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— Julia Child

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Where were local pols when IDPH visited Weiss Hospital seven times in five years?

Ald. Clay blasts private equity ownership of Resilience Healthcare

BY BOB ZULEY

Since the closure of Weiss Memorial Hospital in Uptown on Aug. 8, we've seen a steady stream of elected officials such as state Sen. Mike Simmons [7th], state Rep. Hoan Huynh [13th] and three local aldermen bemoaning the loss of Weiss, one of Uptown's two safety net hospitals.

But where have the locally-elected public officials and other supporters of Resilience Healthcare CEO Dr. Manoj Prasad and co-owner Reddy Rathnaker Patola been for the nearly three years since these two took over ownership and operations at Weiss Hospital and West-Suburban Medical Center, and essentially ran them into the ground?

Where were the North Side's elected office holders when IDPH investigators conducted numerous investigations into Weiss Hospital? Between Feb. 2020 and Feb. 2025, public records show state

health inspectors visited Weiss seven times to investigate a variety of complaints, according to multiple media reports.

"They found multiple failures involving patient care, including misusing physical restraints, not getting patient consent for treatment, and not appropriately monitoring patients at risk for suicide," CBS2 reported.

When Rep. Huynh's chief of staff, Huy Nguyen, was personally contacted on July 31 by this reporter, seeking a statement from Huynh on the precarious situation of Weiss; Huynh remained silent.

But that didn't stop Huynh from shedding crocodile tears at a press conference outside of Weiss Memorial Hospital when it closed.

Nguyen told Becker's Hospital Review that 55% of Weiss' patients are on Medicare and approximately 30% are on Medicaid. The remaining insured patients are not enough to sustain a hospital. He added that nearby Thorek and Swedish Hospitals have reported an uptick in patients, particularly in their emergency departments.

Huynh, in an interview on CBS2 Chicago on Aug. 8, conflated the cessation of Medicare funding by the federal CMS that impacts Weiss Memorial Hospital with the impending cutback of Medicaid funding by the Trump administration. Huynh characterized the closure of Weiss as a "failure of epic proportions" and as a "failure of management." Huynh was one of the public officials who was supposed to be paying attention to such things.

Huynh is now running to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, [9th].

State Sen. Simmons, issued a press release on Aug. 13, that denounced the closure of Weiss Memorial Hospital and demanded that it be preserved as a safety net hospital.

Simmons, like Huynh, is also a candidate to replace U.S. Rep. Schakowsky.

"As a lifeline for residents of Uptown and surrounding neighborhoods, Weiss has served our most vulnerable populations for decades, providing critical emer-

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Two men charged in West Ridge murder

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two suburban men have been charged with the March 22 murder of 32-year-old man in West Ridge.

Demontre Eason, 25, of Buffalo Grove, and Justin Neal-Guy, 31, of Evanston, have been charged with multiple charges including Murder in the First Degree during a court hearing Aug. 14.



Mugshots of Demontre Eason and Justin Neal-Guy

Eason and Neal-Guy were arrested on Aug. 12, in the 2600 block of Lake Cook Rd. in Riverwoods, and the 1100 block of Church St., in Evanston, respectively. They were identified as the offenders involved in the home invasion and fatal shooting of a 32-year-old male who was inside a residence, on March 22, in the 6400 block of N. Richmond St. The man was involved in a verbal altercation with two offenders, police said, that was followed by an exchange of gunfire in the apartment and the offenders fled the scene. A source familiar with the investigation said the men had been drinking before the shooting.

The victim was shot in the chest. He died at the scene. Police recovered a weapon at the scene.

The offenders were placed into custody and charged accordingly.

Rifle rounds found at Rogers Park murder scene

A 32-year-old man was shot and killed the morning of Aug. 15 in Rogers Park after at least one attacker fired more than a dozen rounds, Chicago police and witnesses said.

Officers responding to the 1600 block of W. Estes St. around 2:01 a.m. for reports of gunfire found the victim outside with multiple gunshot wounds to the upper body, according to a CPD media statement. Paramedics took him to Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, where he was pronounced dead.

Witnesses told officers they heard over a dozen shots during the attack. Investigators recovered numerous shell casings at the scene, including some from a rifle.

Police radio traffic indicated an initial description of the shooter as a Black male with short hair, wearing a black T-shirt and jean shorts. He was last seen leaving the area on foot.

Detectives were on scene for several hours, collecting evidence and photographing the crime scene along the residential block. No one is in custody.

Wednesday's victim is the 14th person shot in Rogers Park so

far this year and the third to die from their wounds. The neighborhood's shooting tally is slightly lower than at this point in 2024, when 15 people had been shot, and well below 2023's total of 28 victims by mid-August. In 2022, the number stood at 17, and in 2021, it was 16.

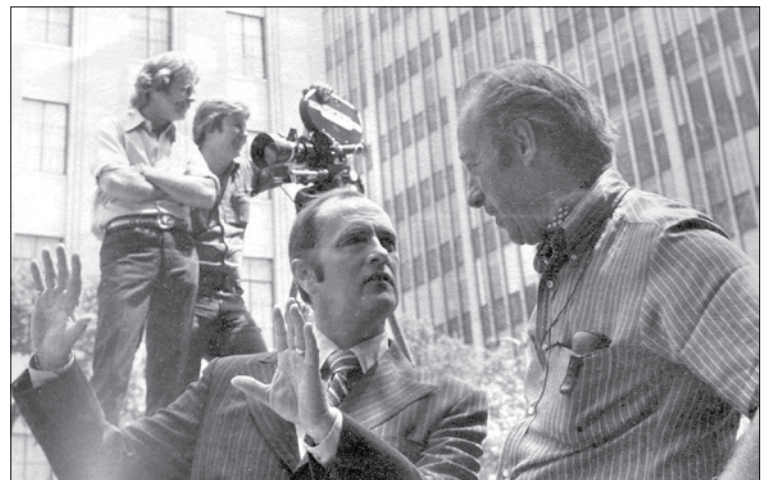
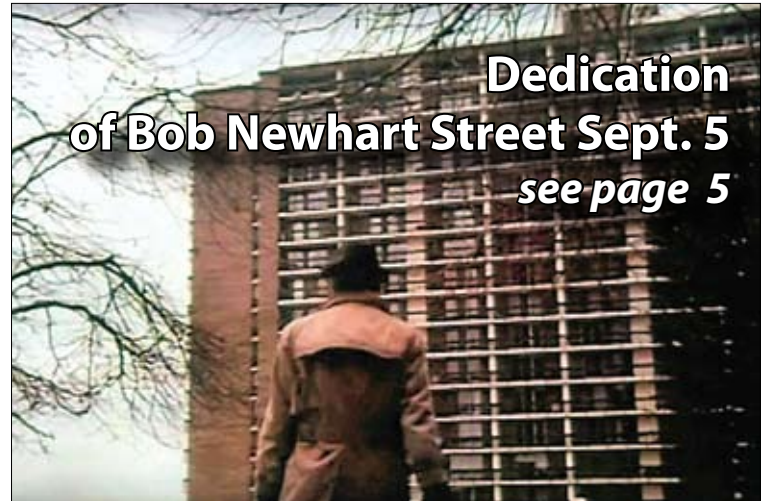
Man shot while walking in Edgewater

A 49-year-old man was wounded Aug. 16 in Edgewater after someone fired shots, shattering glass at a bus stop and scattering shell casings across the street.

The shooting occurred around 9:14 p.m. in the 5300 block of N. Sheridan Rd., according to Chicago police. Witnesses told officers they saw a group of males running west from the park toward Sheridan just before hearing gunfire. A bullet struck the shoulder of a 49-year-old man who was walking in the area. He told police he heard males arguing before the shooting.

Police said the victim was unable to provide further details about the shooters. Witnesses reported seeing a group of men head north on Sheridan after the shooting.

The victim is the 11th person shot in Edgewater so far this year. By mid-August last year, the neighborhood had seen 13 shooting victims. There were four at this point in 2023, and nine in 2022.



Bob Newhart with Edgewater cameraman Bill Birch.

Sept. 9 meeting over future of Indian Boundary playground

The next community meeting to discuss a future rebuilding of the Indian Boundary Park playground will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the park fieldhouse, 2500 W. Lunt Ave.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and gather community input on the updated playground concepts provided by

the selected vendor, Kompan, which received the most votes from community respondents in the Park District's survey. Kompan will be presenting the revised design concepts for the playground rehabilitation.

Registration is not required to attend this meeting.

Two men beat, kicked, stomped, robbed victim on Red Line train

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two men, including one who was paroled last month, are facing felony robbery charges after prosecutors said they joined a group that viciously beat and robbed a 42-year-old man on a Red Line train in the Loop last week.

According to a detention petition, the victim, who lives in Rogers Park, had just boarded the train around 7 a.m. Aug. 13, when four or five men and a woman surrounded him, demanding he give up his seat. Prosecutors said the group shouted at him, poked him, and ordered him to stand as the train approached the State-Lake station.

When the man complied, video footage showed, the group began beating and kicking him, according to the petition. During the assault, 27-year-old Demetri Saunders, of Dolton, allegedly took the victim's phone from his hand and his wallet from his pocket. Another member of the group made off with the victim's backpack.

Prosecutors said 24-year-old

Jacobi Dickerson, of Harvard, was captured on camera repeatedly punching the victim in the face and body before stomping on him.

As the attackers exited at Lake St., the victim pleaded for his belongings, and the person who had taken his backpack threw it back into the railcar, prosecutors said. The victim recovered it, but his wallet containing about \$500 was never found.

Police surveillance officers tracked the group's movements on street cameras as they fled to city level and boarded a CTA bus. Police stopped the bus near Roosevelt Rd. and detained Saunders and Dickerson. They allegedly found the victim's phone in Saunders' pocket.

Both men are now charged with robbery.

Court records show Saunders is no stranger to the criminal justice system. He was released from prison on July 15 after serving about half of a five-year sentence

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Is this as good as it's gonna get?




By Thomas J. O'Gorman

For the last few months I have been disappointed with the variety and quality of broadcast programming on Netflix. It's been a meager offering as far as I'm concerned.

Mostly tired dramas, embarrassing teenage nonsense. Way too heavy dystopian sci-fi, and lackluster comedies, with the exception of Fran Lebowitz and funny man Matt Broussard.

Netflix raised their prices for this mess, but not the quality.

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Now I ask myself, "Is this as good as it's gonna get?"

But I also found and thrived on two fine productions this summer. Nicole Kidman and Liev Schreiber starring in a series about murder on the sophisticated island of Nantucket called "The Perfect Couple."

An all-star cast carries the viewer among a blue blooded family of large American pedigree. It unfolds in six episodes of brilliant mystery writing. It examines the events that cause a delay in a high-society wedding for impatient American royalty.

Then there is the clever murder series, "The Residence," about the death of the White Houses' Chief Butler. With a wondrous star who is presented as the world's greatest detective, Cordelia Cuff, played by Uzo Aduba, who roams the world solving unfathomable crimes.

Presenting an investigation, right there at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in just eight episodes while a State Dinner for Australia unfolds. Detective Cuff is an eccentric, dazzling addition to the Washington Metropolitan Police whose turf is geography for the crime.

She adds an unusual capacity of rejuvenating her mind and cataloguing the evidence of the investigation by "bird watching." Absorbing the historical details of Chief Executives who were glued to the systematic analysis of Washington D.C. "budgies."

Both of these mysteries are perfect for binge-watching as they unfold a curious and impassioned sense of geography and unique

American criminal design. The long list of Detective Cuff's significant method of clue gathering is wondrous and a cranial delight. With her I never asked, "Is this as good as it's gonna get?"

So this summer I just kept re-watching and re-watching these shows, examining the evidence over and over. Today, no clue in either show is not known to me. I developed a know-how for the idiosyncratic efforts of the detectives who demonstrated so well their capacity to enliven and refocus the treasure trove of valuable clues. And when brought together, finally, these clues no matter how bright or brittle have the dynamic conclusion of identifying the guilty culprit.

A salute also to Netflix for their sense of human tenacity with a fresh presentation of "Sullivan's Crossing." The detailed storyline about the residents of a small seafront town in Nova Scotia. "Timberlake" is an old-fashioned village of wide values with a long history that catalogues the shared trust and cohesion of a wondrous neighborhood of Canadian wilderness.

The series starts when a bright young American girl, raised in Boston following her parents divorce, returns to heal and revive after troubles in her neurosurgical career. The seaside environs of good souls and loving residents unfolds the local recipe for reclaiming the life the young doctor has lost.

Morgan Kohan is Dr. Maggie Sullivan, the medic in need of lots of TLC. Chad Michael Murray plays her heart's desire, Cal Jones, a young lawyer no longer practicing. And Scott Patterson, of "Gilmore Girls" fame, plays Sully Sullivan, her father. He's the area's official best buddy and historic proprietor of the Sullivan's Crossing wilderness campground. That's where so many folk come to find fresh meaning and purpose in the forested seaside environs.

They help recreate those things so easily lost in life. Things that force us to ask, "Is this as good as it's gonna get?"

The show's theme song is a

lyrical piece of essential poetry that sings those words and ups the real human meaning of the show. "Is this as good as it's gonna get?" becomes a haunting melody.

Sullivan's Crossing gives the reply that the best in life is often hidden. Requiring deeper searches than we might first expect. Only discovering purpose in the heroic courage used to assess life plans. But smart enough to move beyond the limits that everyday life tosses our way, when we ask "Is this as good as it's gonna get?"

Asking "Is this as good as it's gonna get" is an essential wisdom that most Chicagoans might well benefit from. Especially as we watch our city ransacked, robbed and vandalized by the incompetent leadership that surrounds us.



Anne Burnell and Mark Burnell.

"Is this as good as it's gonna get" is a serious attempt to understand what we need to change or eliminate in our urban life. Like rain that ruins the elements of a BBQ, or a Sox game or a rare Cubs double header.

"Is this as good as it's gonna get," can be a profound moment that displays the errors, false starts, hidden lies, failed attempts and bitter understandings of what makes life and local Chicago politics work.

Asking that question for us today can telescope colossal blunders like the City's meager operating checking account balance, of the wasted spending for empty Chicago Public Schools, the financially strapped CTA, or the high-interest public debt created by Mayoral political incompetence, hidden plots, wasted destructive budgets of vast malfeasance and cruel Cook County ignorance of how local government has ruined us already.

"Is this as good as it's gonna get" is exactly the mind frame we need to posit as we line up drastically needed fresh political leaders who understand how Chicago needs to heal and revive. We need to cut loose from the antics of the Chicago Teachers Union and an inefficient police force that is not respected by political leadership.

The urban bankruptcy and City Hall mayhem of incompetence must be washed away by citizens who measure hope by how stable and intelligent our struggle is for things getting better.

I'll keep searching Netflix for fictional programs that unfold stories of hopeful transition, and not the realities of failures of those in charge who break our hearts.

FINE ARTS: Local pianist and singer **Mark Burnell**, who has performed many years all over town, has been the subject of many news reports lately, undergoing brain surgery at Mayo this past spring. In a new procedure, doctors drilled 14 holes into his head, then had him play keyboards and sing with his songstress wife **Anne Burnell**, to see what brain cells were working.

Mark has made an amazing recovery and will be performing with his wife in a tribute to Dave Frishberg and Blossom Dearie at the Epiphany Center, 201 S. Ashland Ave., on Sept. 11. Carla Gordon will be a special guest.

RYNO: **Ryne Sandberg** will be remembered during a special tribute this Friday, where fans can pay their respects at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Guests can view the private funeral service on the Gallagher Way video board. 'Ryno' was a humble and respectful player, always mindful of the game, his opponents, teammates, and his uniform. Fans will also be

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Illinois law still says unpaid property taxes can rob you of home equity

BY CAMERON JASPER AND
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Illinois Policy

Across Illinois, homeowners are losing their homes and all their equity over minor tax debts, with private investors reaping the profits. Illinois is one of the remaining states hasn't reformed this unconstitutional practice.

Imagine losing your home over a debt smaller than the price of a 10-year-old Chevy Impala.

That's what happened to more than 1,000 homeowners in Cook County since 2019 – including 125 senior citizens – when they couldn't keep up with property taxes. Their debts totaled just \$2.3 million, but the homes taken were worth over \$108 million. The government or investors kept the difference. That's not just tax collection; that's legalized home equity theft.

And it should not be happening still. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the practice unconstitutional in 2023, but Illinois has yet

to fix its laws to stop equity theft when taxes are owed. Considering Illinoisans pay the nation's highest property tax rate, this should be more of a priority for state leaders.

Across Illinois, this story has played out thousands of times, especially in counties where the property taxes are among the highest effective property tax rates in the nation such as Cook, Will, Lake, and DuPage counties.

In Illinois, if you miss a property tax payment, your debt can be sold at auction to private investors called tax buyers. If you don't repay the full amount, plus interest and fees, within 30 months for most properties starting in 2024, the tax buyer can take your home. The worst part? They get to keep all of its value, not just what you owed.

In May 2022, 37,000 properties in Cook County were planned for delinquent tax sale. Of those, 54% had tax debts of less than \$1,000. In Illinois, 70% of homes seized in tax foreclosure were taken over

for debts less than the value of a 10-year-old Chevy Impala. Investors kept \$148 million more than what was owed.

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As property taxes rise to cover government costs, more people fall behind. But when homes are seized and families displaced, neighborhoods lose stability and local governments lose more of their long-term tax base. Plus, taxpayers lose all of what is typically their biggest investment.

In 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled the practice of home equity theft unconstitutional in *Tyler v. Hennepin County*, a case out of Minnesota. Geraldine Tyler, a grandmother, had her condo seized for a \$2,300 tax debt that grew to \$15,000 with interest and fees. The tax buyer kept the entire \$40,000 from the condo sale and Tyler sued.

If there were ever a state that needed to change, especially with the nation's highest effective property tax rates, it's Illinois. Since the decision, more than a dozen states have passed reforms, but not Illinois.

There has been some effort made. In the most recent legislative session, state Rep Will Guzzardi [39th], filed House Bill 3146 to ensure money collected in excess of the tax debt owed from the sale of the property

was returned to the homeowner.

While this bill failed to make it out of the Rules Committee this session, the General Assembly was able to pass a measure in House Bill 2755 allowing counties to postpone their county tax sales. Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas accepted the opportunity, postponing the tax sales that usually happen in August to March 2026. Other counties generally hold their tax auctions in the fall, but may delay them as a result of the legislation.

Illinois should end home equity theft. Lawmakers should consider measures such as HB 3146 and align Illinois law with the Fifth Amendment's protection against the government taking more than it's owed, upheld in *Geraldine Tyler's* case. That means stopping private investors from keeping full ownership of a home over a small debt, and ensuring any remaining equity is returned to the homeowner.

Illinoisans deserve better than a system that strips wealth from struggling families and gives it to private speculators. It's time to protect the property rights of homeowners and lower government spending, allowing for the delivery of real property tax relief.

Assessor's Office approves record number of exemptions for seniors and veterans with disabilities

The Cook County Assessor's Office [CCAO] approved a record number of exemptions for seniors and veterans with disabilities in Tax Year 2024, helping tens of thousands of homeowners receive much-needed property tax savings.

Exemptions are property tax savings that most homeowners in Cook County are entitled to receive. The CCAO is responsible for administering these exemptions.

In Tax Year 2024, the CCAO approved more than 1,500,000 exemptions for homeowners. Savings from these exemptions will appear on tax bills that are mailed out later this year.

Of these, 367,000 were Senior exemptions, available to homeowners 65 years of age or older whose home is their principal place of residence. Nearly 12,000 were Veterans with Disabilities exemptions, including over 10,000 for veterans that have a disability rating of 70% or greater.

This marks the highest number of applications processed for both exemptions since at least 2018.

Both exemptions have seen the number of recipients increase since the CCAO advocated for legislation to have them automatically renew each year. The Veterans with Disabilities exemption auto-renews for veterans who are rated 100% disabled and classified as "permanently and totally disabled" by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

"When these exemption counts go up, it means that more of Cook County's most



Omar McDaniel [right] of the Cook County Assessor's Office works with a taxpayer.

vulnerable residents are receiving the help they need to stay in their homes," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

"I'm grateful to my hard-working staff for their work to help homeowners who come into the office, as well as going out into communities to meet with people where they live."

Since 2018, the CCAO has expanded its outreach efforts, including in communities where residents have historically not received exemptions to which they are entitled. If a homeowner believes they are eligible for an exemption they have not received, they can apply for their missing property tax savings by completing a Certificate of Error application.

In 2024, the office participated in a record 218 events. The Assessor's Office was awarded a 2025 NACo Achievement Award for its outreach efforts.

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Letters to the Editor

City only makes the congestion worse

Regarding the [July 23] news article by Bob Zuley: "City's bike lane madness now encroaching into West Ridge," I totally agree with the letter writer, Dr. Demetra K. Soder, M. D. We live in West Ridge on Campbell Ave. next to Granville. It is a very narrow, congested street, and adding bike lanes only makes the congestion worse.

Safety is another issue with the narrow street. The other day I decided to go on a bike ride. I attempted to ride on Granville. First, I observed the traffic from the sidewalk before I was going to put myself in harms way. All the cars were driving in a portion of the bike lanes. The reason being that the street is too narrow for

both bikes, parked cars, and drivers. Instead of riding my bike on a crowded street I took a side street, and it was a much safer choice.

I was also unaware that protected bike lanes were part of the Chicago Dept. of Transportation program. The other day I was exiting from Lake Shore Dr. towards our home. Granville Ave. at the intersection with Clark St. has a newly installed curb bump out which significantly narrows the street making it difficult to drive west on Granville Ave. This is a two-way street! I hope in the future such changes will be announced to the community.

Cindy G. Lynch, West Ridge

This is a Master Plan?

In 2019 The Lincoln Square Master Plan was foisted on the community as an "improvement program" by the local aldermen and Chamber of Commerce. Created pre-pandemic, it was designed to re-imagine and make over the commercial district over the next 5-10 years. Who feels like what we see today in Lincoln Square - post-pandemic and six years later - is an improvement?

Pre "Master Plan" Lincoln Square's central business district was once one of the most popular commercial districts on the North Side. There's a reason why we say 'If it ain't broke don't fix it.'

With all the new man-made lane-blocking traffic constrictions and concrete roadway barriers, it's impossible to get around in Lincoln Square today. Even if you get there, good luck finding commercial parking. Many shoppers are just heading to Skokie, Evanston, Lincolnwood and Niles where there is plenty of parking.

Just like when Mayor Rahm Emanuel welcomed Uber and Lyft, and kneecapped and suffocated the taxicab industry by forbidding them apps on our smartphones until Uber established a monopoly, our new Marxist leaders are killing off established business to make way for a "new world order" in Chicago as a 15-minute city. "Friends" of City Hall are being favored in City zoning decisions and largesse. All on the

taxpayer's dime.

Thanks to this newspaper's reporting, we now know that the Lincoln Square parking lot [4715 N. Western] was gifted to out-of-town developers with special ties, wrapped up in another \$20 million in free taxpayer cash. Leland between Western and Lincoln has been gifted to privileged bikers; the parkway and cul-de-sac at Lincoln and Leavitt was taken away from Sulzer Library and gifted to Small Cheval, and that poor McDonald's at 4844 N. Lincoln... they've lived with a giant dirt hole in front of their restaurant for two years. The local alderman made McDonald's take down their sign in exchange for piles of refuse he calls an "arts plaza."

Streets, parking lots and plazas around Lincoln Square are being torn up and rendered impassable, hurting the local small businesses that made that area special. How many more will go out of business waiting for the Master Plan, managed by our Master Marxists, to get done? Long enough that their leases and property can be "acquired" by the "Friends, Felons or Family" of our local aldermen and committeemen?

Remember this Master Plan when these same people this holiday season ask you to "Shop local," by asking "where's the parking?"

Mike Sullivan, Avondale

North Side buyers caught in a vise grip as prices rise



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicago resale home hunters continue to be caught in the vise grip between rising prices and declining listing inventory.

That's the consensus opinion of the Baird & Warner August market analysis covering the elite neighborhoods of Gold Coast/Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center.

Home sales dipped slightly in July of 2025 compared with the same month in 2024 while home prices rose as a result of pressure from historically low inventory levels, noted Baird & Warner broker John Irwin, co-author of the August North Side Market Analysis with Jackie Lafferty of Baird & Warner.

"Declining inventories continue to turn up the heat on an already hot buyer's market," said Irwin. Despite sagging sales and rising prices the North Side resale home market is still very active, Irwin noted.

"Seller's brokers are still busy managing large open house turnouts and multiple offer contracts and, as a result, are shrinking available showing times," Irwin said.

"Buyer's brokers continue to rush to be the first in line for showings and are adding new incentives to their contracts in an effort to make their offer the most attractive," Irwin noted. "Buyers often have to make offers after touring the home once, without a second showing."

One ray of sunshine on the market is home-loan interest rates, which continue to decline nationwide. On Aug. 14, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate home loans averaged 6.58%, down from 6.63% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were charging 6.49% for 30-year loans.

"Mortgage rates fell to their lowest level since Oct. 2024," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "Purchase-application activity is improving as borrowers take advantage of the decline home-loan rates."

On Aug. 14, lenders were charging an average of 5.71% on 15-year fixed mortgages, down from 5.75% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed loans averaged 5.66%.

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% downpayment and have excellent credit.

Here are the highlights of the Baird & Warner analysis on the four key neighborhoods:

- Median home prices. July posted a solid 6.9% price gain compared with July of 2024. All four neighborhoods posted price increases from a minimal of 0.1% in North Center to a whopping 25.7% in Lakeview.

- Home sales. Only 608 homes were sold in July, down -0.4% when home sales dipped from 611 units in July of 2024. Increases in Lincoln Park (+3.2%) and the Gold Coast/Near North (+5.5%) were offset by decreases in Lakeview (-9.6%) and North Center (-7.5%).

For the second consecutive month homes priced over \$1 million posted increases, while lower priced homes accounted for the

overall monthly decrease.

- Homes under contract. A total of 524 North Side homes went under contract in July, which represented a 3.4% decrease compared with July of 2024. Gold Coast/Near North reported the only increase, while Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center reported decreases.

- New listings. There were 883 new listings added to the MLS in July, which represented a 12.4% decrease from July 2024. All four neighborhoods reported listing decreases ranging from -8.1% to -29.0%.

July Median North Side home prices

North Side home prices rose +9.3% year-to-date compared with the first seven months of 2024. July 2025 prices rose +6.9% compared with July of 2024, reports Baird & Warner.

July, 2025

Prices by Neighborhood versus July, 2024

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When looking at July new listings by price point, luxury homes priced at more than \$2 million reported a +1.6% increase over July 2024, while homes priced under \$2 million reported decreases ranging from -4.5% to -16.9%.

"Despite the many multiple offer situations in the current market, sellers should be sure that their listing price reflects the true market value of the neighborhood and property type," Irwin advised.

"Sellers that overprice their homes in an effort to take advantage of low inventory levels can still experience long market times," Irwin said. "Some savvy sellers are deliberately pricing their homes under market value in an effort to drive up the price through multiple offers."

Crystal-ball gazing

With the current turmoil at the national and local levels, events continue to unfold. Irwin said this makes it impossible to predict with certainty how our local real estate business will be affected.

"One thing that is certain is that the market needs a major influx of inventory, but many home owners are still reluctant to let go of their existing 2%-plus and 3%-plus mortgage interest loans on their current homes," Irwin said. "Political and economic uncertainty along with perceived—or actual—crime activity rates are also keeping sellers on the sidelines."

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While not actively marketing it, on Aug. 5, Steven Roth, chairman and CEO of Vornado Realty Trust, told investors during an earnings call that the Mart could be sold "for the right deal at the right time."

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struggle with record-high vacancy rates. In its most recent earnings call, Vornado reported that occupancy at the Mart was just over 78%.

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Ryne Sandberg tribute Aug. 22 at Wrigley Field

The Chicago Cubs will be hosting a public viewing of Ryne Sandberg's private funeral service at Gallagher Way 9:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, Aug. 22.

The viewing is free to attend with no tickets required. In lieu of flowers, the Sandberg family is asking fans to take nonperishable food items to donate to Nourishing Hope and Most Blessed Trinity Food Pantry.

The Hall of Fame second baseman passed away at the age of 65 after a battle with cancer. He died at his home in Lake Bluff, IL, on July 28, surrounded by his family. Sandberg had been publicly bat-



Ryne Sandberg during a 1984 game.

Courtesy John Swart/AP

ting metastatic prostate cancer since Jan. 2024, and while he experienced a period of remission, the cancer returned and spread to other organs.

Dedication of Bob Newhart Street Sept. 5

Members of the public are invited to attend the unveiling of Edgewater's newest honorary street sign which will honor legendary Chicago comedian Bob Newhart.

The unveiling will take place on Friday Sept. 5, which would have been the 96th birthday of Newhart who passed away in July 2024. The sign will be posted on the light pole near Lane Beach at Sheridan Rd. and Thorndale Ave. Newhart's children and other friends and family members will attend, and offer recollections on the life and work of Chicago's most beloved funnyman.

The new honorary sign is near the site of the Thorndale Beach Apartments, 5901 N. Sheridan Ave., which was the location of Newhart's fictional home in the long-running series "The Bob Newhart Show." The building was prominently featured in the opening credits of the program, which aired on CBS from 1972 to 1978 and is still widely seen



Bob Newhart grew up in the Austin neighborhood, and attended Loyola Univ., which may have been the inspiration for setting his TV home in Edgewater.

in syndicated reruns, as well as in a variety of cut away shots and commercials.

Newhart grew up in Chicago's Austin neighborhood, but attended Loyola Univ., which may have been the inspiration for setting his TV home in Edgewater.

In 1960, he became an over-

night sensation with the release of The Button Down Mind of Bob Newhart, which went on to sell millions of copies and win him the Grammy Award for Record of the Year. Newhart was the only comedy star in history to have two long-running television sitcoms.

Alien shelter at Immaculata School may be sunsetting

Developers seek investors for rekindled residential project

Some may recall the high-rise project at 640 W. Irving Park Rd. that was put on hold after the city filled the site with alien migrants who were arriving in Chicago after illegally crossing the U.S. southern border.

The original plan was to convert the historic Immaculata School building into 245 apartments and build a new 22 story high-rise for senior citizens with supportive amenities. The new tower was to be constructed on the interior parking lot, leading to 437 new residential units in total.

Then the city turned the historic Immaculata School building into a migrant shelter, which effectively killed the project.

Now that plan is apparently back on after Chicago-based developer K Giles LLC last week posted its plans online. They suggest that the contract with the city is winding down and re-development plans are back on. Though this newspaper has received no official word from the city that the shelter will be closing.

According to the website, investors will be able to purchase stakes in the development with cryptocurrency and tenants will



The developers of Immaculate Living in Lake View promise that the new project and its financing are in full Shariah compliance with Islamic and ethical principles.

even be able to pay their rent with crypto. The project will now be known as Immaculate Living. The target delivery date is a 2028 completion and the investment promised a 7-10% projected yield. The minimum investment is \$200,000.

The developers promise that the project and its financing are in full compliance with Islamic and ethical principles. "We believe that the above steps taken to ensure Shariah compliance also serve to reduce the risk for conventional investors, without adding extra costs. The financing of this development is planned to be 100% equity, with upfront fund-

ing ensuring that partners do not need to take on debt."

They are also promoting educational opportunities for residents in the former Catholic School with courses, guest lectures, and mentoring programs run by the American Islamic College [AIC].

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Police Beat...

ATM smash-and-grab crew linked to 18 overnight burglaries since June

Chicago police are warning business owners about a burglary crew believed to be behind at least 18 smash-and-grab thefts targeting ATMs in neighborhoods across the city since early June. The latest bulletin involves just two burglaries that CPD released last week.

According to a community alert, the offenders typically arrive in a stolen or rented SUV during the overnight hours. Using a heavy object or a prying tool, they break windows or force doors open to gain entry. Once inside, police say they either pry the ATM open to reach the cash inside or remove the entire machine, load it into the vehicle, and drive off.

Investigators believe the same crew has struck in neighborhoods from the Near North Side to Austin and Jefferson Park, sometimes hitting multiple businesses in a single night.

On the North Side, incidents have been reported on the following dates and locations: July 20, 5:13 a.m. – 1600 block of W. North Ave.; July 21, 2:40 a.m. – 800 block of North Orleans St., and on July 21, 4:28 a.m. – 300 block of W. Chicago Ave.

Police describe the offenders as two to five Black men wearing black masks, dark clothing, dark sneakers, and dark gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Four detectives at 312-746-8253 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com, referencing case #25-CWP-022D.

Prison time for men who body-slammed North Side robbery victim



Kobe Lee and Felix Lopez

Two Chicago men who prosecutors say slammed a 58-year-old man to the ground during a New Year's Day robbery and then tried to escape on the CTA Brown Line have now been sentenced to prison.

Kobe Lee, 21, and Felix Lopez, 20, targeted the man shortly after he left a restaurant in Albany Park around 10 p.m. on January 1, 2024. When they reached the 4800 block of N. Troy St., the robbers allegedly picked the man up and body-slammed him onto the sidewalk, causing his head to smack against the concrete, prosecutors said.

According to detention petitions filed in the case, Lee and Lopez rifled through the victim's pockets for valuables. When he tried to resist, they repeatedly punched him in the head and face before walking away, leaving him on the ground.

A witness, who called 911, followed the pair and gave police detailed descriptions — including one suspect's distinctive Scooby Doo jacket.

Chicago police officers found Lee and Lopez about 40 minutes later on the Kedzie Brown Line CTA platform. Lee was wearing the cartoon-covered jacket, and Lopez matched the description of the second robber. Prosecutors said the victim immediately identified them as the attackers.

Court records show Lopez had been released from custody just two days earlier after being charged with shoplifting at Macy's on State St. Lee had been paroled six months earlier after serving half of a three-year sentence for possessing a stolen motor vehicle.

On Aug. 11, Lopez pleaded guilty to robbery and received a four-year sentence from Judge Michael Hood. Lee pleaded guilty earlier this year to robbery and aggravated battery in exchange for a five-year sentence from Hood. Both men will serve about half of their sentences before being eligible for parole.

Man fatally shot in car near Mather High School

Chicago police are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred early on Aug. 17 near Mather High School in West Ridge.

Officers on patrol found a 29-year-old man shot multiple times inside a Toyota Prius parked near the school in the 5800 block of N. Mozart St. around 5:06 a.m.

According to police, the man was sitting in the car when the gunman walked up and opened fire. Paramedics transported the victim to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, where he was pronounced dead a short time later. His name has not yet been released.

CPD evidence technicians recovered six shell casings from the scene. Officers were told to be on the lookout for the gunman, described as a Hispanic man about 5-foot-5 and 140 pounds, wearing a black hat, black sweater, and gray jeans. He fled on foot.

Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th] said in a statement that the victim "did not appear to be someone who lived in the area."

Video shows robbers on bikes attacking two men in Boystown

Surveillance video captured a violent Boystown street robbery Aug. 10, showing two men on bicycles fail to snatch one victim's phone before chasing down and robbing a scooter rider who stopped nearby.

The attacks unfolded around 1:15 a.m. in the 700 block of W. Cornelia Ave. The footage shows the robbers riding along the sidewalk when one turns and crosses the street, cutting off a pedestrian who was looking at his phone. The robber grabs the victim's phone and they wrestle over it, but the man eventually breaks free and runs away, screaming.

While that was happening, a scooter rider stopped in the street just steps away. The second robber moved in to block him from intervening. Once the first victim escaped, both attackers turned on the scooter rider, chasing him across the street until he fell. They then attacked and robbed him before leaving on foot. Both of their bikes were left at the robbery scene.

The first victim called 911 and reported that one of the robbers displayed a screwdriver during the confrontation, according to CPD dispatch records. He also told police he heard another person screaming down the street, leading him to believe the attackers had struck again.

Chicago police said the scooter rider, a 30-year-old man, was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition.

The robbers were described as Hispanic men between 18 and 25 years old. No arrests have been announced.

Man accused in 3 CTA robberies now charged with Rogers Park smoke shop heist

A 20-year-old man already accused of robbing three passengers on CTA trains is now facing an additional charge: a smash-and-grab style hold-up of a Rogers Park smoke shop.

Prosecutors said in a detention petition that Kenyon Guillory and at least six other men stormed Galaxy Smoke Shop at 1349 W. Morse Ave. on April 6. Guillory and some of his accomplices stood in front of the cashier with their hands tucked into their waistbands, where the clerk could see bulges that looked like firearms, prosecutors said.



Kenyon Guillory

"Do not try anything or else," one of the robbers allegedly warned. The crew, wearing masks, gloves, and mostly black clothing, went behind the counter and cleared out roughly \$5,000 worth of tobacco, smoke, and vape products before fleeing onto a Red Line train, the petition said.

Guillory was identified by a police officer who recognized him on CTA surveillance video. Police also sent the video through a facial recognition system, which returned a match for Guillory, according to the filing. When officers questioned Guillory, he allegedly admitted his role in the robbery, telling them he sells stolen smokes on CTA trains.

While he was already detained for the previously filed cases, Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered Guillory detained on the new charge as well.

In the other pending cases, he's charged with robbing Red Line passengers on April 6, April 7, and April 9. Police arrested him after the April 9 case, when two men, ages 25 and 27, flagged down officers at 87th Street around 9:45 p.m. and reported being robbed aboard a southbound train. The victims told police the attackers had just gone into a nearby BP station.

Inside the station, both victims identified Guillory and 30-year-old Kevin Stoner as the robbers.

During a detention hearing, prosecutors said Guillory held a knife to one victim's side while Stoner rifled through his belongings, taking a debit card, a baseball cap, and a bottle of tequila. The strap on the man's bag was also cut with a knife. In the same incident, prosecutors said Stoner hit the younger victim in the head with a glass bottle while Guillory went through his pockets, taking \$30 and a bottle of liquor.

Migrant mugged 85-year-old woman in Gold Coast, targeted others across Chicago

A Venezuelan migrant accused of attacking an 85-year-old woman in her Gold Coast building and later targeting other victims in the Loop and Boystown has been detained following his arrest at a downtown pawn shop.



Ignacio Linares-Rodriguez

Ignacio Linares-Rodriguez, 40, allegedly trailed the elderly woman into her building in the 100 block of W. Oak St. around 7 a.m. July 25. Once inside, he allegedly tore a bracelet from her wrist, tried to grab her necklace, and attempted to steal her ring. When the ring would not come off, prosecutors said, he resorted to biting her left ring finger in an effort to pry it loose. The woman managed to resist, and Linares-Rodriguez fled.

Recently, officers monitoring surveillance cameras downtown spotted Linares-Rodriguez walking into a pawn shop in the 400 block of S. Clark St. Patrol cars were dispatched, and

Freed Sunday, arrested Monday: Wisconsin man charged with Lincoln Park break-ins



Mugshots of Akram Akbar from August 3 and 4.

A 34-year-old Wisconsin man who was arrested for allegedly breaking into a vehicle in Lincoln Park was back in custody less than 30 hours later, this time accused of terrorizing two families in the neighborhood during back-to-back attempted home invasions and burglaries, prosecutors said.

Chicago police first arrested Akram Akbar, of Beloit, WI, around 9:35 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, in the 2100 block of N. Stockton Dr. He was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle and released from the Near North 18th District police station less than eight hours later.

But his freedom was short-lived.

At 11:45 a.m. the next day, officers responded to a "suspicious person" call in the 1900 block of N. Clark St.

According to an arrest report, a woman told officers she was in her

police moved in to arrest him.

Investigators subsequently tied him to two additional crimes.

On July 28, prosecutors said, Linares-Rodriguez rode up on a Divvy bike and ripped a gold necklace from a woman's neck in the 200 block of N. LaSalle.

On Aug. 9, he allegedly climbed into a man's pickup truck in the 3700 block of N. Halsted St. while the victim was asleep and proceeded to use the man's phone to make calls. When the victim woke up, Linares-Rodriguez bolted from the truck with the phone, prosecutors said. He was allegedly carrying the phone when police arrested him at the pawn shop.

Judge James Murphy III detained him on charges that include robbery of a victim older than 60, aggravated battery of a victim older than 60, burglary, robbery, and felony theft.

Life + 20 years for man who killed 2 friends during birthday outing in the Loop

A Chicago man was sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years on Aug. 15 for fatally shooting two friends in the head and wounding two others during a 2018 birthday outing on Michigan Ave. in the Loop.



Marquis Watkins

A Cook County jury convicted 46-year-old Marquis Watkins in May of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated battery by discharging a firearm, court records show. On Aug. 15, Judge Mary Brodhan handed down his sentence.

The shootings occurred just after midnight on Oct. 1, 2018, as Watkins and four longtime friends drove along the 500 block of South Michigan Avenue in a Chrysler 300. The group had gathered downtown to celebrate the 29th birthday of Bruce Miller, who was riding in the front passenger seat next to Watkins.

Without warning, prosecutors said, Watkins opened fire inside the vehicle. Miller was shot twice in the head. Steve Nixon, 31, seated behind Watkins in the center-rear seat, was also shot in the head. Both men died at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Two other passengers, both 29 and half-brothers of Watkins, were shot in the shoulder. One of them, seated in the back, told investigators he saw muzzle flashes from Watkins' direc-

garage when Akbar approached, grabbed her by the arm, and tried to force his way through the door connecting to her home. She broke free and ran to her door, but Akbar followed her, the report said. Joined by her partner, the woman managed to keep Akbar out of their home while their children were inside.

Responding officers noticed an open door across the alley from the victim's home and decided to investigate. A second woman at that location told them she had just pulled into her garage when Akbar tried to open her driver's door, but it was locked. When that failed, she said, he used his body weight to force open the door to her residence and went inside while her husband and children scrambled to safety.

Officers found Akbar hiding in the basement bathroom. They said they recovered a knife and three credit cards belonging to the first victim from his pants pocket.

Cook County Judge Susana Ortiz ordered Akbar detained on two counts of burglary. While Akbar has no criminal history in Chicago, the same cannot be said for his home state. Records show he is on court supervision for theft in Wisconsin.

tion before realizing he had been hit.

After the gunfire, the car veered out of control, struck a planter box, and flipped onto its roof. Watkins and one of his injured half-brothers crawled from the wreckage. That man fled into the Congress Hotel for help.

Prosecutors said Watkins, the only person in the vehicle who was not shot, later gave a videotaped statement admitting to firing the weapon. A married father of three, Watkins owned a home in Brainerd and had no criminal record before the shooting.

State to crackdown on human trafficking caused by influx of illegals and migrants

The Illinois State Police [ISP] has announced updates to several laws impacting the ability to combat human trafficking and help those who have been trafficked with the signing of Senate Bill 2323, the Illinois Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act.

The Act addresses human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and establishing standards for survivor support, and impacts laws governing ISP, Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services, the Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Labor, of Juvenile Justice, Corrections, Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, Children's Advocacy Centers, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and the Secretary of State.

Human trafficking is one of the most underreported and under-identified crimes in Chicago. And with all the recent arrivals of illegal aliens that crossed the wide open Southern border from 2021 to 2024, matters have gotten much worse.

In 2024, 448 human trafficking survivors were reported to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority as receiving services from an Illinois domestic violence or sexual assault agency, and 213 possible cases of child trafficking were reported to DCFS during that same time frame. Yet, these numbers are only a fraction of the human trafficking victims in Chicago and Illinois.

"Human trafficking can come in many forms, from commercial sex acts to forced labor," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "Because hu-

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Two more Venezuelans charged in expanding Tren de Aragua gun trafficking probe

BY CWBCHICAGO

State prosecutors have charged two more migrants as part of an investigation into the trafficking of narcotics and firearms into Chicago by suspected members of the Venezuela-based Tren de Aragua street gang. The men are the fourth and fifth individuals known to be charged in the case.

Judge Luciano Panici Jr. ordered Yefferson Camacho Cedeno, 27, and Jose Vasquez Hernandez, 30, detained, calling them “member[s] of a transnational criminal organization.”

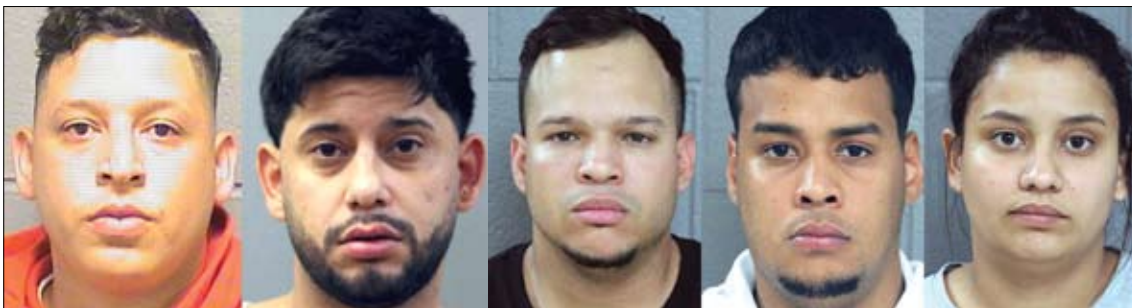
This spring, an informant working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [ATF] began communicating with a man to arrange a gun sale in Chicago, Assistant Attorney General Thomas Darman said in a detention petition. They agreed to meet on June 4 to finalize the sale of three handguns.

During the secretly-recorded meeting, the man phoned his “associates” and told them to hurry up. Camacho Cedeno soon arrived in a vehicle carrying a plastic bag with a gun box inside, said Darman. Camacho Cedeno handed over a 9mm pistol in exchange for \$1,100, then sold a .380 pistol for \$740 after the agent haggled him down from \$750, according to the petition. They then completed the sale of another 9mm for \$760 plus several rounds of loose ammunition for \$40, which the agent negotiated down from \$100, according to Darman.

Darman said Camacho Cedeno is a Venezuelan citizen who is “not a legal resident of the United States.” He is charged with two counts of gunrunning and six additional charges tied to illegal gun sales.

In a separate operation, an ATF informant and agents arranged to meet another man to buy firearms on July 10, Darman said.

Vasquez Hernandez arrived and identified himself as the man’s “associate,” telling them in Spanish, “I’m the other supplier,” according to Darman. He allegedly led the agents and informant to a garage, retrieved a red bag, and



(L-R) Yefferson Camacho Cedeno, Jose Vasquez Hernandez, Alvaro Berrios Godoy, Oscar Puerta Gorrin, and Lilibeth Diaz Pirela.

repeated, “I’m the one who gets this,” before removing two rifles — a .556 and a 7.62 — priced at \$3,800.

Vasquez Hernandez also allegedly discussed selling “Tusi,” a synthetic drug mixture sometimes called “pink cocaine,” and said he could supply it, Darman said. The sale, like Camacho Cedeno’s, was recorded on video and audio. He is charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon in a vehicle and two counts of delivering firearms.

Both men remain in custody as the investigation into Tren de Aragua’s alleged Chicago operations continues.

Earlier this month, CWBChicago reported that prosecutors had charged three other people in connection with the ATF investigation.

On May 14, an informant and an undercover ATF agent met two men and a woman in the parking lot of a South Side McDonald’s, Darman said. The trio allegedly sold the feds nearly 48 grams

of Tusi along with three loaded firearms — a 9mm pistol, a .45-caliber pistol, and a .40-caliber pistol. A Drug Enforcement Administration lab later determined the Tusi contained ketamine and MDMA.

Investigators identified the men as Alvaro Berrios Godoy, 26, and Oscar Puerta Gorrin, 23, who were indicted by a Cook County grand jury on July 29. At the time, authorities knew the woman only

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Lyric's annual free concert in Millennium Park Sept. 7

Lyric Opera of Chicago kicks off the 2025/26 cultural season in high style with Sunday in the Park with Lyric, a free, live outdoor opera concert. This annual end-of-summer tradition will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St.

The public is encouraged to visit for a free evening of glorious music under the stars.

Artists from Lyric Opera will be joined by members of the Lyric Opera Orchestra for a concert conducted by Music Director Enrique Mazzola and Chi-Yuan Lin. The program will feature highlights from the upcoming 2025/26 Season as well as beloved opera favorites. Easy-to-follow English titles of the texts will be projected throughout the evening.

For the first time ever, this year's Sunday in the Park with Lyric will include a special appearance by Company Artists from The Joffrey Ballet, the Lyric Opera House's resident ballet company, offering audiences a preview excerpt from the dance company's upcoming production

of Carmen.

This collaboration builds on the ongoing partnership between Lyric and Joffrey, which began in the 2020/21 Season when the ballet company officially made its home at the Lyric Opera House — and was recently extended through 2034 following a series of popular productions.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs, share a picnic, and enjoy one of the city's best cultural gatherings. Free seating is available in both the Jay Pritzker Pavilion and on the lawn on a first-come, first-served basis, with no tickets required.

Throughout the evening, audience members will also have the chance to win tickets to upcoming performances at Lyric, with drawings taking place every 30 minutes.

Lyric's 2025/26 Season opens on Friday, Oct. 10. The season features a mix of new productions, treasured classics, and contemporary works. For the full season lineup, and more information, visit lyricopera.org/millennium.

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able to learn more about his storied Hall of Fame career through his personal collection of memorabilia which is now officially part of the Cubs and Wrigley Field Archives.

VOTE: On your next visit to Michigan Ave. or Andersonville you can vote in their local windows 2025 contest. This is the Art Institute's annual contest to take artwork out of the museum and into display windows. This year, see the paintings of **Gustave Caillebotte** come to life in the windows of businesses and organizations including at 900 N. Michigan Ave., 520 N. Michigan Ave., 613 N. State St., 40 E. Oak St., 5135 N. Clark St., 5247 N. Clark St., 5601 N. Clark St., and 5706 N. Clark St.

THE PLANETS: The Adler Planetarium has appointed **Elizabeth Babcock**, as its President and Chief Executive Officer. Babcock's appointment follows a six-month global search led by a committee of Adler's trustees, made up of prominent business and civic leaders, in partnership with Russell Reynolds Assoc. The committee's recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Babcock joins the Adler with experience in a wide array of leadership roles. Most recently, she served as the Founding Director of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum in Washington D.C., where she laid the groundwork for a landmark multimillion dollar campaign. Prior to her time at the Smithsonian, Babcock was President and CEO of Forever Balboa, the city of San Diego's private partner stewarding a 1,200-acre urban park. She also held the key senior role at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco as the Dean of Education.

GREEKTOWN: Hellenic Museum presents acclaimed Greek artist **Giorgos Tsalikis** on Sept. 27 at its annual Gala. Taste of Greektown Festival runs from Aug. 22–24 along Halsted St.

OUI: French delights still haunt the landscape of Mon Ami Gabi, at the Belden Stratford across from Lincoln Park Zoo, where super server **Seth Flex** holds court on the patio and the "divine" **Rachel** provides the grandest of dining room details including the puff pastry with fresh peach dessert and Champagne in a coupe glass.



Elizabeth Babcock, PhD.



Parker, Kevin and Colleen Dal Santo Ryan.

ONLY \$10: A lawyer hired by the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] used ChatGPT to cite court cases, resulting in 12 fake citations. Using AI to cite case law unchecked is not advisable for lawyers. **Danielle Malaty** was fired by her firm Goldberg Segalla and was sanctioned with a \$10 fine, issued July 16 by Cook County Circuit Judge **William Sullivan**. That'll show her. Meanwhile, The CHA must pay \$24 million to two residents who sued on behalf of their two children due to lead-based paint at a Rogers Park apartment.

FULTON MARKET: A California sandwich chain is coming to River North. Mendocino Farms will open its first Midwest location in late August in Fulton Market.

WHO'S WHERE: Restaurateur **Joey DiBuono** was joined for a Happy Birthday by his expanding family at Francesco's Hole in Wall, with wife, Service Club's **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono** celebrating the best husband, father, Papa (Joe) and all around great guy... **Maria Pappas** was honored to join the Midwest Diocese Camp Candle Light Dinner at the New Graciana Serbian Orthodox Monastery in Lake Villa. The evening was filled with warmth, tradition, and the joy of celebrating community... **Jeffrey** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** took a jaunt to the English Countryside to Powderham Castle, owned by the **Courtenay Family** since 1391 with Secret Garden, magical staircase hall painted "Powderham Blue" and a welcoming, vast courtyard fit for a prince, plus a side trip to Stonehenge... **Paula Borg** wishing a happy 19th birthday to her baby boy, **Ben**, much fun celebrating... **Karen Zupko** visiting a botanic garden in Austria... **Al Menotti** on Bangs Lake with longtime friend **Tom Ulbert** and **Don**, having an early dinner at Lindy's Landing... **David Archuleta** at the Chicago

Market Days... **Jean Coatar Antoniou** sending a big thank you to Service Club's Day on the Terrace Chairs, **Tracey DiBuono** and **Sharyl Mackey**, for making the planning of this day so fun, a great job to all those that worked so hard to support the club... **Bobbi Panter** in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Convention Center for "Super Zoo" with Booth #2300 with **Charlee**, the pooch in arms... Chicago artist **Adam Handler's** work given curatorial expertise by Belvedere Art Space in a striking luxury villa nestled high in the Hollywood Hills... **Nick Albers** managing all the golf bets in Northern Michigan... Grammy Award-winning **John Legend** returns to Ravina Aug. 23 and 24, commemorating the 20th anniversary of his debut album... **Sean Eshaghy** is so popular he could fill Wrigley with pretty pals... Remembering the great civic hero **Oscar D'Angelo**, nine years after he's gone... Elephant & Castle closed for good on Aug. 17... **Courtney Thompson** and **Estelle Gonzales Walgreen** wore their "toppers" to the AIC exhibit of French Impressionist **Gustave Caillebotte**... **Susan Gohl**, **Lucia Adams**, **Debi Catenacci** and **Sylvia Muller** turned out for this writer's Art Exhibit and delighted in the refined Prosecco... **Jane Yount** and friends were out in force for music at Ravinia... California sailors **Kevin** and **Colleen Dal Santo Ryan** crewed with son, **Parker Ryan**, in their home port of San Juan de Capistrano... Irish diva **Catherine O'Connell** just finished actor **Robert Wagner's** autobiography, full of little snippets of all kinds of stars, very pleasant, she says... Chef **Tony Pirola** and partner **Ciro Longobardo**, owners of Piccolo Sogno, had a visit by a very strong, young Chicago "politico" who will run for mayor, I'm with him... **Mary Pat Flanagan** and **Yvonne Odell Bailey** bid farewell to the Dublin boys here just for the Summer.

CTA NEWS: The State and Lake "EL" station is about to get a huge upgrade. Plan ahead for disruptions to your commute.

SECRETARY OF STATE: Over the weekend, thousands of Illinoisans took advantage of the new Summer Saturday hours at 12 DMVs throughout the Chicago area, adding up to some 8,500 transactions.

Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They both are fruit, but taste completely different. —Stephen King

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Soldier Field topic of Sept. 13 presentation

Rogers Park author Liam T.S. Ford will discuss the history and ‘maybe’ future of Soldier Field during a presentation by the Edgewater Historical Society 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Edgewater Branch Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Ford, a former Chicago Tribune writer, has written a book titled “Soldier Field: A Stadium and Its City” about his experience reporting on the controversial 2001-2003 renovation of Soldier Field.

The renovation of Soldier Field was highly controversial due to its dramatic alteration of the historic stadium’s design.

While the renovation had hoped to modernize the facility, the resulting “spaceship on a pedestal” design drew widespread criticism and led to the stadium losing its National Historic Landmark status. And now they may lose their signature attraction, the Chicago Bears.

Soldier Field has stood at the center of Chicago’s politics and sporting world since it opened a century ago. Originally called Municipal Grant Park Stadium, it was renamed Soldier Field on Nov. 11, 1925, in honor of American soldiers who died in combat.

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

Human trafficking has many faces and can happen almost anywhere, it is important to have a comprehensive, statewide victim-centered, trauma-informed response that encompasses those who may come in contact with individuals who are being trafficked, such as law enforcement, child services, case workers, treatment providers, and others.”

The Act provides consistency in the state’s response by creating uniform service response, policies, agency infrastructure, screening tools, training, and protocols. Last year, the ISP con-

ducted seven human trafficking demand suppression operations resulting in 31 arrests and 90 criminal charges, including Grooming, Indecent Solicitation of a Minor and Traveling to Meet a Minor and obtained charges in three additional cases, including charges of Involuntary Servitude and Promoting Prostitution.

If you suspect human trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text *233733. For more information visit www.humantraffickinghotline.org.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

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as “Nicole.”

Darman said Gorrin and “Nicole” returned to the McDonald’s a few days later to sell another 50 grams of Tusi to ATF agents before being taken into custody. Investigators later identified “Nicole” as 27-year-old Lilibeth Diaz Pirela. Godoy was arrested separately about two hours before the McDonald’s meeting, according to police records.

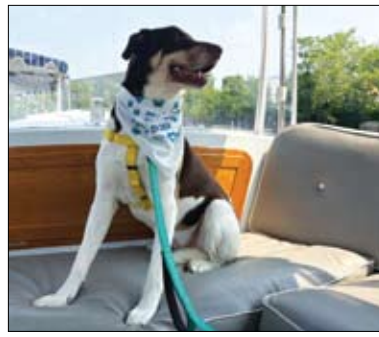
Police valued the first Tusi delivery at more than \$15,243 and the second at more than \$16,500, though court filings note the group sold the drugs to investigators for a

fraction of their street price.

Darman said Godoy and Gorrin are Venezuelan citizens who are not legal U.S. residents. Diaz’s residency status was not known.

Godoy faces charges including gunrunning, armed violence, manufacture-delivery of methamphetamine, unlawful sale of a firearm, and possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number. Gorrin and Pirela are each charged with manufacture-delivery of methamphetamine.

Judge Deidre Dyer granted detention petitions for all three, calling them threats to public safety and flight risks.



(L) Roo from One Tail at a Time. Photo courtesy of H2 Public Relations (R) Rockwell on the River. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Nord

Chicago River cruise to double as doggie speed-dating adoption event

BY ASHLEY PAZAN
Chicago Star Media

The Chicago Boat Co. and One Tail at a Time are commemorating National Dog Day—which occurs every year on Aug. 26, according to Awareness Days—with a fun event for furry friends titled “All Paws on Deck.”

This unique dog adoption opportunity, tailored as a “speed-dating” experience, is set to occur on Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 4-7 p.m. at Rockwell on the River, 3057 N. Rockwell St.

Attendees can meet charming, adoptable dogs from One Tail at a Time while enjoy-

ing a short, complimentary cruise on the scenic Chicago River.

“All Paws on Deck” is a collaboration between Chicago Boat Company, a notable riverboat rental operator, and One Tail at a Time, a local animal rescue focused on ending pet homelessness. According to the announcement, the adoption event aims to find forever homes for dogs through a relaxed meet-and-greet, complete with beverages provided by sponsors like Sparkling Ice and Metropolis Coffee Roasters. Participants have the opportunity to adopt their new furry friends and capture the moment with a riverside photo.

American Legion hosts Aug. 26 public memorials for fallen Afghan troops

The Billy Caldwell Post 806 of The American Legion is hosting three public memorial services for the U.S. troops killed in 2021 during the evacuation operations in Kabul, Afghanistan.

At 10 a.m. Aug. 26 a service will be held at the Jefferson Park War Memorial, 4858 N. Milwaukee Ave. At 11:16 a.m. a service will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Statue, 4801 N. Lincoln Ave., and a noon a service will be held at the Andersonville Veterans Monument, 5739 N. Clark St.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREENSPRING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF RMH 2023-4 TRUST Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ESTHER H. COHEN (DECEASED), KENNETH H. COHEN, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ESHTER H. COHEN (DECEASED), ROY COHEN OWNER, EDWARD B. COHEN KNOWN HEIR OF ESTHER H. COHEN (DECEASED), WINSTON TOWERS NO. 2 ASSOCIATION, RESURGENCE FINANCIAL LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025 CH 02820 6833 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #1516 CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 5, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 19, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6833 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #1516, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-120-003-1218 The real estate is improved with a vacant single family condominium. The judgment amount was \$597,817.71.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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 POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1889-474. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOONAN & LIEBERMAN 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150 Chicago IL, 60602 312-431-1455 E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com Attorney File No. 1889-474

Attorney Code. 38245 Case Number: 2025 CH 02820 TJS#C#: 45-2034 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2025 CH 02820 8231-957174

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff,

JIMMY TORMON, 6951-57 NORTH WESTERN TOWN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2024 CH 06838 6957 N. WESTERN AVENUE, UNIT A CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 20, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 23, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6957 N. WESTERN AVENUE, UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-31-113-037-0000 The real estate is improved with a townhouse. The judgment amount was \$162,931.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Ju-

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dicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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 JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LAsALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, CHICAGO, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 24 0688.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2024 CH 06838 TJS#C#: 45-1748 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 06838 13271555

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIZENS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

HARVEY KAHLER, JR., 2041 W. BIRCHWOOD AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 24 CH 07658 2041 WEST BIRCHWOOD AVENUE, UNIT #2 CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 25, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 26, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

ED TO THE DECLARATION AFORESAID RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0531410084. Commonly known as 2041 WEST BIRCHWOOD AVENUE, UNIT #2, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-312-030-1002 The real estate is improved with a three unit apartment building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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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Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 24 CH 07658 TJS#C#: 45-1765 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 # 24 CH 07658 13271650

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,

CHRISTOPHER JOHN SENNETT Defendants 23 CH 5790 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 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 10, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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: 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/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

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Attorney Code. 42168 Case Number: 23 CH 5790 TJS#C#: 45-1576

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Case # 23 CH 5790 13270988

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FAO REO SECURITIZATION SUB I LLC Plaintiff,

PINNACLE GROUP INVESTMENTS LLC, BERT TAKITA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2024CH05948 1904 W BERWYN AVE 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 July 14, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 15, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1904 W BERWYN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-07-216-021-0000

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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Real Estate For Sale

Case Number: 2024CH05948 TJS#C#: 45-2015

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 # 2024CH05948 13271452

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff,

VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, THE 4444-46 N. SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, VERONICA MIKLUSIČAK Defendants 2023 CH 08988 4446 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT 3N 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 June 5, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 8, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4446 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APARTMENT 3N, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-17-225-041-1008

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$77,321.54.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information, contact WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LAsALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number wrr# 23-001020-1.

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Attorney Code. 31495 Case Number: 2023 CH 08988 TJS#C#: 45-1581

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 # 2023 CH 08988 8277-956822

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

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 10, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 1202 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, 60602, sell 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% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION 13271060

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BUDMAN BUILDING, LLC Plaintiff,

GAST MONUMENTS, INC., KATHERINE GAST-CROOK, JAMES F. GAST, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, FLANAGAN/BILTON, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 4931 1900 W. PETERSON 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 June 4, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,

IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1900 W. PETERSON, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-06-224-008-0000, 14-06-224-009-0000

The real estate is improved with commercial space. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 1340 N. DEARBORN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JOSEPH ALCARAZ, SUPERVISED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH B. MURRAY Defendants 2024CH08856 1340 NORTH DEARBORN STREET, UNIT 16A 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 10, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 11, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1340 NORTH DEARBORN STREET, UNIT 16A, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-217-068-1076 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$102,539.69. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to

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closure 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 MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 24-018602. 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. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 24-018602 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2024CH08856 TUSC#: 45-1621 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 # 2024CH08856** 8232-956741

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION

Real Estate For Sale

TRUST Plaintiff, -v- E. TIMOTHY DARO, THE BRISTOL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2025 CH 02099 57 E DELAWARE PL UNIT 3406 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 June 4, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 5, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 57 E DELAWARE PL UNIT 3406, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-217-015-1203 & 17-03-217-015-1148 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$677,970.16. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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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gency services and inpatient care to those who often have nowhere else to turn,” Simmons wrote.

Nowhere else to turn? According to records of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board [HFSRB], another Uptown safety net hospital, Thorek Memorial Hospital, is just one mile away from Weiss Hospital. St. Joseph Hospital is 2.4 miles away. Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center is 3.2 miles away, as is Endeavor/Swedish Hospital. Four hospitals little more than three miles distant from Weiss Hospital is not a health care desert.

The truth is that hospital closings are nothing new. In 2022, Chicago Policy Review reported that 20 hospitals have closed in the city since 2000, accounting for nearly one-fourth of its hospitals. Most recently, Ascension St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Chicago closed in mid-February.

Other local examples that people from the North Side may recall include Edgewater Hospital, Henrotin Hospital, Grant Hospital, Augustana Hospital, Ravenswood Hospital, Neurologic & Orthopedic Hospital of Chicago, and Columbus Hospital.

The Illinois Adverse Health Care Events Reporting Law of 2005 requires health care facilities to report specific adverse events. While Prasad would not be expected to report himself for hospital violations to IDPH, subordinate employees that do should be protected from retaliation by IDPH. Perhaps Simmons and Huynh can begin working on that?

The root cause of the troubles at Weiss Hospital [and at West Suburban in Oak Park] should be viewed as the sale by for-profit Pipeline Health to for-profit Resilience Healthcare that concluded in Dec. 2022.

One question never fully explored by the HFSRB public hearing was why would an alleged hospital “turn-around” expert

[Prasad] and a gas station operator from New Jersey [Patlola] pay \$92 million for Weiss Hospital [and West Suburban] and assume \$80 million in hospital debt? The question becomes more relevant when understanding the income loss for Weiss Hospital alone for the preceding three years was \$47,115,632.

[The income loss of West Suburban Medical Center for the preceding three years before the sale to Resilience Healthcare was \$40,070,522. Or a combined income loss between the two hospitals totaling \$87,186,154 for 2019, 2020, and 2021.]

Resilience Healthcare co-owner Patlola financed the purchase of the two hospitals through a combination of \$32 million in cash from Patlola himself and a \$60 million loan from Provia Capital, as reported by Modern Healthcare. Provia describes itself as a boutique corporate advisory firm offering solutions for their client’s debt and equity capital needs.

Was HFSRB’s inability to say “No” to Prasad and Patlola’s request the overriding factor to keep Weiss and West Suburban running [in the red]? Because no one at HFSRB seemed too concerned about private equity buyers for these two hospitals.

The HFSRB conducted public hearings of the proposed sale of the two hospitals by Pipeline Health to Resilience Healthcare on April 8, 2022. They granted regulatory approval to Patlola’s Ramco Healthcare Holdings on June 10, 2022.

Among those commenting was then-Ald. James Cappleman [46th] who spoke favorably of the sale to Resilience. Casting aside his penchant for ‘best practices,’ Cappleman said, “Importantly, I am assured that all hospital operations and excellent care will continue for Weiss patients. ... And this additional investment ensures that the hospital will have the needed resources to continue expanding its services to the community.”

Sarah Wilson, executive director of Up-

town United threw aside business acumen and said, “As a change of ownership is considered for Weiss Memorial Hospital, I look forward to supporting this neighborhood anchor in the future, building upon the partnership we already have in place.”

One person who spoke, and identified critical questions facing HFSRB, was Angela Clay, a community member representing local organizations. She is currently 46th Ward alderman.

“The professional and financial background of the buyers is still not clear,” Clay began. She then questioned the educational background of Prasad and the financial background of Patlola.

“Although the buyer and seller referred to a revenue enhancement strategy, they didn’t provide information about what that would entail and how it would impact existing and future hospital operations or access to or the quality of care,” she said.

Elected in 2023, Ald. Clay issued a letter on the day Weiss Hospital closed - Aug. 8 - writing that multiple visits by IDPH were conducted at Weiss between Nov. 2024 to July 2025 revealing numerous issues of non-compliance with state regulations leading to the cessation of federal funding for Medicare on Aug. 9, - although the hospital received advance notice on June 4.

“This was a preventable catastrophe that unfortunately highlights how private equity firms prey on poor people at the expense of healthcare,” Clay wrote.

“Two years ago, myself and a group of committed neighbors, community organizations, and hospital staff came together to warn [that] this [could] be a possible reality ... and we were ignored. The mismanagement of this hospital and lack of communication by the Weiss’ ownership to local officials, staff, and community residents has been alarming and disheartening.”

Prasad defended his handling of Weiss, according to a Tribune account of a press conference at West Suburban Medical Cen-

ter following Weiss’s closure. Prasad said his company could not get loans to rescue Weiss Memorial Hospital, but took it over when no one else came forward to buy the two hospitals out of bankruptcy in 2022.

Asked why he has been unresponsive to media questions over the past two months, Prasad told the Wednesday Journal of Oak Park, “I have my hands full. This is a crisis.”

Asked why the hospital no longer has a communications staff or public relations firm, Prasad said, “We can’t afford to pay for it.”

The medical records office for Weiss Memorial Hospital is presently open and may be reached at 708-763-2619.

In Illinois, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health [IDPH] is the primary agency responsible for monitoring and regulating hospitals. IDPH licenses, inspects and certifies health care facilities, including hospitals to ensure they meet federal standards for patient care and safety.

A request for the inspection records of Weiss Memorial Hospital will require a Freedom of Information Request which is underway, according to Jim Leach, public information officer of IDPH.

A request for comment on the closure of Weiss has not yet been received from former Weiss CEO Irene Dumanis.

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he received for being a felon in possession of a firearm. IDOC records show he has two prior robbery convictions, one in 2018 and the other in 2019.

Chicago police also arrested Saunders on Aug. 9, just four days before the train attack, on felony cannabis delivery charges. He was on pretrial release for that case at the time of the robbery.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered Dickerson detained. Saunders was hospitalized during the court hearing, so his detention petition will be considered on Monday.

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