



Glenn Davis accepts the best play award for "Purpose" onstage during the 78th annual Tony Awards.

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Tony Awards' 'Best Play' is Steppenwolf's 'Purpose'

Steppenwolf Theatre's production of "Purpose" by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins won two major Tony Awards May 8 for "Purpose": Best Play and Outstanding Featured Performance in a Play for Kara Young.

The play was nominated for six Tony Awards, the most for any Steppenwolf-incubated play since 2008. The play, which premiered in 2024 at Steppenwolf Theatre on Hasted St., was celebrated last week for its success on Broadway. This marks a significant achievement for Steppenwolf Theatre and playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, who thanked the city for its support. "I want to just thank the city of Chicago honestly who

made this show what it was with their enthusiasm."

"Purpose" also won the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play, which premiered at Steppenwolf in 2024, is a family drama centered around a prominent Black political dynasty in Chicago, said to be inspired by Jesse Jackson's family.

Ticket sales went through the roof right after the play won the Tony; the drama is now extended through the summer on Broadway.

Directed by Phylicia Rashad, "Purpose" originated at Steppenwolf and then moved to Broadway's Helen Hayes Theater for the 2024-25 season.

River North Strong Armed robberies

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police report two recent, related robbery incidents occurring in the River North neighborhood. In each incident, the offenders targeted lone, unsuspecting victims on the public way and, while using physical force, took possession of victims' property.

The incidents include one at the 100 block of W. Kinzie St., 1:55 a.m. June 12 at 1:55 a.m., and a

second one in the 0-100 block of W. Kinzie St 2 a.m. June 12.

The offenders are described as three African American males, 20-30 years of age, 5'-10" to 6' in height, 175-185 lbs, with dreadlocks hairstyle.

Anyone with information on these crimes may contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use Reference # P25-3-029.

Private waste haulers getting ticketed

Private waste haulers Downtown and on the North Side were slapped with nearly 200 tickets for illegal, early-morning pickups during the first six months of a new enforcement by the city.

According to records obtained by Nick Blumberg of WTTW News from the Chicago Dept. of Streets and Sanitation, coordinating the crackdown through a newly created 311 complaint category in Oct. 2024 has led to the

increase in ticketing.

Trash and recycling companies aren't allowed to make pickups in Chicago between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. For nearly two years, WTTW News had been tracking numerous companies flouting the law and documenting the number of complaints from residents.

The new ordinance allows Streets and Sanitation to demand GPS and other electronic tracking data from waste haulers be used

to verify citizen complaints.

The company that so far has been hit with the most tickets is Lake Shore Waste with 48 tickets, followed by Flood Brothers at 34, Republic Services at 32, and Waste Management at 26. While most violations happened in the 6 o'clock hour, the illegal pickups happened all through the morning hours, with the earliest ticket listing a violation time of midnight.

Rogue pedicabs must be licensed or face seizure

Current law allows for 200 pedicab licenses to be issued in the City of Chicago. However, as anyone who travels downtown or near major public events knows, there are many unlicensed pedicabs operating on our city streets.

It is already illegal for pedicab drivers to use busy downtown stretches of Michigan Ave. and State St., but now Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has introduced an ordinance which would allow the city to impound unlicensed pedicabs and pedicabs that violate operating regulations.

The Pedicabs Ordinance re-

quires two new licenses, a pedicab license and pedicab chauffeur license. Each pedicab vehicle operating in the City of Chicago must be licensed.

If passed, the city will modify Municipal Code Chapter 9-110 with sections regarding pedicabs and by adding new Section 9-110-185 authorizing Police Dept. and Dept. of Streets and Sanitation to impound pedicabs.

Banning pedicabs from the city's most sought-after streets is part of a sweeping ordinance aimed at controlling and containing this budding industry. The

ordinance also makes it illegal for pedicabs to travel in the Loop during weekday rush hours, and it limits the number of available pedicab licenses to 200.

The city of Chicago has poured millions of dollars into privately-owned scooter and bike-sharing programs. So peddling private two-wheeled bikes downtown is legal while peddling three-wheeled bikes is illegal.

The ordinance passed through the Committee on License and Consumer Protection and should be reported out to the full City Council on June 18.

Review of downtown traffic policies, 'snap' curfews

The general public is invited to attend a review of proposed changes to Chicago Police traffic stops. A public meeting is being held 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at the 18th District Council monthly meeting, held at Lake Shore Park Fieldhouse, 808 N. Lake Shore Dr. A Zoom option (view only) is also available.

Currently there are two proposed policy drafts on CPD's ability to make certain types of traffic stops, with significant differences between the two drafts. The guest speaker will be Cmsr. Sandra Wortham, a member of the Com-

munity Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

Wortham has supported the CPD's Policy Draft and voted against the 2nd draft that would impose additional restrictions on CPD in making certain types of traffic stops.

Newly appointed 18th Police District Cmdr. Chris Bielfeldt will also attend and be available for questions.

'Snap' curfews

The city's proposed new 'snap' curfew ordinance was passed out of the committee by a margin of

10 votes for to 7 against. During the full City Council meeting the following day, a motion was made to defer and publish the ordinance, delaying a vote until the next regularly-scheduled meeting, which will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 18.

The proposal as put forth would give the police superintendent the authority to put a three-hour snap curfew in place. The temporary curfew could take place when there is a gathering of 20 or more people and police deem

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Nightmare at northern terminus of LSD

Those who regularly travel northbound on Lake Shore Dr. and exit in Edgewater may want to make other travel plans for this summer and fall as construction on Granville Ave. begins next week. When combined with the presently closed Ridge Ave., passing through Edgewater will be very difficult, leaving congested Broadway and Sheridan Rd. as the only two northbound escape routes.

Construction for the new Granville biking greenway, with its new road blockages and conflicting one-way segments, is scheduled to begin next week.

Ridge Ave. is also temporarily closed to through traffic between

Ashland and Broadway (with a full closure between Ardmore and Edgewater avenues) due to an ongoing sewer main replacement project. The project has created major backups for those exiting Lake Shore Dr. at Hollywood. Work on that project will last into August.

Vehicles stuck in traffic on Sheridan or Ridge, should follow posted detour signs. The westbound #84 Peterson buses will be rerouted to Devon, while eastbound buses will be rerouted to Foster. Local businesses will remain open during construction, though it will be difficult for customers to get to these stores.

The detour route road closure

on Granville is just north of the Glenwood intersection where the Chicago Dept. of Transportation will be installing concrete barriers to slow traffic near Northside Catholic Academy. Continuous north and south traffic will be maintained on Glenwood at this intersection.

The official detour route for eastbound traffic will be left off of Granville and go north on Clark, turn right to go east on Devon, turn right to go south on Broadway, turn left to go east on Granville.

Westbound traffic will turn right off of Granville to go north on Broadway, turn left to go west on Devon, turn left to go south

on Clark, turn right to go west on Granville.

Construction on Granville is expected to last into the fall.

Ridge Ave. closed

As of May 5, 2025, Ridge is temporarily closed to through traffic between Ashland and Broadway (with a full closure between Ardmore and Edgewater Ave.) due to the ongoing \$9 million sewer main replacement project. Vehicles should follow posted detour signs. Westbound #84 Peterson buses will be rerouted to Devon, while Eastbound buses will be rerouted to Foster. Local businesses will remain open during construction.

• Northbound traffic is detoured North on Broadway to Devon, then West on Devon to Clark, then South on Clark back to Ridge (Red lines/arrows).

• Southbound traffic is detoured South on Clark, then East on Foster, then North on Broadway back to Ridge (Blue lines/arrows).

• With the full closure of Ridge between Glenwood and Ardmore, there is local traffic permitted on Ridge between Broadway and Glenwood south of the project and between Clark and Ardmore north of the project (Green lines). It is estimated that between 155,000 and 170,000 vehicles travel on N. Lake Shore Dr. each day.

'One-Way' LaSpata brings the best of the suburbs to city living



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The great Sarah Bernhardt is reported to have said after her first view of Chicago in all its dynamism in the late 19th century, "I adore Chicago. It is the pulse of America."

Well, she was right. I've lived in my neighborhood for more than 25 years. I've watched it, closely, as it happily re-gentrified. Spruced up. Trimmed itself. Passing from a hipster conclave for artists, student lodgers and youthful renters sharing a tiny apartment into a community of triplex condos, start-up families, young lawyers and refugees from the suburbs with their brand new bikes.

To the west is Ukrainian Village, a place steeped in antique traditions and onion-domed churches. That side of Damen Ave. is far more Mount Prospect

than Kiev. But we can still hear the bells of the Orthodox Cathedrals ring crisp in the winter winds and find a nearby brewery cooking up special micro-brews.

Restaurants run along Division St., boasting the widest sidewalks in Chicago. They offer "al fresco" dining from dawn till midnight. Every bistro offers the foods of a United Nations from Tuscan Italian and Turkish cuisines all the way to BBQ. You won't grow hungry here.

But you will be sick of all the one-way streets.

All of our side-streets are one-way, with rare exception. Is this how things are in Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights and Highland Park?

To make matters worse, Wood St., an unusual two-way thoroughfare, is soon to become one-way, thanks to the shenanigans of our own Ald. Daniel 'One-Way' LaSpata [1st].

Apparently he's the hero, now, of the cyclists turning Wood St. one-way south-bound, between Crystal and Division, from Cortez St. to Augusta Blvd.

It's his six block test to prove he's a bike enthusiast, and loyally under the thumb of the biking lobby. You know, those lawless folk who never stop for a traffic signal, a stop sign, a red light or an automobile. Who never get red-light tickets or have to buy insurance, a license plate or city sticker.

And while Wood St. continues further south, past Augusta Blvd., 'One-Way' LaSpata's authority does not. It's a different Ward, the 36th, south of Augusta. And Ald. Gil Villegas is not in favor of the one-way street idiocy.

But even just closing that small section of Wood St. is enough to

'One-Way' LaSpata really want to create a radical traffic flow solution to local congestion, why doesn't he just have the police enforce the city's laws and order bikers to obey the traffic signs so visibly posted everywhere, but never obeyed by a person on a bike. No, the city and state are going the opposite way, encouraging bikers to run red lights and stop signs, and travel in the wrong direction on one-way streets, lest we hurt their feelings.

The bikers jut alongside cars and busses terrifying Uber drivers and Ukrainian grandmothers behind the wheel.

In preparation for this new 'One-Way' LaSpata Law, community meetings were held, but poorly advertised and attended. The bike lobby knew, but few others attended the meetings mostly filled with biking activists.

I don't think they checked residency voting lists very closely. There were more than a few "ringers" attending those meetings. The unjust effect of such bike shenanigans is that it disempowers local residents who don't share 'One-Way' LaSpata's taste for bamboozling. Intersections that include privileged bike lanes create more conflicts than do normal intersections.

Cyclists are drivers of vehicles and should be trained, and treated as such. When cyclists follow the Rules of the Road, ride visibly, and operate predictably, crash rates fall.

One might think the Alderman would go out of his way to be fair and appear considerate of the 85% of local residents who are not bikers, who now feel held hostage by privileged cyclists.

Post-pandemic, the CTA is dying. Americans have overwhelmingly chosen the car. The car is reliable, temperature controlled, fast, and compatible with how American metropolitan areas are designed. They're also a big part of the independent spirit of American culture. Americans love their cars, and for generations have written love songs about them.

I spent 22 years in City Hall as an aldermanic aide. Those days were filled, back then, with reasoned and intelligent leaders. We had larger-than-life political leaders who knew how to take care of local needs and necessities. Not attempting to disfranchise local residents of their needs, or their right to a reasonable quality of life or the ability to fight it out in the public arena.

That was the guarded duty of leaders like Burton Natarus, Richard Mell, Dorothy Tillman, Edward Burke, John Daley, Bernie Stone and Ginger Rugai, among others. That's why Chi-

cago thrived back then. There was no cozy trend to placate the juvenile-like adults whose world views, now, are a fancy cocktail, a hit of cannabis and then a ride on an Italian bicycle.

Back then the issues were jobs and livable housing on well-repaired streets with remarkable safety because the Chicago Police were permitted to act with reason and neighborhood intelligence. They knew their neighborhoods were meant for more than an annoying bicycle or scooter rider.

Chicagoans, more and more, are now seeing the result of such political leadership short on brains or hearts to make urban living a healthy reality. It should flow from the mayor's office through the many departments of government that make a credible difference in people's lives.

When the leaders on top lack the ability and understanding to govern with true intelligence, then you can't expect the legislative branch of government to be effective. Or balanced.

Why not give your alderman a call and ask what their priorities are all about? Keep their noses stuck on the vital issues that now cripple real urban achievement. More and more Chicago aldermen can hardly spell the lightweight issues that need resolving in their local communities. The effective systems of the past are not understood, anymore, by local leaders in the City Council. They just reach out with their greedy fists as neighborhoods crumble and local Chicagoans just get more disillusioned. Northwest Indiana and southern Wisconsin today are filling up with former Chicagoans.

Let's start by making the bike, scooter and skateboard people obey the law. Give local residents back their streets. Bring back traffic that flows. And a transit system that's safe to ride. Get the cycling jokesters, with their 19th century technology, to respect their fellow travelers by following the Rules of the Road.

Stop disillusioning Chicagoans with stale solutions to problems actually created in the City Council.

Get out and walk more Ald. LaSpata. We're all out on the sidewalks, afraid to venture in the bike lanes. What's next, a rise in Uber's prices?

SCHLITZ SIGN: Chicago's new West Town neighborhood tavern, Friends of Friends, 2001 W. Grand Ave., has opened. And it's flying an antique Schlitz neon

sign from its yardarm. It once hung at Danny's Tavern, on Dickens, for decades. That was a common site in Chicago's working class neighborhoods with taverns scattered among the residential housing. Of course, the cocktails are no longer working class, bring your wallet. Best wishes to the partners, **Matt Eisler, Kevin Heisner** and **Abe Vucekovich**, real Chicago pros.

LITERARY CHICAGO: Chicagoan **Sandra Cisneros**, author of "House on Mango Street"



Sandra Cisneros

that tells the story of growing up in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood, has been awarded the prestigious Harold Washington Literary Award. This year the award celebrates the 40th annual Printers Row Lit Fest taking place in September.

HUMANITIES FESTIVAL: **Mark Chernow**, author of the massive new biography on **Mark Twain**, was in town as part of the Chicago Humanities Festival. He was funny—and so was his subject. The book easily weighs 4-lbs.

CSO: Maestro Riccardo Muti, Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Music Director Emeritus for Life, and the musicians, all recent Tony Award winners, return to the CSO in a performance of **Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem**, June 19 -24, in the conclusion of the concert season.

CONVERSION: The \$63 million project will create more than 150 apartments, plus high-end amenities in the heart of River North. A portion of the former Salesforce Building in River North at 111 W. Illinois St. will be converted into luxury apartments considered a byproduct of the vast

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Policing for profit: The new speed cameras are now active

Chicago speed cameras took in about \$91 million from drivers in 2024

BY PATRICK ANDRIESEN
Illinois Policy

Some of Chicago's new speed cameras have started issuing speeding tickets. Chicago's speed cameras issued \$90.9 million in tickets and fees to drivers in 2024, down \$11.3 million from 2023.

All totaled, Mayor Brandon Johnson is adding 50 new speed cameras, with 11 issuing tickets by the end of June. Once local drivers find these new cameras, their collections will drop as clever drivers avoid being captured.

On the North Side, new cameras can be found at: 2640 W. Peterson Ave.; 7115 N. Sheridan Rd.; 6146 N. Sheridan Rd.; 5857 N. Sheridan Rd.; 5059 N. Damen Ave.; 4714 N. Ashland Ave.; 4118 N. Ashland Ave.; 220 W. Fuller-

ton Ave.; 1635 N. LaSalle Dr., and 1455 W. Grand Ave.

Chicago speed cameras issued motorists a fine every 24 seconds in 2024 for a total of 1.84 million violations.

But it's not enough: fines were down \$11.3 million from the year before, according to an analysis of city data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. Johnson wants more fine money this year to prop up his failing budget, so he is adding more speed cameras.

By the end of June, 27 new speed cameras will be issuing tickets. A total of 50 are being added this year to Chicago's existing 165 speed cameras.

Chicago speed camera ticketing data shows 1.32 million of the violations last year carried fines and the rest were warnings. Nearly two-thirds of the fines were paid on time, but more than half of the revenue came from late fees – which more than double

fines.

About 65% of revenue came from tickets for going 6-10 mph over the speed limit. Late penalties and collection fees can turn a \$35 citation into an \$85 fine with penalties. A \$100 speeding violation can cost the driver \$244 if the payment is late.

Speed cameras also sent 523,044 warnings to drivers that did not carry a fine.

Among the 165 Chicago speed cameras active last year, 13 issued over \$1 million worth of tickets, another sent over \$2 million in fines to drivers and one topped \$3 million – before late fees were added.

The top Chicago speed camera was located at 10540 S. Western Ave. in the West Beverly neighborhood on the city's Far South Side. It issued more than \$3.19 million in fines to drivers, or more than eight times the citywide average camera revenue.

The big money makers on the

North Side are at 4124 W. Foster [\$1.518 million], 901 N. Clark St. [\$1.231 million], 2705 W. Irving Park [\$1.219 million], and 2638 W. Fullerton [\$1.009 million].

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Overall, speed cameras on Chicago's Southeast Side issued the most tickets and generated the most revenue per camera during 2024.

Speed cameras in community areas on the Southeast Side issued about 19,128 tickets each last year, sending an average \$646,142

worth of tickets to drivers.

Cameras on the city's Southwest Side issued the fewest tickets on average during this time, only sending drivers about 7,071 tickets each.

Chicago speed cameras issued a total of 1,320,507 tickets carrying a fine in 2024, about 241,906 fewer tickets than were issued during 2023.

That translates to about \$11.3 million less in revenue for the city, following a trend of declining annual revenues for Chicago speed cameras since former Mayor Lori Lightfoot lowered the ticketing threshold in March 2021.

Safety? More likely cash

Are the cameras making the streets safer? A decade-long city study of collisions around Chicago speed cameras shows total crashes declined by 2% between 2012 and 2022 compared to a

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A guide for homeowners, understanding Cook County property taxes

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Navigating the complexities of the property tax system in Cook County can be daunting for homeowners. My hope is this column makes it less intimidating by breaking down a complex process into simple concepts.

The Assessment Process

Property taxes in Cook County are based on the assessed value of a home, business or land. The Cook County Assessor's Office determines this value through an assessment process, which occurs every three years. The goal of the assessment process is to ensure that property values reflect current market conditions.

The Appeals Process

If a homeowner believes a property's assessment is too high, he or she has the right to appeal. Appeals can begin with the

Assessor's Office and proceed to the Cook County Board of Review, or property owners can appeal directly to the Board of Review. A successful appeal can lower a property's assessed value and ultimately the tax bill for the property owner.

Illinois Department of Revenue Creates EAV

Illinois then gets involved when the Department of Revenue applies a number called the State Equalization Factor, commonly called the multiplier. That number is applied so assessments across the state are standardized. The Equalized Assessed Value or EAV ensures that all 102 Illinois counties similarly determine property tax values, so no county is over or under-taxed.

Taxing Districts Set Their Funding Requests

After assessments are final-

ized, local taxing districts, such as school boards, park districts and municipalities must determine their revenue requirements and submit revenue requests to the Cook County Clerk's Office. Those requests are called tax levies.

Cook County Clerk Calculates Tax Rates

The Cook County Clerk next calculates tax rates by dividing the requested levy amounts by the total assessed value of all properties in the taxing district. These rates are then applied to individual properties to determine the amount of property tax owed.

Treasurer's Office Sends Bills

Once assessments and tax rates are set, property tax bills are sent by my office. The 1.8 million bills are mailed in two installments: the first is due in March and is always 55% of the previous year's total tax, while the second installment is typically due in August and reflects any changes from exemptions or appeals. Home-

owners should carefully review the bills to ensure all exemptions or reductions have been applied.

Resources for Homeowners

The Cook County Treasurer's website offers a wealth of resources to assist homeowners. Go to CookCountyTreasurer.com to access your property tax information, check for available refunds and learn about possible missed exemptions. Additionally,

the Treasurer's Office provides tools to help manage payments effectively.

The property tax system in Cook County may seem complex, but understanding its components and the offices involved can help homeowners ensure they're paying their fair share and are taking advantage of available savings. Utilizing the resources provided by my office can be a step toward financial well-being.



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Get barking at Pup Social on Ashland

SOFIE KELLAR

You’ve heard of cat cafés, but have you seen the pup spa?

After their grand opening on May 30–31, Pup Social on 2200 N. Ashland Ave. provides human members relaxing manicures while their dogs are treated just as sumptuously.

It’s a spa meets dog park, complete with a bar, dogwashing station, and a spacious working lounge.

“As I became an adult mom, I realized there was a lack of friendly spaces for pups downtown,” said Pup Social founder, Aly Udartseva.

When she arranged events for her previous job, she saw a lot of growing interest in events around and including dogs.

“So we started doing doggie photo shoots. We were doing doggie social hours.”

The crossover between owners’ needs for human connection and their dogs yearning to come out and play initiated the spark that became Pup Social.

Pup Social treats both the dogs and their humans—you can work “from home,” relax, and make “really meaningful connections,” she said. Maybe pup packs can teach us a thing or two.

“I think the biggest thing here is to really build the community, sharing the interest of dogs—because everything’s become so digitalized, with the apps, the different online groups, swiping left and right... and people are just really losing their human

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I too miss Treasure Island, but replacing a flawed Walgreens with a 36-story, 379-foot tower on a narrow lot with a single access point and casting shadows on adjacent historic brownstones and mid-rise condos is not progress or revitalization unless seen through a myopic lens. It's disruption, plain and simple!

Adding to this plan 285 parking spaces in a Transit-Oriented Development zone can only worsen congestion in a community where sunlight and calm should otherwise prevail. This is what architecture critic, Edward Keegan, calls, "Sucking the soul out of a neighborhood"!

Praise for Ald. Brian Hopkins' approval of Fern Hill's proposal is so misguided when the rezoning from B1-3 to B3-5 ignored decades of community planning and hundreds of resident objections. This wasn't community-led, it was politically maneuvered. About the promised grocery store - there's no lease, no tenant, and no

timeline. The developer merely "hopes" one will come forward after rezoning. That's not a benefit, it's a gamble.

Old Town is a historic, walkable neighborhood built on livability, balance and character. We welcome reinvestment and thoughtful development respecting context, scale and residents, not speculative luxury towers with tax-exempt parking and short-term affordability. Real estate tax revenue and construction jobs are not unique to this site, but the city has many areas, such as Lincoln Yards and former Cabrini Green parcels, already master-planned for high-rise growth and which have the infrastructure to support it. Old Town does not. This project violates zoning integrity and community trust. We're not opposed to development. We're opposed to the wrong project in the wrong place. We can, and we should, do better!

Corinne Svoboda, Old Town

No nuance

Your June 4 article, on the offshoring of affordable housing, touches on a vital issue: how to get affordable housing built in high-opportunity neighborhoods like Lincoln Park. But instead of exploring the real policy tradeoffs involved, the article veers into conspiracy theories about "15-minute cities" and unspoken assumptions that working-class families aren't sufficiently motivated to live there.

Inclusionary zoning is a complex tool. Yes, requiring affordable units as part of market-rate development can raise overall housing prices—but the degree of impact depends heavily on how ambitious the mandate is and what kinds of incentives or offsets are provided. Meanwhile, other approaches to building affordable housing, like the Low-Income Housing Tax

Credit, often result in much higher per-unit costs—not just because of construction, but because of layers of financing and compliance that drive up administrative overhead. Many local housing advocates are fighting for reforms to make these programs more efficient and equitable.

None of this nuance makes it into your coverage. Instead of highlighting the structural issues at play or the policy debates happening, the story frames low-income residents as a problem to be kept elsewhere. And without grounding the discussion in the actual tradeoffs of housing policy, we risk doubling down on the same failures that have made housing unaffordable in the first place.

Alec Schwengler, Lincoln Square

CAMERAS from p. 3

27% increase in collisions citywide during that time.

The count of speed-related crashes around cameras dropped by 16% while the city recorded a 22% increase in speeding collisions. Bicycle and pedestrian crashes also fell by 44% around camera sites, mirroring the citywide decrease in pedestrian collisions reported during the decade.

The Chicago collision study indicates speed cameras reduced total crashes around 53% of camera sites. But whether those cameras were changing driving habits and increasing collisions outside of designated camera sites was not addressed.

A 2017 speed camera study in Great Britain found safety was highly localized around intersections with speed cameras. An Arizona study found no effect on collisions from the cameras. Univ. of Illinois-Chicago research also concluded there was "little relationship between the number of tickets issued and the safety impact of cameras."

Are the cameras about safety, or about cash? The answer seems pretty clear when Johnson still needs millions more to fund his 2025 budget and the city is predicting a \$1.2 billion budget deficit in fiscal year 2026.

Johnson's broken promises

Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin all either prohibit the use of speed cameras altogether or have laws restricting their use. Johnson pledged to phase out speed cameras during his final televised debate against mayoral chal-

lenger Paul Vallas.

In a Sun-Times mayoral candidate questionnaire, Johnson said, "The choice should not be between inequitable, regressive taxation and the potential for increased traffic violence. Lowering the speed limit is a cash grab and has not proven effective in making our streets any safer."

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Instead, Johnson said the city should invest in "more effective means of traffic calming, including reduced speed limits and car access in select areas, car-free zones, speed bumps, safer intersections, and improved biking infrastructure."

About 340 communities throughout the United States have red light cameras, and 278 have speed cameras, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. New York City was the first to implement a red light camera program in 1992.

Johnson's 2025 Chicago budget originally counted on residents paying about \$325 million in fines, forfeitures and penalties to remain balanced – \$22.3 million less than was budgeted for 2024.

Johnson's counting on his 50 new speed cameras to raise an additional \$11.4 million for his 2025 budget. He's already getting after the money: 27 of the new speed cameras by the end of June will be issuing fines to drivers.

**The Home Front
by Don DeBat
will return**



Supporters of the No Kings Day of Defiance lined the 5300 block of N. Sheridan Rd. on June 14. More than 1,800 No Kings rallies took place across the country. Photo by Joanne Kitsos

'No Kings Day' rouses many on North Side

BY BOB KITSOS

An estimated crowd of 800-1,000 people lined both sides of the 5300 block on N. Sheridan Rd. on Saturday, June 14, to peacefully voice their support of "No Kings Day." Many drivers along the route honked their horns in support as they drove through the cacophonous corridor.

The "No Kings" rallies across the nation were intended to counter the military parade in Washington, D.C., to mark the U.S. Army's 250th birthday, which coincided with President Donald Trump's 79th birthday. The U.S. Army estimated the cost of the parade at \$40 million.

The demonstrations also were in protest against the Trump Administration's policies and actions, including the federal immigration raids across the country. On Sunday, the President and Federal government announced that they are planning to expand and increase immigration law enforcement.

In addition to the spirited Sheridan Rd. crowd, a large group gathered downtown. Following a series of speeches at Daley Plaza, protesters marched north towards Wacker Dr. and east past Trump Tower before heading south on Michigan Ave.

Some protesters then moved to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's [ICE] Chicago Field Office, where police and protesters clashed as activists were corralled out of Ida B. Wells Dr. and Clark St.

Smaller groups protested in neighborhoods including about 75 people who demonstrated on Foster Ave. with numerous signs in front of The Admiral at the Lake, 929 W. Foster.

Other Chicago-area rallies were held at Evanston's Fountain Square and Wolf and Golf roads in Des Plaines. More than 1,800 No King rallies took place across the country.

The protests were organized by a coalition of approximately 200 leftist organizations, including locally with Indivisible Chicago and ACLU Illinois; and nationally with the American Federation of Teachers, American Civil Liberties Union and Communications Workers of America, following several days of demonstrations against ICE raids across the U.S.

One of the hardest hit cities was Los Angeles, where President Trump deployed both the California Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps to protect federal agents and federal property from being attacked.

Undaunted by the protests, President Trump has now announced plans to flood Democrat-run cities like Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles with new, larger waves of ICE agents to bring about the "single largest Mass Deportation Program in History."

He highlighted the sweeping change targeting the majority-Democrat cities on a Sunday night Truth Social post, and praised ICE agents for their "incredible strength, determination, and courage."

"In order to achieve this, we must expand efforts to detain and deport Illegal Aliens in America's largest Cities, such as Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York, where



On Maureen Gillette's sign, 86 is a restaurant-industry slang term for eliminating something from the menu; 47 refers to the 47th president. The term was recently made famous by former FBI Director James Comey.

Photo by Joanne Kitsos



Will Wilson was among the nearly 1,000 people who demonstrated in Edgewater.

Photo by Joanne Kitsos

millions upon millions of Illegal Aliens reside," said Trump.

On June 11, Mayor Brandon Johnson said Chicago is one of five blue cities being targeted by Federal government over the city's sanctuary policies. City officials have been told ICE agents have been given 48 hours to standby and deploy. The Mayor said that his office expects more federal ICE agents to arrive in the city soon to conduct raids at workplaces. He is asking residents to push back, even though that may result in arrests.

Pride Parade coming to North Side June 29

The 54th annual Chicago Pride Parade steps off at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, from Sheridan and Broadway in the Uptown neighborhood and will head south into Lincoln Park.

The parade, featuring 150 entries, will travel the 20-block parade route from Sheridan south on Broadway; then south on Halsted; then east on Belmont; then south on Broadway; then east on Diversey to Cannon Dr.

The event always draws large crowds, including a large number of out-of-town visitors. North Side residents should expect over-flowing crowds and difficulty traveling through the area, and/or parking anywhere near the parade route.

The busiest section for parade viewing is along the Northalsted entertainment corridor (Halsted between Belmont and Addison). Arrive early if you want a spot up close.

Parking is limited, and street closures will make driving right up to the route very difficult. Public transportation is recommended.

The section along Broadway from Belmont to Oakdale is another good place to settle in to watch the parade pass by.

Belmont between Halsted and Broadway is another less-crowded area.

There will be portable restrooms located

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Victim hospitalized after drive-by paintball shootings in Old Town, River North

The paintball drive-bys are back. At least two people reported being shot with paintballs from passing cars on June 8, one in Old Town and the other in River North. One of the victims was taken to a hospital for treatment of an eye injury.

Police said a 38-year-old man was walking westbound in the 100 block of W. Schiller when a red sedan pulled up around 10:48 p.m. Someone inside the car fired a paintball gun, striking him in the eye, according to a CPD spokesperson.

The fire department took him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

About a half-hour later, another man was targeted as he walked near Orleans and Kinzie. He reported being shot in the back, but his injuries were not serious.

Paintball “shootings” tend to come and go in waves in Chicago.

A woman suffered a serious eye injury in a paintball attack on the Northwest Side in 2019. Incidents spiked during the pandemic when videos of paintball shootings went viral.

Warning issued after robbery crew strikes twice in River North

Chicago police have issued a community alert for one of the city’s busiest nightlife districts after two people were robbed on June 12.

The robberies occurred in the first two blocks of W. Kinzie St., one immediately after the other, just before 2 a.m., according to the Chicago Police Dept.

Three men “targeted lone, unsuspecting victims in public,” the police alert stated. The robbers used physical force to steal property from the victims. Both victims were physically assaulted, and one reported that the robbers impersonated police officers during the approach, a source familiar with the case said.

CPD described the suspects as Black males in their 20s with dreadlocks, standing between 5’-10” and 6 feet tall and weighing 175 to 185 lbs.

Creep in Dearborn Park

Chicago Police report an incident of multiple Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse of a Child 7:37 p.m. June 11 in the Dearborn Park neighborhood.

In the incident, three female minors were at the playground at Jones Park when an unknown adult male approached one of the minor females and grabbed her as she crawled on playground equipment. The unknown male then walked over and sat next to another minor female, engaged in a short conversation, and briefly touched the minor in an inappropriate manner.

All three minors then left the playground, when they were briefly followed by the offender, who then fled northbound through the Plymouth Court tunnel.

The offender is described as a male African American, 60-70 years of age, bald head, grey or white facial hair. The offender is missing teeth, but has at least one gold tooth remaining. The offender was wearing a black long sleeve shirt bearing a white skeleton decal and blue jeans.

Anyone with information on this incident may contact the Special Investigations Unit at 312-492-3810 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference #JJ290867.

Five charged in federal investigation targeting Fentanyl sales

A federal investigation into fentanyl sales in Chicago has resulted in drug or firearm charges against five individuals.

An indictment unsealed last week in federal court in Chicago accuses four of the defendants of conspiring to distribute fentanyl, methamphetamine, and heroin in the city in 2023 and 2024.

Three defendants are charged with illegally possessing firearms, including handguns equipped with a “switch” device, making them capable of firing multiple rounds with a single pull of the trigger.

Charged with drug conspiracy and distribution are Jared Daniels, 33, of Chicago, Cristine Serrano, 34, of Chicago, Shernell Anderson, 35, of Chicago, and Larry Lemon, of Brookfield. Daniels, Serrano, and Jonathan Collins, 33, of Chicago, are also charged with federal firearm offenses.

All five defendants are in law enforcement custody. The charges against Daniels, Serrano, Anderson, and Lemon carry a maximum sentence of life in federal prison, as well as mandatory minimums ranging from ten to 15 years. The charge against Collins is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Probation for doctor who nearly starved dog to death: “Justice was not served”



Photos of Betty. Images courtesy Hinsdale Humane Society

The doctor accused of nearly starving her dog to death—a sickening crime discovered only because a work crew happened upon the malnourished dog inside a tote bin during a clean-up assignment—was sentenced to probation June 12.

“We are angry. We are heartbroken. We are disgusted by our failed ‘justice’ system,” said the Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation in an after-court Facebook post.

Anita Damodaran, 38, was being evicted from her Lincoln Park apartment earlier this year when workers hired by her landlord discovered a malnourished dog named Betty, officials said.

During Damodaran’s initial court appearance, prosecutors said the

workers had been told to stay away from three plastic bins on the back porch. But one of the women noticed a nose sticking out of a bin and thought it may have been a stuffed animal. It was Betty.

“Two women discovered her, barely alive in a plastic container that had crates stacked on top of it,” according to the Hinsdale Humane Society. “Fully matted, extremely underweight, and scared to even move, Betty stared at the women who pulled her out of the container. Miraculously, she survived because of a small hole in the lid that let in oxygen.”

Betty was also malnourished and covered in filth. The workers took her to a vet for treatment. According to Garrido’s court advocate report, she weighed just 19 pounds, less than half of her healthy weight.

“She had compression wounds, extensive matting, and was estimated to have been starved for at least one month,” the foundation’s report said.

On June 12, Damodaran pleaded guilty to aggravated cruelty to animals before Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer in exchange for two years of probation. If she completes the program successfully, she may have the case wiped from her record.

“For over two hours we held our breath, hoping, praying, that justice would prevail,” the rescue shelter said after sentencing. “Instead, we watched Doctor Anita Damodaran, a woman who subjected her own dog, Betty, to unthinkable cruelty, walk away with less than a slap on the wrist from Cook County Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer.”

The judge permitted Damodaran to complete probation in Florida, where she now lives.

“She can expunge it. Erase it. Like Betty never existed. Like the horror never happened,” Garrido’s post continued. “But Betty exists. She suffered. She survived. She matters. But we are thankful that Betty survived and is living the life she deserves.”

Commercial burglaries in Loop

Chicago Police are reporting commercial burglaries are occurring in the Loop. In each incident, a lone offender entered into a restaurant or small retail store after forcibly breaking the front door/window. Once entry was made, the offender took possession of property contained inside the business, including a tip jar and cash register containing currency as well as tobacco products and consumable items displayed for sale.

Incidents have occurred on the 100 block of W. Madison St. 12:30 a.m. May 26; the 0-100 block of N Wells St. 5 a.m. May 29, and on the 100 block of W. Madison St. 2:35 a.m. June 4.

The suspect is an unknown male, approximately 20-50 years old, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, black pants, yellow gym shoes, and black gloves. Anyone with information on these crimes may contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and Reference # 25-3-027.

Three adults, two juveniles charged with robbing suburbanites admiring the city skyline

Three men and two juveniles face robbery charges after prosecutors accused them of mugging a group of suburbanites admiring the city skyline.

Four men from Des Plaines, all between 18 and 20, were taking in the nighttime view of downtown from a parking garage roof in the 2300 block of W. Logan, according to prosecutors. At least one other group was admiring the view from the roof and someone from that group walked over to the victims and asked which gang they associated with, prosecutors said in detention proffers.

Moments later, the entire second group crossed the roof and robbed the victims, the filings stated. One of the juveniles brandished a knife and



From left: Osvaldo Chaidez, Ryan Eggleston, and Jack Ognar.

chased a suburban man. The man escaped but lost a shoe and his phone while fleeing.

The same juvenile chased a second victim and stole his belt.

A third victim attempted to escape, but the group allegedly pursued him and robbed him of his phone, wallet, and keys at knife-point.

Prosecutors said the robbers chased the victims a short distance before leaving the scene. Meanwhile, the victims used a phone-tracking app to locate one of their stolen phones at a nearby bowling alley. When they arrived, they allegedly saw all five robbers in two separate cars in the parking lot.

The victims flagged down a nearby police officer, who detained the group and called for backup.

Prosecutors charged Osvaldo Chaidez, 20, Jack Ognar, 18, Ryan Eggleston, 29, and the two juveniles with four counts of robbery.

According to the filings, Chaidez battered one of the victims while Ognar recorded the incident on his phone.

Chicago police investigators allegedly found one victim’s shoe, another victim’s belt, and a pair of brass knuckles in Eggleston’s car.

Judge James Murphy III denied detention for all three adults, ordering them to electronic monitoring instead. Details about the juvenile cases are not publicly available.

17 arrested during immigration protest in the Loop

Chicago police arrested 17 people downtown during a May 10 demonstration against the Trump administration’s immigration policies, the Chicago Police Dept. reported.

CPD also stated that a 66-year-old woman was struck by a vehicle when a motorist drove through part of the crowd around 6:30 p.m. The victim was treated and released from Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The driver remains at large.

Of those arrested, CPD said 10 face misdemeanor charges, four face felony charges, one was cited for possession of paint or a marker with intent to deface, and two remain in custody with charges pending.

During a march and demonstration, protesters marked several cars, police vehicles and CTA buses with graffiti, blocked traffic and held anti-ICE and anti-police signs.

CPD released the following list of individuals arrested and their charges: Nathan Sol, 20, two felony counts of aggravated battery of a peace officer; Yony Salgado, 33, one felony count of aggravated battery of a peace officer; Johnathan Ellison, 37, one felony count of aggravated battery of a peace officer; Asnat Berestizhevsky, 27, felony criminal damage, misdemeanor battery, and a citation for resisting or aiding escape; Jordan Schnitz, 23, misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor resisting police; Oscar Garcia Jr., 24, misdemeanor reckless conduct and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing; Ali Khaledodeh, 26, misdemeanor criminal defacement; Charles Brooks, 20, misdemeanor criminal defacement and a citation for possession of paint or a marker with intent to deface; Jacqueline Rincon, 21, misdemeanor resisting or obstructing; Jose Stewart, 23, misdemeanor reckless conduct; Anusha Singh, 25, misdemeanor reckless conduct; Lucas Shutt, 20, misdemeanor reckless conduct; Joel Perez, 22, misdemeanor reckless conduct causing bodily harm, and Brenda Rosales, 33, misdemeanor reckless conduct causing bodily harm.

Communist funder of pro-illegal alien Los Angeles riots is former Lake View resident

A one-time Chicago software entrepreneur is a major donor to a communist activist group funding violent street protests in Los Angeles.

Neville “Roy” Singham, 71, funds the Party for Socialism and Liberation [PSL] through another pro-communist organization, the “People’s Forum,” according to the New York Times. PSL printed and handed out signs used by protestors, reported Twitter researcher DataRepublican.

In 1993, Singham founded his company, ThinkWorks, in an office at 1440 N. Dayton St. in Lincoln Park.

Before moving to Shanghai, China, Singham and his then-wife, Nancy Weeks Singham, lived in a third floor apartment at 3733 N. Pine Grove Ave.

Singham’s sister, Shanti Singham Goodwin, lived with her husband, Dan Goodwin, at 1726 N. Hudson in Lincoln Park. Dan Goodwin served as Chief Legal Officer of Thinkworks.

A 2022 report by New Lines Magazine alleged that Singham spent “almost \$65 million” funding entities that have advocated for the Chinese government.

“Singham has long held an ideological affinity with the Chinese Communist Party, dating to his youthful membership in the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, a Mao-influenced group based in Detroit, Michigan,” the report said. “After attending Howard University, Singham spent the next several years cobbling together a consulting firm for equipment-leasing companies out of a basement in Chicago. In 1993, he named his company Thoughtworks, then expanded its focus to incorporate what Singham calls “Agile” software development, which involves adaptive management, decentralized systems, and close collaboration between developers and users.”

Singham sold Thoughtworks to a British private equity firm, Apax for \$785 million in 2017.

Four robbed in 30 minutes in Lakeview, Lincoln Park

Four people were robbed at gunpoint in about a half an hour June 9 and 10 on the North Side.

Two gunmen in a white SUV approached a 20-year-old man around 12:05 a.m. June 10 in the 2300 block of N. Sheffield Ave. and took his belongings at gunpoint before fleeing the scene, Chicago police said.

A 21-year-old woman was walking in the 700 block of N. Roscoe St. roughly 15 minutes earlier when two gunmen robbed her at gunpoint and fled in a vehicle, officials said.

Around 11:45 p.m. June 9, a 23-year-old woman was walking in the 2800 block of N. Pine Grove when two robbers took her things at gunpoint and fled in a white SUV, police said.

The first robbery happened around 11:30 p.m. in the 3400 block of N. Broadway when a 47-year-old woman had her belongings taken by two male attackers, authorities said.

It’s not immediately known whether the robberies are connected, police said.

No injuries were reported and no one was in custody in any of the incidents.

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'Clean Slate Act' to seal nonviolent criminal records loses in race against time

BY REILLY COOK
Capital News Illinois

The "Clean Slate" Act, which could have sealed thousands and potentially millions of nonviolent criminal records in Illinois, had bipartisan support but failed to pass in the final flurry of legislative action this spring, the sponsor says.

Senate Bill 1784 would have required law enforcement agencies to automatically seal eligible nonviolent criminal records twice a year for people who remain conviction-free during designated waiting periods. The proposal is modeled after Clean Slate laws passed in 12 states, both blue and red.

Despite swift movement through the House, including votes from five Republicans, the bill never made it to the Senate floor before the legislative session adjourned around midnight May 31.

"It wasn't that (the bill) didn't have enough sponsors, but the Senate sponsor of the bill was working on the budget, and the budget is going to take precedence over everything else," said Jehan Gordon-Booth [92nd], the bill's chief sponsor in the House, referencing Sen. Elgie Sims, [17th], the bill's Senate sponsor. "He had to focus on his No. 1 job, which is budgeteer."

It was the third time the legislation had failed to pass in the Illinois General Assembly.

Criminal justice reform advocates say the legislation offers people with criminal records a second chance at a successful life by easing barriers to employment, housing and education — obstacles they say perpetuate punishment long after sentences have been served.

Illinois' Democrats were able to successfully pass a \$55.2 billion budget plan for fiscal year 2026, which was introduced less than 48 hours before the session concluded. Sims acted as the Senate's lead budget negotiator — a role Gordon-Booth characterized as "extremely stressful."

While disappointed, Gordon-Booth said she remains optimistic that the legislation she calls "a personal project" could advance during the fall veto session, if not

sooner.

Although the General Assembly's annual fall session is primarily intended to address bills vetoed by the governor, it also provides an opportunity to revisit legislation that stalled in the spring session.

"We could get called back to session because of what's happening in Washington, so that would provide an opportunity in advance of a veto session," Gordon-Booth said, referring to ongoing budget uncertainty at the U.S. Capitol, where federal lawmakers are sparring over President Donald Trump's spending bill.

While thousands of Illinoisans with felony convictions are eligible for expungement, or sealing of their records, Gordon-Booth said few follow through because of the "burdensome" petitioning process, which varies by county. She said streamlining it with automation would eliminate long waiting periods, confusion and cost concerns.

According to data analysis from Clean Slate Illinois, an advocacy group dedicated to ending permanent punishments for eligible persons, it would take 154 years to clear the conviction backlog at the current rate of sealing relief.

Algie Crivens III, a member of the Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments, said he has friends and family who have experienced this.

"At least in Cook County, the process takes extreme amounts of time. So if you take away the time and money costs to petition, it eases the process for individu-

als who are already struggling," Crivens said. "And many people don't engage in the process in the first place because of fear of the justice system."

Crivens said the issue goes beyond an inefficient system: He said it creates a double standard — especially when comparing the outcomes for everyday people to those with wealth and power.

Crivens said people with criminal records can't even work at McDonald's or Burger King, or the park district. "How can the rich and powerful still be able to make successful moves in life, with backgrounds? But when the common person cannot do that we have a problem," he said. "There's a failure in America."

SB1784 is the furthest Clean Slate legislation has advanced in Illinois. Gordon-Booth introduced similar measures in 2021 and 2023, both of which stalled in committee. She attributed those earlier setbacks to her leadership in major legislative efforts at the time, including the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and the 'Rebuild Illinois' infrastructure plan.

But Gordon-Booth's involvement in expungement aid began before 2021, when she started hosting expungement summits in Peoria in 2017. Unlike Chicago's access to Cabrini Green Legal Aid, most Illinois cities lacked legal support for clearing criminal records.

"The first expungement summit that I did, we had hundreds of

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Uber overcharged customers for city tax

BY CWBCHICAGO

Rideshare firm Uber overcharged their customers nearly \$1.8 million in Downtown congestion taxes in the first four months of 2025, a review of city finances shows. The company claims that an internal error led it to charge the congestion tax on rides to and from Downtown that took place outside the hours of 6 a.m.-10 p.m., when the congestion tax is collected.

The total means that about 1.2 million Uber customers were overcharged.

Uber and city officials previously refused to disclose the total sum of the wrongful surcharges — only confirming the amount after the local news site Block Club discovered it through a Freedom of Information Act re-

cords request to the city's Dept. of Finance. The tax surcharge tax is applied to all ride share runs in an area bounded by North Ave. and Roosevelt Rd. to help underwrite the city's budget crunch. The collected funds were paid to the city, and Uber is now asking the city to return \$1.8 million in overcharges back to their customers.

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Refugee Day celebration June 21 in Lincoln Park

World Refugee Day Chicago [WRD] is hosting their annual celebratory event 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21 at Foster Beach Soccer Fields.

Since 2002, WRD has commemorated the day with organizing events, workshops, conferences, lunches, street parades, downtown rallies, guest speakers, and multicultural performances by members of the Chicago refugee community. WRD Chicago is focused on welcoming and serving refugees.



Renee Ferguson



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Arny Granat and Steve Traxler.



Joey Majumdar and Mira Nair.

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amount of commercial vacancies in the area with soaring rents.

LOBSTER FEST: Year 11. Hostess **Heather Wright** always sets a picture-perfect table, outdoing herself year after year. **Karen Zupko’s** gift of sushi socks was well received at the annual lobster feast in Lake Forest, that included **Jim Kinney, Brian White, Mr. Mike, Ken Steele** and **Laurie Lochery, Andy and Heather Wright**, the charming hosts. The lobster was legendary.

CHURCH: Retired Portland, OR, **Archbishop John Vlazny**, 88, a former South Sider, and retired Chicago Auxiliary **Bishop John R. Gorman**, 100, each brought honor and comfort to the people whose lives they touched, were buried last week in their respective communities.

42 BALLOONS: Inspired by an unbelievable true story, 42 Balloons is an original musical from the award-winning producers of SIX. On July 2, 1982, truck driver **Larry Walters** defied the odds (and FAA airspace regulations) to achieve his lifelong dream of

flying. In a lawn chair attached to 42 weather balloons, Larry—supported by his girlfriend and a community of unlikely heroes—ascended 16,000 feet into the blue sky above LA, and from the moment he landed, their lives would never be the same. Featuring an ’80s pop-inspired score, 42 Balloons is a funny, moving new musical that asks: How far would you go for your dream... and how far would you be willing to fly?

This show has a really good chance of ending up on Broadway, see it now. Running at Chicago Shakespeare at Navy Pier until June 29.

WHO’S WHERE: **Maria Pappas** celebrated her birthday, cheered by her legions of friends and family... **Christopher Clinton Conway** in LA thrilled the 2025 Tower of Hope Gala was a triumphant success in support of cancer research... Bravo 2016 World Series champ **Kyle Hendricks** on 100 career wins... Congrats to **Emmett** and **Megan George** on their marriage, Grandpa **Emmett** and Grandma **Dorothy Whealan** are so happy for you in heaven... Best



Aonghus Doherty and family.



The Dooley Family.

wishes to Maestro **Rich Daniels** on his birthday, so pleased to see the family assemble to celebrate together at Capitol Grill with Mom, **Kathy Daniels**, and Pop... Happy to see **John Buchbinder** assemble the family together for an unforgettable pot luck dinner... famed Chicago restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** was stumped to discover a ticket to the French Open Men’s Final was \$900 to \$1200... Thrilled to see lovely **Whitney Reynolds** receive a Gold Viddy award for best original talk show theme song... Congrats to **Aonghus Doherty**, now a graduate of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School and soon to begin Mount Carmel High School in the Autumn... (Ret) Judge **Rhoda Sweeney Drucker** and husband, **Fred Drucker** remain truly faithful followers of the White Sox, earning perfect attendance... **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** is a proud mom, so excited for son, **Charley**, whose Northwestern Univ. graduation is the source of pride and reason for all the purple decorations, congrats... **Linda Robin** having a fun day with the gal-pals playing Mahjongg... Happy 63rd Wedding Anniversary to **Sherman Kaplan** and his wife, **Eileen Kaplan** pals and partners through thick and thin... **Thad Wong** with **Palmer Wong** and **Hattie Wong** dining at Bavette’s Bar & Beef... Back



Sherman and Eileen Kaplan.

working at The Strand bookstore for the summer, **William Wyden**, son of The Strand owner **Nancy Bass Wyden**, and great grandson of The Strand founder, **Ben Bass**... **Cole Kmet** just got married and Bears’ teammates were in attendance... Chicago News lost a remarkable reporter with the death of retired veteran **Renee Ferguson** who brought skill and journalistic dignity to the task... **Irene Michaels** proud of her husband **Arny Granat** and **Steve Traxler** for winning nine Tonys, quite an accomplishment for Chicago boys... my old pal **Kelly Barton Rosenberg** with

new husband **Drew Coxhead** at the Ritz in Naples, FL... **Dr. Rose Gomez** dining at sea along the Iberian Coast... **Diane Abt** and **Michael Zielenziger** in Paris feeling lucky to have seen an extraordinary production of Manon at the Opera Bastille.

BADGER ROWERS: The **Dooley Family** all traveled to son **Ethan Dooley’s** last row for Univ. of Wisconsin. **Ken** and **Dana**, sisters **Faye** and **Lilah**, with Ethan at the New Jersey Regatta event. Such water skills like Ethan’s remind us the Irish are bred for the sea.

HIKE: **Jim Marshall**, former Minnesota Viking who started in more consecutive NFL games (297) than any other defensive player may be best remembered for romping 66 yards into the wrong end zone after recovering a fumble during a game in 1964, died in Minneapolis June 3. He was 87. Marshall started every game for the Vikings over the franchise’s first 19 seasons, making four Super Bowl appearances as part of Minnesota’s formidable defensive line, known as the Purple People Eaters.

REMEMBERING CANNES: Director, producer and writer **Mira Nair** with executive producer and film maker **Joey Majumdar**, enjoyed life at the 78th Cannes Film Festival.

CABARET: **Barb Bailey** is being presented on June 18 by **Barry Edwards** of Dick Clark’s American Bandstand & Chicago’s CBS News. She’ll be at The Den Theatre, 1313 N. Milwaukee, debuting the show she did in New York at “Don’t Tell Mama!” All new Hollywood stories. Call 773-697-3830.

There seems to be a different Chicago around every street corner, behind every bar, and within every apartment, two-flat, cottage, or bungalow.

- Dominic Pacyga

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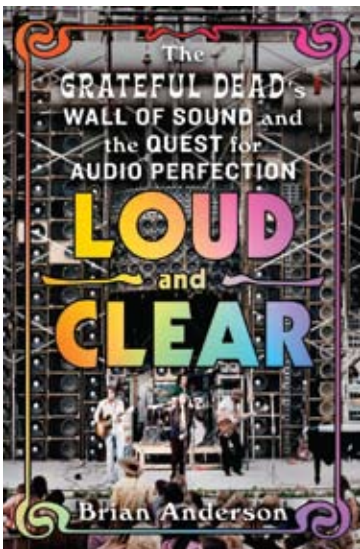
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Local author to be interviewed on Wall of Sound book at Wrigleyville tavern

Gman Tavern will host local author Brian Anderson in conversation with Josh Terry, Thursday, June 19, as part of the tavern's Lagunita's Presents... A Gman Author Series.

Loud and Clear: The Grateful Dead's Wall of Sound and the Quest for Audio Perfection is the first book to tell the full story of the Grateful Dead's "Wall of Sound," an unprecedented and since unparalleled speaker system that was as tall as a school bus is long and more than a hundred feet wide. The band's quest for roaring yet crystal clear sound began after their formation in 1965, colliding with the '60s progressive social climate.

Over the next few years, the Dead's growing crew of sound-obsessed techies and eccentric roadies took their speaker system to new technological heights. But as the Dead's relentless, touring schedule met this increasingly burdensome yet sonically per-



fect machine, in 1974, the Wall brought the band to its knees. The two years of "Wall shows" are legend among Deadheads, and this character-driven tale about human ambition, achievement, and the limits of both on a larger-than-life scale has the potential to reach a wide range of music fans

and readers of cultural history. Anderson, a resident of Edgewater, interviewed hundreds of people associated with the band and the construction of the Wall itself, including band members, roadies, tech wizards, fans and many more. This fascinating inside story of one of the most legendary rock bands of all time will appeal to Deadheads, music fans, audiophiles and many more.



Brian Anderson

Join this free event at Gman Tavern, 3740 N. Clark St., open to those 21 and over. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. The evening will include a DJ Set by Dead Inside. Book will be sold onsite by City Lit Books.



Tim Paul and Kamelya Alexan, posing next to a poster advertising their new film, "I'm Only Blind" at the Beverly Hills Film Festival. Photo courtesy Dominic Calabrese

Award-winning documentary showcases blind marathon runner

Chicago Premiere set for July 12

"I'm Only Blind," an award-winning documentary showcasing the inspirational story of Tim Paul, a Lake View resident and champion blind marathon runner, will debut in Chicago 6 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

The documentary will premiere with a special program and showing at CineCity Studios Chicago, 2429 W. 14th St.

Recently it was named winner of the Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary at the 25th Annual Beverly Hills International Film Festival.

Written and directed by Chicago filmmaker Kamelya Alexan, who has won awards for her work, "I'm Only Blind" illustrates how Paul, 66, never let his disability get in the way of realizing his dreams.

Along the way, he has successfully competed in the New York, Boston, Chicago and Houston Marathons as well as races in Europe. In the process, he has won scores of medals and other

awards.

Paul, who also ice and water skis and has even flown an airplane, works full time as a customer care agent at The Chicago Lighthouse, a social service manufacturing organization committed to making jobs accessible to individuals who are blind.

In addition, Paul is actively involved in his community by serving as a Lion and regularly participating in area blood drives.

"I hope that "I'm Only Blind" encourages people with disabilities to never stop believing in themselves and to forcefully take on the challenges they face in daily living," he says.

The July 12 movie premiere will include a screening of the film followed by a question-and-answer session and a live performance from country and western artist Austin Edwards who recorded its theme song.

For more information and to order tickets, visit <https://give.chicagolighthouse.org/event/im-only-blind-chicago-premiere/e688292>.

Zoo welcomes new herd of Alpacas

Six alpacas have been added to the Lincoln park Zoo's collection this spring. The herd, which consists of females Starlight, Zsa Zsa, Maya, Sara, Grette, and Gracie, have taken up residence at the southernmost habitat in the zoo's 4-acre South Loop area.

Alpacas have a native range in the Andes Mountains, spanning from Colombia and Ecuador to Argentina. They were first domesticated by Andean people over 6,000 years ago from wild camelids called vicunas and currently thrive in farmed situations. Alpacas come in 22 coat colors from white and silver to dark brown and black, and were primarily domesticated for their soft wool, which can be woven into luxurious yarn.

This is the first time since 2019 that there have been alpacas at the Zoo. The species is known to be gentle and social, with a full roster of vocalizations ranging from a droning hum to an alarm call used to alert the rest of the herd



This is the first time since 2019 that there have been alpacas at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

to danger.

Spitting is also a common behavior among alpacas, particularly when they're feeling threatened, unhappy, or are in a heated argument. Before alpacas spit, they often display warning signs like flattening their ears or puff-

ing air from their nostrils.

They're also known to communicate through body language, expressing themselves through head tilts and neck posturing.

The herd's member ranges in age from 1 to 24 years, and each alpaca has her own unique look.

Festival of the Chariots

The ISKCON Chicago festival of India is hosting their annual Festival of the Chariots celebration starting at 10 a.m. June 22 at Loyola Park.

This is an ancient world tradi-

tion in which the chariots will be pulled from Albion Ave. to Sheridan Rd. and end at Loyola Park at Lunt Ave. This is a free cultural festival and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be henna artists, face painting, delicious Indian street food, and cultural performances.

Immigration legal advice June 26

Those who may have questions about an immigration case, or need help checking an application status or understanding legal options can visit the The Indo-American Center, 6328 N. California Ave., 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26.

The center offers free walk-in immigration law consultations with attorneys. Consultations are limited to 30 minutes and are for information only—representation is not included.

They request that visitors bring all relevant immigration documents.

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touch," she said.

To get barking, book a tour and learn about what's involved in being a member of this vibrant and exclusive pack.

"I don't think anything like this exists anywhere," she said. "We created something really beautiful."

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PARADE *from p. 5*

all along the parade route. Accessible restrooms will be set up on the sidewalks around 600 W. Diversey.

While open alcohol containers and drug use are prohibited, there will be lots of that behavior still taking place. Police and additional security teams will be enforcing the anti-drug and alcohol policy and fines can be up to \$1000 dollars or more for those who get caught.

In the last decade, incidents of bad behavior, including violence and vandalism, prompted safety concerns and a scaled-down event. Following the parade, a large number of arrests were made in the Lakeview neighborhood, including troubles at and adjacent to the Belmont CTA station, with some arrests involving juveniles and felony charges.

At Pride Parade 2024, the “celebrations” went on into the night and early the next morning with people reportedly fighting, jumping on cars and throwing bottles at police officers. The police made 53 arrests, including dozens of arrests around 1:25 a.m. in the 3000 block of N. Clark St. — more than 10 hours after the parade had ended.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY Plaintiff,
-v-
BRANISLAV LEKIC, CITIBANK FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, 7123-33 NORTH DAMEN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2024 CH 05461
7123 N DAMEN AVE UNIT 5E
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 10, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 14, 2025, 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:
PARCEL ID NUMBER: 11-31-200-001-0000
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7123 N DAMEN AVE, UNIT #5E CHICAGO, IL 60645
Commonly known as 7123 N DAMEN AVE UNIT 5E, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-200-033-1014
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$144,742.48.
Sale terms: 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

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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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Attorney File No. 24-202176
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Case Number: 2024 CH 05461
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
AGNES GALLEG0; UNKNOWN HAIRS AND LEGATEES OF MILDRED TERNOIR, DECEASED; LUNT AVENUE CONDOMINIUM AND HEALTH CLUB; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants;
2024CH03862
1329 W Lunt, Chicago, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/24/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on 7/30/2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 1329 W Lunt, Chicago, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-31-124-034-1037
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
The judgment amount was \$50,776.76
Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC, No third party checks will be

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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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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
JOHN HERNANDEZ, EL LAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
24 CH 08064
6157 N SHERIDAN RD. APT. 4F
CHICAGO, IL 60660
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Commonly known as 6157 N SHERIDAN RD. APT. 4F, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-211-024-1022
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$253,190.12.
Sale terms: 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.
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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 2018693.
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Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 24 CH 08064
TJSC#: 45-1075
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Case # 24 CH 08064
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
PAUL W. GOODRICH, VALERIE D. GOODRICH, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SB/M TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK, JOSEPH B. SHIRK, ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK, TRUSTEE, OR THE SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, UNDER THE ROSEMARIE M. SHIRK LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 19, 1997, DATED JUNE 3, 1997, DATED JUNE 3, 1997, DATED JUNE 3, 1997 Defendants
2024 CH 07533
3511 NORTH HERMITAGE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60657
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Property Index No. 14-19-406-015-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$678,931.60.
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Chicago IL, 60601
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Attorney File No. 25-007370
Attorney Code. 48928
Case Number: 2024 CH 07533
TJSC#: 45-1098
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-23, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-23 Plaintiff,
-v-
DANIEL R. BURDICK AKA DANIEL ROBERT BURDICK, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TONI A. BURDICK Defendants
23 CH 09026
1747 NORTH FERN COURT
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 7, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 8, 2025, 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:
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Property Index No. 14-33-324-032-0000
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The judgment amount was \$696,278.63.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
-v-
ELIZABETH BARNETTE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RAOUL WHEELER WILKINS II; 2020 LINCOLN PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAOUL W. WILKINS II AKA RAOUL WHEELER WILKINS II; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2023CH02768
2020 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST APT 12G, CHICAGO, IL 60614
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Property Index No. 14-33-208-028-1130
The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$467,777.03
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confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
XUEN LI, GREENVIEW PASSAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2024 CH 05513

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2730 N GREENVIEW AVENUE UNIT M
CHICAGO, IL 60614
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Property Index No. 14-29-301-076-1023
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The judgment amount was \$385,825.16.
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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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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 24-205606.
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TJSC#: 45-546
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men and women who stood in the rain to be able to get in the building at 7 o'clock in the morning," Gordon-Booth said. "There was a man as old as 76 that I met who said, 'If I would have met you 50 years ago, I would have had a different life.'"

Most House Republicans voted no

In the four years since Gordon-Booth introduced her first Clean Slate bill, she said she had worked closely with law enforcement agencies and business groups in hopes of building consensus across party lines.

"What I've built here over the last six years is a very diverse coalition of actors that are not typically on the same page and the same side, but they are on the same page here," she said. "I think that that speaks volumes to the opportunity that we have before us."

The bill passed the House 81-28, with five Republicans joining Democrats in support of the measure. No Democrats voted against the bill.

Despite those Republicans breaking with the caucus, House Minority Floor Leader Rep. Patrick Windhorst [117th], said his "nay" vote came down to concerns over long-term funding and oversight.

"I do take the sponsor to word when she said the money will be there," Windhorst said. "But there is concern that people are going to be promised something and not re-

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ceive it, like the automatic ceiling, or local governments are going to pick up that cost. We dump a lot on local governments from the state government that increases their costs, seemingly on a yearly basis."

During debate on the House floor, Windhorst warned that without sustained funding, the cost of implementing automatic record sealing could fall on local governments already facing budget constraints. He estimated the total cost of the measure could reach \$18 million, according to estimates from DuPage County.

Replacing the petition-based system with an automated one does come with a price tag, but the figures remain uncertain.

Paul Rothschild, managing director of operations for the Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishment — an advocacy group focused on the rights of people with criminal records — estimated the cost could be closer to \$10 million, based on what other states have spent to implement similar systems.

Still, Rothschild argued that the upfront expense is negligible compared to the long-term financial benefits.

"No matter what it costs upfront, it will save the state money in the long term. It'll pay for itself there," he said.

In the meantime, the Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments is urging its members to continue reaching out to legislators to maintain momentum.

In a June 1 email, sent the morning after the session deadline passed, the group wrote: "We need to lock in just a few more votes during the veto session. Call your Senator to make sure they follow through."

Gordon-Booth said it's not a question of if, but when her bill will be back on the table before the end of 2025.

"We're in a good position. It's going to get done and we're going to have a great bill signing," she said.

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The RNDD will include an after-party immediately following the walk, hosted by Lightology, 215 W. Chicago Ave. Tickets are \$125. The walk features 19 designers creating unique auction items for pets—such as dog beds, pet clothes, and cat condos. The walk’s philanthropic partner is PAWS Chicago, the city’s largest No Kill animal shelter, which will receive 100% of auction proceeds.

For more information, visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/pup-crawl-cat-walk/>.



Coco Chanel film June 20

The movie *Coco Before Chanel* will be shown for the public for free 8:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Friday, June 20 next to the Abe Lincoln statue behind Chicago History Museum.

“Coco” Chanel’s rise from orphaned seamstress to fashion icon, tracing her journey through cabarets and countryside with determination, singular style, and defiance of convention. The movie is in French with English subtitles.

FBI cracks down on airport and DMV text scams

BY SOFIE KELLAR

There is a new crime to worry about now that scammers can sneak through charging outlets to hack into your computers.

According to a recent item from Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], public USB charging ports without a two-pronged “block” can allow something called “juice jacking.”

This outside tampering can then install malware in your device when you plug it in. People are being warned against using USB charging stations at airports, shopping centers and other public locations.

The juice jacker in question sent texts as

“The Illinois State Department of Motor Vehicles” complaining of unpaid fines and threatening license suspension, said Ald. Hopkins in his newsletter warning. “If you receive one of these texts, it is a scam.”

The Dept. of Motor Vehicles will only send texts as reminders for upcoming appointments, according to the Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias.

“Phishing scams are unfortunately an increasingly prevalent threat in our modern society, seeking to cheat Illinoisans out of their personal information and hard-earned money,” he said in a released statement.

Juice jacking can be more dangerous

than text scams, according to the Federal Communications Commission website. Online they offer “What is Juice Jacking and Tips to Avoid It,” where they note that “Malware installed through a corrupted USB port can lock a device or export personal data and passwords directly to the perpetrator.”

They then sell this information to bad actors who send scam texts.

To keep your devices secure, carry an external battery or use an AC power outlet with your own USB chargers; and if you receive a text like this, report it at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.

Observatory to expand into former Signature Room restaurant space

There is a takeover underway 1000-feet above street-level on Michigan Ave. as the owner of 360 Chicago said it plans to expand their observatory into the former dining space atop the former John Hancock Center, 875 N. Michigan Ave., where they hope to add an event space for weddings, corporate events and other gatherings.

A year after buying the former Signature Room restaurant space, management will transform the space into Chicago’s first-

ever “multi-story observation deck” and private event venue, officials announced June 11.

The former Signature Room closed abruptly in Sept. 2023 due to lost revenue following the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown. Their neighbor, 360 Chicago, already operates the observation deck on the 94th floor, and a year ago purchased the building’s 95th and 96th floors, says manager Nichole Benolken. He

said their plan is to remove a portion of the 95th floor making way for a 30,000 square foot space that connects all three floors via a grand staircase.

According to Benolken, the 96th floor will be converted into a private event venue, with a three story atrium. The cost for the conversion will run in the “tens of millions.” The site is expected to open to the public in the next 18-24 months.

Fundraiser Aug. 16 for local dance community



Chicago’s Dance for Life, the annual fundraiser for the Dance For Health Fund, will takes place 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at The Auditorium, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Dr.,

followed by an After Party Gala at Venue SIX10, 610 S. Michigan Ave.

The effort provides financial relief for preventative health care and medical needs of more than 150,000 Chicago dance professionals. It is the nonprofit organization’s 34th annual fundraiser

The lineup of artists includes returning companies Chicago Tap All-Stars, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, The Joffrey Ballet, Movement Revolution Dance Crew, South Chicago Dance Theatre, Trinity Irish Dance Company, and Visceral Dance Chicago. Making its debut is Aerial Dance Chicago.

Dance for Life is a one-night-only event showcasing a variety of dance traditions and styles by bringing together professional dance companies and dancers, who unite to support their peers by donating their time and artistry. Dance for Life has

raised more than \$8 million and presented more than 50 Chicago-based professional dance companies.

The performance gives guests an opportunity to experience a range of dance genres, companies of different sizes and histories, and numerous choreographers, artists, and designers in one evening. Tickets are on sale now. The cost is \$500 for the performance and After Party Gala, and \$45–\$125 for the performance only. For more information call 312-341-2300, or visit www.auditoriumtheatre.org.

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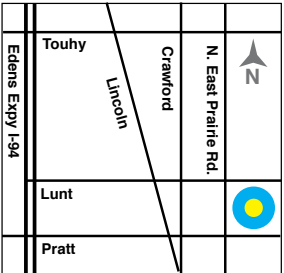


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