experience for our Centennial Season, and are honored that so many have taken this journey with us—ever grateful for the visionary artistry of David Byrne and Mala Gaonkar."

Theater of the Mind, recommended for ages 10+, runs through August 30, at the Reid Murdoch Building, 333 N. LaSalle. Tickets start at \$69, available at the Goodman Theatre Box Office, 170 N. Dearborn, by calling 312-443-3800 or by purchasing online at TheaterOfTheMindChicago.com.



(L) Broken Angels at Garcia's will feature Joe Day on keyboards and vocals; David Gans on guitar and vocals; Janis Wallin on bass and vocals Brett Baxter on drums and vocals. Photo courtesy Dave Mead. (R) Fine art photographer Bill Lemke.

Garcia's Chicago to host David Gans' Broken Angels June 21

BY SHEILA SWANN

Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Garcia's Chicago this Sunday with David Gans, journalist, musician, host of the Grateful Dead Hour, Tales from the Golden Road and teacher of Stanford University's much in-demand The Music and Culture of the Grateful Dead courses.

Broken Angels, a Grateful Dead-inspired musical project, will be taking the stage with local musicians Joe Day, Janis Wallin and Brett Baxter.

"Delighted to be playing with Janis and Joe again, and to meet Brett for the first time! Garcia's is a lovely venue," said Gans.

Based out of California, Gans started the band in 1997 as a weekly jam. Now the band plays around the country with a line up of regional, rotating musicians.

"I've learned a lot from the Grateful Dead," he notes. "They made some truly great songs, and their performances had a narrative structure that used their own

songs and the songs of others to tell a story that each listener heard in his own way. I have discovered over time that this is true of my performances as well; I write songs, and choose covers, that further my own narrative, which I am discovering as it unfolds."

"This show will also feature fine art photographer Bill Lemke and our book Aging Gratefully," said Gans.

Lemke and Gans together created Aging Gratefully, featuring Lemke's then-and-now photographs and Gans' interviews with Grateful Dead fans, affectionately known as Deadheads.

The book can be purchased at the show or online at billlemke.com/deadheads-book.

Gans' books and music can be purchased at perfectible.net.

The show starts at 7 p.m. at Garcia's Chicago, 1001 W. Washington Blvd., Sunday, June 21. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$20. Visit <https://garciaschicago.live/>

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-QS14
Plaintiff,
-v-
ELVA G. BOTTHOF A/K/A ELVA GRACE BOTTHOF, PLAZA 440 PRIVATE RESIDENCES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
2024 CH 07261
440 NORTH WABASH #3809
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 6, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 440 NORTH WABASH #3809, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-127-019-1121 and 17-10-127-019-1827
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$466,285.76.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after

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confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 24-101423. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney File No. 24-101423
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 2024 CH 07261
TJSC#: 46-830
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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 RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
LISA ANN WOLFE A/K/A LISA A WOLFE A/K/A LISA WOLFE A/K/A LISA A EAKIN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2025CH1160
2050 NORTH WOLCOTT AVENUE UNIT #1
CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 6, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 7, 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 2050 NORTH WOLCOTT AVENUE UNIT #1, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-31-214-050-0000
The real estate is improved with a red brick, three story multi-unit building.
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

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due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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.
MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL, 60606. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 2025CH1160
TJSC#: 46-853
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Case # 2025CH1160
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHARLES E STARKEY; MINDY S STARKEY; PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; THE ST. JAMES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
Defendants.
2025CH03686
455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202, CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 3/23/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/22/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on June 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-28-320-033-1002 and 14-28-320-033-1003
The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$74,571.46 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 455 WEST SAINT JAMES PLACE APARTMENT 201 AND 202 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes

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levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 25-21009IL. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 25-21009IL Case Number: 2025CH03686 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
RONALD FRANK BURTON; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; 5445 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 CH 12028
CALENDAR 63
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 July 27, 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. 14-08-203-015-1049.
Commonly known as 5445 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 610, Chicago, IL 60640.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 1422-216349
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the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESSBIT Plaintiff's Attorneys, 640 N. LASALLE DR., SUITE 495, CHICAGO, IL, 60654 (312) 880-1224.
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Case Number: 2024 CH 10965
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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. 14-17-301-016-0000.
Commonly known as 1460 WEST PENSACOLA AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60613.
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 bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563. (630) 453-6960. 1422-216349
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
EDGEWATER FLATS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; WILLIAM BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARGARET TIERNEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARGARET TIERNEY, DECEASED; KATHLEEN TIERNEY AKA KATHY DEMASE; KEVIN TIERNEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 CH 3826
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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 July 22, 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. 14-05-119-034-1007.
Commonly known as 1215 W. GRANVILLE AVE., 3B, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF WATERFALL VICTORIA III-NB GRANTOR TRUST
Plaintiff
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOUISE MALIS AKA LOUISE C. MALIS; 5757 SHERIDAN ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AMY BERLAND; WILLIAM BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOUISE MALIS AKA LOUISE C. MALIS; SUSAN MALIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
25 CH 7447
CALENDAR 63
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 July 20, 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. 14-05-407-016-1059.
Commonly known as 5757 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3H, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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on July 8, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1445 W. Warner Avenue, Unit #1E, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-17-310-052-1003 and 14-17-310-052-1012
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$192,561.90.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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Defendants.
2025CH08382
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AIR BAG from p. 5

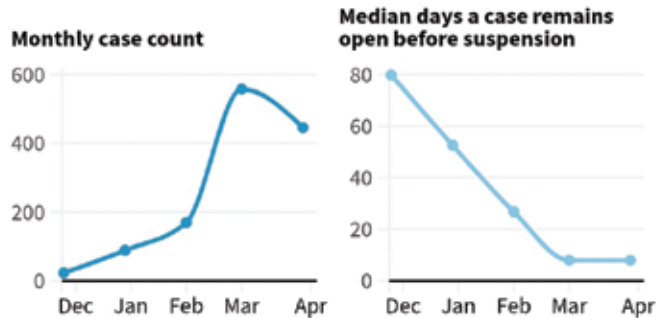
says he wants to give police another “tool” to address the spike in thefts. He’s proposed a crackdown on the black market for air bags that the City Council is expected to vote on June 17.

Villegas’ proposal would impose higher fines on those caught reselling stolen air bags. But Villegas’ “common sense” ordinance doesn’t address how the cop would actually find those resellers.

What victims and police are up against is a massive black market demand. Factory replacement air bags typically cost upwards of \$1,000 to \$4,000, making stolen air bags highly profitable for thieves to resell to unsuspecting consumers or disreputable auto repair shops for \$50 to \$2,000.

The national parts shortage creates ongoing delays – often stretching for weeks or months – leaving drivers and auto shops turning to illicit markets out of

As theft cases pile up, officers suspend them more quickly



Source: Sun-Times analysis of Chicago Police Department data. Note: Median days are calculated among cases known to be suspended, counting each case as open from when it was first reported to when it was last updated.

Graphic: Justin Myers/Sun-Times and Keenan Chen/Sun-Times

desperation to get their cars back on the road. And dense street parking in Lakeview - and all over the North Side - allows thieves to quickly strike multiple vehicles overnight, in one shift.

One remedy recommended by police departments across the country is the use of a physical deterrent like a heavy-duty

steering wheel lock [e.g., The Club]. Because these locks cover the center of the steering wheel, thieves have to physically cut the metal to access the air bag, which is usually enough time to deter them.

are shielded but state-chartered banks and credit unions are exposed, has ushered in operational complexity to a payments infrastructure premised on standardized processing across all participants.

With multiple states now pursuing similar interchange fee legislation and a further Seventh Circuit review pending, the ultimate resolution will likely require either definitive appellate guidance or Congressional action.

Martini Bar in Andersonville, SOFO Tap in Uptown, and the Meeting House in Andersonville.

Robertson and his allies face determined opponents in the Illinois Bankers Assoc., American Bankers Assoc., America’s Credit Unions, and the Illinois Credit Union League. The Electronic Payments Coalition, which represents Visa, Mastercard, and banks, urged lawmakers to repeal the law.

The resulting legal compliance patchwork, where national banks

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

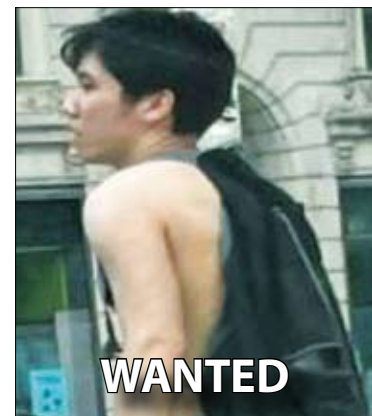
plices allegedly burglarized a home in the 2200 block of N. Leavitt in Bucktown. CPD detectives later released surveillance video showing the crew leaving the scene. While two of the burglars wore hooded sweatshirts with their heads covered, a man resembling Miller left his head exposed as he hurried down an alley carrying stolen property under his arm. In that alert, CPD said the crew also burglarized another home the same day in the 1800 block of W. Dickens and, two days later, a residence in the 2000 block of W. Churchill.

Miller allegedly went on to break into more luxury homes in the months that followed, including one on the 1700 block of W. Cortland on Nov. 1; the 1100 block of W. Fry on Nov. 14; the 1400 block of N. Dearborn on Nov. 26; the 2600 block of N. Greenview on Dec. 10, and the 1900 block of N. Dayton on Dec. 12

Authorities said surveillance footage, Miller’s distinctive hairline, and his unique earrings helped detectives identify him and connect him to the string of burglaries.

Judge Timothy Joyce sentenced Miller to 10 years in prison and awarded him 665 days of credit earned during the approximately 14 months he spent in the Cook County jail. In addition to that credit, Miller’s sentence will be reduced 50% for good behavior.

According to the Illinois Dept. of Corrections website, Miller is expected to be released on July 9, 2029, about four years and three months after his arrest. That means he will serve well under half of the decade-long sentence imposed by the court. Miller’s prior convictions include a felony gun case in 2018 and a robbery conviction in 2014.



CPD released this photo of the man suspected of setting fire to an object people believe was a cross in the 600 block of S. Columbus Dr.

Grant Park arson suspect identified by Chicago Police

Chicago police have released a photo of the man they say constructed an object and set it on fire in Grant Park on June 9. Video of the fire spread widely on social media, and many people believe the burning object was a cross.

However, CPD has categorized the crime as arson, and its community alert stopped short of classifying the incident as a hate crime. Instead, the bulletin said the man was seen leaving the area where “an object was constructed and lit on fire” in the 600 block of S. Columbus Dr. around 2:38 p.m. Tuesday, June 9.

CPD asked anyone with information that could help identify the man to contact arson investigators at 312-746-7618 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDtip.com using case number JK-288147.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

FEE from p. 5

the Illinois legislature is just controlled by the big financial interests [just as] the federal government is beholden too.”

Robertson said the delay “harms us and all small businesses. We are constantly told to keep paying more and more and wait. Yet again our elected officials fail us,” he told NPR Illinois. 2Bears owns five North Side bars including 2Bears Tavern Uptown, Jackhammer in Rogers Park, Marty’s

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Festival of Chariots June 21

The annual Festival of Chariots brings the cultural heart of India to Rogers Park and West Ridge. This ancient festival is a free yearly cultural offering in the community and will be held starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 21.

Guests will experience free live mantra music, classical Indian dance, and stage performances, and a full day of festivities, including kids' activities, balloon twisters and magic shows, Henna, and face painting.

The parade starts at Birchwood Ave., ending at the Morse/Sheridan intersection and Loyola Beach.

Leone Beach Park events

The Leone Beach Park Advisory Council has two upcoming events to connect participants with nature.

On Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Leone Beach Park Advisory Council is hosting Liza Lehrer from the Lincoln Park Zoo to discuss bats in the Chicago region. The presentation will be at the Loyola Park fieldhouse, 1230 W. Greenleaf, followed by a bat walk.

On Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m., local author Michael McColly will read from his book *Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes*. Michael will present his book at the Loyola Park fieldhouse.

BRYN MAWR from p. 1

whether the proposed Bryn Mawr Avenue District meets the legal criteria for landmark designation, and to determine whether the proposed demolition of the building at 1114 W. Bryn Mawr will adversely affect any significant historical or architectural feature of the proposed landmark district.

MONUMENT from p. 1

ed in place within a temporary enclosure while construction work is underway in the surrounding plaza area. CTA expects work in the vicinity of the Monument to be substantially complete by mid-July, with the Monument anticipated to be uncovered by the end of July," said Charles Plouffe, spokesperson for the CTA.

While work on an adjacent pedestrian plaza north of the station has been completed, work continues on the station itself and the bus turnaround plaza.

"Construction crews continue to work throughout the station plaza area as part of the ongoing improvement project, with restoration of normal bus turnaround operations expected by the end of June, weather permitting," said Plouffe.

After work has been completed, accent lighting will highlight the historic segment of the Berlin Wall that is at the station.

The station's floors and interior walls are being refinished and the station's elevator cabs, stair treads and risers are all being replaced. A new customer service assistance kiosk will be added, to

improve customer support for rides.

On the platform, the concrete platform edge will be replaced, and repairs will be made to the existing platform, handrails, and the platform canopy.

The original Western Brown Line Station was built in 1920 as part of the CTA's Ravenswood

After work has been completed, accent lighting will highlight the historic segment of the Berlin Wall that is at the station.

branch. The station's last significant updates were made between 1979 and 1981, according to information posted on the CTA's website.

In a quirk of Chicago zoning, the existence of the publicly-owned plaza enabled the owner of the Canvas at Leland apartment building, 4713 N. Western Ave., to build at a higher density than normally allowed under existing zoning.

Construction has also occurred under the CTA's Elevated tracks between Lincoln Ave. and the alley next to the CTA plaza.



After construction work has been completed, accent lighting will highlight the historic segment of the Berlin Wall that is at the Western Ave. station.

BILL from p. 1

"HB 4966 is about ensuring that the youth in the care of the state of Illinois retain the rights of residents of the state of Illinois, regardless of where we have to place them," Cassidy said in April.

If DCFS found that a child may struggle to such obtain healthcare in an out-of-state placement, the department must document a plan to mitigate that risk, such as coordinating with out-of-state or Illinois providers. If the department cannot do so, and the child does not want to be placed in that state, DCFS must decline the placement.

Cassidy said it's also about giving children a say in where they're placed.

"In a state like ours, where foster youth lack the vital safeguard of a statutorily guaranteed right to client-directed legal represen-

tation in abuse and neglect proceedings, Illinois foster youth are at a serious disadvantage," said Cassidy during House debate.

Often, children placed outside of Illinois are sent to live with family members. The bill does not aim to restrict out-of-state placements. Instead, it requires that DCFS attempt to plan ahead and requires obtaining the child's support for a placement when the department cannot ensure access to certain kinds of healthcare.

Other House members pushed back against the bill, citing overreach beyond state lines.

"This bill is basically set up to provide conflict between Illinois' most expansive laws dealing with gender-affirming care, abortion, those kinds of things, with states that may be somewhat more restrictive," said State Rep. Steve Reick, during floor debate.

State Rep. Jed Davis, who has

frequently pushed for reform at DCFS, said that the department should prioritize existing responsibilities, rather than adopting new policies. "Before we start shoving

As a foster parent for over a decade, State Rep. Jed Davis said he supports requiring risk assessments to keep children safe, but he opposed the bill.

all of our preferred philosophical beliefs onto a department, let's make sure they can actually get their day-to-day operation job done adequately," he said.

As a foster parent for over a decade, Davis said he supports requiring risk assessments to keep children safe, but he opposed the bill.

"It has some really good things

in there," he said. But, he added, "The root underneath the bill is very ideological and trying to bring the beliefs that are happening in the dome of Springfield, and push them onto neighboring states."

The bill would also require DCFS to protect a child from unnecessary and unapproved disclosure of any personal information that could be linked to the child's sexual orientation or gender. It also establishes guidelines for the department to share that information if needed.

The bill passed both the House 35-19 and Senate 74-30 with only Democratic support in the final days of the Illinois General Assembly's session. The bill has an immediate effective date, though some of the administrative functions and rule-making would happen over the next two years if it's signed by the governor.

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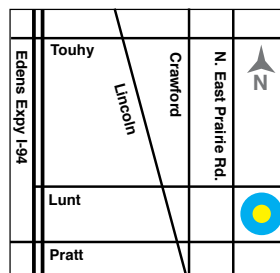


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