

I've been told to speed up my delivery when I perform. But if I lose the stammer, I'm just another slightly amusing accountant.
— Bob Newhart

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Lane Tech's Vernon Cole score a touchdown Friday night.

Lane Tech dominates Thornton Fractional South 35-0

STORY AND PHOTO BY JACK LYDON

Lane Tech dominated Thornton Fractional South High 35-0 at Lane on Sept. 5. And it wasn't that close. The champions running attack and defensive line controlled from beginning to end.

The Champions took the opening kick right down the field. Junior running back Ethan Pena opened the scoring on a 6-yard touchdown run up the middle. The Red Wolves then fumbled the ensuing kickoff, which was recovered by the Champions. A long field goal try for Lane came

up short.

Not to worry, back to the running game. Lane junior running back Vernon Cole scored on another six-yard run up the middle near the end of the first quarter to make the score 14-0 Lane.

Just to mix things up a little, the Champions passed the ball a little too. Champions' junior quarterback Robert Suteu dropped back and connected with junior wide receiver Taylor Clay on a 30-yard pass down the east sideline for a touchdown midway through the second quarter to give the Cham-

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Fourteen-time convicted felon allegedly burglarized homes in Lakeview

BY CWBCHICAGO

"I'm not a car thief, I'm a burglar."

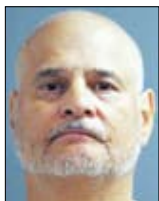
That's what 59-year-old Frank Ortiz allegedly told Chicago police in 2023 after they caught him behind the wheel of a stolen Volkswagen Jetta. Indeed, Ortiz, a 14-time convicted felon, has always been more of a break-into-houses guy than a steal-somebody's-car guy. He served 4½ years for that auto theft case.

Now, Ortiz is back in court, this time accused of returning to what prosecutors call his true specialty: residential burglary. Chicago police arrested him recently on charges that he broke into homes in Lakeview and Logan Square.

Around noon on April 25, a woman was in her bedroom in the 2300 block of North Albany when Ortiz entered the back door and claimed to be a Chicago police officer, prosecutors said in a detention petition. Suspicious, the woman texted her sister to call the real police.

She allegedly saw Ortiz leave with a black bag containing her valuables.

Detectives also identified Or-



Frank Ortiz

tiz as one of the men who broke into a Lakeview home in the 1600 block of W. Byron on April 4. Prosecutors said a two-man team forced its way in around 10:45 that morning and got away with an estimated \$5,860 in proceeds. They allegedly took purses, jewelry, perfume, an Xbox controller, AirPods, backpacks, and even bottles of wine, according to a criminal complaint.

Judge John Hock granted prosecutors' request to keep him detained.

Ortiz's memorable "I'm a burglar" line first came to light in May 2023 when cops pulled him over in the 1100 block of N. Cicero and found his vehicle's identification number covered up. The black Jetta turned out to have been stolen after a burglar(!) grabbed its keys during a home break-in the previous December.

Ortiz insisted later that police misunderstood him. He claimed he merely pointed out that his prior convictions were for burglary. He also tried to distance himself from the Jetta, telling a judge, "My daughter, she got the car from somewhere."

His rap sheet stretches back decades. In addition to the auto theft case, his previous convictions in-

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Lincoln Park Post Office forced to park their vehicles on Clark St.

The U.S. Post Office [USPS] in Lincoln Park at 2643 N. Clark St. is suffering from the same problem many residents and small businesses do these days, a lack of adequate parking.

Across the North Side, the city of Chicago continues to eliminate commercial street parking while at the same time allowing high density buildings to go up in densely-populated areas with insufficient off-street parking provided for new residents.

Eleven months ago, U.S. Postal Service trucks began taking up nearly all of the street parking near their post office on Clark St. after losing access to a parking lot that USPS was leasing at 537 W. Drummond Place.

A new seven-story high density building is being built at that former USPS parking lot, which will add even more demand for street parking. The 84-unit building will include only 52 off-street parking spaces for their residents. Before the onslaught of Transit Oriented Development zoning, a



USPS trucks parked on Lehmann Ct. in Lincoln Park

Image courtesy Kalpana Pudukollu

building like this would have had to provide 84 off-street parking spots to its future residents.

Once construction started on Drummond Place, postal and

construction trucks were suddenly parking on Lehmann Ct. and other side streets, making it

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City to add more cash cow cameras in 2026

North Side a top-ticketed area

BY BOB ZULEY

It may shock some Chicagoans to know that some of America's more freedom-oriented states do not allow speed cameras through state law. They include Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia.

Other free states have more nuanced prohibitions, such as Missouri, where court rulings declared speed cameras unconstitutional, or Montana, which bans automated enforcement systems for ticketing. Some states, like New Mexico and Nevada, have specific prohibitions but allow for limited use or exceptions.

Here in The Flat Busted State of Illinois, it's open season on all vehicles at all times.

In a city remarkably adrift in red ink, Chicago city planners ap-



Speed camera adjacent Broadway Armory Park. Photo by Bob Zuley

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Courage and righteousness still lives in Chicagoans



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Like you, my brain has been working overtime trying to concoct some appropriate Chicago salute for the invading federal troops, and their pals from ICE. Rumors run the streets and paint a frightening picture of the Wehrmacht-like forces.

Troops to be assembled and housed at the Great Lakes Naval base north of the city, and in the Armory in Edgewater and others across the City.

Watching California Gov. Gavin Newsom encourages me to imagine the creative possibilities of shutting down President Trump's attempt to sabotage the 2026 election.

You see, his attempt to calm crime in American cities with the military is not about making cities safe. Or free of crime. But instead he seeks to weaken local political controls and strip the election's effective security through an endless series of maneuvers designed to rupture the opportunity to alter the balance of power in our Congressional leadership.

In trying to offset this political strategy, Chicago can offer some creative leadership in preventing Trump's invasive forces from making mayhem here. Unfortunately, Chicago is now being lead by some of the worst, most inept politicians of our lifetime.

Still, I believe there are some opportunities here for us.

The Fort Dearborn Massacre on Aug. 15, 1812 was the last battle fought on Chicago lakefront geography, around 18th and Calumet. Ninety-five soldiers and settlers from the fort were attacked by 500 Indians from various tribes.

And that tiny force of the nation's troops was all they had to

bolster the locals who survived the slaughter by the Indians in service of the British Army.

Captain Nathan Heald ordered the evacuation of the fort hoping to get residents of the tiny primitive prairie settlement of Chicago to safety further down Lake Michigan's shoreline. But they were attacked on their journey and a brutal catastrophe soon followed. The bones of the slaughtered laid exposed on the lakefront shoreline for more than four years.

Evacuation is, of course, out of the question today. But we could use the site of Old Fort Dearborn on the southern shore of Michigan Ave. and the Chicago River as a base for anti-invasion actions. A reminder of this city's courageous early roots. Ironically it's just across the river from the Trump Tower building.

One thought is urging our hapless mayor to deploy a huge inspection force of his own to go through Trump Towers, floor by



Could Mayor "Billion Dollar Bust" Johnson order all the city's 300 bridges permanently raised?

floor, inspecting the premises, recording the layers of violations that surely must exist there. Rendering the building unfit for public use. That was always a helpful "Chicago-style" leverage of past mayors.

Unfortunately, what's left of what Trump still owns at that building is mostly the giant "TRUMP" sign hanging over the river, so the inspection troubles would be a burden to others.

Because Chicago is such a water-world, it also means we are a bridge-world. Could Mayor "Billion Dollar Bust" Johnson order all the city's 300 bridges permanently raised? Not just the



Battle of Fort Dearborn by Samuel Page, also known as the Fort Dearborn Massacre, 1812.

Courtesy Chicago History Museum

37 downtown bridges that Lori Lightfoot had raised during the 2020 Black Lives Matter riots and looting, but all bridges that cross waterways in Chicago. It's a huge number.

That's one way of placing a natural barrier in front of the "un-

welcome" invasion force. Make them row in our waterways in little boats like Gen. George Washington crossing the Potomac if they are going to seize our streets. Perhaps Gov. Pritzker could come up with a plan to expand a blockade of Dept. of Transportation vehicles to slow down troop deployment with his vast army of state bureaucrats.

Ironically, it wouldn't take much to render Chicago's expressway system unmovable, bumper to bumper, especially the Dan Ryan and the Kennedy expressways, each named for Democrats who would be appalled with President Trump's plan. Tanks would rot on the road shoulders while our local hoodlums swiped their valuable parts and weapons. Nope, no crime problem on the Dan Ryan. Don't leave any of that ammo behind boys.

Also critical to hobbling any invasive force is preventing the free use of the CTA "EL." No free rides should be the policy for military ridership, preventing the luxury of fast and orderly deployment by riding our metro rails. God knows the locals won't take the CTA, too many crooks and

thugs, much too dangerous. Our CTA may even make a profit this month for once moving troops around. And the ticketing and towing of illegally parked military vehicles, and the wagons of ICE, should be an essential component and effective strategy to prevent the invasion any easy travel. Frankly, ticketing and towing is the only thing City Hall does efficiently these days. Fire up those red light and speeding cameras.

Chicagoans must read through Chicago history to familiarize themselves with the creativity and imaginative actions of wise and courageous leaders of the past, like Al Capone and Frank Nitti. They knew how to hold turf. I'm reminded of what is my favorite historic action fact of a Chicago mayor. In 1853, following the brutal death of Chicago's first policeman killed in the line of duty. A courageous Irish policeman, Constable James Quinn, was making his way through "the Sands," the city's saloon district along the Chicago River.

Quinn came across some nefarious goings on. In his attempt to seize a culprit, a thief, Quinn was attacked and beaten by the thief and a local saloon owner. It turned out, making the arrest, Quinn was beaten three times, so badly that he never recovered.

His death was a brutal first for a Chicago cop on duty. Crime and violence has always been part of 'Chicago normal.' Mayor "Long John" Wentworth was wild with rage at the lawlessness in the Sands. He then assembled a vast network of deputies whom he swore in. And the mayor and his army went to the Saloon District and searched saloon by saloon with torches held high in the air. Many a saloon was torched by the mayor and his men before they discovered the killer of Constable Quinn.

The courage and energy of the 6'-8" 300 lb. mayor and his depu-

ties settled a lasting lesson in justice in Chicago. Their personal power standing up to crime was one for the ages. Perhaps we might like our current mayor more if he tried something like this in his own gang-infested Austin neighborhood where shootings are a daily occurrence.

There was no one like "Long John" Wentworth. Later he would be responsible for getting Abraham Lincoln the Presidential nomination in 1860.

Such courage and righteousness still lives in Chicagoans. We used to be a town filled with tough guys and girls. We will need to be tough again if we are to get the U.S. military out of here.

My biggest dream as it approaches is that the Cubs wind up winning the National League Pennant and Chicago once again finds the World's Series unfolding at Wrigley Field this Autumn. An event of incalculable significance bringing North Side and South Side together as one with Cubs fans celebrating and Sox fans swiping their wallets and purses.

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Rideshare murder team's mayhem detailed in shocking court hearings

BY CWBCHICAGO

When Chicago police announced on Sept. 5 that an 18-year-old man had been charged with the murder of Lyft driver Adriana Arocha-Duque at Christmastime 2023, it marked just the latest chapter in an extraordinary tale of how much harm a small group of violent young men can inflict.

So far, three men have been charged in connection with Arocha-Duque's death. A fourth would be facing charges too, a law enforcement source said, if he had not been shot and killed earlier this year when he tried to rob a concealed carry holder in Humboldt Park. And one of the men previously charged with Arocha-Duque's murder is also accused of killing another rideshare driver just three weeks before her death.

The accused

On Friday, prosecutors charged 18-year-old Derrius Young with participating in Arocha-Duque's Dec. 26, 2023, killing. Last month, prosecutors charged two others with her murder: Antwon Conyears, 18, and Kameron Freeman, 30.

Freeman was charged in June 2024 with murdering another rideshare driver, 29-year-old Uber driver Mohammed Al Hijoj, on Dec. 3, 2023.

During hearings for Freeman and Conyears last month, prosecutors identified the fourth member of the robbery crew as 18-year-old Daone Feazell.

On June 10 of this year, investigators believe, Feazell hijacked a car and robbed two people before he unwisely tried to rob a concealed carry holder in the 1400 block of N. Artesian. The CCL holder drew his weapon and shot Feazell dead.



From left: Antwon Conyears, Kameron Freeman, Daone Feazell, and Derrius Young. Courtesy Chicago Police Department, Facebook

The murder of Adriana Arocha-Duque

Arocha-Duque, 34, was one of at least seven ride share drivers targeted in robberies and shootings during December 2023. She and Al Hijoj were the only two killed.

Daone Feazell allegedly sent Derrius Young a Google Street View image of a cul-de-sac in the 4800 block of W. Thomas and noted the lack of cameras.

Prosecutors say the night of Arocha-Duque's death began when Young coordinated the crime with Feazell using an iCloud account that belonged to someone who had been robbed the day before, prosecutors said. Feazell allegedly sent Young a Google Street View image of a cul-de-sac in the 4800 block of W. Thomas and noted the lack of cameras. He also said the group could hide at his nearby apartment after the crime.

Around 8:30 p.m., Arocha-Duque picked up the group in her Chevrolet Suburban in the 2100 block of N. Leamington. Surveillance video captured the SUV pulling onto W. Thomas, suddenly braking, then lurching

forward into a parked car. Prosecutors said one of the passengers had just shot her in the back of the head.

The four offenders fled to Feazell's apartment, prosecutors believe. One was seen carrying a gun. Investigators later found a spent shell casing inside the SUV and a vape cartridge that allegedly tested positive for Freeman's DNA.

Executing a search warrant at Conyears' home, police also recovered a shredder filled with documents linked to other robberies, according to prosecutors. They said he had 14 juvenile adjudications, including an attempted murder, two carjackings, and 11 armed robberies.

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CTA to host Town Hall meeting Sept. 19 on budget deficit

Rider info from CTA over 2026-2030 plan

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] announced last week it will host three public town hall meetings this month with the public over their budget deficits. The CTA will discuss potential funding scenarios and seek suggestions from riders and community leaders about their priorities.

The North Side meeting will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave. The CTA is facing an epic budget shortfall in 2026 as federal COVID-19 bailout funding runs out. CTA's leadership will provide an overview of the current state of the agency's budget, including the structural funding gap facing the agency, saving and efficiencies the agency has achieved, and alternatives being considered under various budget scenarios.

Input received through these town halls will be used to help shape the CTA's proposed FY2026 budgets, which will be announced in October. These meetings are an opportunity for CTA users to talk to CTA brass about what they can expect in the next year. Those who cannot attend the meeting can also provide feedback via a brief survey that

will soon be available at: www.transitchicago.com/2026budget/.

The financial troubles for public transportation are expected to last for years. Proposed 2026-2030 Capital Program of Projects, 2026 Operating Budgets and Program and the Financial Plans for 2027 and 2028 will also be open for discussion.

"We are committed to hearing directly from our riders about what matters to them," said CTA Acting President Nora Leerhsen. "As we work with the Illinois State Legislature to identify a solution to fund transit in the region, it is important that we engage with our riders and hear directly from them."

The town hall meetings will be wheelchair accessible.

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Edgewater Home Tour Sept. 21

The Edgewater Home Tour returns this month on Sunday, Sept. 21, with a focus on the interiors of Edgewater North homes.

This is the communities 34th annual home tour and this one starts at the Granville Ave. United Methodist Church, 1307 W. Granville Ave.

Registration runs from noon to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person. For more information, visit www.Edgewater.org.

Learn Greek folk dancing

Free, one-hour Greek World Folk Dance classes for adults are now being offered weekly in two locations through next March. No dance experience is necessary.

At 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, classes will be held at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway. At 11 a.m. on Saturdays, classes will be in the President's Room at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

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Is Chicago ready for National Guard invasion?



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicagoans who believe they live in a "world class" city likely experienced great shock last week after President Donald Trump called the Windy City "a hell hole" and threatened to send in the National Guard.

"We're going in" with federal troops to fight crime in Chicago, Trump threatened on national TV.

Law enforcement, security experts and violence prevention leaders say that while he can do it, sending the National Guard to Chicago would be political theater at best, and a "recipe for disaster" at worst.

The Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] reports that Chicago has recorded 266 homicides through late August, a 32% decline in killings from the same period in 2024. Total shooting incidents also are down 36% citywide, as are robberies and batteries. Burglaries and car thefts are all down by double-digit percentages, too.

Gov. JB Pritzker, Mayor Brandon Johnson and every other Democratic Illinois politician cite the lower crime statistics and charge that Trump's National



For the best network TV coverage, troops then could easily be loaded on a U.S. Navy landing craft and disembark at Queen's Landing next to Buckingham Fountain. Imagine a miniature D-Day without Normandy Beach.

Guard threat is pure politics.

By Sept. 4, President Trump appeared to be reassessing his crazy plan to send federal troops to Chicago, so only analysts equipped with a crystal ball can know how this historic national fiasco will unfold.

As a veteran newspaper reporter, who in 1968 witnessed the riots and police and National Guard reaction in Chicago streets that followed the assignation of Martin Luther King, and later at the Democratic National Convention, I've seen that anything can happen.

This is what I see in my dusty crystal ball—if and when the President sends in the troops:

- The National Guard troops likely will fly in from Texas and/or Los Angeles into O'Hare Airport's U.S. Air Force gates.

Troops are based at Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago, along with a blitz of 300 ICE agents.

In a large scale, 45-day enforcement campaign starting Sept. 6, the ICE agents were assigned by Trump to ferret out illegal aliens in predominantly Hispanic and Mexican neighborhoods such as Pilsen, Little Village and Humboldt Park.

- By executive order, Trump may summon luxury cruise and tour ships anchored at Navy Pier to ferry the troops to downtown Chicago in first-class style.

- For the best network TV coverage, troops then could easily be loaded on a U.S. Navy landing craft and disembark at Queen's Landing next to Buckingham Fountain. Imagine a miniature D-Day without Normandy Beach.

- Military vehicles, personnel carriers and equipment would rumble down the Lake Shore Dr. from Navy Pier to pick up hundreds of troops and deliver them to Grant Park's Festival green where they would set up tents and porta-potties for a National Guard tent city.

- With Grant Park's historic softball diamonds nearby, during the day the National Guard will have time to play 16-inch "no-glove" games. Early post-game festivities will include deep-dish pizza dinner from Uno or Due.

- At an estimated cost of \$1.6 million per day in taxpayer dollars, the real work of these fuzzy-cheeked, 20-something year-old weekend warriors will be protecting the Windy City's world-class tourists and residents from crime after sunset.

- Ironically, the gangs, with their great armory of illegal guns, may be armed with more deadly automatic weapons than the National Guard troops.

"Station troops on the border of Wisconsin and Indiana and have them check for guns," Arne Duncan said. "Chicago is not an island. It doesn't have a moat around it."

Arne Duncan, managing partner of the anti-violence group Chicago Create Real Economic Destiny [CRED], said that federal authorities could reduce shootings and homicides by stopping the flow of weapons into the city.

"Station troops on the border of Wisconsin and Indiana and have them check for guns," Duncan said. "Chicago is not an island. It doesn't have a moat around it."

There are perhaps 300,000 cars and trucks a day that pass through Chicago, that should keep them busy. (While they're at it, they can stop some of that inexpensive weed coming in from Michigan, and cigarettes from Indiana. Based on falling local weed sales in the city's legal marijuana shops, some say the gangs likely have better - and less expensive - drugs, too.)

- Unfortunately, our world class gangs also have professional street-killing experience. The novice National Guard troops have Basic Training, and are typically not schooled in everyday urban civilian law enforcement.

Now, this reporter's crystal ball is getting cloudy. One image is in focus—that memorable scene in the movie "Rambo." Lt. Fuzzy Cheeks reminds Rambo the National Guard's weapons are loaded with real bullets. Then, the weekend warrior orders his trooper to fire a bazooka at Rambo into the mine shaft.

Should Trump's National Guard arm themselves with bazookas to fend off the gang bangers? Did Rambo survive? Stay tuned!

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What you're missing on your property tax bill

BY MARIA PAPPAS
Cook County Treasurer

Twice each year, my office mails out about 1.8 million tax bills to Cook County property owners. Most people glance only at the amount due—but your bill is much more than a dollar figure. It's a detailed breakdown of how your taxes are calculated and where your money goes. Taking a few minutes to read it can save you money and help you better understand your government.

Let's walk through it. In the top left corner, you'll find the "Total Payment Due" box. This shows how much you owe based on when you submit your payment. Be sure to look at the due date carefully—paying late results in penalties, which are listed clearly next to the words,

"If paying late, please pay..." The longer you wait, the more you'll owe.

To the right is your 14-digit Property Index Number or PIN. This number identifies your property in county records and should match the PIN on your deed. You must pay only on your PIN. If you pay on the wrong one, you could end up paying someone else's taxes—and you may not be able to get the money back. Always double-check the PIN before sending a payment or making an inquiry.

In the middle section of your second installment bill, you'll see how your taxes are distributed among local taxing bodies—like

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- **Assessment Level:** For residential properties in Cook County, this is 10% of the market value.

- **Equalization Factor:** A state-wide multiplier set by the Illinois Department of Revenue to ensure fairness and uniformity in all 102

Illinois counties.

- **Equalized Assessed Value (EAV):** The adjusted value of a property after applying the equalization factor.

- **Tax Rate:** Calculated by the Cook County Clerk based on each district's budgetary needs.

If your property qualified for exemptions, such as the homeowner or senior exemption, a dollar amount will appear next to it. If you think you're eligible but don't see it listed, you can apply for exemptions on our website.

The installments section shows how your total property tax is divided into two payments. The first installment is an estimated 55% of your total bill. The second reflects the final calculation based on updated figures.

Don't ignore the Important Messages section. It may include

notices about refunds, sold or forfeited taxes, or past-due balances. Following the messages can protect your property and wallet.

Finally, remember that the property location on the bill reflects where the PIN is located, not necessarily where you live. You can update your name and mailing address anytime at cook-countytreasurer.com.

Your property tax bill isn't just a demand for payment—it's a financial statement, a government transparency tool and a civic guide. Read and understand it because the more you know, the more empowered you are to safeguard your home—and your future.



Maria Pappas

Does location really matter?

New tool shows the sales, data that most impact your home's value

The most well-known saying about real estate may be "Location location location." That maxim, that the location of the dirt your property sits atop is a major part of determining its value is as true in Chicago as it is in much of the western world.

The Cook County Assessor's Office has released a new tool that gives Cook County homeowners unprecedented insight into the data that drives a home's assessment.

The Home Value Report is available now at www.cook-countyassessoril.gov/home-value-report.

It shows homeowners the top five most significant sales and other details the CCAO's residential assessment model used to value their house.

These other details include physical characteristics like square footage and age, as well as location features like school district, distance to transit, airport noise, and flood risk score.

Every year, the Assessor's Office reassesses one-third of Cook County. To do this for residential properties, the Assessor's Data team develops a statistical model. This is a computer program that uses vast amounts of data to learn real estate trends.

These trends are used to estimate current property values. The team refines the model so that its results accurately, uniformly, and equitably follow the market.

The report provides accessible information about how the model reached its estimates.

"With this release, we're making it easy to understand how our industry-leading model valued your home. This represents a milestone in our ongoing effort to make Cook County's property tax system fully transparent to all residents," said Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

The report currently contains data for the 2024 reassessment of Chicago - including the North Side - and the 2025 reassessment of the north suburbs.

"As we reassess the southern and western suburbs next year, we'll add data for those homes as

well. Each year, residents will see how recent sales affected their assessment," said Kaegi.

The Assessor's Office regularly releases valuation reports that shows how residential assessments changed by township, as well as data on property sales.

However, there was no tool that was both specific and accessible enough to quickly give homeowners the information they wanted. The model's code and documentation are public, but this repository still requires a sophisticated understanding of data science, machine learning, and programming.

To fill this gap, the Data team created an algorithm to retrieve the inputs that most substantially drove the estimated value for a home. They used this to build the Home Value Report. The benefits of this accessible, web-based tool are specific to an individual

home, easy to use and filter information, includes a scoring system to show which data matters the most, and features an interactive map and neighborhood-level statistics about properties.

The report includes information about property characteristics, identifying which features of a home and its comparable prop-

erties contributed the most to the model's estimated assessment. It also features an interactive map and neighborhood-level statistics about properties.

A more detailed explanation of the model and the algorithm used to build the report is at: <https://ccao-data.github.io/lightsnip/articles/finding-comps.html>.

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Police Beat...

Man stabbed 7 times as workers set up for 'Sundays on State' in the Loop

A man was stabbed seven times Sunday morning in the Loop as crews set up for the first "Sundays on State" event of the year, a showcase the Chicago Loop Alliance touts as an internationally acclaimed, award-winning street festival.

The attack unfolded around 9:18 a.m. Sept. 7 outside the Target store, 10 S. State St., as two men got into an argument steps away from where workers were preparing for the event's 2025 debut.

A Chicago police spokesperson said one of the men pulled out a "sharp object" and repeatedly cut the victim. An officer at the scene said the victim suffered seven stab wounds along the left side of his body, stretching from his shoulder to his ribs. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. CPD said he was in good condition.

Security officers detained the suspect immediately after the stabbing. Charges were pending as of Sept. 8.

Records show the assailant has been arrested three other times in Chicago this year: for DUI in February, for battery on the Magnificent Mile in May, and for a warrant last month.

The Loop Alliance describes Sundays on State as a chance for residents and visitors to "unite for free... safely enjoying art, drinks, shopping, and local attractions."

After brutal River North robbery, judge sends accused man home on an ankle monitor

A 22-year-old man is accused of brutally attacking and robbing a 27-year-old man in River North, but a judge rejected prosecutors' detention petition and sent him home on an ankle monitor.

Prosecutors say Aman Terry attacked the victim around 10:22 p.m. Aug. 21 after the man dropped off a friend at LaSalle and Huron. Surveillance video captured Terry, wearing a black sweatshirt with a blue flame design, stopping the victim in the 700 block of N. LaSalle and demanding to know what was in his pockets, prosecutors said in a detention petition.

An accomplice yanked the man's necklace from his neck. Terry allegedly punched the victim in the face, dragged him toward the entrance of a vacant storefront, and demanded his phone's passcode. When the victim refused, Terry took his Dior sunglasses and camera and kept punching him in the face and body, prosecutors said. The victim's head hit the concrete and Terry allegedly pressed him against the wall with his forearm and continued the beating.

The victim tried to retrieve his necklace but only got the chain back,

not the pendant. Prosecutors said he pleaded for the pendant, which had sentimental value, and even offered the attackers \$50 to return his belongings. Instead, prosecutors say, Terry took the \$50, punched the victim in the face again, and left.

The victim sought treatment at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center the next day, where he was diagnosed



Aman Terry

with a concussion, bruising, and a large bump on his forehead.

Just two hours after the robbery, Chicago police arrested Terry on an unrelated matter.

Officers said he interfered with a street stop near the intersection of State and Oak streets. "I will punch y'all a**es and touch y'all for real," he allegedly threatened.

Terry allegedly resisted arrest, injuring an officer's knee. He was charged with felony aggravated assault of a peace officer and two counts of felony resisting.

Days later, detectives investigating the robbery circulated surveillance photos of the suspects. The officer injured during the Oak St. incident recognized Terry from the footage and investigators subsequently arrested him to face charges. He was wearing the distinctive hoodie with the blue flame design when they took him into custody, according to prosecutors.

Despite the state's request to keep Terry detained, Judge Susana Ortiz ordered him released on electronic monitoring. He is charged with robbery, aggravated battery in a public place, and unlawful restraint. According to his CPD arrest report, he works as a security guard.

Boy, 17, shot while riding in a car in the Loop

A 17-year-old boy was shot while riding in a vehicle in the Loop overnight, according to Chicago police. The victim was shot while seated in a Dodge Journey, waiting for a red light to change in the 700 block of S. Wells St. around 3:30 a.m.

Police said a man walking nearby suddenly pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots into the vehicle before running away. The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to his arm. CPD said he is listed in good condition.

The shooter remained at large as of Sunday morning. Police broadcast a description of the suspect: a Black or dark-skinned Hispanic man, about 5-foot-4 with short hair, wearing a gray sweater and a maroon t-shirt.

Sunday's victim is the fourth person shot in the Loop this year. By this point in recent years, the numbers were higher, sometimes significantly: 8 in 2024, 13 in 2023, 31 in 2022, 22 in 2021, 12 in 2020, and 5 in 2019.

Lakefront shooting leaves man injured in Uptown

A man was shot along Chicago's lakefront north of Montrose Beach on Sept. 1, marking Uptown's fourth shooting of the year, a number that is well below the neighborhood's typical performance.

Chicago police said the attack happened around 5:19 p.m. in the 4800 block of N. Simmons Dr. The 27-year-old victim was standing outside a vehicle when a man approached, pulled out a handgun, and opened fire, according to CPD.

Officers arrived to find the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to his arm and a graze wound on his back. Police applied a tourniquet at the scene to control bleeding before paramedics transported him to Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was listed in good condition.

A witness told police the shooter ran into a light-colored sedan — described as white, tan, or silver — that had a distinctive black rear bumper. The gunman was described as a Black male wearing black shorts. He remains at large.

So far this year, Uptown has seen four people shot, down sharply from 10 by this point in 2024. In previous years, the running tallies were even higher: 12 in both 2023 and 2022, 15 in 2021, and 10 each in 2020 and 2019.

Serial burglar with growing criminal resumé gets 10 years for North Side spree

A serial burglar with a rapidly growing criminal resumé has received a 10-year sentence for a string of residential break-ins on the North Side.



James Myers

James Myers, 31, pleaded guilty to four counts of residential burglary in exchange for the sentence from Judge Charles Burns. Prosecutors dropped charges in two other burglaries. Burns ordered the four 10-year terms to run concurrently, according to court records.

Myers stole jewelry and other valuables, getting away with property worth about \$90,000 from one Lakeview family's home alone, and then pawned the items at shops in the city and suburbs for a fraction of their true value, officials said.

Last Aug., prosecutors charged him with punching a 38-year-old Lakeview woman in the face after she caught him burglarizing her home in the 600 block of W. Grace. According to court filings, he took the woman's Coach wallet, \$4,000 cash, a professional camera, perfume, and an Apple Watch.

Detectives subsequently linked him to five more home break-ins.

A woman living in the 5200 block of N. Magnolia in Edgewater reported that she left her door unlocked while she walked her dogs and returned to find Myers in the kitchen. After he bolted out the back door, she discovered that necklaces and earrings worth \$8,000 were missing from her jewelry box, according to court filings.

She warned neighbors about the break-in on NextDoor and learned that one of her neighbors had a video of a burglar who tried to break into his home that same day. That footage eventually led police to Myers.

On June 7, 2024, a 20-year-old Lincoln Park man reported that a burglar entered his family's home in the 500

block of W. Grant by crawling through an open window. Myers allegedly got away with Fender and Rickenbacker guitars and a virtual reality headset and then pawned them in Alsip.

A Lakeview couple was on an extended vacation when a burglar broke into their home in the 400 block of W. Melrose on the Fourth of July last year. Surveillance video showed the thief taking property worth more than \$90,000: a \$16,750 platinum, sapphire, and diamond ring; a \$9,000 necklace; gold earrings worth \$7,500; a \$4,000 jade ring; a \$13,000 diamond tennis bracelet; a \$5,000 gold Breitling watch; a \$7,150 Rolex; a \$4,250 gold necklace; \$24,000 in other jewelry; and \$300 cash. Myers allegedly presented his state ID when he pawned the items at a store on Jeweler's Row in the Loop.

A 32-year-old man living in the 600 block of W. Wrightwood went to the gym without locking his door on Aug. 3 and returned home to discover a mandolin, handbags, and jewelry worth over \$3,000 missing. He provided police with surveillance images that showed Myers arriving at his apartment with a FedEx envelope and leaving with his property. Prosecutors said Myers presented his driver's license when he pawned the items in Hometown.

On Aug. 9, 2024, a Roscoe Village woman went on a bike ride and returned to find her home in the 3400 block of N. Hoyne ransacked. A surveillance video showed Myers in her kitchen holding a FedEx envelope, investigators said. A pair of \$1,200 Christian Louboutin shoes, \$800 Hermes shoes, a \$2,000 Moncler coat, a \$2,000 Burberry purse, a \$2,000 Givenchy purse, and \$2,000 cash were taken. By the time prosecutors charged Myers, her items had not been located.

Myers was discharged from parole in Dec. 2023 after serving half of a four-year sentence he received for a robbery in Park Forest, officials said. His previous felony convictions include resisting police in 2016, a theft in the 1700 block of N. Sedgwick in 2019, and a burglary in the 2400 block of N. Janssen in 2019.

His 10-year burglary sentence will be cut in half for good behavior and reduced further by 624 days of credit he earned while awaiting trial.

Gold chain snatchings spread across Grant Park, Riverwalk

It's happening again in the Loop. Chicago police are warning the public about a series of gold chain snatch-

ings that have unfolded across Grant Park, the Riverwalk, and nearby streets — a crime pattern strikingly similar to the outbreak of necklace robberies that plagued downtown one year ago.

According to an alert issued by CPD, groups of men and women have been targeting people who are walking alone, usually during daylight hours. The robbers snatch gold necklaces and chains from their victims' necks before fleeing.

The robberies have been spread across a three-week period: Aug. 1, 9:30 p.m., 1100 block of S. Columbus Dr.; Aug. 2, 9:45 p.m., 200 block of E. Balbo Dr.; Aug. 11, 3:44 p.m., 300 block of S. Columbus Dr.; Aug. 13, 5:25 p.m. — 300 block of E. Wacker Dr.; Aug. 22, 8:43 a.m., First block of E. Wacker Dr.; Aug. 22, 8:48 a.m., First block of E. Wacker Dr.; Aug. 22, 11 a.m., 200 block of E. Roosevelt Dr.; and on Aug. 29, 4:12 p.m., 100 to 200 block of E. Wacker Dr.

Police said the offenders include one to four Hispanic men and women, ages 20 to 40, and an African American man described as wearing a black T-shirt, blue jeans, and white gym shoes.

Perhaps coincidentally, there was a similar robbery reported on the Far North Side on Sept. 1. At about 1:30 p.m. someone snatched a gold chain off a grandmother's neck in the 1900 block of W. Norwood. The attacker, described as a Black woman around 40 to 45 years old, about 5-foot-2 and 170 to 180 lbs, fled in a white station wagon with a rainbow-dotted head wrap covering her hair. Witnesses said a child may have been in the car.

The timing of this year's spree recalls last year's outbreak, which began around Lollapalooza and spread along the lakefront, through the Loop, and eventually into the Clybourn Corridor. Victims then, like now, were primarily walking alone when they were surrounded or approached by groups of offenders who ripped gold necklaces from their necks. Last year's robbers escaped on bikes or scooters.

A migrant was charged with one of those robberies. He received a 3-year sentence in June. Anyone with information about the latest robberies is asked to contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPD.TIP.com using reference #P25-3-036A.

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MURDER from p. 3

Conyears, Freeman, and Young have all been detained on charges including murder, armed robbery, and unlawful restraint.

Freeman's other murder allegation

Barely a month after a judge removed an ankle monitor Freeman had been wearing while awaiting trial on a stolen SUV charge, prosecutors say he and others lured Uber driver Al Hijo into a deadly ambush. Al Hijo, a 39-year-old father working toward a doctorate while running his own limousine company, was shot multiple times in his Cadillac Escalade on Dec. 3, 2023.

He had immigrated from Jordan 15 years earlier. Prosecutors said one of Freeman's accomplices in that murder, 18-year-old Zayin Kelly, accidentally shot himself and dropped the murder weapon as they all fled the limo.

Days later, Freeman pleaded guilty in his stolen car case, receiving probation with an order to get a GED. Rather than doing that, prosecutors say, he helped murder Arocha-Duque.

Days later, Kameron Freeman pleaded guilty in his stolen car case, receiving probation with an order to get a GED. Rather than doing that, prosecutors say, he helped murder Adriana Arocha-Duque.

More to come?

Prosecutors suggested during court hearings for the three accused men that at least two other people may have been involved in the events culminating in Arocha-Duque's death. It is unclear if additional charges will follow.

For now, three alleged crew members sit in detention, one is dead, and two rideshare drivers are also gone — stark evidence of how much destruction a small group of repeat offenders is capable of dishing out.

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How many more women will he hurt?

Man with long history of randomly attacking women strikes again in the Loop

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man with a long, violent history of randomly attacking women in downtown Chicago is accused of doing it again, this time knocking a 56-year-old woman unconscious and leaving her with severe facial fractures in the Loop.

William Livingston, 32, has been the focus of our coverage four other times since 2022, with each of those stories documenting more and more women he had randomly attacked.

Now, prosecutors say Livingston is responsible for another horrific attack in the Loop.

Around 5:15 p.m. Aug. 19, Kathleen Miles of Lake Villa and a friend were walking in the 200 block of W. Washington, heading for the train. Without warning, Livingston barged between the women and punched Miles in the face, sending her crashing to the pavement and leaving her unresponsive, a Chicago police report said.

Responding officers found Miles unconscious and bleeding. She was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with severe facial injuries.

Prosecutors charged Livingston with three counts of aggravated battery and Judge Rivanda Doss Beal has done something many

other officials have failed to do: She ordered Livingston held in the county jail.

Miles' daughter, Dionna Wolf, said her mother's injuries have upended her daily life.

"My mom suffers from a fractured orbital bone, cheekbone, and temporal skull bone. She has a severe concussion that has impacted her ability to do daily living tasks," Wolf said Sept. 1.



William Livingston

"He stood over her and was watching her bleed all over until the police got there. The sad part is he enjoyed watching her bleed out and no one stopped to help because no one knew what he was going to do next."

One passerby eventually intervened, Wolf said.

"The only one that helped was a man that took his shirt off and wrapped her head in it. It turns out this man is actually a state senator."

Wolf said her family quickly discovered Livingston's background.

"We found out about his history by typing his name into Google and saw all the news articles about him ... I was shocked and appalled that this man has

done this to countless women and keeps getting paroled. He is a danger to all women walking in Chicago."

Wolf said Miles is the proud mother of nine biological children, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren. She has worked downtown for more than 20 years.

"She is, without question, one of the most selfless, caring, and compassionate people I know. Anyone who knows her would have only kind and positive things to say," Wolf said. "What really bothers my siblings and I is my mom would have given him the shirt off her back, a meal, or simply just sat and chatted with him about any and everything."

Even after the brutal attack, Wolf said her mother still tries to see the good.

"My mom still finds the positive in the situation and says with this happening to her it saved someone else and hopefully she is strong enough to make sure this doesn't happen to someone else."

Wolf added that the family's goal is not only justice for Miles but protection for others.

"When we went to court the other day, it was not so this man could see my mom and what he had done, but to ensure that no one else suffers further injury—or even death—at his hands," Wolf said. "Women are being targeted in the city, and there is little being done to make us feel safe. Now, every time a family member or friend goes downtown, my mom feels sick with worry. The city we

once grew up in and loved no longer feels safe."

A long history

In Aug. 2023, Livingston was arrested for knocking a woman in the face as she walked on the Magnificent Mile. A CPD report said the 27-year-old woman was in the 600 block of N. Michigan when Livingston slammed his elbow into her face, leaving her bleeding from the nose and lips.

Cops arrested him, but the state decided not to hold him for a parole review, and he was released on a recognizance bond, according to court filings. IDOC later reversed course and sent him back to prison about ten days after the attack.

He wasn't in prison for long. Records show IDOC released him again on Jan. 26, 2024, still four months earlier than his original parole date.

By August of last year, he was back at it.

According to a CPD report, a "frantic citizen" flagged officers down near Chicago and Wells on Aug. 14, 2024, saying Livingston "was attacking people in the area" and had just "whipped" a woman. As the citizen pointed him out, officers saw Livingston punch another woman in the face. She ran off, and police never found her.

Prosecutors only filed a misdemeanor reckless conduct charge, his parole was not revoked, and he walked out the next day.

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Jane Goodall in conversation at Lincoln Park Zoo wildlife luncheon



Jane Goodall

Regenstein to be honored for philanthropy at zoo, wildlife causes

The Lincoln Park Zoo will welcome Jane Goodall to Chicago for the Women Supporting Wildlife luncheon 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, hosted by the zoo's Women's Board at the Hilton Chicago.

During this event, Goodall, the world-renowned primatologist, conservationist, bestselling author, and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and United Nations Messenger of Peace, will be joined by Dr. Megan Ross, President and CEO of Lincoln Park Zoo, for a conversation about wildlife conservation. The luncheon will also introduce the inaugural Susan L. Regenstein Award for Conservation Leadership in honor of Chicago philanthropist and conservationist, Susan L. Regenstein.

Goodall, her Institute, and the zoo have each worked for more than 40 years on their shared mission to better understand and improve the lives of chimpanzees in human care and in the wild. Goodall attended the first gathering of the world's leading chimpanzee experts in Lincoln Park in 1986 for the "Understanding Chimpanzees" conference. This gathering marked a turning point in her life and career, deepening her awareness of the unethical treatment of chimpanzees and shifting her focus from studying chimps in the wild to advocating for their protection.

For 50 years, Women Supporting Wildlife raises crucial funds for the zoo. They have raised millions of dollars to support state-of-the-art animal habitats, renowned learning programs, and zoo conservation and science initiatives.

The luncheon will also honor zoo Trustee and long-standing friend Susan L. Regenstein for her philanthropy to the zoo and wildlife causes. In her honor, the zoo will establish the Susan Regenstein Award for Conservation Leadership.

To learn more about the event, visit lpzoo.org.



Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi



Irene Mojica and Kathy Wolter Mondelli.



Leo High School Choir

COURAGE from p. 2

A Cubs World Series adds a sense of purpose and unity that even President Trump's psychosis cannot thwart.

With a World Series unfolding on Waveland Ave., we could even lower the bridges should such a wonder unfold.

PAPAL PIZZA: Joe Aurelio, of Aurelio's Pizza, Pope Leo's favorite, announced Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi, was in town speaking about the newly canonized Millennial, Saint Carlo Acutis. Sorrentino stopped by Aurelio's in Home-wood, sitting at the Pope's table and delighting in their now world-famous pizza, then blessed the restaurant and employees and signed the guest book.

ANNIVERSARY: Holy Name Cathedral is preparing for the 150th Anniversary of their establishment on State St. after the Chicago Fire. So save the date, Sunday, Nov. 23, 12:30 p.m. Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich and 2 p.m. dinner at the Ritz Carlton.

THE READER: Seattle-based Noisy Creek, an alternative media company, has acquired Chicago's own alternative newspaper, The Reader, sparing the publication from another financial bust. How the mighty have fallen.

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: Encouraged by Cardinal Cupich, the young men of the Leo High School Choir are inspiring our nation, not just with their talent, but with their values of brotherhood, discipline and mission. Let us support them and vote at AGT.VOTE.NBC.com. They excelled in the semi-finals.

CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE: Get ready. The kick-off for Chicago Lighthouse's FLAIR event at the WAC promises a great way to gain more momentum. They can't wait to honor Dr. Stacie McClane at the main event.

OPERA: World-class tenor, Plácido Domingo's recent final bow beneath the grand opera lights was more than a farewell — it was a heartfelt ode to every soul who had journeyed with him through decades of music.

SONIC CHOO-CHOO: America's fastest train is now up and running, flying along the rails that connect NYC to Washington, D.C. on one end and Boston on the other.

PETS: Bonnie Spurlock and the PAWS

Chicago crew getting the machinery in working order for the PAWS Gala, with their first meeting of the season at Andros Taverna. The Fur Ball is Nov. 14, the premier pet-friendly black tie event, at the legendary Drake Hotel.

NORDSTROM'S HEIST: The thieves, wearing all back with face coverings and gloves, took \$129,770 in clothing and purses from the Louis Vuitton section, according to a report. Poor Louie. This is one of the reasons why Trump is sending in the troops. We refuse to fight crime in our front yard. I'm sure the perps had long, long rap sheets.

GOOD PR: Publicist Noreen Heron unofficially celebrating her agency's 25th anniversary with a party Sept. 16. Lots of clients, politicians, media, and influencers expects. To think, she once interned at this newspaper. Raise your glass to this hard working woman.

PULLMAN HISTORY: Congratulations to the A. Philip Randolph Museum. An eternal testimony of faith and collaboration. Those Pullman Porters created a lifestyle and skill that can never be duplicated.

POLICE HISTORY: Former Fed Cop Rick Barrett looking for any local members of the Chicago Area Women in Law Enforcement (<https://www.cawle.org>) who might be interested in efforts to sculpting a statue of Chicago Police Dept.'s very own, Detective Sergeant Marie C. Owens, the Nation's first female police officer who served the CPD from 1891 to 1923, retiring on a pension.

HISTORY: The Guild of the Chicago History Museum invites North Siders to a talk featuring speakers Margot McMahon, daughter of Franklin McMahon, artist-reporter who sketched the trial of Emmett Till's murderers for Life magazine, and Northwestern Univ. professor Christopher Benson, an esteemed writer and scholar on Till, on Nov. 6.

SIXTEEN YEARS: Candace Jordan popped up on Sylvia Perez FOX 32 Chicago chatting about her long involvement in the nonprofit community and, of course, her former column at the Chicago Tribune, friends with Sylvia for 16 years.

NEWS NOSE: Former ABC News reporter, Andy Shaw and wife, Mary, exploring the Hudson River near Poughkeepsie, NY, discovering all the people of

history and great events unfolding there since Ihabod Crane days.

WHO'S WHERE: Jack and Rosemary Goggin celebrating 69 years of marriage and being the chieftains of that Goggin Clan... Mary Laskey and Tina Weller, friends for 15 years... Chaz Ebert reminding us that the inaugural FECK Awards are almost upon us... Barba Yianni Grecian Taverna has been evicted from their Lincoln Square home after 36 years... After 40 years of crewing WGN morning radio, Dave Eanet (still the voice of Northwestern basketball and football) was celebrated by his station co-workers... Sean Connery, AKA 007 James Bond, has just



Anthony, Phil and Dan Ponce.

turned 90... First Saint Paul's Evangelical Church's Pastor Leininger commissioned six laypeople to serve in their special ministry of care and concern for others as Stephen Ministers... Dr. Rose Gomez with her cousins at a family wedding in Wiesbaden, Germany... Kim Duda at Gibson's Steakhouse with Joe Kregor singing as the ivories tinkle... Karen Zupko held an elegant Saturday night dinner party with longtime friends and some new ones... Sooo, Irene Mojica reminds us of a Happy Birthday to Kathy Wolter Mondelli... Dru Dave Sullivan and Shannon Sullivan Hefferman marked Teague and Mairead's 10th birthdays with a special trip to beautiful Ireland... Phil, Dan and Anthony Ponce at the Fulton Market... John Justic with Kellie Fountain Justic enjoying their perfect travel ending at the Arc de Triomphe-Au revoir, Paris.

BEARS: Meredith Sweeney O'Connor joined Grace, Liam, Danny and Owen O'Connor wishing Chicago Bears quarterbacks and the team a fantastic season.

OBAMA WHITE HOUSE: Desirée Glapion Rogers says in a day where Cracker Barrel is changing their logo back because some may have viewed it as woke, and the Smithsonian is under pressure to change their one-sided exhibits, "All I can do is my work at Fashion Fair Cosmetics, reminiscing of the good ole days at Johnson Publishing Co.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Ohio State Buckeyes bans beloved FOX expert David Portnoy, a powerful ally of Michigan football, from setting foot inside Ohio Stadium for the team's opening game against the Univ. of Texas - a decisive action from university officials now that we all know that the School Up North is a habitual cheater.

A GENT: Maurice Tempelman, the diamond magnate who was Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's companion for more than a decade before her death in 1994, died on Aug. 23. He was 95.

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Standing-room-only crowd celebrates street sign dedicated to Bob Newhart

BY BOB KITSOS

Sept. 5—Bob Newhart’s birthdate—marked the unveiling of an honorary Chicago street sign to commemorate the late Chicago native and comedy legend. The sign is located at the corner of Sheridan Rd. and Thorndale Ave., at Thorndale Beach, which is adjacent to the Thorndale North Condominium building, Newhart’s fictional home on the popular 1970’s sitcom “The Bob Newhart Show.”

The building is widely recognized for its prominence in the program, which was the first major sitcom set in Chicago. Newhart portrayed a Chicago psychologist named Bob Hartley. The opening sequence in the series depicted him leaving a Magnificent Mile office near the Wrigley Building and boarding a CTA ‘L’ train before arriving at his apartment set in the Thorndale Beach North Condominium building at 5901 N. Sheridan Rd.

There was talk about that opening sequence amongst some in the crowd. But many may not have heard Newhart address that topic in the past. “Well, if you’re a native Chicagoan, you know how dumb he [Dr. Robert Hartley] is. He gets on the Ravenswood El, he goes past his stop on Sheridan Rd., he gets off in Evanston, where the El is on the ground, and then he walks back 55 blocks to his apartment. Now, would you want to have that man as a psychologist? A man who misses his stop every day?” said Newhart.

WGN’s Dean Richards, State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th], Edgewater Historical Society President John Holden and the

Newhart children, Timothy, Jennifer and Courtney, paid tribute to the late comedian, before a standing-room-only crowd estimated at 250 to 300 people on the breezy lakefront.

Numerous media outlets joined the large throng of Newhart fans at the event. In his remarks, Richards noted he interviewed Newhart many times. He said, “There was nobody nicer and down to earth.”

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“For years, fans have come to our neighborhood to take photos in front of the ‘Bob Newhart Building,’” said Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth. She added that Newhart was not just a great comedian but also a kind person. “That’s what we’re celebrating with this designation.”

Newhart’s background

The Oak Park native’s family moved to the Austin neighborhood on Chicago’s West Side



Family, friends and fans gathered Sept. 5 to celebrate Bob Newhart Way.



Bob Newhart’s children shared their memories of their father prior to the unveiling of the Bob Newhart sign. From left, Jennifer, Courtney and Timothy. Photo by Joanne Kitsos

when he was young. He attended St. Catherine of Siena Grade School and then graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep on the city’s Near West Side in 1947. He went on to receive his bachelor’s degree from Loyola University Chicago in 1952.

Newhart worked as an accountant for U.S. Gypsum in Chicago, but he found accounting boring. “If it’s within a buck or two,” he said, “that’s close enough.”

He would improvise comedy routines over the phone with his friend, Ed Gallagher. That even-

ually led to recording “The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart.” The album won the Grammy’s top three awards in 1961: Best Album, New Artist and Comedy Album.

He also lent his acting talents to the big screen as a supporting actor in movies including “Catch-22,” “Cold Turkey,” and “Elf.” In 2013, he won his first Emmy for recurring appearances on the hit show “The Big Bang Theory.” Newhart died in Los Angeles in July 2024 after a series of short illnesses; he was 94. His longtime



The sign (top) is located at the corner of Sheridan Rd. and Thorndale Ave. at Thorndale Beach, which is adjacent to the Thorndale North Condominium building (bottom), Newhart’s fictional home on the popular 1970’s sitcom, “The Bob Newhart Show.”

Photo by Joanne Kitsos

publicist, Jerry Digney said the star’s passing was an “end of an era in comedy.”

A ‘behind-the-scenes’ tour of your brain Sept. 16 and 25

There are a huge variety of human emotions that can change shockingly fast. Those emotions drive people to do all sorts of things – in fact, they drive most of what we do – all from just 3 lbs. of gray matter between our ears.

Those who want to take a closer look at their brains may want to join the Illinois Science Council for two presentations on your brain, the first is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at The Bad Apple, 658 W. Belden.

Those who are curious to know how your brain operates will get a tour through the different parts of the emotional brain to learn how they interact to guide people, and what happens when something goes wrong.

Dr. Robin Nusslock of Northwestern Univ. will lay the groundwork for this program on the brain with an intriguing tour of the three main systems of your emotional brain – fear, reward, and regulation – that make us human.

Nusslock is a Professor of Psychology at Northwestern where he directs the Affective & Clinical Neuroscience Lab and serves as Director of Clinical Psychology and Clinical Training. Tickets are \$10, and seating is limited.

The second event will review the neuroscience of addictions.



People use the term “addicted” all the time but could you define the difference between a caffeine addiction and a cocaine addiction? Between food and alcohol? What about social media, cell phone usage, compulsive shopping, gambling, or online gaming?

Those who are curious about the difference between a substance addiction and behavioral one, or what’s being learned from the widespread use of new medications for obesity, can partake by attending a talk by T. Celeste Napier at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave., 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Napier is Professor Emeriti of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Rush Univ. Napier is also the Education Advisor for the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling.

She will give a talk explaining how scientists study addiction, what neuroscience tells us about it, and why that matters. You’ll learn how an understanding of how the brain works in all of

us can benefit each of us – as well as parents, friends, policymakers, etc. – to appreciate disorder differences, and then how to help, rather than harm, anyone with a problem.

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Less than two weeks later, on Aug. 25, a 15-year-old girl was walking with her mother in the 600 block of N. Michigan when Livingston struck her in the right cheek with his elbow, according to another CPD report. The teen suffered a cut and abrasion and her face was visibly red.

Nearby officers quickly learned of the attack and arrested Livingston. In their report, they noted they recognized him from the Aug. 14 case.

On Aug. 28, 2024, Livingston pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors and Judge Donald Panarese Jr. sentenced him to 100 days.

The 2022 attacks

According to police and prosecutors, Livingston's 2022 spree began around

noon on Feb. 8 in the 700 block of S. State, where he tugged on a 30-year-old woman's backpack as she prepared to cross the street. When she turned around, he allegedly punched her in the face, knocking her to the ground.

Minutes later, he punched a 25-year-old woman in the jaw as she smoked near Wabash and Van Buren, causing her headphones to fall. He gave them back after she handed over her cigarette.

That victim called 911 and followed him to Wabash and Jackson, where she saw Livingston reach into a 25-year-old woman's coat pocket and then punch her in the face three times. The woman fell, and Livingston walked away. DePaul University later confirmed the victim was a student.

While the second victim stopped to help, Livingston pulled a hat off a 27-year-old

woman near Wabash and Monroe, a CPD report said. When she demanded it back, he punched her in the neck and face, according to prosecutors.

Even more cases

Livingston's record stretches back even further.

In 2017, he was accused of randomly attacking two women months apart, including a Columbia College student who was leaving school in the Loop. Both cases were eventually dropped.

While in a police station holding cell after that arrest, he allegedly grabbed a lock-up attendant by the chest and kicked him in the groin. Prosecutors later dropped both cases when the student failed to appear in court.

On Dec. 16, 2017, Livingston allegedly

attacked another woman near the 95th Street Red Line CTA station, punching her in the face, striking her in the stomach, and kicking her in the leg. The assault came without warning, prosecutors said. It too was eventually dropped.

Before that case was resolved, Livingston was arrested again in the Loop. Police said he went behind the security desk of an apartment building in the 1000 block of S. State and stole two phones. Officers caught him nearby. He allegedly spat in one cop's face during the arrest and spat in another officer's eye at the station.

Livingston pleaded guilty to burglary and aggravated battery of a peace officer. Judge Michael McHale sentenced him to 24 months of probation.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO MB FINANCIAL BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- AMIR MOHABBAT, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF DIKRANOUHI ARTINIAN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DIKRANOUHI ARTINIAN, JACK JOSEPH ARTINIAN, BELLMORE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION F/K/A BELLMORE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 00847 2208 W. FARWELL AVE., APT 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 April 1, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 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 2208 W. FARWELL AVE., APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60645

Real Estate For Sale

Property Index No. 11-31-118-015-1014 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$34,958.82. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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

Real Estate For Sale

Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact 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 wwf# 22-001389-1. 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400 CHICAGO IL, 60601 312-782-9676 Fax #: 312-782-4201 E-Mail: ChicagoFREDG@weltman.com Attorney File No. wwf# 22-001389-1 Attorney Code: 31495

Real Estate For Sale

Case Number: 2023 CH 00847 TJSC#: 45-2203 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 00847 8231-957806 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC, Plaintiff, -v- YOSEF Y. BEN-ZEV AKA YOSEF Y. BENZEV; RACHEL L. MCCLAIN AKA RACHEL MCCLAIN; Defendants 2017CH16771 2946 West Jarvis Avenue, 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 7/17/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on October 22, 2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 2946 West Jarvis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-25-314-023-0000 Ika 10-25-

Real Estate For Sale

314-023 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$442,386.16 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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,

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765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC (630) 453-6960 please refer to file number 1496-190222. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 1496-190222 Case Number: 2017CH16771 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFFS ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3272363 101010 ----- 030303 ----- 272727 -----

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2, Plaintiff vs. JOSEPH E. GOHNDRONE, SHERIDAN BOARD-WALK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 2110 CALENDAR 63 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 14, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-210-020-0000; a/k/a 14-05-210-025-1036; a/k/a 14-05-210-025-1046. Commonly known as 6102 N. Sheridan Rd., Apt 506, Chicago, IL 60660. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 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, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluerver Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS002248-25FC2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3272684 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- IOAN ROMEO MOLNAR Defendants 25 CH 02350 1931 W CORNELIA AVE CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 6, 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 1931 W CORNELIA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-19-409-017-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$1,623,827.90. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/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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-v- AZAS, LLC, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants 2025 CH 05442 5806-10 N. RIDGE AVE. 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 August 11, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 22, 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 5806-10 N. RIDGE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-311-046-0000 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The judgment amount was \$359,435.84. 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. 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 Noah Weininger, THE WEININGER LAW FIRM LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 11757 SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL, 60463 (312) 796-8850. 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Noah Weininger THE WEININGER LAW FIRM LLC 11757 SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY PALOS HEIGHTS IL, 60463 312-796-8850 Fax #: 312-248-2550 E-Mail: noahweininger@weiningerlawfirm.com Attorney Code. 63307 Case Number: 2025 CH 05442 TJSC#: 45-2087 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

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for that purpose. Case # 2025 CH 05442 I3271985 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff, -v- Johnathan Hawthorne; 515 Wrightwood Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendants 2024CH09592 515 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE APARTMENT 315, CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 5/27/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on 10/8/2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 515 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE APARTMENT 315, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-318-065-1039 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$211,043.12 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CO-DILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-24-05899. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-24-05899 Case Number: 2024CH09592 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFFS ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 8277-955823 272727 -----

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ASSOCIATED BANK, NA Plaintiff, -v- ALEXANDER DOROSHKO, ELENA DOROSHKO, THE ELENA DOROSHKO LIVING TRUST, INTERNATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ELENA DOROSHKO, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELENA DOROSHKO LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2016, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503 2054 N MOHAWK ST CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 25, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 29, 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 2054 N MOHAWK ST, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-129-085-0000, 14-33-129-080-0000 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-

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title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file. CODILIS &

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ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-241E You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-21-01062 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503 TJSJC#: 45-1913 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 # 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503 **13272566**

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harder for local residents and commercial customers to find parking.

Now, the parking-starved neighborhood and their alderman are pushing back, claiming that the postal vehicles create an imminent safety risk. Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd] released a statement last week calling for the USPS to be held accountable for their dangerous street parking on Clark St.

The USPS started taking up street spaces in Oct. 2024. Knudsen claims his office now receives daily reports of illegally parked USPS vehicles along Clark St. "Often, there are more than 12 trucks illegally parked," he said. "This is not only a nuisance, but it is also causing immediate safety concerns for the hundreds of children walking to schools nearby. Cars are blocking pedestrian crosswalks, fire hydrants, and stop signs daily. We have consistently offered to work with USPS leadership collaboratively, but they have shown a lack of communication or care about the issue. As Alderman, I demand a solution from USPS immediately."

But the fact is that USPS does not have to listen to local Aldermen as their vehicles generally do not get, nor do they have to pay parking tickets because they have federal immunity from state and local traffic laws, including those related to parking violations.

The double-parking of public and private delivery vehicles these days has created vast new congestion problems across the city. Additionally, the city has for the last few years intentionally exacerbated parking problems, by removing commercial parking and installing concrete barriers, concrete islands and bump outs, concrete traffic circles and privileged bike lanes that have jammed up traffic across the city, and in many locations violate the Americans With Disability Act laws.

Unlike the USPS, private companies like Amazon, FedEx and UPS are not immune from traffic laws and treat parking tickets as a necessary business expense.

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These concrete barriers force delivery vehicles to double-park in lanes of traffic, which also traps the city's police, fire and emergency vehicles in traffic jams.

While postal employees are expected to follow traffic laws and may face internal disciplinary action for violations, the postal service itself is not held liable for fines, especially those from automatic traffic cameras that have become ubiquitous in Chicago. USPS vehicles also cannot be towed, no matter the severity of a parking situation.

Ald. Knudsen said that, "USPS leadership's blatant disregard to resolve this safety issue on Clark St. has given postal workers no other option but to park illegally. Therefore, we call on USPS leadership to find an immediate solution and to look at alternative [parking] locations."

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pear to think up new revenue enhancement schemes without first eliminating wasteful spending. One new cash cow appears to be the new speed cameras that went live in June.

The 22 new cameras propelled the city to issue more than 91,000 speeding tickets over their first month of operation, according to a Sun-Times/WBEZ analysis of city data.

In all, city data shows 186 speed cameras issued more than 240,000 tickets in June, the most of any month in nearly three years. Five of the city's six highest-ticketing cameras in June were cameras that began operating that month.

Two of the city's highest producing ticket cameras are on the North Side. The second highest ranked-revenue-enhancing camera in the city is located at 5857 N. Broadway in Edgewater. This is adjacent to Broadway Armory Park. It generated 17,355 tickets in June – the month it became operational.

The fifth highest ranked-revenue-enhancing camera is located at 7133 N. Sheridan Rd. adjacent to Loyola Park. It generated 11,190 tickets in June – the month it became operational.

(The highest ranked-revenue-enhancement camera is located at 3358 S. Ashland Ave., near a McKinley Park day care. It generated 21,180 tickets in June.)

The high cash returns on these cameras will likely mean additional speed cameras will be installed in the top-ticketed communities. The city counts on the new cameras, and your speeding, to help balance their failing budget.

The city announced that 34 new cameras began ticketing motorists between June and August. Fines for these traffic infractions for traveling between 6 and 10 mph over the speed limit are \$35. Fines jump to \$100 if the recorded speed is 11 mph or more above the speed limit.

The city's speed camera program has been controversial since it began ticketing

drivers in 2013. While the cameras identify traffic violators, howls arose when the cameras identified Black and Brown drivers as those more likely to be ticketed speeding.

Advocacy groups point to the potential for these tickets to financially burden already marginalized communities. Some reports suggest the placement of cameras in communities with dangerous infrastructure contributes to the disproportionate ticketing of Black and Brown drivers. But basing speeding fines on a drivers' skin color is a non-starter, for now.

Chicago's speed cameras generated approximately \$102 million in 2023 and \$90.9 million in 2024, with the city planning to add more cameras and raise an additional \$11.4 million in the 2026 budget. It's unknown how much the vendor makes off of Chicago's speed cameras, as the contract details and revenue split with the city are not made public.

The City Council recognized the conflict when it formed the Equity in Enforcement working group, which asked for public input earlier in August. It is expected to share its recommendations at the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety's September meeting.

The city could consider changing the ticket fee formula to a sliding scale to lessen the burden on poorer drivers and discourage well-off drivers with higher fees, said Stacey Sutton, a professor at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago who published research on the city's speed cameras in 2022.

Her study found that many drivers, after receiving one ticket, did not speed again. But other drivers repeatedly received tickets and did not appear discouraged by the

fee structure.

The city should also use the speed cameras only as a tool for improving road safety, not for collecting revenue, Sutton said. "The safety benefits are diminished when the public is thinking about this as revenue-generating," she said.

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Chicago plans to add approximately 50 more speed cameras by the end of 2026 to increase revenue for the city.

We can note that in an era when many e-bikes now travel at speeds surpassing 35 MPH, no e-bike riders have yet been ticketed for speeding as they are not required to buy license plates, and thus cannot be identified.

However the cameras are also proven to improve traffic safety and potentially help the city tackle its stubbornly high rates of vehicle fatalities, which coincidentally also affect the city's poorest neighborhoods.

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pions a 21-0 lead. It was a remarkable catch while being well covered. Clay stretched the ball over the goal line while being dragged to the ground.

"[While] we have a balanced attack, we do lean on the run. We've got three really, really, really good running backs. We don't need a number one, but we need to pass the ball. We definitely have guys on the outside [that can play too]," said Lane head coach Deshon Conley.

This is Conley's first year as the Champions' head coach. Conley, 35, a graduate of Proviso West High School, served as the defensive coordinator last year and has been on the Lane staff for six years.

Interestingly, this is also the first year as head coach for the TF South head coach, Trent Jensen. Jensen took over for the legendary Bob Paden who coached TF South for many years.

As effective and dominant as the Champions' running attack was, it was the play of the defense that controlled the game. The defensive line disrupted everything TF South wanted to do. Lane defensive tackle Anthony Velasquez-Wright just lived in the Red Wolves backfield. He could not be controlled. And it was not just him. The other members of the Lane's defensive line, end Armand Brown, end Gavin Ross disrupted everything also. The Red Wolves could do nothing. Couldn't run. Couldn't pass. A dominant defensive line is the surest path to victory.

As soon as the game was over, the talk on the field was about Lincoln Park. The Champions will face the Lincoln Park Lions this Friday evening at Lane for North Side bragging rights. Taft usually has something to say about that but the Lions were on the minds of the Lane players and coaches after the game.

"Obviously, it's a bit of a little rivalry between the two schools. I'm looking forward to it," Conley said.

"I was the defensive coordinator last year, but I wasn't here for the game because I was at a wedding. So that 3-0 still leaves a little sour taste in my mouth. I'm looking forward to this Friday." The Champions lost 3-0 to Lincoln Park last year.

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clude escape from electronic monitoring in 2018, residential burglary in 2013, possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number in 2011, theft in 2009, and attempted burglary in 2006. Before that, he served a 16-year sentence for residential burglary in 1999, two three-year terms for being a felon in possession of firearms in 1998, and 12 years for armed robbery in 1984.

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