

Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.

— Aldous Huxley

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Judge makes partial dismissal in Sudler lawsuit

Two out of three ain't bad

On Aug. 10, this newspaper got its first rulings from Judge D. Renee Jackson in the hearing on this newspaper's motion to dismiss a case brought last year by Sudler Property Management, over a story published in July 2025.

To borrow a phrase from rock-n-roller Meatloaf, "two out of three ain't bad." Indeed the complaint made by Sudler rests on three claims they made in court about a story we published examining their management policies with regards to one North Side Condo Association.

Despite the slow pace of legal proceedings, we promised to keep our readership apprised of the situation, especially in light of the broad moral and financial support this newspaper has gotten from our readers, and the fact that so much of our readership live in properties managed by condo and homeowners associations.

Last week the court denied our motion to dismiss with regard to the "defamation" claim (Count 1). So count 1 survives.

The court dismissed the "false light" claim (Count 2) with prejudice. That claim is completely finished. With regard to Count 3 ("tortious interference with prospective economic advantage"), the court granted our motion to dismiss but did so without prejudice. That means Sudler did not plead the claim properly but will have another opportunity to do so via an amended complaint.

The amended complaint is due in mid September. If Sudler files an amended complaint, we will continue to fight that claim as we move forward through the legal process.

As our readers know, this newspaper has long viewed this court action as an attempt to stifle our newspaper's ability to report news we discover related to the management of North Side homeowner and condominium associations. And OMG, since we started looking at this, the story tips, horror stories and original source documents have poured into this office from a variety of sources and associations, including more from the 175 W. Delaware Condo

Assoc., the long-troubled association that got us into this court battle with Sudler Property Management.

And yes, this case has absolutely made us reticent to put more of that coverage before the public in these pages, so Sudler's legal efforts have succeeded on that front.

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In July 2025, this newspaper was contacted by Sudler attorney Kathryn A. Formeller, who claimed that our reporting—specifically the claim that "a forensic audit revealed Sudler self-awarded nearly \$450,000 in unauthorized raises and bonuses without

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North Side Army Ranger dead at 54

After a long and storied career in the military, and a lifelong commitment to giving back to family, friends and those in need, John Matthew Collett's friends and family mourn the untimely death at age 54, and celebrate his extraordinary life.

Collett, a highly decorated U.S. Army Ranger who died on July 14 due to an unspecified accident, spent the last 15+ years as a North Side resident.

A Battle of Mogadishu veteran, entrepreneur, founder of Three Rangers Whiskey—distilled at KOVAL Distillery in Ravenswood—and devoted advocate for veterans and others in need, Collett was a proud resident of Chicago.

Collett dedicated his life to serving others, a commitment that made him a familiar and respected presence throughout Chicago, especially on the North Side. Whether he was supporting fellow veterans, helping the homeless, contributing to charitable causes, or quietly lending a hand to someone in need, Collett could always be found



John Matthew Collett

giving back to his community.

Collett was always attuned to the "greater good" and joined the U.S. Army in 1991, a month after graduating from high school in Missouri. His basic training was at Ft. Benning, GA, where he completed the selection process and served in the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, the U.S. Army's premier direct-action special operations force. Rangers

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Judge releases driver accused of DUI, killing woman on Irving Park, fleeing with her body in his car

BY CWBCHICAGO

The drunk driver who killed a pedestrian in Lakeview Aug. 8 sped away from the scene with her body lying inside his vehicle until he crashed blocks away and then escaped on foot, prosecutors say. Despite the horrific details and his alleged escape efforts, the most defendant-friendly judge at the 26th Street courthouse refused to keep him in jail during a Aug. 11 detention hearing.



Miroslaw Ciszek

Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara told Judge D'Anthony Thedford that 34-year-old Miroslaw Ciszek was driving his Nissan westbound

on Irving Park Road around 9:20 p.m. when he stopped for a red light at Southport. When the light turned green, Ciszek continued

west at a high speed and struck Sarah Milcarek, 25, of Columbia, Missouri, as she crossed the 1400 block of W. Irving Park Rd. on foot, Pekara said.

The impact threw her into the air and into the car's rear window. But, Pekara said, Ciszek did not stop. He allegedly continued west until crashing into a vehicle that was stopped for a red light at Ashland Ave. The driver of that car got out to exchange information and saw a frantic Ciszek trying to reverse away from the crash scene, Pekara said.

As he tried to drive away, Ciszek allegedly collided with a tree, disabling his car. Surveillance cameras at Lake View High School captured the second crash and Ciszek getting out of the Nissan.

Two men chased after him as he tried to enter a nearby apartment building where he used to live, Pekara said. One of the men

tackled Ciszek, while the other called 911, but Ciszek managed to break free and fled again down Ashland. During the struggle, one of his Crocs came off, and he dropped the keys to his Nissan.



Sarah Milcarek

Meanwhile, first responders removed Milcarek from the Nissan and took her to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead. Ciszek remained on the run for more than three hours.

Shortly before 1 a.m. Aug. 9, CPD officers searching the area found him in a park, recognized him from descriptions of the driver, and noticed he was only wearing one Croc, Pekara said. At 4:16

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First case of locally transmitted Clade 1 Mpox

Health Dept. remains vigilant as overall cases are down

BY PETER VON BUOL

The first known case of locally transmitted Clade 1 Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) has occurred in Chicago, according to officials at the Chicago Dept. of Public Health [CDPH].

"As of July 27, there has been one confirmed case of Clade I Mpox in Chicago in 2026. The individual did not report any international travel, which may indicate low-level community transmission of Clade I Mpox in the U.S."

The only other Clade I Mpox case in Chicago was identified in late 2025 and was linked to international travel, said James Scalzitti, information Coordinator at the CDPH.

According to officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control [CDC], there are two types of the Mpox, Clade I and Clade II. Both are spread, treated and prevented in similar ways.

Historically, Clade I has been reported to have a much higher case-fatality rate than Clade II, which has already had local outbreaks.

In 2024, a Clade I outbreak began in Central and Eastern Africa and continues to plague the region. Due to international travel, cases of clade I have occurring in Europe, Asia and the U.S.

"Historically, Clade I was reported to have a much higher case-fatality rate than Clade II; however, data from recent outbreaks suggest that the case-fatality rate for both clades is low, especially when optimal supportive care is provided," according to the CDC.

Despite the appearance of a case of Clade 1 in Chicago, over the past six months, there have only been 13 reported cases of Mpox, overall.

"This is a tiny fraction of the

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The Machine never left Chicago, it just started doing violence prevention



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

It has been a busy time for this columnist, so we’re turning our lead story over to a young lady doing some fine journalism, Nicole Patrice, who has a Substack titled “Common Sense. Patriotism. Receipts.” She writes about Chicago and what the system won’t tell you.

This column thanks Lincoln Square’s Daniel Sheehan for introducing us to her work.

Patrice - also known as Coco - is a South Side native, singer, songwriter, bilingual Spanish-English vocalist, and bandleader of the local funk-rock group Nicole Patrice & The Exes.

This article has nothing to do with music, but should make you humming mad.

One nonprofit, two mayors, a sitting governor, \$117 million — who’s watching the money?

We’d assume most nonprofits chasing city or state violence-prevention money follow the same steps without a fight: apply through the Request for Proposals [RFP] process government agencies use to competitively solicit and select vendors — sign the contract on the terms offered, hand over the data when asked.

Acclivus, Inc. has resisted nearly every one of those steps, gotten the Mayor’s Office to intervene on its behalf, and still ended up with the money regardless. This is all according to what the city’s own former health commissioner put in writing, and it’s the same story two Chicago mayors and a sitting governor’s worth of political players have now run into.

On Feb. 11, Dr. Olusimbo Ige, then head of the Chicago Dept. of Public Health [CDPH], emailed

two deputy mayors and mayoral senior advisor Jason Lee — an email first surfaced by Chicago Tribune city hall reporter Alice Yin — laying out a documented pattern of resistance CDPH says it had to push through at every stage: Acclivus initially refused to apply through the standard RFP and instead got the Mayor’s Office to earmark funding for it directly, before CDPH secured its application; after finally applying and being offered a contract, it refused to sign on standard terms and wanted advance payment, relenting only after several meetings; it withheld data CDPH needed until further escalation; and during a renewal, it again went around CDPH’s program team straight to the Mayor’s Office. Two FOIA requests for the underlying data were already pending. Three months later, Ige was pushed out of the administration — City Hall’s stated reasons didn’t mention Acclivus.

Three weeks after her email, Lee emailed Acclivus and the CDPH team directly, pushing for a faster resolution “as prompt as possible,” with the Mayor’s Office offering to get on a call to “reach clarity.”

Read against Ige’s account, that’s the Mayor’s Office doing exactly what she’d just documented: stepping into a contracting relationship her department was trying to hold to normal terms. The Mayor’s Office has said it only intervened to appropriate late-passed budget funds, not to help Acclivus skip bidding; Acclivus denies going outside the standard process and calls CDPH’s audit unfair.

The same play predates Johnson. Tribune reporting by Yin found Acclivus executives approached at least four senior officials under Mayor Lori Lightfoot seeking funding, and were told every time they’d have to compete for it through the RFP like anyone else — including, according to an anonymous source, when Ald. Pat Dowell allegedly made the pitch to Lightfoot directly, who rebuffed her.

Dowell denies she ever raised it with Lightfoot at all. What-

ever the truth of that specific exchange, one thing isn’t in dispute: under Lightfoot, this organization hit a wall every time it tried to go around the process, with no senior official willing to help it push through.

Under Johnson, per Ige’s own documented account, it hit the same resistance from CDPH — but this time the Mayor’s Office stepped in on Acclivus’ behalf instead of backing up the department trying to hold the line.

And the pattern doesn’t stop at the city line. Acclivus’ senior staff includes Bamani Obadele - listed third on the organization’s now leadership page, behind only the CEO and COO — who pleaded guilty in 2010 to steering more than \$190,000 in DCFS money toward companies he secretly controlled, and served six months in jail.

Since then he’s built a political consulting firm, Goshen Impact Solutions, that’s taken in more than \$2.3 million in Illinois campaign spending since 2016 — more than \$1.1 million of it from Gov. JB Pritzker’s own campaign in the last four years alone, plus paid work for Johnson, Dowell, and other sitting officials.

Acclivus COO Sheila Regan told the Sun-Times “there is no relationship” between Obadele’s campaign work and the organization’s grants, which “have been awarded in alignment with state law, primarily via competitive grant processes.” That denial answers one specific question — whether the grants were awarded because of the campaign work — and leaves untouched the plainer fact sitting next to it: the governor whose campaign has personally enriched one of Acclivus’ top three executives is the same governor whose agencies have sent the organization more than \$100 million over the years, including over \$25 million in each of the last two fiscal years, one line item literally titled “Violence Prevention - Acclivus” in the state’s own catalog. That’s state money alone — Chicago’s own procurement records add at least \$6.4 million more in the city contracts on top, the same city money Ige’s original email was about in the first

place. Acclivus’ own independent audit puts a number on just how concentrated that dependency is: in 2024, 95% of its annual grant and contribution revenue came from just two grantors — up from 91% the year before.

Its 2023 federal tax filing shows \$13.47 million in total contributions and grants that year, \$13 million of it government money. That’s not where it started. Acclivus’ IRS filings show revenue of \$166,825 in 2018, the year it was founded — then \$1.5 million in 2019, \$9.4 million by 2021, and \$13.47 million by 2023: roughly an 80-fold increase in five years, almost entirely funded by the same two levels of government now facing the question of how it got access other nonprofits don’t.

Jeff Orr posed the obvious follow-up question: has Illinois ever audited this organization at the state level after sending it more than \$100 million, and if so, why didn’t that audit catch what CDPH found?

As of this writing, nobody’s answered it.

Line these two administrations up and the comparison gets interesting. Johnson’s team left a paper trail — one messy enough to raise real questions about a commissioner’s departure three months after she documented it — and his own campaign took a \$25,000 check from Acclivus — 16 times the \$1,500 cap Chicago’s Ethics Ordinance puts on contractor contributions, dated before the RFP that would fund Acclivus has even closed.

Springfield’s version of this relationship is bigger by every dollar figure involved and has produced no equivalent friction: no fired commissioner, no emails leaking, no visible pushback from anyone in Pritzker’s orbit. Credit for pushing that comparison into public view belongs partly to independent commentators like Jeff Orr, who was among the first to publicly connect Acclivus’ funding growth to the campaign money trail and ask why the state hadn’t caught it sooner — the kind of question that professional coverage and independent digging both had to get right for the

fuller picture to come together.

One of these operations got caught because it was clumsy enough to generate a paper trail. The other has run longer, moved more money, and left almost no paper trail. Which of those should actually worry you more is worth sitting with.

None of this requires proving an explicit exchange to matter. A sitting commissioner documented in writing that one grantee got Mayor’s Office help clearing hurdles we’d assume most other applicants have to clear alone, and was gone three months later.

That grantee is still operating on tens of millions in public money, at every level of government, run in part by a man whose last brush with public money ended in a guilty plea and whose current side business is bankrolled by campaigns tied to the same officials overseeing its funding. Whatever you call that, it isn’t equal treatment — and calling it a pattern isn’t a stretch anymore.

This column encourages you to subscribe to Nicole’s Substack, the girl’s got it going on.

JAZZY LADY: Chicago bid farewell to the “First Lady of Chicago Jazz,” **Geraldine Bey de Haas** at 91, a woman of expansive musical repertee and Chicago soul. Her talent and love of the soundtrack of Chicago living made her a significant ally in authentic jazz production across her long life. No one was a larger and more talented advocate for real Chicago rhythms and Jazz Age pride.

PAPAL SOX: With **Pope Leo XIV** on their side, the Chicago White Sox invoked their most prominent fan August 11 via a pope hat giveaway - 40,000 of them - for a home game against the Cincinnati Reds. Now rumor has it that the Pope is “looking at

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CPD After School Program starts Aug. 24

Fall Session and slots are still open at parks

Parents looking to keep their children busy after the school day ends should consider registering for the Chicago Park District's Park Kids after-school program. The program is open and offers grammar school age children a place to play and engage with

their peers, while completing homework assignments or learning a new activity. Specific dates vary by park but most Park Kid programs run from Aug. 31, to Dec. 18, for the fall season. Offered at more than 100 parks, Park Kids engages children ages

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Route change for CTA #78 bus due to tight turns

The Chicago Transit Authority's [CTA] #78 route will change from Clark to Ashland on Aug. 23, covering approximately 0.4 miles. This means the #78 will spend approximately two blocks less on Montrose, and two more blocks on Wilson. The CTA hopes this change will provide faster service for the #78 bus, as Ashland

provides an easier bus turning radius. The difficult turns for buses are being created by new concrete barriers installed in Chicago streets by the Chicago Dept. Of Transportation. Ashland Ave. offers less congested intersections due to the proximity of the two streets, and because Ashland remains a two-lane road, whereas Clark St. has

been reduced to only one lane in many sections. The changes should also reduce congestion at Clark/Montrose and Clark/Wilson that results from the city-created unusually tight turns that buses need to take now that new concrete roadway barriers have been installed on Clark St.



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Dropout teams up with father to fix Chicago's apartment hunt

BY MARK PALACCI
Chicago Star Media

Every North Sider who has ever hunted for an apartment knows the dread of Chicago's rental market: chasing down leasing agents, hunting for hidden lockboxes and getting ghosted by online brokers. Bella Campise, 21, is using her deep Chicago real estate roots to rewrite the rules.

Campise left her studies at Northwestern University's tech incubator, The Garage, to launch Aigentless in late 2024 alongside her father, Frank Campise, co-founder and principal of North Side firm JAB Real Estate. Real estate runs in the family; Bella was making cold calls at age 12 and helped her father with a condo deconversion in Uptown as a high school freshman. "Frank and I had been doing walks around to look at properties since I was really young," she told The RealDeal Chicago. "We're both real estate nerds."

Her own grueling college housing hunts exposed gaps in the market, so she built an AI-driven mobile platform tailored to the quirks of Chicago's vintage buildings. As a Gen Z entrepreneur, Campise designed the app around how her generation actually wants to rent: no small talk with a leasing agent required, just book, unlock, and tour a unit solo, even at 11 p.m. on a Tuesday. Its "Leasa" AI assistant answers questions about a unit's features and verifies renter identity in three steps, all while letting prospective tenants apply on the spot from their phone.

The concept proved itself at the 159-unit Hamden Court Apartments in Lincoln Park, one of the

app's first test properties. "The Aigentless tours did 70 percent of the leasing, and our live agents only did the other 30 percent," Frank told The RealDeal.

That early traction fueled fast growth. In a three-year exclusive partnership announced in November 2025, Denver-based Cardinal Group Companies made Aigentless the sole self-guided tour provider across its 100,000-plus-bed student housing portfolio, one of the largest in the country. As of this summer, Aigentless itself had grown to nearly 200 properties and roughly 40,000 units nationwide, according to Trade Press, with more coming online as the Cardinal rollout continues. To manage that growth, Aigentless brought on industry veteran Jesus Machuca Jr. as head of revenue this June.

Campise has said automating tours frees leasing teams from repetitive questions so they can focus on higher-value work like closing deals and building relationships. "That's not just a feel-good benefit," she said as reported by Multi-Housing News. "It has real financial implications."

Campise's momentum has also drawn recognition: she was named a Rising Star honoree at Bisnow's Chicago Women Leading Real Estate ceremony just this March, one of 28 women recognized for their impact on the city's commercial real estate industry. Even as national expansion pulls the team toward new markets, Aigentless remains headquartered at 1525 W. Homer St. in Chicago, reflecting the Chicago origins of a nationwide push to change how renters interact with real estate in 2026.

For late-summer apartment hunters, the app offers a glimpse of a more optimistic, practical future—proof of what happens when family real estate wisdom meets next-generation technology.

Renters nationwide can explore platform features on the Aigentless Platform Hub or download the app through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



The now closed Weiss Memorial Hospital in Uptown.

Photo by Bob Zuley

Can Insight Health afford to take over two hospitals?

Insight has consistently lost money, losing nearly \$30M in 2024

BY BOB ZULEY

Since purchasing Mercy Hospital in 2021 for \$1 and changing its name to Insight Hospital and Medical Center, the Bronzeville hospital has consistently lost money, according to multiple reports. Insight lost nearly \$30 million in 2024, the most recent year available.

This comes despite Insight receiving around \$50 million in advances from the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services since it bought Mercy.

The issue is of importance now as a Cook County judge considers another court-supervised \$1 takeover deal that proposes transferring Weiss Memorial Hospital in Uptown and West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park to Insight.

Medical management experts and Insight's own tax-filings question whether the system can stabilize the shuttered, debt-heavy facilities.

The two closed safety-net hospitals, previously operated by Resilience Healthcare, already owe Illinois taxpayers over \$104 million in unpaid assessment



Insight Hospital CEO Atif Bawahab. Courtesy Insight-Chicago

infrastructural investment and stable electronic medical record and billing functionality – the exact failure of which contributed to Resilience's failure.

Healthcare advocates worry that adding two non-functional, deeply indebted campuses to an already strapped parent organization could stretch Insight's resources past a viable breaking point.

The State found Insight faced potentially "significant cash flow problems" when the hospital ran into trouble with a contractor trying to upgrade its outdated billing system. The public records raise questions about how Insight Health Systems can afford to reopen and operate two more hospitals.

Insight, Weiss, and West Sub-

taxes and advanced loans. That debt grows by the day as it does not include balanced owed to outside vendors, contractors or former employees.

Both hospitals require extensive

urban are all safety-net hospitals which are often the destinations for low-income and immigrant communities, who struggle to pay their bills. These hospitals often depend on government insurance coverage and typically don't receive much income.

Insight, Weiss, and West Suburban are all safety-net hospitals which are often the destinations for low-income and immigrant communities, who struggle to pay their bills.

The takeover bid would be operated by Insight Health Systems, not Insight Hospital. But the top executive at Insight Hospital – CEO Atif Bawahab – is chief strategy officer for Insight Health Systems. Insight Hospital's board chairman and two other board members are also executives with the parent company, including Insight Health System's chief financial officer.

Insight Health System's interest in taking over the two hospitals developed in the messy business divorce between between Resilience co-owners, Reddy Rathnaker Patlola and Manoj Prasad.

This development involving Resilience Healthcare and Insight Health Systems comes as hospital financial records will be kept confidential under a new state law enacted by Gov. JB Pritzker. Some people may recall that the Dec. 2001 closing of Edgewater Hospital resulted in thousands of medical records being abandoned in the building basement. Like Resilience, Edgewater found itself in legal troubles after sketchy ownership took over the facility with ill-intent. Federal investigations into unnecessary medical procedures and massive billing fraud at Edgewater led to the facility being barred from federal healthcare programs.

Doctors fear more hospitals could close in 2027 when Trump administration cuts to Medicaid public health insurance for people who are low-income or have disabilities will take effect. An estimated 400,000 people could lose insurance coverage, meaning less money for hospitals that treat them.

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With Grant Park softball dead, where should play move?



The Home Front by Don DeBat

Second of two articles on the future of softball on Chicago's lakefront.

It appears that "Chicago's Game," 16-inch slow pitch softball, is officially dead at Grant Park after anchoring the historic lakefront location for nearly 100 years.

Following the four-day and night "Lollapalooza" concert event, Grant Park's cherished softball diamonds were trampled into utter destruction by the 400,000-plus concert attendees. When the festival ended, on Sunday, Aug. 2, the mega-event was marked by monsoon rains, a sea of slurry, and mud, leaving concert goers standing in ankle-deep ooze.

Last year, organizers spent more than \$1 million on cleanup and restoration after Lollapalooza. This year's costs will likely be higher after all of the heavy rains, said the organizer, "C3 Presents," which must cover the costs of all resodding and labor. No problem. Gross revenue of \$488 million was raised by C3 Presents.

Chicago softball lovers ask: What if Grant Park's desecrated softball diamonds were razed, a new underground parking garage was built, proper drainage installed, and "The Valley," between Balbo St. and Roosevelt Rd. east of Columbus Dr., was covered with Astro Turf and dedicated exclusively for concerts?

Post-concert cleanup costs would be greatly reduced. Once the rain water drains off the roof of the garage, the remaining concert debris—beer and wine bottles, decomposing food wrappers, marijuana butts, and articles of soiled clothing could simply be vacuumed up.

Defeated softball lovers have pretty much run their jock straps up the flagpole and surrendered Grant Park. Critics say the cash-strapped city and the Chicago Park District [CPD] now is focused on leasing public park property for "profit-making" ventures.

As a result, Grant Park, the place once dubbed "the city's green front yard," is off limits to the general public for half of the summer, starting with the massive Sueños Music Festival over Memorial Day weekend, followed by Lollapalooza's contract with the city of Chicago, which runs a whopping length of time—through 2032. So, it is time for players to look for greener pastures.

End of a century of softball?

More than 350 softball teams once competed in leagues organized by the CPD at



Meigs Airport (left) before it was demolished in the dead of night. Northerly Island (right).

Grant Park. It once was the biggest slow-pitch venue in the Windy City, where the historic game was born in 1887.

Grant Park softball took a turn for the worse after the tragedy of 9/11. Metered parking along Columbus Dr. near the fields was removed for security reasons. Players were forced to park five blocks away and walk to the fields, or take a cab.

Critics noted that the demise of softball at Grant Park really accelerated in 2022, when NASCAR, the racing sport, got the green light on two years of racing.

Back in 2022, dozens of teams that played in the corporate, industrial and saloon leagues at Grant Park for decades were tersely notified that their season had been canceled because of the upcoming NASCAR race, festivals and events.

After years of physical abuse of the dozen softball fields in "The Valley," true lovers of the historic sport now are asking: Where should elite downtown softball leagues move?

Slats Grobnik's softball plan

To gain clarity on the history of softball in the Windy City, the Home Front column recently hosted a séance with Slats Grobnik, the alter-ego of the late Mike Royko, famed Pulitzer-Prize winning newspaper columnist.

Royko's Slats was a comically stereotyped working-class Polish-American Chicagoan. If you are too young and uninformed about "Mike and Slats," google Mike Royko's Wikipedia file.

However, Royko, like Slats, had a great love of softball. He played on his father's saloon team, the Blue-Sky Lounge in Wicker Park as a teenager.

Slats Grobnik, the imaginary true blue-collar Chicagoan, always recognized the significance of "Chicago's Game," and recognized the softball saloon was the epic-center of his neighborhood.

Northerly Island a softball mecca?

Slats' simple master plan for saving downtown softball is to move the historic Grant Park diamonds east to Northerly Island, a 119-acre man-made peninsula and park located on the city's lakefront at 12th St.

Originally constructed in 1925, Northerly Island was the former site of the Century of Progress World's Fair, and later became Meigs Field airport.

When Meigs Field was clandestinely damaged by Mayor Richard M. Daley late on a Sunday night in 2003, Northerly Island became a recreational, concert, nature and sculpture center, and part of the Museum Campus.

Ironically, a statue of Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Slat's favorite Polish patriot and Revolutionary War hero, proudly stands on Northerly Island.

Today, Kosciuszko Park at Diversey Ave. and Pulaski Rd. still showcases a tough 16-inch softball league. Slats would re-erect the commemorative statue which honors the birth of softball. The marker currently is sitting in a dusty CPD warehouse.

Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago showed proposed lakefront parks and lagoons. The initial plans that led to the construction of Northerly Island were inspired by the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Ironically, only a few years later, the first indoor game of softball was played at Far-ragut Boat Club at Lake Park Ave. and 31st St., only a couple of miles south of Grant Park.

Work on Northerly Island began in 1920 when Chicago voters approved a \$20 million bond issue to create it. Construction was completed by 1925. It was supposed to be part of a chain of man-made islands along the lakefront.

The Works Progress Administration connected the island to the mainland via a causeway at 12th St. in 1938. During this period Northerly Island was full of paths and walkways as well as a beach at 12th St.

Meigs Airport was built on the island after World War II.

Meigs Airport removed by Daley

In 1994, Mayor Daley announced plans to close the airport and build a park in its place. In 1996, the CPD, which owned Northerly Island, refused to renew the airport lease.

In 2003, Meigs Field was demolished by bulldozers ordered in by Mayor Daley. They dug "X" marks into the runways overnight, going as far as shutting down the intersection of I-55 and Lake Shore Dr. to try

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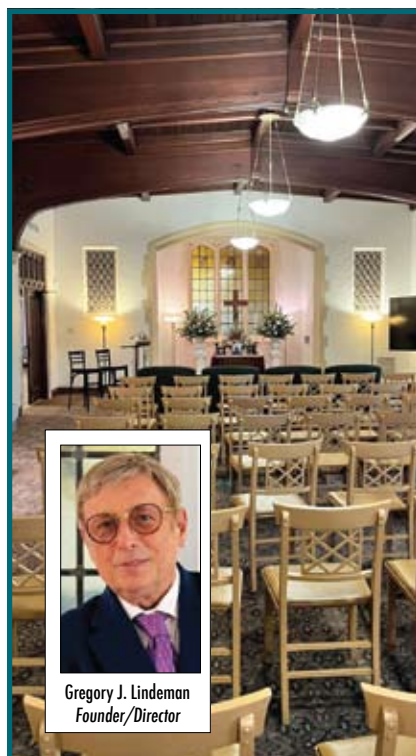


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Police Beat...

Teens charged with armed robbery

A 17-year old boy and 16 year old girl were charged with armed robbery after they were arrested by Chicago police 9:26 a.m. Aug. 11, in the 2400 block of W. Peterson Ave. They were identified as the perps who, approximately 20 minutes earlier, entered a retail business and took property at gunpoint in the 2700 block of W. Peterson Ave. The youths were quickly placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Battery on a bus



Chicago police are warning residents of a recent Aggravated Battery that was committed inside a CTA Bus at North and Clybourn. Mass Transit Detectives are seeking to identify the man who approached a female passenger at 10:12 p.m. July 29 on a CTA Bus in the 1500 block of N. Clybourn. The man approached the passenger, yelled profanities at her and slapped her in the head. The man then fled from the bus at that location. The victim did not sustain any injuries. He is described as age 40 to 50, bald, 5'-10" to 6' tall, 170-190 lbs, wearing a green-colored jacket, dark pants, black shoes with white laces and white souls. Those who may have any information about this person can call 312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference RD#JK-353177.

Two critically injured in shootout near Mag Mile

A concealed carry holder is among two people critically wounded in a Aug. 10 shootout near the Magnificent Mile, Chicago police said. At least one person is in custody. Witnesses said a group of people had gathered in the 800 block of N. Dearborn St., behind the Lawson House Apartments, when two men got into an argument that turned physical around 9:17 p.m. The confrontation escalated when the two men, and potentially others, began shooting at each other, police said. A 34-year-old man was struck in the abdomen and taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition. A preliminary CPD report identified him as a licensed concealed carry holder. The other man, 37, suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was also listed in critical condition. He has a lengthy criminal record involving firearms. Court records show he was charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 2015, and he was subsequently charged with being an armed habitual criminal in 2017, 2021, and 2024. The latter case involved allegations that he threatened someone with a firearm near the Lawson House, according to CPD records. Each of the armed habitual criminal cases carried a potential sentence of six to 30 years in prison, but he reached plea agreements each time and never received a sentence longer than four years.

Those sentences were reduced by 50% under state law and almost entirely satisfied by time served. Police detained a third man after witnesses said he had fled the area on a scooter, but it was unclear whether he was involved in the shooting. CPD said a "person of interest" was in custody but did not specify whether that person was one of the injured men or someone else. Nine people have been shot on the Near North Side so far this year. That is substantially fewer than the 39 shooting victims recorded at this point last year. The 2025 total includes 18 people shot during the worst mass shooting in Chicago history. **Woman intentionally rammed man with car during Edgewater crosswalk dispute, prosecutors say** An Evanston woman intentionally struck a pedestrian with her car following an argument at an Edgewater crosswalk, leaving the 61-year-old man with a traumatic brain injury so severe that he is expected to undergo long-term residential care, according to a detention filing from prosecutors. Ivory Buchanan, 41, is charged with attempted first-degree murder and three counts of aggravated battery in connection with the July 26 incident. The victim was in a crosswalk at Ravenswood and Ridge avenues when Buchanan drove her black 2023 Ford C-Max past him without yielding around 6:20 p.m., prosecutors said in a detention petition. Angered by her failure to stop, the man struck Buchanan's car with his hand, prompting her to stop and pull the vehicle in his direction, according to the filing. Buchanan rolled down her window and began arguing with him. At one point, the man walked toward Buchanan and spat in her direction before walking away. Buchanan then accelerated toward the man, stopped abruptly and turned the vehicle in his direction, prosecutors said. She accelerated rapidly again and struck him with the car, pinning him against a fence, according to the allegations. Prosecutors said Buchanan then reversed with the man clinging to the hood of her car before accelerating rapidly again and slamming into a curb, which caused the man to fall from and hit his head on the pavement. Buchanan then fled the scene, prosecutors said. Two witnesses saw the incident, and a surveillance camera also recorded it. Chicago police used the surveillance footage to identify the vehicle and its license plate, according to the detention filing. The victim suffered a traumatic brain injury. As of last week, he had not responded to any stimuli and was expected to be moved to a long-term care facility, prosecutors said. Buchanan was interviewed by police and allegedly told investigators that the man had been aggressive toward her. She said she did not remember anything after he was on the hood of her car, according to a court filing summarizing her statement. Buchanan also allegedly told investigators that she no longer had the Ford because she sold it at auction the day after the crash, but she could not remember the name of the auction house. Judge John Hock granted the state's detention petition.



Ivory Buchanan



Two newly released surveillance images of the motorcyclist who struck the woman.

New images show dirt bike rider who left woman critically injured on Lakefront Trail

Chicago police have released two clearer images of the dirt bike rider who left a woman with catastrophic injuries on the Lakefront Trail in the Gold Coast last month. The photos are a significant improvement over a blurry initial image that CPD released early in its investigation. The crash happened around 3:47 p.m. July 20, when the 45-year-old woman was riding her bike along the trail just south of North Ave. Police said a man wearing a black ski mask and dark clothing was riding a yellow dirt bike recklessly when he struck her. After the crash, the dirt bike rider was last seen in the area of Milwaukee and Chicago avenues, according to CPD's latest public bulletin. The woman's injuries were serious enough that Chicago police turned the investigation over to the department's Major Accident Investigation Unit, which handles the most severe crashes. Police have not identified the man and are asking anyone with video or information to call detectives at 312-745-4521 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com, referencing case number JK346606. The crash is a flashpoint in what has become a growing complaint from regulars on the 18-mile trail: motorized vehicles speeding along a path where they don't belong. The trail was built for walkers, joggers and bicyclists moving under their own power. But those users increasingly find themselves on the lookout as people riding motorized bikes and skateboard-style devices zip along at breakneck speeds. Pedal-assist e-bikes get some of the blame, particularly when riders remove the devices that are supposed to cap how fast they can go. But the bigger worry, according to those who use the trail regularly, is heavier, faster machines that don't belong on a bike path at all: gas-powered minibikes, electric dirt bikes, mopeds and electric motorcycles built to look like bicycles, some of which exceed 40 mph. Those devices also accelerate faster and weigh more than standard bikes, raising the stakes when something goes wrong, as it did on July 20. **Two men accused of burglarizing a Loop restaurant together got caught doing it again — twice** Josiah Crout, left, and Shawn Bowman Williams are seen in mugshots taken for their current burglary cases. Two men already on pretrial release for burglarizing a Loop restaurant together are back in jail after Chicago police officers allegedly caught them doing the same thing again — and recovered suitcases full of Jimmy John's cold cuts, chips and ice-cold soft drinks as evidence. Josiah Crout, 19, and Shawn Bowman Williams, 19, were arrested at about 2:48 a.m. Aug. 10, after officers



Josiah Crout, left, and Shawn Bowman Williams are seen in mugshots taken for their current burglary cases.

on patrol spotted two people with suitcases looking through the windows of Cafecito, 7 N. Wells St., according to a CPD report. One of the cops recognized Crout from a previous burglary arrest and knew he had an active warrant, the report said. The officers circled the block and pulled through an alley, where they allegedly saw Williams hit the restaurant's glass door, causing a loud banging noise. Backup officers arrived, and they arrested both men. A search of Crout's suitcase turned up a tablet, an ice-cold bottle of Coca-Cola and an open bag of Jimmy John's potato chips, police said. Williams' suitcase allegedly held an ample supply of ice-cold Coca-Cola, Sprite and Dasani bottles, a large quantity of Jimmy John's potato chips, and multiple packages of sliced ham and cheese wrapped in clear plastic. The food was also cold and had no retail pricing or customer information, according to the report. Officers contacted dispatch and learned that a burglar alarm had gone off moments earlier at a Jimmy John's at 201 W. Madison St., where someone had removed the front entrance door glass. Surveillance video from the store showed Crout and Williams burglarizing the restaurant, police said. Both men are charged with burglary and attempted burglary in connection with the Jimmy John's and Cafecito incidents. Judge Rivanda Doss Beal ordered both men detained for violating their pretrial release conditions. The men were previously charged with burglarizing a nearby restaurant together earlier this summer. At about 5:45 a.m. June 30, police responding to a burglar alarm found the revolving-door panels pushed in at Sweetgreen, 1 N. Dearborn St. Officers who went inside encountered Crout holding a tablet, charging cables and other items in both arms, a separate CPD report said. Investigators found pry marks on a cash register and a bent kitchen knife on a table. Surveillance video allegedly showed Crout entering the restaurant with two other people, who rummaged through the dining room and office before leaving with property. Crout allegedly returned alone and tried to pull a wall-mounted tablet from the wall, only to be caught by the cops. Crout was charged that day, but Williams was not identified and charged in the Sweetgreen burglary until weeks later, according to court records. Prosecutors did not seek Crout's detention after his June 30 arrest. He failed to appear for his first court date on July 7, and a judge issued a warrant, according to court records. The warrant remained active for more than a month, until officers recognized Crout outside Cafecito. Williams has been on pretrial release since April, when he was charged with burglarizing an Uptown skate shop. At about 2 a.m. April 21, police responded to a report of two people burglarizing Citizen Skate, 920 W. Wilson Ave., and found Williams under a parked car with multiple skateboards, clothing and skateboard hardware, a CPD arrest report said. Receipts from the skate shop were allegedly found in his pocket, and surveillance video allegedly showed him committing the burglary. Williams was released to await trial on that case. After he showed up for what was supposed to be a routine hearing on August 3, police arrested him at the courthouse to face charges in the June 30 Sweetgreen break-in and an overnight cash theft at Go Grocer, 345 W. Wacker Dr., on June 10, according to court records. Despite the fact that those burglaries allegedly occurred

while he was on pretrial release, Judge Tyria Walton released him again. Exactly one week later, prosecutors say, Williams was on the streets with Crout again, allegedly burglarizing the Jimmy John's and attempting to break into Cafecito. **Man killed estranged wife after luring her from Louisiana with promise of seeing their daughter** A Chicago man lured his estranged wife across the country with the prospect of reuniting her with their 5-year-old daughter, only to murder the woman when she arrived, prosecutors said Aug. 11, adding that detectives found store surveillance video of Ankur Patel making stabbing and slicing motions with the knife he used to kill the woman before he bought it. Patel, 31, and the woman, whose name has not been released, were married but separated and had a 5-year-old daughter who is living with Patel's parents in India, Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara said in a detention filing. The woman left Patel in May and began dating another man, who had previously worked with both Patel and the victim. Under pressure from family members, the woman tried to reconcile with Patel in July and briefly moved back in with him in Wisconsin. But she moved out shortly thereafter, allowing their daughter to remain with Patel. According to prosecutors, Patel proceeded to make threats over the phone to kill both the woman and the man she started dating after their breakup. He also stopped allowing the woman to speak with their daughter. About two weeks ago, Patel moved in with relatives in Chicago and sent the girl to live with his parents in India without telling his estranged wife, Pekara said. Patel had also been given a key to a friend's apartment in the 4800 block of N. Avers Ave., where he kept some of his belongings, according to Pekara. On Aug. 7, Patel contacted the woman, who had moved to Louisiana with the man she had been seeing, and invited her to come to Chicago to get their daughter. Unaware that Patel had sent the girl to India, the woman and her new boyfriend drove to Chicago to get the child. At about 4:30 p.m. the next day, Patel went to a store near the Avers apartment where surveillance cameras captured him purchasing a small folding knife that prosecutors say he later used to kill his wife. According to Pekara, the video shows Patel making stabbing and slicing motions with the knife before completing the purchase. Patel then went to the Avers apartment and waited for the woman to arrive, said Pekara. Surveillance video captured the woman approaching the garden unit and Patel briefly exiting the apartment to show her inside, where they argued about his desire to reunite, Pekara alleged. Patel allegedly recorded portions of the argument on his phone, but no physical violence was seen. At some point afterward, Pekara said, Patel brandished the knife and stabbed the woman in the neck. An autopsy later found that she had also suffered multiple defensive wounds, including a deep laceration to her left arm.



Ankur Patel

Your mortgage company may pay your taxes but keep an eye peeled

BY MARIA PAPPAS
Cook County Treasurer

Every year, my office mails more than 1.8 million tax bills to property owners across Cook County. If you have a home mortgage, your lender may collect money from you each month and put it into an escrow account to pay your tax bill. But don't let convenience cause you to let your guard down -- mortgage companies make mistakes.

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why the Treasurer's Office sends bills directly to property owners, not mortgage companies. It is you



Maria Pappas

who will have to pay the fees if a payment is late, not your mortgage company. Mistakes happen every year. Thousands of homeowners run into problems when lenders mishandle escrow accounts. Some firms pay late.

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State law requires mortgage companies to reimburse homeowners for interest and fees when they make mistakes. If your taxes are paid late, or if the wrong PIN is used, your lender owes you an explanation -- and potentially money. However, you must first catch the mistake. That's why we emphasize homeowner oversight.

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Hunt for new CPD superintendent hits roadblock as 4 of 7 oversight commissioners skip critical meeting

BY CWBCHICAGO

The process of selecting Chicago's next top cop hit another pothole Aug. 10 when four of the seven commissioners charged with finding finalists for the job skipped a meeting where they were supposed to select a firm to conduct a nationwide talent search.

The absence of a quorum forced Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability President Remel Terry to adjourn the meeting after taking three brief comments from audience members. Exactly what will happen next is unclear as the clock ticks down on the commission's 120-day deadline to identify three world-class candidates for the mayor to choose from.

Terry and Sandra Wortham, who comprise the committee's superintendent search workgroup, were the only members of the commission who showed up for the meeting at the Chicago Cultural Center. A third member, Anjanette Young, had long planned to join remotely, but Terry said Young could not be admitted because the lack of a quorum prohibited the commission from voting to approve remote participation.

All four commissioners who failed to appear, Anthony Driver

Jr., Angelique Guzman, Gina Pimonte, and panel Vice President Angel Rubi Navarajo, are seeking to change the commission's bylaws so that any topic supported by at least four commissioners can be placed on a public meeting agenda. The issue came to a head after Terry refused to remove Wortham from the search workgroup at the request of some commissioners and then declined to put the matter on a meeting agenda.

The two-person workgroup's role, according to CCPSA, is to support the search process. But major decisions, including determining which candidates advance to interviews and selecting the three finalists submitted to the mayor, are made by the full commission, with all commissioners having equal votes.

During brief comments, Terry explained the superintendent search process, saying the commission has only 120 days from the date the superintendent position became vacant, July 15 in this case, to attract applicants,

conduct interviews, hold five community listening sessions, and select three finalists for the mayor's consideration.

Terry said the commission had received six bids in response to a request for proposals from talent search firms and had interviewed the companies. On Aug. 10, the commission was supposed to pick the search firm.

Wortham also spoke briefly, pledging to "work as hard as I can to get the best candidate" and saying she was looking forward to voting so the commission could stay on track with its "very tight timeline to meet our ordinance requirements."

The effort to remove Wortham, an attorney and former CPD civilian director, only began after former CPD Supt. Larry Snelling announced his retirement. On July 10, Navarajo sent an email to the commissioners and CCPSA staff calling for the change.

After receiving a public records request from CWBChicago for Navarajo's email, CCPSA initially stated that the city's tech-

nology staff had been unable to find it. However, on Aug. 6, the commission provided a heavily redacted copy of the email chain that provides no insight into Navarajo's reasoning.

CCPSA cited a Freedom of Information Act exemption that allows, but does not require, public bodies to withhold information that is deemed "deliberative" or "pre-decisional." Citing the same waivable exemptions, the commission also blacked out the email chain responses written by six of the seven commissioners, but noted that both Terry and Wortham explicitly wanted the material they wrote to be released to the public. The commission did not comply with their wishes.

The only commissioner whose response was allowed through the CCPSA censor was Anjanette Young, the newest member of the panel who landed in the spotlight after a botched, mistaken CPD raid on her home in 2019.

"I am still in the process of learning the Commission's work, getting to know my fellow Commissioners, and understanding the various perspectives that have been shared," Young wrote. "Rather than forming conclusions prematurely, I would like to allow myself the opportunity to observe, listen, and learn before making any judgments. I believe it is important that I develop my

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. DEMOND D. EDWARDS; CITY OF CHICAGO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.	CASE NO. 2026CH05883 Subject Property: 814 West 68th Street, Chicago, IL 60621
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Demond D. Edwards and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
Legal description: Lot 5 In Fern's Subdivision of Lots 24, 25 And 26 In Block 1 In Benedict's Subdivision of The Northeast 1/4 Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Section 20, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of The Third Principal Meridian, In Cook County Illinois.
Common address: 814 West 68th Street, Chicago, IL 60621
Tax Parcel Number: 20-20-407-022-0000
And which said Mortgage was made by: Demond D. Edwards
The Mortgagor(s), to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 2321429407; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602
On or before September 18, 2026 (answer period expiration date), A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
By: /s/ Charlotte A. Haack - ARDC No. 6310785
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AFTER SCHOOL from p. 3

6 – 12 in a variety of activities, including sports, games, arts and crafts, nature, fitness/wellness, brain play and homework time.

Registration is now open and will continue through the first day of fall session, coinciding with the first day of Chicago Public School classes on Monday, Aug. 24.

Most Park Kids take place weekdays from 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parkkids-afterschool-program.

The park district offers financial assistance to support families in need that are enrolling in Park Kids after school programs but are unable to afford the full price. If approved, financial assistance will cover half of the program cost. For more information, visit <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/financial-assistance>.

Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Storage at 1200 W. 35th St., 773-247-3000, is opening lockers:
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3F3569 (Tobias Lewis),
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4C4182 (Delano Obanion),
4C4277 (Donnell Plump),
3D3360 (Ravenna Rotunda),
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Two outdoor yin yoga classes by a certified yoga instructor will be offered by Edgewater Village Chicago, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. Yin yoga is a slow and meditative form of yoga.

The one-hour classes are free and will take place in the park directly behind The Breakers, 5333 N. Sheridan Rd. There is a walkway to the park next to 5445 N. Sheridan Rd. No registration is required; bring a yoga mat, block, or blanket.

Kilmer playground unveiling Aug. 20

The Joyce Kilmer International Academy Grade School will unveil their new playground and nature play space 1 p.m. Aug. 20, at 6700 N. Greenview. The playground will be ready for students and the community just in time for the upcoming school year.

The project includes two separate play areas with age-appropriate equipment 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 the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting process.

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Make a beautiful mess in Old Town

Art Center unveils vibrant lineup of fall classes

Ditch the screen time and unlock your inner Picasso. The historic Old Town Art Center, 1763 N. North Park Ave., has officially opened public registration for its highly anticipated Fall 2026 quarter art classes.

Designed to prove that serious art instruction doesn't have to feel stuffy, this season's lineup invites absolute beginners and experienced creators alike to grab a brush, roll up their sleeves, and dive into a colorful autumn session.

"We passionately believe that an art studio should be a place of joy, laughter, experimentation, and community connection," said Barbara Guttmann, the Director of Operations. "Whether someone is picking up charcoal for the

first time or polishing a professional portfolio, our classes offer tailored, intimate instruction that cuts out the intimidation and celebrates the pure fun of creating."

This Fall, the center is serving up a menu of mediums led by some of Chicago's most talented, inspiring working artists. Whether you want to master classic techniques or experiment with something completely wild, there is an open easel waiting for you. The upcoming course catalog includes:

- Oil & Acrylic Painting: High-energy studio sessions covering bold color theory, composition, and bringing canvases to life.
- Watercolor & Pastel Painting: Masterclasses exploring fluid transparency, gorgeous landscapes, and expressive textures.
- Drawing, Charcoal, & Illustration: Sketch sessions built to

take you from basic stick figures to striking structural forms, shading, and personal style.

• Specialty Mediums: Unconventional and unpredictable explorations in encaustic sculpture, vibrant alcohol inks, and mixed media.

To fit into busy modern lifestyles, classes are available across flexible morning, afternoon, and evening blocks throughout the week and weekends. However, because studio spaces are strictly capped to maximize one-on-one personal mentorship from instructors, spots fill up fast, and early registration is highly recommended.

The center's belief is that a love for the arts should never be restricted by a budget, so tuition scholarships are offered for eligible applicants to ensure programming remains open to everyone.

Additionally, students who prefer to pay at their first studio session are welcome to call the administrative office directly to secure a registration hold.

To browse the full course catalog, meet the local instructors, and claim your studio bench, visit www.oldtowntriangle.com or call 312-337-1938.

As a lively cultural anchor within the historic Old Town Triangle District, the Old Town Art Center hosts seasonal arts programming, rotating gallery exhibitions, and community-centered events. Running its vibrant workshops out of a dedicated studio space, the center remains passionate about celebrating local expression, making high-quality instruction completely approachable, and keeping the authentic creative energy of Chicago thriving.



Geraldine Bey de Haas



Chef Tony Pirola, Dave Grohl and Lou Lombardo.



Paula Borg and Tina Gravel.



Lamar Johnson

MACHINE from p. 2

his calendar" for a time to come back home and pick up the mail, have a pizza in Homewood, and maybe take in a Sox ball game.

LJC ARCHITECTURE AWARD: Clients always discovered innovative architecture, engineering and design excellence with Lamar Johnson Cooperative, a leading Chicago design firm [LJC]. They walk in the shoes of a remarkable Chicagoan, LJC founder **Lamar Johnson**. He was recently honored with a 2026 lifetime achievement award that connected all his reasoned architectural accomplishments across Chicago. From his extensive work on Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower) to his remarkable rehab renovation creating a new entertainment space, "The Salt Shed." His skill and devotion to Chicago's architectural beauty is a lesson to all.

LYRIC OPERA: Mozart's Don Giovanni opens Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2026/27 Season on Saturday, Oct. 10. Bravo!

SERVICE CLUB: Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, couturier to Chicago stars reports her efforts at refined glamour paid off at the recent Service Club Summer fundraiser, the annual "Day on the Terrace." The pros staged a memorable merger of fashion and fundraising. **Mark Olley** joined stars **Sherrill Bodine**, **Sherry Lea Fox** in honoring **Wendy Krimons** and **Tina Koegel**. **Candace Jordan** revealed the "Day on the Terrace" was extra special since two of her favorite peeps, **Tina Koegel** and **Wendy Krimins** were honored. In a surprise gesture, Neiman Marcus donated \$10K.

A RAINBOW CENTURY: Nothing identifies your origins more than the vittles and treats

you serve and eat. And for the past 100 years five perfectly proportioned slabs of ice cream in a cone say you grew up in Chicago. Rainbow Cone on Western Ave. in Beverly, and on Division St. in West Town/Wicker Park has been turning out simple but grand treats feeding generations of ice cream lovers. **Edward Howlett** grew up on Rainbow and helped lead the civic salute, for this rarified local Chicago treasure.

PUPS: Bartleby's Homemade Ice Cream is giving summer the sendoff it deserves August 21 at 1943 W. Byron St., with all of your favorite things: ice cream, books, bluegrass, and dogs. Children's author **Susan Blake** will be reading and signing copies of Ruby A. Beagle, local musicians will be strumming and plucking up a storm, and 10% of sales will benefit Anti-Cruelty. Bring your dog to join the fun with a pup-friendly sundae and a splash pool on the sidewalk.

WHO'S WHERE: **Mark O'Malley** at Gene & Georgette's for a reunion with best pal, **Hunter Biden**, who cherishes the spaghetti and meatballs there and Mark's sons, **Patrick O'Malley** and **Matt O'Malley**, showing off the succulent steaks to the president's son... **Eamonn Cummins** had a fantastic time at GMan Tavern with Irish nightlife legends **Joe Shanahan** and **Tom Doody**, pleased to meet up with one of Chicago's favorite WXRT disc jockeys, **Marty Lennartz**... Happy Birthday to Chef/ Owner **Tony Pirola** of Piccolo Sogno celebrating with lunch buddies **Giuseppe Tentori** and **Alex Collins** at **Jason Hammel's** Lula Cafe, then joined for dinner at Piccolo by **Lou Lombardo** and Foo Fighters **Dave Grohl**... **Brandon Cardoso** and crew were at the final of the World Cup... **John** and

Myra Reilly threw a fabulous garden party for family and friends at their Lake Forest home with Myra's daughter **Lyza** and husband **Mark Schlenker**, **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** in attendance along with **Phillip Emigh**, and a host of other lucky friends... **Erik Graff** celebrated his 75th birthday at Moody's Pub in Edgewater. Moody's is known for its burgers... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** with **Nikki Friar** and **Jennifer Sutton Brievea** at Francisco Whispers in Chicago Heights for a "Homecoming from Scotland"... **Bunny Frum**, **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, **Nadine Epstein** and many other girlfriends at the Allstate Arena for the combo concert of Chicago and Styx... **Eddie Burke Jr.** was going to make an Italian Beef stop driving back from Wisconsin to Florida, until he realized that the very best one isn't in Chicago but in Bonita Springs, FL. Hmmm, mighty big statement there... **Maria Pappas** was the toast of the Bud Billiken Parade... **Tom Hackett** and **Tom McGuire** summer resting in Harbor Country in Michigan at Lakeside Cabins' Resort... **Irene Michaels** with **Jellybean Benitez** and **Arthur Baker** in Atlantic City for "Where Legacy Meets

the Dance Floor" bringing together DJs, producers, technology and culture... **Whitney Reynolds** and the family at Ravinia unpacking everything from Champagne to cupcakes to feast on... Special best wishes on his birthday to restaurateur and champ-golfer **Joey Di Bouno** of Tufano's Trattoria, the home of old-fashioned Italian culinary splendor... **Tina Gravel** with **Paula Borg** at the Peninsula Hotel looking hip after lovely **Nina Mariano** dressed them up to look like "cool girls," and it worked looking "fly"... and heartfelt sympathies to Tina Gravel on the loss her boy "**Sully**" a truer dog friend never was... **Jeanae Paul's** Nissan was crashed into, resulting in long repairs.

DRINK: Hindsight Tavern is set to open in North Center with lots of games and no TVs. Owner **Ryan Reynolds** plans to have unique board games for patrons to play, plus beer and wine, THC- and CBD-infused drinks, caffeine-based cocktails and NA beverages.

Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.

- Winston Churchill

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Letter to the Editor

Give people a field

Some of the best stories are told about famous dads who once played softball in local bar-sponsored leagues. But most of the players were never famous. They were factory workers, tradesmen, family men and young single guys trying to make ballplayers out of themselves. Somehow, out of that unlikely collection, teams—and communities—were built.

It was more than softball in Grant Park [Don DeBat story, Aug. 12]. Groups of friends would visit the local pub and make their pitch for sponsorship. If the pub supported the team, the team supported the pub. They lifted a glass there, and the owner lifted them. The tavern sponsored the uniforms. Families came to watch. Kids ran around the field. Public parks and ballfields provided the stage, while local establishments supplied the glue.

Too bad that tradition is dying, or perhaps taking its last breath. We killed too many local establishments. Local businesses yielded to corporations, while government discovered that public goods could be turned into fee-producing revenue sources.

A ballfield became something to reserve and rent. A gathering place became an event space. Somewhere along the way, being together became another transaction.

Then we wonder why people don't know what to do with themselves anymore. Maybe we have it backward. We would gladly pay our taxes if we could have some of our public spaces back—not programmed, monetized or branded, but simply available. Give people a field, a neighborhood joint and a reason to show up. They might surprise us and build a community again.

Tim Carew
Old Town

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POLICE BEAT *from p. 6*

Patel allegedly removed his blood-soaked pants and left them inside the apartment near the woman’s body. Surveillance video captured him leaving the scene at about 7:05 p.m.

Meanwhile, the new boyfriend had remained outside the building and repeatedly messaged the woman, but she did not respond. At about 7:30 p.m., he called 911 and told responding officers that he was concerned because he could not reach the woman and detailed the circum-

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stances that had brought them to Chicago, Pekara explained.

CPD tried to contact the woman and Patel by phone but could not reach either of them. Because the new boyfriend did not know which apartment the woman had entered, officers ultimately left the scene.

Later that night, several of Patel’s friends became concerned because he was supposed to meet them for dinner but never arrived. When they went to the Avers apartment looking for him, they found the woman lying near a washing machine and called 911.

Prosecutors said Patel fled toward O’Hare International Airport immediately after leaving the apartment. He ordered an Uber and tried to buy a plane ticket to India, but the ticket counter was closed. He took another Uber to a nearby Target, where surveillance video captured him using

his debit card to buy new shoes and clothing before checking into a nearby motel. While at the motel, prosecutors said, Patel disposed of the knife, which police later recovered.

The following morning, Patel returned to O’Hare and successfully purchased a ticket to India. But CPD had already alerted federal authorities that he might try to flee the country. The Dept. of Homeland Security notified CPD of his ticket purchase and cops arrested Patel at the airport.

During an interview, Patel claimed he did not plan to kill the woman but “finished her” when she told him she would stay with her new boyfriend, Pekara said.

Judge D’Anthony Thedford ordered Patel detained pending trial.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

ROADBLOCK *from p. 7*

own informed understanding as I become more familiar with my colleagues and the Commission’s processes.”

Young said that “for matters related to this topic” she would “defer to president Terry’s communications regarding this matter.”

On Friday, we emailed all seven commissioners and CCPSA Executive Director Adam Gross, asking them to reconsider the heavy-handed redactions given that transparency and trust are the bedrock concepts upon which CCPSA was formed just a few short years ago. The commission did not respond, and CWB Chicago is now taking the matter to the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHRISTOPHER JOHN SENNETT
Defendants
2023CH05790
6821 NORTH RAVENSWOOD AVENUE
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 June 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6821 NORTH RAVENSWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-31-225-003-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$316,542.35.
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.
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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 5/11/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/21/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on September 23, 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 7023 N Sheridan Rd, 1e, Chicago, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-111-015-1004
The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$101,669.79 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 7023 N Sheridan Rd, 1e into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium property

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Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) 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 Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-05357. 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. 14-25-05357 Case Number: 2025CH09027 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. Bank Trust, National Association as trustee for BKPL-EG 2025-RPL2 Series Trust
Plaintiff
vs.
Maria C. Quiroz; The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Indenture Trustee for CWHQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-1; State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; 2323-25 West Morse Avenue Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
Defendant
25 CH 12994
CALENDAR 62
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 September 14, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to

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the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 11-31-117-021-1001.
Commonly known as 2323 West Morse Avenue, 1E, Chicago, Illinois 60645.
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, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511, ILDF212002
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff
vs.
Abayomi Ajayi; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Oluuranti Ajayi; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Damon Ritenhouse, as Special Representative for Oluuranti Ajayi (deceased)
Defendant
25 CH 16
CALENDAR 56
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 14, 2026, at the hour 11:00

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a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 11-31-120-048-0000.
Commonly known as 2004 W. Farwell Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the 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, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-07580
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESLIE FARRELL-WALLACE A/K/A LESLIE FARRELL WALLACE, DECEASED, 1550 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, WILLIAM BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LESLIE FARRELL-WALLACE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2024 CH 08161
1550 N LAKESHORE DR, UNIT 14-D
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 15, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 16, 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 1550 N LAKESHORE DR, UNIT 14-D, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-101-029-1086
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$64,636.87.
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.
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 POS-

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SESSION 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 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 24-225748.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CHAD LEWIS
ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325
ROSEMONT IL, 60018
561-241-6901
E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM
Attorney File No. 24-225748
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Attorney Code. 65582
Case Number: 2024 CH 08161
TJSC#: 46-1469
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2024 CH 08161
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
Todd P. Kantarek; Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of FIGRE Trust 2024-HE4, as successor in interest to FIGRE Trust 2024-HE4 a/k/a FIGURE Trust 2024-HE4; RevampOppo Trust; East Lincoln Park Place Condominium Association II; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
Defendants.
2026CH00203
2432 N GENEVA TER UNIT 2, 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 5/22/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the

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Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/28/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on September 30, 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 2432 N GENEVA TER UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-28-315-052-1012
The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$142,808.37
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 2432 N GENEVA TER UNIT 2 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (l) 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 Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-08155. 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. 14-25-08155 Case Number: 2026CH00203 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHRISTOPHER KYLE WHITE, 474 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2025CH06864
474 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE APARTMENT 2011
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 11, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 474 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE APARTMENT 2011, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-222-007-1053; 17-10-222-007-1699
The real estate is improved with a multi unit high rise condominium.
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.
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 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

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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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312-346-9088
E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
Attorney File No. 25-21781IL-1254912
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 2025CH06664
TJSC#: 46-1694
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025CH06664
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
Ralph A. Zajeski; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; One East Scott Condominium Association
Defendants.
2025CH10535
1 East Scott, Unit 2204, Chicago, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 6/11/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/14/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on September 16, 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 1 East Scott, Unit 2204, Chicago, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-03-112-033-1221
The real estate is improved with a Condominium.

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The judgment amount was \$77,797.46 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1 East Scott, Unit 2204 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (l) 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 Plaintiffs attorney: MDK Legal (312) 651-6700 please refer to file number 25-024383. 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. 25-024383 Case Number: 2025CH10535 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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and keep their dirty work under wraps. (An X on a runway means that the runway or a specific section of it is closed and unsafe for aircraft use. Pilots must never land or takeoff on any paved surface marked with an X.)

Indeed, as the sun rose the next morning, the world learned about the midnight destruction. It was such a well-kept secret that there were still planes parked on the tarmac.

Daley claimed that safety concerns required the closure, due to the post 9/11 risk of terrorist-controlled aircraft attacking the downtown waterfront. It was a BS excuse and everyone knew it.

In Dec. 2010, the CPD unveiled its framework plan for Northerly Island to be completed over the next 20 to 30 years. In 2015, a 40-acre park opened on the southern part of the island. The park features a concrete trail for walking and bicycle riding, a lagoon, and wildlife habitats.

While Northerly Island’s current use as a nature preserve is honorable, Slats believes its highest and best use is designating the island land to create a first-class softball mecca as a tourist attraction for the city of Chicago.

The park may be home to natural wildlife, including monarch butterflies and herons, it also should be a historic landmark site for “Chicago’s Game,” and the unique urban creatures who play it. Drainage of a small man-made lake on the island would be necessary, but there is no shortage of lake water in Chicago. The historic benefits to the world-renowned game of softball are more important, advocates say, and it may distract attention away from Mayor Brandon Johnson’s and Gov. JB Pritzker’s abject failure to keep the Bears in Chicago.

As far as diamond design, softball lovers are advocates of the classic “pinwheel,” where four fields are clustered together in a circle similar to James Park in north suburban Evanston. There

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should be room for at least three clusters on the island for a total of 12 diamonds. Enough parking exists nearby on Solidarity Dr.

With this design, outfielders would never collide like Grant Park. And, of course, Slats believes the center piece of each four-diamond cluster would be a stand selling cold beer under the lighted fields.

Time for Mike Royko Field?

Pulitzer-prize winning newspaper columnist Royko, who

was inducted into the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame in 2000, played hundreds of games at Grant Park between 1974 and 1983.

Royko won many championships while promoting softball, managing and pitching for the HOF Chicago Daily News and Sun-Times teams in the Industrial League.

After Royko passed into softball heaven in 1998, in his honor the CPD created the Mike Royko Softball Tournament, which was played at Grant Park for more than a decade.

Now, 28 years after Royko’s death, Robert Egan, a HOF Sun-Times player and manager—whose elite team was a five-time Royko Tournament champion at the park in the in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 and 2009—wonders why, along with many of his teammates, the historic lakefront diamonds are not renamed “Mike Royko Field”?

That suggested future honor for Mike Royko and his family—

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complete with a City Council proclamation and installation of appropriate park signage—should be fielded by Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], who has an aldermanic prerogative over Northerly Island.

For a good read on the history of softball in Chicago, buy a copy of “The Greatest Game on Dirt” by Al Maag. And, visit the 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame website: <http://16inchsoftballhof.com/shop>.

For more softball and housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com. DeBat also is putting the finishing touches on “Chicago’s Game,” a book dedicated to 16-inch softball.

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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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 9/21/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 9/23/2026 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 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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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)(l) 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 Plaintiffs 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 PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2026CH00144 5701 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 8L, CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 6/8/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/28/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 9/30/2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will

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sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 5701 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 8L, CHICAGO, IL 60660

Property Index No. 14-05-407-017-1277 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$186,282.49

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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 Plaintiffs attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 25-24032IL.

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Attorney File No. 25-24032IL

Case Number: 2026CH00144 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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 LB-Igloo Series VI Trust Plaintiff

vs. Stephan T. Bakana; Eastwood by the Lake Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendant

25 CH 6544 CALENDAR 62 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 September 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. 14-17-215-029-1013. Commonly known as 811 West Eastwood Avenue, Unit 305, Chicago, Illinois 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 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, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440)

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572-1511. ILF2505026 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13292428**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Rocket Mortgage, LLC Plaintiff,

-v- Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Zigmund Porter; The Harbor House Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Amir Mohabbat, as Special Representative for Zigmund Porter (deceased) Defendants.

2025CH12601 3200 N Lakeshore Apt 1605, Chicago, IL 60657

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Commonly known as 3200 N Lakeshore Apt 1605, Chicago, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-21-314-048-1137

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$234,187.82

Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 3200 N Lakeshore Apt 1605 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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13292243 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LEAVITT 71ST STREET LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v- S ARMSTRONG FAMILY, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, MICHAEL JEFFREY GUNDERSON, ADAM HECKTMAN, DOR-GUN B LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, UNKNOWN LESSEES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2026 CH 02018 3035 N. LEAVITT STREET CHICAGO, IL 60618

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM

on September 9, 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 3035 N. LEAVITT STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60618

Property Index No. 14-30-110-010-0000

The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

The judgment amount was \$1,219,600.00.

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.

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 John Lipinsky, CLINGEN CALLOW & MCLEAN, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 2300 CABOT DRIVE, STE 500, Lisle, IL, 60532 (630) 871-2600.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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630-871-2600

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Attorney ARDC No. 6207678

Attorney Code, 39631

Case Number: 2026 CH 02018

TJSC#: 46-1738

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2026 CH 02018 8277-967856

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

-v- Andrew A. Jacobson; Provenance Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendants.

2025CH10851 5230 N KENMORE AVE UNIT 2C, CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 5/27/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/21/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on September 23, 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 5230 N KENMORE AVE UNIT 2C, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-08-211-048-1012; 14-08-211-048-1036

The real estate is improved with a Condominium.

The judgment amount was \$181,692.29

Sale Terms:

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Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 5230 N KENMORE AVE UNIT 2C into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) 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 Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-06638 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. 14-25-06638 Case Number: 2025CH10851 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff

vs. Raphael Strzelecki aka Raphael D. Strzelecki; Imperial Towers Condominium Association; United States of America, Department of Treasury; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Defendant

24 CH 6259 CALENDAR 62

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 September 14, 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. 14-16-301-041-1323.

Commonly known as 4250 North Marine Drive Unit 2812, Chicago, IL 60613.

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. 1422-201458

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- CORALIA CLAUDIA BOUDREAUX, WAYNE F. BOUDREAUX JR., JAMES L. BATES, 539-547 W BROMPTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

25 CH 1011 547 W. BROMPTON AVE., UNIT 1S CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 2, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 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 547 W. BROMPTON AVE., UNIT 1S, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-21-112-014-1023

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$278,679.81.

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

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specialize in high-risk missions such as airborne assaults, direct-action raids, special reconnaissance and the capture of high-value targets, and are held to exceptionally high standards of ethics, physical fitness, tactical skill, discipline and readiness.

His time as an Army Ranger was storied and successful. In 1993, he deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia as part of Operation Gothic Serpent. During the Battle of Mogadishu, his unit participated in a mission to capture key leaders of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid's militia. For his actions in the battle, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor (upgraded to a Silver Star in 2021) and Purple Heart.

After he was medically discharged, he participated in the making of the movie "Black Hawk Down" as a technical advisor and stuntman. Subsequently, he spent a

year on the college speaking circuit, inspiring students with the drive to serve or study film by sharing his experiences in Somalia and working on "Black Hawk Down."

In Aug. 2014, Collett founded the Three Rangers Foundation and Three Rangers Whiskey. The Foundation's mission is to assist veterans of the 75th Regiment with counseling, education and transition out of the service, while Three Rangers Whiskey was created to support the organization's efforts. In 2018 he stepped away from both organizations to embark on a journey of self-discovery, reflection and spiritual growth.

A tribute honoring Collett will be held 5 to 11 p.m. Aug. 22, at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. For additional details, email RangerCollettChicago@gmail.com. Collett will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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a.m., nearly seven hours after the crash, Ciszek's blood alcohol concentration was still above the legal driving limit at .088, Pekara said.

He is charged with aggravated DUI causing a fatal accident, leaving the scene of a fatal accident, and additional DUI counts.

Thedford, the judge, rejected the state's detention request and instead put Ciszek on an ankle monitor and ordered him not to drink excessively, the State's Attorney's Office said.

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number of cases we've seen since the initial Mpox outbreak in 2022, but it's still important to be aware and keep protected. Mpox vaccination, which requires two doses of the vaccine given four weeks apart, remains effective in preventing severe illness and is expected to reduce the chance of infection with both Clade I and II viruses," said Scalzitti.

Throughout the summer, the CPDH has been hosting Mpox vaccination events throughout the city and it also continues to offer Mpox vaccinations at city clinics.

Mpox 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. 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.

While Mpox can affect anyone, it con-

In May, we reported that Thedford denies detention requests nearly twice as often as his colleagues in the Pretrial Division at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse. While the overall approval rate for detention filings in the division is about 69%, we reported, Thedford had approved just 42% of detention petitions presented to him for non-domestic city felony cases since winning his election on March 17.

Since our story ran, Thedford's performance has remained steady. In the past five months, he has rejected detention petitions 60% of the time.

tinues to primarily affects gay and bisexual men and is spread through intimate contact and also, contaminated towels and linens.

While not categorized as a sexually transmitted disease, most locally diagnosed cases continue to be diagnosed among men who have sexual contact with other men.

According to officials at the CDPH, vaccination continues to be the best protection against Mpox. Those vaccinated are administered 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.

The CDPH offers vaccinations at three of its clinic locations, including Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. at its clinic in Lakeview, 2849 N. Clark St.

The virus was 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. For more information, call the city's HIV/STI Resource call center at 844-482-4040 or 312-746-4835.

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board approval"—is "demonstrably false." Sudler insisted that all actions were within board authority and that any suggestion otherwise is unsupported.

Sudler demanded that we retract the story or face a defamation claim in court. And that is just what happened. Her letter also claimed that our reporting has caused "reputational harm" and "potential business loss."

We took Sudler's concerns seriously, and offered to meet with them and review their documents to see if we erred in our coverage. That never happened.

Rather Sudler went straight to court, and the legal threat did stifle this newspaper's will to do additional coverage while the case is pending. And now we see that there is a lot more to cover regarding how condo and homeowner associations are being managed on the North Side, and in the entire state of Illinois. And we plan to someday soon get back to doing that coverage once we no longer have a legal case threatening.

Last week Stuart N. Brotman, writing for Editor & Publisher Magazine - a trade publication for the publishing industry - wrote a story reviewing the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic New York Times Co. v. Sullivan case.

That case was back in the news as on June 29, the Court let it keep doing that work, declining to hear Alan Dershowitz's \$300 million defamation suit against CNN, and leaving a lower court ruling undisturbed. Brotman said that the decision "arrived without fanfare. Its significance should not."

Brotman is Digital Media Laureate at The Media Institute and the author of "Free Expression Under Fire: Defending Free Speech and Free Press Across the Political Spectrum."

Dershowitz had asked the justices to dismantle the precedent outright, describing it as "an impregnable fortress that protects media irresponsibility while denying public figures any remedy for egregious misrepresentations." Brotman noted that the fortress "is not a flaw in the design; it is the design."

"We forget what Sullivan was built to withstand. In 1964, Alabama officials were using common-law libel to punish The New York Times for an advertisement supporting civil rights demonstrators, and the damages threatened to silence coverage of the segregated South. A unanimous Court answered that a public official — and, before long, any public figure — must prove a falsehood was published with knowledge of its falsity or reckless disregard for the truth ("actual malice"). Honest error, the inescapable byproduct of vigorous reporting, would not be treated as a lie."

In our newspaper's situation, despite our offer to review their evidence, Sudler has yet to even show that our coverage was

false, none-the-less was done with malice. Right now all they've shown is that our coverage hurt their feelings.

Brotman noted in his story that "Dershowitz's own case shows the standard functioning exactly as intended. A federal judge dismissed his claims in 2023, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit affirmed in 2025, because he offered no evidence that any CNN commentator harbored serious doubts about the accuracy of their account of his Donald Trump impeachment remarks."

"That is not a shield for irresponsibility. It is a doctrine drawing the line where it belongs: between a disagreement over interpretation and a knowing falsehood."

Brotman went on to examine the challenge to Sullivan in greater detail, which our readers can find online. He concluded that the arguments "deserve a serious hearing, not a reflexive dismissal." But they remain, "and the Court's repeated refusal to revisit Sullivan, tells us a great deal about institutional prudence."

As CNN's counsel argued, the precedent is "a cornerstone of modern constitutional law," and uprooting it would inflict "lasting damage to a wide range of precedent." Six decades of doctrine governing public figures, limited-purpose public figures, and matters of public concern rest on that single foundation. To overturn it would not restore some lost equilibrium. It would invite a flood of strategic lawsuits designed to bleed critics into silence.

That is the real answer to Sudler's disinformation concerns and legal efforts; Brotman notes it is "a cure that would chill far more truthful speech than false."

Anti-SLAPP statutes in most states - including Illinois - "already let defendants dispatch meritless suits early," noted Brotman. "And the standard already reaches genuine bad actors; a publisher who relies on sources it knows to be unreliable, or does not care whether a claim is true, can be held to account." Dershowitz could not clear that bar because the proof was never there.

The durability of the actual malice standard is not inertia, nor is it media capture, said Brotman. "It is a hard-won recognition that a democracy that punishes every misstatement about its most powerful citizens will soon discover that no one dares say anything about them at all." It is a fortress that is protecting all of us.

The court and Judge Jackson set a check-in status hearing in the Sudler case for Oct. 29.

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