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— Marcus Aurelius

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(L) Martel Mason. (Inset) Mugshot of Mason and (R) an image of one of the robbers.

Man with growing rap sheet gets 4½ years for Red Line attack

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man with a string of previous arrests has been sentenced to 4½ years in prison for attacking a passenger on the CTA Red Line in Rogers Park last summer.

Judge Carol Howard handed down the sentence after Martel Mason, 26, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery of a transit passenger. Prosecutors agreed to drop the robbery charge.

The case dates back to shortly after midnight on July 19, 2024, when a 22-year-old Evanston man was attacked on a train near the Morse CTA Station. Four people surrounded him, beat him, pepper

sprayed him, and stole his phone, credit card, and driver's license. Police later released surveillance photos of the suspects.

An officer recognized Mason immediately, having arrested him just 10 days earlier for another matter, prosecutors said. Detectives eventually tracked him down at the Leighton Criminal Court-house, where he was appearing on other pending cases.

In fact, Mason had three separate cases already pending at the time of the robbery: a felony retail theft from 2023, a misdemeanor retail theft on the Magnificent

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Commission approves funding for Edgewater affordable housing development

New mid-rise on Broadway gifted \$22 million in TIF

The proposal for a mass upzoning along Broadway is based on a City Hall premise that the massive zoning change will provide developers the ability to build taller, high density affordable housing buildings.

But the funding that was just approved for an 11-story, 100-foot-tall building at 5853 N. Broadway proves that developers can and will still build taller buildings in the area.

The Community Development Commission has approved funding for the affordable housing development by Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. near Thorndale and Broadway in Edgewater. The project has been in the works for several years and will replace a one-story building and its parking lot.

The developers hope to break ground this fall and think they'll complete the project by the second half of 2027.

And the project was proposed, debated, finessed, rezoned, approved and now funded without needing to upzone 2.6 miles of Broadway. It will cost \$72.8 million to build and has already secured Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The Commission just approved \$22 million in TIF funding, which means the adjacent, neighboring taxpayers will



Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. hopes to break ground this Fall on this 11-story building at 5853 N. Broadway.

be footing much of the cost. That spending must still be approved by the City Council.

To align with the existing adjacent commercial makeup, the front portion of the project will rise three stories and feature varied façade treatments. Behind the street-level portion will be the mid-rise section, which will contain the majority of the development's 90 units: 35 one-bedroom, 40 two-bedroom, and 15 three-bedroom units, all of which will be designated as affordable.

The only flaw may be that in an area already short on street parking, the new building will provide only 14 off-street parking spaces, for a parking to unit ratio of only .1555 spots per unit.

Did Porkchop's Rap business move down the street?

Axum Ethiopian Restaurant has expired liquor license

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BOB ZULEY

Hand-drawn neon green signs posted outside Porkchop Restaurant, 6341-43 N. Broadway in Edgewater now direct people seeking to attend an "event" down to 5844 N. Broadway.

The 5844 N. Broadway address belongs to Axum Ethiopian Restaurant. A telephone call to Axum Restaurant on Saturday, Sep. 13, was answered by a man who said he didn't immediately know if any music events were scheduled for Saturday night but invited this reporter to call back later for up-to-date information.

The "event" referenced on the sign at Porkchop Restaurant may refer to late night music events now relocated to Axum Restaurant. A previous event led to the



Signs outside the fire-gutted Porkchop Restaurant on Broadway.

nighttime slaying of rapper Rachaun "Munna Duke" Vance and Darrell Givens as they were leaving Porkchop in May. Another man was wounded in that attack.

Munna Duke's last telephone call before he was gunned down was to Mello Buckzz, [a.k.a., Melanie Doyle] a drill rapper from the Southeast Side of Chica-

go. Buckzz didn't answer Vance's telephone call, noting that she was tired.

Buckzz had her own run-in with gun violence on the night of July 2, when Leon Andrew Henry, Devonte Terrell Williamson, Taylor Walker, and Aviance King

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The now shuttered Weiss Memorial Hospital in Uptown.

State inspections and deficiencies of Weiss Hospital detailed

"Immediate Jeopardy" citations contributed to closure

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB ZULEY

The Aug. 27 edition of this newspaper reported Weiss Memorial Hospital failed to request "Safety Net" funding from the State of Illinois. However, Patricia Montalvo, Assistant General Counsel and FOIA Officer of the Illinois Dept. of Public Health [IDPH] clarified the facts for the record.

"Your [FOIA] request is based on an incorrect assumption that Weiss was required to apply for the Hospital Health Protection Grants, which is incorrect. The Health Protection Grants were provided using funds directly appropriated to Weiss by the General Assembly. As such, Weiss was not required to submit requests for funding."

However, state online data reveal that Weiss Hospital never received safety net funding from IDPH since Resilience Healthcare took over ownership and operations of Weiss in Dec. 2022.

Meanwhile, Weiss' sister-hospital, West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park, received over \$12 million in total safety net funding for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Such funding to Weiss may have allowed for air conditioner maintenance and helped to stave off Weiss Hospitals' eventual closure in July.

While it's unclear at this point why safety net funding was not accorded to Weiss Hospital from the Illinois General Assembly, one contributing reason may have been a documented record of serious hospital deficiencies as revealed by an IDPH investigation.

Two particularly noteworthy deficiencies detailed by IDPH investigators on separate occasions

was the state's determination that Weiss posed an "immediate jeopardy."

In IDPH parlance, an "immediate jeopardy" citation [IJ] signifies a formal finding that a healthcare facility's noncompliance with federal and state regulations has created a situation of significant risk for patient harm, injury, or death, requiring immediate corrective action.

To issue an IJ, state surveyors must verify three components: noncompliance with regulations, the likelihood of serious harm, and the need for immediate action to prevent harm.

An IJ citation carries severe consequences including penalties from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS] and Medicare termination from participation, fines, and loss of accreditation, though providers may appeal the findings.

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If you're from somewhere else, do you feel at home today?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

How long have you been in Chicago? If you came here from somewhere else, do you feel at home today? Do you have any friends in Chicago who have come here from other countries?

Have friends and neighbors enlarged your cultural understanding for something more expansive than the geography you were born in?

Chicago has a powerful sense of itself that has the ability to widen our worlds and cultural understanding of others. A lot of it is due to our location in the center of our national landscape.

This writer grew up on the South Side in Visitation Parish immersed in the antics and cultural traditions of the Irish. Twenty-five hundred students in the grammar school alone.

A huge gymnasium and a very theatrical auditorium were located on the west side of Garfield Blvd. All across the street from the convent that housed a hundred Sinsinawa Dominican nuns. They ran the operation.

The Gothic Church, large as a European Cathedral, and the

Rectory where seven priests and a monsignor lived, were on the south side of the boulevard.

Founded in the 1880s, the parish was a foundational center not just for Catholic doctrine and values, but also an essential institution reinforcing important social discipline and cultural understanding. Helping folk become American.

This writer was surrounded by a long line of Irish relatives. Everyone lived close to one another. My grandparents were just three houses away. Another grandmother lived in our house. My aunt lived across the street, and one uncle lived next door and another at the end of the next block.

One cannot not escape the Irish when they're always just inches away.

But all that closeness also bred a cultural comfort. Everyday life carried a lot of shorthand and shortcuts.

Life in Chicago many decades later has changed. The cultural expression in most neighborhoods has changed. We are more diverse. Our education is more inclusive than it was half a century ago. Many Chicagoans have been transformed by the ethnic variety shared by others.

While studying at the Catholic University of Lublin, in Poland, language and history were showcased daily. Learning the language of another rearranges the landscape for strangers to become friends. All these many years later, making use of my Polish vocabulary opens many opportunities for friendship. Chicago's population of Poles still enhances my learning to communicate.

I also have many friends from Mexico. The great and robust Chicago spirit continues to bring all of us into each other's lives. Like many I have enhanced my Spanish language skills by sharing the wit, humor and shared experiences life lays before us in others.

The culture and humanity of Mexico is textured, introducing flavors and traditions that reinvent substantive cooking.

What is essential is the openness that carries us into each other's cultural expressions and hearts. They forge life plans that expand their success. They often display a readiness to transform the environment for faith and family. What a powerful resource they carry close to their hearts.

Of course, all these remarkable achievements, today, in our city also have become great sources of fear and intimidation by the actions of President Trump. No public good is served by the fear he creates in people from other lands. His blindness to their achievements and accomplishments is itself a judgment on his rule.

ICE's strong-arming of our urban landscape defies all rational and intelligent perspectives. Trump is ruining the American landscape of hope and friendship, important components of human life.

My Irish O'Gorman roots not only connected me to my grandfather Commandant James J. O'Gorman of the Third Tipperary IRA during Ireland's War of Independence 1916-1922, but also gluing me to a distant relation, the famed Juan O'Gorman (b. 1905) an important painter and modern architect in the last century in Mexico City. A mining engineer and painter who moved to Mexico and married a Mexican girl. Among Juan's legacy of great works is the studio he designed for Diego Rivera and Frieda Kahlo. He also designed the National Library of the Univ. of Mexico; as well as the Anahuacalli Museum; and large murals of historic importance. His father, Cecil Crawford O'Gorman, was an Irishman of significance as well.

The O'Gormans, you see, were

very global.

I remind myself of Juan's remarkable impact on his Mexican culture demonstrating a profound life-giving energy so absent in the Trump presidency harming people across the globe.

Yes, we opened our borders that caused the illegal invasion by foreigners, but because our cross-border connections and friendships are so powerful, I believe there is still room for hope due to the triumph of the graced life of honor and freedom protected by our Constitution.

So don't stop making foreign friends. Take plenty of videos, recordings and photos of the goings on here. Remember, we need each other.

HISTORY: Chicago History Museum recently screened "Third Act," a film by **Tadashi "Tad" Nakamura** about his father, who died June 11. Generations of artists called **Robert A. Nakamura** "the godfather of Asian American media."

As Parkinson's disease clouded Robert's memory, Tad's film, "Third Act," set out to retrieve his story—and in the process he discovered his own.

Using the lessons Robert taught him, Tad deciphers the legacy of an aging man who was just a child when he survived America's concentration camps. Yes, that happened in America. A successful filmmaker tells his own story, an activist at the dawn of a social movement—and a father whose struggles won his son freedoms that eluded Japanese Americans of his generation.

50TH: Deborah Gershbein of the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents reminding neighbors that as we honor their 50th year, it's not too late to join in the Sept. 19 celebration Golden Gala. Get your tickets to the event, and go. They will honor four pillars of their Community: **Curt Bailey**, President of Related Midwest, **Ald. Brian Hopkins** [2nd], **Dr. James Adams** from Northwestern Medicine, and **Marc and Maureen Schulman**.

DRINKS ARE ON BRENDAN: Stop by for a drink at the campaign kickoff event 6



Chaka Khan and Father Michael Pflieger.

p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 in support of **Ald. Brendan Reilly's** campaign for Cook County Board President at Gibsons Italia. He's running on ending corruption, tackling skyrocketing property taxes, and restore integrity to county government.

SAVE THE DATE: The Italian American Human Relations Foundation invites everyone for the Oct. 26 Puccini to Mancini Pasta & Neckbone Dinner Concert in celebration of Italian Heritage Month at CineCity Studios Chicago.

SECRETARY OF STATE: Alexi Giannoulias looking candidate-ready lunching at Eric Cafe, bright and bushy-tailed chatting with former Orland Park Mayor **Dan McLaughlin**.

SING: Leo Catholic High School's Choir, stars of America's Got Talent, sang at the St. Sabina neighborhood Renaissance Fair. **Father Mike Pflieger** beaming at his Great Renaissance Festival and greeting the star, former St. Sabina Graduate singer **Chaka Khan**.

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Mayor stonewalls taxpayers, plans to “filter” consultants accounting report

BY BOB ZULEY

Mayor Brandon Johnson is once again pushing the limits on his progressive base of support – much of it found in the North Side lakefront wards.

In April, the City of Chicago hired accounting giant Ernst & Young to root through the city’s books and find ways to save money. It was paid \$3 million for the job – that was previously done on a pro-bono basis.

City Hall spending has grown by 47% since 2019, and now public officials needs to find new cash – and new solutions to resolve multiple 2026 budget deficits at City Hall, the CTA and the public schools. They all have structural deficits as far as the eye can see.

So Aldermen – and their ward residents – want to see the results of the work that they paid for beyond more taxes and fees. But so far that’s not how Mayor Johnson’s City Hall works.

At the Sept. 9 meeting of the council’s Budget Committee, Johnson’s budget director, Annette Guzman, told Aldermen that they would get a copy after City Hall apparatchiks first “filtered” it. She pledged to give copies of the “filtered” report to Aldermen before Johnson submitted his

budget proposal in mid-October.

Mayor Johnson is seeking more tax revenue without publicly discussing cost-cutting. Facing a projected \$1.12 billion shortfall in 2026, city leaders have circulated a list of 26 potential tax and fee increases for discussion, despite Chicagoans already facing some of the nation’s highest taxes.

One obvious cost-cutting move would be to cease funding the never-ending expansion of privileged bicycle pathways and traffic barriers in the city and the millions in infrastructure expenditures they engender.

Johnson pledged this year to be more forthcoming with Aldermen after his “Fair Tax” property tax increase was unanimously rejected by voters. He has yet to prove himself ‘forthcoming’ now that the current budget season is in full swing.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] put his objection diplomatically. “The risk here of having it filtered is that perhaps some very good ideas that don’t necessarily match with the administration’s wishes may be excluded from what is presented to us.”

The fact that the Mayor’s Office is resisting something so basic simply creates the impression his office is hiding something.

Mayor blows chance to professionalize CHA

Burnett appointment delayed over ethics questions

BY BOB ZULEY

In early September, outgoing interim CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] Angela Hurlock stepped down from her role as the agency postponed a vote on the appointment of ex-Ald. Walter Burnett as her permanent replacement.

Matthew Brewer is the new interim head of the CHA as of Sept. 2.

The move comes as Mayor Brandon Johnson’s preferred choice for the permanent CEO, Walter Burnett, has faced repeated delays. Federal regulators are investigating whether his history on voting on CHA-related matters in his 30-years on the City Council creates a conflict of interest that would require a waiver from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development [HUD].

Other questions swirl around missing campaign monies over the years.



Walter Burnett. Courtesy Sun-Times

One may question why a 30-year city employee with a comfortable pension would take on the challenging role of CEO of the CHA. His new challenges include rebuilding resident trust, addressing staff morale issues, managing deteriorating properties, and accelerating the construction of new affordable housing while also convincing the federal government not to pull their funding over a lack of data on the citizenship of their client-tenants.

One explanation may be in ensuring his son as his replacement on the City Council.

Mayor Johnson appointed Walter’s son, Walter Redmond Burnett, as his replacement as 27th Ward alderman on Sept. 5. His sister-in-law, Diamond Moreno Burnett, is the ward superintendent of Burnett’s for-

mer 27th Ward making a \$114,012 annual salary.

Burnett, and his wife, Darlena Williams-Burnett, have also been paid over \$260,000 as housing voucher landlords for the agency since 2007, according to a Sun-Times’ report.

The Burnetts have had at least 10 contracts for properties rented to CHA voucher holders, including two ongoing contracts and five contracts that were active during Williams-Burnett’s tenure as an employee at the housing authority.

The state of Illinois also does not charge any income taxes on pensions.

Those payments to Burnett and his wife represent another apparent conflict of interest, says both the CHA and HUD.

As a retired city employee, Burnett is set to receive an annual retirement of \$120,608. If he takes the CHA CEO job for three years, he’ll be set to receive a pension of \$209,976. All that from one of the nation’s worst-funded pension systems.

That’s because Burnett would collect a \$310,000 salary from the CHA for the next three years, thus boosting his pension even more.

Like all retired government workers, his pension check will grow three-percent yearly, allowing the Burnett family to enjoy compounded salary increases. That is, “interest on interest,” which causes your money to grow at an exponential rate over time.

The state of Illinois also does not charge any income taxes on pensions.

The Municipal Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago is the pension fund for Chicago city employees. Historically, it has been the second-worst locally funded pension in the nation. At the end of 2024, they reported a funded ratio of 25.7% and \$17.79 billion in unfunded liabilities. It ranks just above the Chicago Fire and just under the Chicago Police pensions.

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The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Illinois now officially has the distinguished honor of paying the highest property taxes in the nation. Regardless, homeowners in Chicago and Cook County are wondering if they ever will receive the second installment of their 2024 real estate tax bill.

Taxpayers were supposed to pay their second tax installments on Aug. 1, but the county hasn't been able to calculate the final amounts and billions worth of tax bills, so they haven't yet been mailed.

As a result, the due date for taxes has been rescinded until the county can fix the issue. Cook County administrators don't know when the second set of bills will go out. Maybe in early October some guess.

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, a tax-watchdog group, Cook County politicians blame a 10-year-old contract with Tyler Technologies, a Texas-based company, for the delay. The contract was inked by the county in 2015 and allegedly was supposed to modernize the property-tax billing system in three to five years.

However, repeated mistakes have flawed the system to the point that taxpayers could not expect to get correct bills if they were mailed today. Critics say the county finds itself unable to perform the basic function of tax collection, leaving taxpayers, and tax collecting entities like schools, parks and libraries in limbo.

The Cook County Treasurer's website features a banner indicating tax amounts have not been finalized and bills have not been mailed out. Visit: www.cook-countytreasurer.com.

Data shows Illinois in 2023 had the highest property taxes in the U.S., with a median statewide home value of \$250,000, and an effective property tax rate of 1.83% of appraised value. The typical Illinois homeowner paid



(L-R) Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, Patrick Hynes, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.



property taxes of \$4,584 in 2023.

Illinois Policy Institute research shows Cook County property tax bills have risen a whopping 78% since 2007, despite median property values inching up just 7.3%.

What is even more shocking is Cook County homeowners paid \$1.9 billion more in property taxes between 2021 and 2023 than commercial property owners. With the aid of tax attorneys, owners of office buildings, big apartment towers and hotels successfully appealed their bills and won reductions of more than \$3.3 billion.

When commercial property owners win appeals, the taxes still have to be paid, and the burden shifts to everyone else—mostly homeowners.

Part of that loss of real estate value was also due to the willful decimation of our central business district through the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown, and the BLM riots and looting of 2020. Retailers and other commercial tenants fled the chaos, and office workers learned to work from home, sending downtown vacancy rates skyrocketing.

The 2024 tax-bill delay also is causing Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi to take on criticism from politician Pat Hynes. The current Lyons Township Assessor, Hynes plans to run against Kaegi in the 2026 election for Cook County Assessor next spring.

Recently, Hynes asserted that Chicago Public Schools [CPS] face a mounting fiscal crisis because for the fourth time in six

Homeowners could have saved \$1.9 billion under Kaegi

BY DON DEBAT

Reforms implemented by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi could have saved middle and lower-income homeowners \$1.9 billion in property taxes that they would have paid under the previous assessment system, according to a new Univ. of Chicago [UC] study.

The report, titled: "An Evaluation of Progress on Residential Assessment Fairness in Cook County," analyzed assessment data during Kaegi's tenure from 2019 to 2024 and found that "the Kaegi administration

has made substantial progress in improving the fairness of residential assessments" and "dramatically reduced" previous regressivity in the Cook County tax system.

The study was authored by Christopher Berry, professor at the UC Harris School of Public Policy.

Regressivity is a common problem in property taxation, and happens when lower-priced properties are over-assessed relative to their actual value, while more expensive prop-

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years Kaegi has failed to get tax bills out on time.

However, Hynes failed to explain that mailing property tax bills is the job of Cook County Treasurer's office, not the Assessor's Office. And the technology upgrade today owns most of the blame for the late mailing. Assessor Kaegi has dramatically upgraded the management of his office.

The Treasurer's Office knows that getting a bill late is better than getting a flawed, incorrect bill.

Kaegi, a reformer, replaced the corrupt Joe Barrios as Assessor in 2019. Critics say Barrios' loose-cannon assessment style often sidestepped fairness and focused on well-heeled insiders along with politically connected tax-appeal lawyers.

Favorable valuations alleg-

edly were handed out to wealthy downtown property owners who kept donations flowing into Barrios' campaign coffers. Nepotism and patronage ran rampant, and ethics rules were ignored.

In 2018, Kaegi ran on a pledge to overhaul Barrios' dysfunctional office, and voters believed him. Kaegi inherited not only a deeply flawed, ethically bankrupt office, but also a dusty, decades-old data system that relied on reams of paper. When Kaegi first took office, his staff allegedly found 600 tons of paper tax appeals in storage.

However, Kaegi's two terms have been rocky. Critics say he is responsible for recent massive residential tax hikes by reducing commercial assessments. Kaegi also butted heads with the Cook County Board of Review, which

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Ald. Reilly announces plan to run for Cook County Board President

Pledging to end the wasteful insider deals that are rotting county government from the inside out, last week, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Cook County Board President in the March 2026 Primary.

He will be running against Toni Preckwinkle, who is seeking her fifth term as Cook County Board President, an office she has held since 2010.

He outlined a plan to grow the tax base to end skyrocketing property taxes, protect seniors and long-time residents and help families realize the American dream of home ownership.

“Cook County government is broken and is long overdue for change,” Reilly said. “I promise to fight every day for the people of Cook County and against anyone who disrespects them or threatens their livelihood,” he said.

In the press release announcing his candidacy, Reilly said he thinks families are being squeezed from all sides. “Unsafe streets in far too many communities across the County; failed public policy initiatives and rising property taxes are driving people out of their homes and out of Cook County. Reilly promised to lead a public safety and economic renewal in all communities.

Reilly said people in Cook



Ald. Brendan Reilly.

County are “paying more and getting a lot less to show for it. I’m running to change that. I’ve spent my career fighting for the people against the insiders, crooks and shady deals that infect local government.” In his 20s, Reilly worked under Mike Madigan, who was then the Speaker of the Illinois House. Reilly claims that

his role was narrow and that he had no connection to the legal problems Madigan has faced. In June, Madigan was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison and ordered to pay a \$2.5 million fine.

Reilly was elected as the alderman of the 42nd Ward in 2007, after defeating then-Ald. Burt Natarus.



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Experts warn public pensions with less than 60% of what they have promised beneficiaries are deeply troubled and less than 40% are beyond the point of no return. Chicago city worker pension at 25.7% funding is far past the point of no return and headed for insolvency, according to Illinois Policy.

Burnett’s case underscores the costly and unsustainable nature of Chicago’s municipal pensions. The whole system suffers for the sake of a few at the top. For the sake of comparison, the average city retiree will receive \$47,532 annually from the system.

Burnett’s case underscores the costly and unsustainable nature of Chicago’s municipal pensions.

As Mayor, Johnson could’ve delayed his appointment of Burnett and instead selected the nominee gleaned from a nationwide search launched from the CHA board. A search committee, which includes resident leaders and government partners, was formed to recommend candidates to the mayor’s office.

This would have best served the needs of CHA residents, served the expectations of the taxpayers of Chicago, and restored a level of professionalism to the CHA leadership.

Instead, Mayor Johnson went low and chose Burnett who has a habit of losing his own money. Burnett still can’t explain to the satisfaction of state elections authorities what happened with \$165,000 he received in campaign contributions, as the Sun-Times revealed in May or 2023.



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Children being propositioned, compromised by Virtual Reality

Two Meta whistleblowers testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee Sept. 10 about the risks involved with Virtual Reality [VR]. Cayce Savage, one of the whistleblowers, said that "Any child that is in a social space in VR will come in contact with or [be] directly expose[d] [to] something very inappropriate. ... I see it every time I use the headset."

The whistleblowers told the Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law that Meta disregarded their findings, censored their attempts to do further research and, in at least one instance, deleted evidence of a youth's being sexually harassed.

They also said that Meta suppressed their research about safety issues around children using VR devices. The Washington Post recently reported that while conducting research in Germany, Meta whistleblower Jason Sattizahn heard that a child under 10 was propositioned in VR numerous times, but his boss told him not to include that information in his report.

The hearing confirmed every parent's worst nightmare: if their children have used Meta's VR devices, their children have likely been sexually exploited. The whistleblowers testified that their findings show that Meta has findings that indicated children's safety had been compromised while choosing profit over safety.

Man stole ambulance, got released, then robbed store 6 hours later



Brandon Burt's back-to-back mugshots.

A man is accused of robbing a Rogers Park convenience store less than six hours after police released him from custody for allegedly stealing an ambulance just a few blocks away. And prosecutors say he was already on probation for robbing yet another store in the neighborhood.

According to police and court filings, the chain of events began on the evening of Aug. 21, when an Elite Ambulance crew was picking up a patient at 7350 N. Sheridan Rd. The crew left the vehicle running with its keys in the ignition and — you guessed it — when they returned, the ambulance was gone.

Using the ambulance's onboard video system, workers saw a man driving the rig southbound on Sheridan Rd. Chicago police tracked the ambulance through GPS pings and found it parked in the 6300 block of N. Sheridan. Officers arrested 50-year-old Brandon Burt, who was allegedly in the driver's seat. The ve-

hicle was not damaged.

After being advised of his rights, police say, Burt admitted, "I drove an ambulance... I drove it to my mom's."

But despite the seriousness of the allegation, police could only charge him with misdemeanor trespassing. Why? According to Burt's arrest report, Elite did not have the surveillance footage "readily available" for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Burt remained in custody for 21 hours but was released from the Rogers Park 24th District station at 6:09 p.m. Aug. 22.

Within hours, prosecutors say, he struck again.

At 11:50 p.m. that night, Burt allegedly entered a store in the 7300 block of N. Greenview Ave., walked behind the counter, and grabbed about \$800 in cash. A 50-year-old clerk tried to intervene, but prosecutors said Burt punched him in the head and face, knocking him unconscious. The victim regained consciousness and tried again to stop Burt with a large stick, but he escaped, according to prosecutors.

The next afternoon, on August 23, the clerk spotted Burt outside the store and called 911. Police arrested him. Again.

In court, prosecutors noted Burt is currently serving probation for a 2022 robbery of a store in the 7500 block of N. Rogers Ave. Judge Ankur Srivastava granted the state's detention petition, ordering Burt held in custody pending trial on the new robbery charge.

Boy, 16, charged with four Facebook Marketplace robberies

Chicago police have made an arrest in connection with a string of Facebook Marketplace robberies in Logan Square. The accused? He's just 16 years old.

CPD says the boy took part in four armed robberies of people who came to Logan Square to complete sales arranged through the social media marketplace. In a community alert issued last month, police identified five robberies in the same crime pattern, all concentrated in a small area.

Police said victims thought they were meeting up to sell items but instead were confronted by men who either pulled a gun or used force to take their property. The robbers typically arranged meetings under the guise of buying electronics or other goods. Once face-to-face, they asked to see the merchandise and then either pointed a Glock semi-automatic pistol at the victims or shoved them before running off with the items.

According to investigators, the teen was involved in four of those robberies. On July 18, a 32-year-old man was robbed in the 2000 block of N. Kedzie. Six days later, on July 24, a 40-year-old man was targeted on the same block. The crew then shifted a block west to the 2000 block of N. Sawyer, where a 24-year-old man was robbed on July 29 and a 43-year-old man was robbed on August 6.

The robberies remain under investigation by Area Five detectives. Anyone with information is asked to call 312-746-7394 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com.

Man gets two years in prison for immigration fraud

A Chicago man has been sentenced to two years in federal prison for knowingly providing false verifications of employment for foreign na-

tionals seeking to stay in the United States on an immigration visa.

Zhao Tai Chi charged F-1 visa holders a fee to falsely represent that they were employed by Cui's company so they could improperly extend their stay in the United States. Cui advertised his fraudulent visa-related employment services on various websites and incorporated a company in Illinois with the sole purpose of serving as a sham employer. During the scheme, which began in 2013 and continued until 2019, Cui falsely claimed that at least 250 F-1 visa holders worked for his sham company.

Cui, 60, pleaded guilty earlier this year to a federal charge of conspiracy to commit visa fraud. On Sept. 5, U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman sentenced Cui to two years in prison and ordered him to pay a personal money judgment of \$652,963.

Security guard murdered customer, planted gun in victim's hand

A security guard with no license to carry a firearm is accused of gunning down a man outside a South Loop smoke shop on Sept. 5, then planting the weapon in the victim's hand and claiming they had fought for control of it.

Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara laid out the allegations Sept. 8 in a detention hearing for the accused man, 33-year-old Souleymane Diallo.

Prosecutors said the 31-year-old victim went to a smoke shop in the 1300 block of S. Michigan Ave. where Diallo was working as a security guard on Sept. 5.

The victim got into an argument with an employee about trading cannabis for a rolling tray and Diallo stepped in, told him to leave, and then argued with him on the sidewalk for over ten minutes, Pekara alleged. The exchange grew heated, with insults flying but no weapons shown and no immediate threats, according to surveillance video described in court.

Diallo went back inside around 9:25 p.m., took off his coat, and told the employee he was going to fight the victim. Despite the cashier's pleas not to, Diallo allegedly stormed back outside, rolling up his sleeves.

When the victim raised his fists defensively, Diallo pressed forward and the victim pushed Diallo to the ground, Pekara said.

Diallo allegedly bounced up, pulled out a pistol, and chased the victim down the sidewalk.

At one point, Diallo shoved the victim into a planter before drawing the pistol again and racking a round into the chamber, according to Pekara.

Video from across the street showed the victim backing away while Diallo advanced. After the victim took a swing at Diallo, the guard raised his gun and shot the victim in the face, Pekara alleged.

Then, Pekara said, Diallo bent down, moved the victim's body, and placed the pistol under the dying man's hand. When officers arrived, Diallo claimed the victim had grabbed for his weapon.

The victim was rushed to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He had been shot once in the cheek, with the bullet exiting through the top of his head.

Diallo, prosecutors said, had no valid Firearm Owner's Identification card, no concealed-carry license, and no credentials to work as an armed security guard. Yet on the night of the shooting, he carried a Glock 19 pistol and wore body armor.

Diallo has a prior conviction for reckless conduct in 2023, a case that was initially charged as aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, according to Pekara.

He is now charged with first-degree murder and aggravated possession of a weapon. Judge Rivanda Doss Beal granted the detention petition.



(Top inset) Mark Carlo Arceta and his family are seen in a photo from GoFundMe. (Bottom inset, left to right): Harvey Fisher, Anthony Hemplill, Alton Jackson, and Keith Perkins.

Images courtesy GoFundMe, Chicago Police Dept., and Citizen

Seven men, including a 'peacekeeper,' charged with murder after Mag Mile crash-and-grab

Prosecutors have charged seven men with felony murder, saying they were part of a crash-and-grab burglary crew that killed a motorist while fleeing a break-in at the Louis Vuitton store on Michigan Ave. last week.

Most of the men have significant arrest records, but one of them, according to a law enforcement source, works as an anti-violence "peacekeeper."

Just before 5 a.m. Sept. 11, a group of burglars backed a pickup truck into a display window at the high-end retailer's Mag Mile location, 919 N. Michigan Ave. Video shows several men running through the compromised storefront and running out with trash bags filled with merchandise. Prosecutors believe that merchandise valued at between \$500,000 and \$1 million was taken.

Chicago police officers arrived as the crew fled the scene in up to six vehicles.

One of those cars sped south on Michigan Ave., slamming into an SUV at Ohio St., police said. The driver of the SUV, Mark Carlo Arceta, 40, was killed.

On Sept. 12, WGN-TV reported that Arceta was on his way to work his last shift at Northwestern Memorial Hospital before taking paternity leave.

"We're having a baby right now. He's supposed to be with us," his partner, Roanne Masangkay, told the news outlet. "They took a very loving father, a really good partner, and very good dad."

An online fundraiser for the family had raised \$7,435 as of Sept. 13.

Five men who were in the Kia Stinger that slammed into Arceta's Honda CR-V were arrested at the scene. Three of them remained hospitalized.

Another getaway vehicle fled south on Lake Shore Dr., but lost control near Roosevelt Rd. and hit a police

squad car. Four suspects bailed out on foot. Officers arrested two of those men, according to CPD.

The seven accused men were scheduled for detention hearings on Sept. 13. They are all charged with murder during the commission of a forcible felony, burglary, and felony theft, according to a CPD media statement.

Dejuan Wingard, 30, is accused of driving the car that slammed into Arceta. He is also charged with reckless homicide by motor vehicle. CPD records show this is his 11th adult arrest in Chicago.

Four men in the Stinger are also charged:

- Darius Bowdry, 30, has been arrested 12 times as an adult in Chicago, according to CPD records. He has had an active arrest warrant since failing to appear in court for a bench trial on a burglary charge last September, according to court files.

- Keller McMillan, a 35-year-old anti-violence "peacekeeper," has three out-of-state fugitive warrants and an in-state warrant, according to CPD.

- Alton Jackson, 37, has been on parole since May after receiving a two-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He has been arrested five times in Chicago since turning 18.

- Harvey Fischer, 26, has six adult arrests in Chicago.

The two men arrested after allegedly bailing out of the second getaway car are Anthony Hemplill, 22, whose only adult arrest in Chicago resulted in probation for unlawful possession of a weapon in 2023; and Keith Perkins, 19, who has no other adult arrests in Chicago.

Suburban man threatened to kill ICE agents, stockpiled weapons

A newly unsealed federal complaint accuses a Downers Grove man of threatening to kill federal immigration officers in the city and other public officials while stockpiling a small arsenal of weapons and ammunition marked with the names of political figures.

According to the 18-page filing, 33-year-old Michael D. Stover faces a charge of transmitting threats in interstate commerce.

The FBI says Stover used Bluesky and Facebook accounts to repeatedly post violent rhetoric from February through July 2025, including explicit calls to kill Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents "on sight."

In one post dated July 7, Stover allegedly wrote, "I 700% am past that playtime s***. I mean kill the nazi rapist pigs to the absolute last one and kill their friends and families too."

The investigation began earlier this year when the U.S. Secret Service flagged a February Facebook post in which Stover allegedly displayed five rifle rounds with the first names of well-known political figures written on them. The complaint did not iden-

tify the political figures. The Facebook account cited in the complaint is no longer available.

By spring, authorities say Stover had shifted to Bluesky.

The Bluesky account profile describes its user as "'Nerd, anarchist, artist, antifascist. Over 20 years martial arts experience. Expert shooter. Constitutional law professor's angry as hell patriotic son. I teach self defense when im not doomscrolling. If you feel scared I will teach how to fight."

In April, he allegedly urged followers to "pick up a weapon" and wrote "Do not leave your house unarmed... it is time to shoot for your life if approached." He also posted photos of himself in camouflage and face paint holding rifles, according to the complaint.

In May, the Downers Grove Police Dept. deemed him a "clear and present danger" under Illinois law. His Firearm Owner's Identification card was revoked, and officers went to his home to seize 11 firearms, including handguns and rifles, ammunition, and a stash of rifle rounds

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The downspout gutters (left) leading from the Red Line end four feet above the ground and may be responsible for flooding that closed the Baton Show Lounge in Uptown, whose back door (right) was adjacent to the gutter.

Photos courtesy Jean SmilingCoyote

Flooding in Baton Show Lounge raises eyebrows on CTA's RPM construction

BY SOFIE KELLAR

Anyone who has been involved with home building or rehab knows about the “punch list.” The list notes those things the builder and contractor agree still need to be finished before a project is done, and everyone gets paid in full and moves on.

Perhaps the CTA's RPM Red Line punch list now includes finishing the work on gutter drain pipes leading from the elevated rail lines.

Last August, rainstorms cascaded into the Baton Show Lounge, 4713 N. Broadway, from a drainpipe apparently left unfinished by Walsh-Fluor construction on the CTA's elevate new Red Purple Line project.

The drainpipe dropping from the Red Line tracks faces the back of the building and ends four feet from the ground, even though the Chicago Building Code states downspouts must “be extended to discharge water to the street, alley, or storm drain” and “not be directed towards a building.”

From our observation, it appears that water could have rushed down an open drainpipe, onto the ground, and into the adjacent building's basement. It appears at the time of the storm, that



The Baton Show Lounge in Uptown is temporarily closed for renovations due to a recent flooding event.

the downspout was not connected to the storm drain below it. The flooding caused so much damage that the lounge has closed for repairs.

Conversations between the CTA and Walsh-Fluor seem behind the curtains, said Trevor Roberts, a representative of the Elevated Solutions Partners Joint Venture.

A newspaper source reports that below the track support structure, construction is not done. Some downspouts were attached to the sewer system, some weren't, and

some were attached to a slanting pipe which sent the water to a space that was fenced off and not visible from the sidewalk. When our source passed by she said workers were on site doing various work.

She noted that the edge of the track support structure is within arm's length of the building. The downspout would be close to arm's length from the building.

The CTA has not replied to inquiries by this newspaper, and the CTA Construction Manager said he was skeptical that there is any problem with the drainpipes.

The building has a rich history. Covered with an ornate 1920's facade, it had hosted a speakeasies run by Al Capone.

The Baton Show Lounge has a 56-year history of producing drag performance. Their first 50 years were at 436 N. Clark St. in the River North area, but relocated to Uptown only last year. The Baton is the longest running - and one of the most prestigious - Drag Show palaces in the nation. The club's founder and original owner, Jim Flint, a native of Peoria, and a longtime resident of Chicago, opened the original Baton in 1969. Now, due to the cost of the extensive repairs needed, the lounge may be on its last legs.

Man shot in North Center, drives himself to hospital

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are investigating after a 24-year-old man was shot Sept. 11 in the North Center neighborhood.

At about 7:43 p.m., 911 callers reported shots fired, bringing police to the 2000 block of W. George. Officers found 12 shell casings along with a bottle of promethazine, a prescription antihistamine that is often used illicitly in combination with soft drinks to make an intoxicating “drank.”

But the victim wasn't there. He had already been driven to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he walked in with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. According to a CPD statement,



Evidence markers lie next to shell casings as police investigate a shooting in the 2000 block of W. George St. on Sept 11. Courtesy Citizen

the man “related to responding officers that he was outside when he heard a loud noise and felt pain.” He was in good condition.

The shooting is the third shooting of the year for North Center.

By comparison, North Center had two shootings in all of last year and one in all of 2023.

There had been three people shot in North Center at this point in both 2022 and 2021.

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Edgewater North Home Tour Sept. 21

The Edgewater North Home Tour, hosted by the Edgewater Historical Society, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, beginning at the Granville Ave. United Methodist Church, 1307 W. Granville Ave.

Free parking is available at the Ismaili Center, Chicago, 6259 N. Broadway. Tickets are \$25 per person. The tour will feature homes and their interiors in the Edgewater North neighborhood, including homes on Wayne, Lakewood, Magnolia and Granville. Reservations are not required.

Taste of Uptown Sept. 24

The ninth Annual Taste of Uptown will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, providing an evening of Uptown's cultural and culinary diversity.

This restaurant crawl will feature small bites and samplings

from 24 Uptown eateries.

Participants will receive an event passport and stroll from restaurant to restaurant along Uptown's business corridors, trying samples at various locations. This year's event will once again feature two tasty routes, the Bowl Route and the Plate Route.

Ticket range from \$40 to \$45, and sales close 5 p.m. Sept. 23. For tickets, visit <https://partners.exploreuptown.org/events/details/2025-taste-of-uptown-5702>.

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HOTEL LINCOLN: Surprise, Old Town resident **Robert L. Johnson** tells us he and his neighbors see wonderful flowers in new landscape at the Lincoln Hotel. There is improvement over the dirt, garbage, weeds and grease stains this newspaper's writer **Andriana Foustanou** reported on.

SHALOM: Beloved **Howard Barry Frum**, 83, wed 33 years to **Hal "Bunny" Frum**, for 47 years, died September 1. Howard was a celebrated watch dealer and jeweler, known for his expertise and integrity as the owner of Howard Frum Jewelers. A Chicago community treasure, an engaged, charitable larger-than-life Chicagoan of heart and humor. A man of deep Jewish faith, Howard's life was marked by love, loyalty, and profound devotion to family. With lovely Bunny they formed a dynamic couple of love and Chicago spirit. He will always be remembered for his generosity, spirit, enduring friendships, and the joy he brought to everyone he met. "Wanna Buy A Watch?" Howard Frum will never be forgotten.

LOYOLA: Happy Founding Day, Ramblers. Since 1870, Loyola Univ. Chicago has been inspiring minds and building a vibrant community. Here's to 155 years of excellence and many more to come.

PARTY: **Maria Pappas** in the 'hood on Division St. for the 400-vendor "Renegade Art Fair" then up in Lincoln Square for the German-American parade. That lady is everywhere.

RINGS: From Rambler classmates to newlyweds, **Cal** (2016) and **Megan** (2017) **Kennedy** first met in a UCLR class at Loyola in 2014. They lost touch after graduation and reconnected through a mutual friend years later.

GRAND BIRTHDAY: Grand lady **Myra Reilly** celebrated an elegant birthday dinner at Piccolo Sogno with hubby, "photographer to the stars," **John Reilly**, and with Piccolo's chef owner **Tony Pirola**, **Bobbie Panter**, **Matt Arnoux** and daughter **Laura** and **John Brinkerhoff**.

LIVING TREASURE: **Eleni Palivos Bousis** deeply grateful for two recent sentimental recognitions, one as a successful and inspiring immigrant who has made a difference in the world, and the other for the recognition for the book, "Bold Resilient Women."

CUBS OKTOBERFEST: Experience the first ever Oktoberfest with the Cubs September 19-21. Beer tents, authentic food, live music and carnival rides. Local food pantry Nourishing Hope will be collecting nonperishable



Dean and Sally Jo Morris Pfaff.



Maestro Rich and Kathy Daniels.



Gwyneth Paltrow (second from left) and Robert Downey Jr. (fourth from left) pose with TenGoku Aburiya staff.

food items at the Nourishing Hope tent upon entry.

NEW FACES: New Faces Sing Broadway 1960 has added a show for Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at The Rhapsody Theater, 1328 W. Morse Ave. **Johanna McKenzie Miller** will guide a 90-minute musical journey of the 1960 Broadway season including songs from Bye, Bye Birdie, Camelot, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, West Side Story. Tickets on sale now.

WHO'S WHERE: Journalist **Shia Kapos** thanking Mayor **Brandon Johnson** for the honest discussion they had at The Hideout... **Mark Olley** at Jayson Home, loving the displays so richly influenced by **David Hicks**, the fab British designer... **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff** and **Dean** celebrating at Gibsons six wonderful years together, five years married... **Dan Balanoff** and **Whitney Reynolds** meeting up in Lakeview at an end of summer block party... **Paul Hickey** and **Michael Fustin** in Skagway and Sitka, Alaska roaming the glaciers... **Stacey Ditka** had an impromptu text with her college friend actor/director/singer **Rich Speight** that turned into an unforgettable Saturday at Creation Chgo Supernatural 2025... **Brian White** posing with lovely **Stella**, the Bride... Birthday girl, retired **Judge Rhoda Sweeney** and pals assembled in the big booth at Gibson's Steakhouse... **Maestro Rich** and **Kathy Daniels** accomplishing one of their Bike the Drive traditions... **Karen Conti** back for a fresh season as WGN Radio's legal voice... Former Wilmette boy and Quigley star, **Art Morgan**, and wife, **Kathy**, now true Californians, cheering on the Cubs at

Wrigley recently... Newsy **Andy Shaw** and wife, **Mary**, filled with nostalgia at the Rathskeller at U. of Wisconsin where they met 56 years ago... At the Target store in Norridge, **Blase Foria** and his sweet **Liza Loza**... Celebrated Boystown pub owner **Brian Roddy** says he woke up in Trogir, Croatia recently with old friends, good views and great food... **Bonnie Spurlock** picnicking at St. Paul's very successful summer outing and celebrating **Pastor Jeff** and wife, **Rachel's**, anniversary... **Susie Forstmann Kealy** exhibited her first children's book, "Miss Woollie's Wardrobe," at the Printers Row Lit Fest and was a huge hit... ABC7's **Ryan Chiaverini** and **Joey Majumdar** were up close and personal at Taylor Street's Italian Fest.

KONNICHIIWA: **Robert Downey Jr.** and **Gwyneth Paltrow** met up for a Broadway reunion at TenGoku Aburiya, one of Chicago's best Japanese restaurants, on Washington Blvd.

HEAD SOUTH: Big travel news, Arjet Airlines and the Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic will launch their direct routes between Chicago O'Hare and Punta Cana, launching Nov. 15. Flights start as low as \$250. Chicago as a vital U.S. hub for both tourism and business travel to the DR.

CELESTIAL STEAKHOUSE: Sky-high NoMI Garden is a fab rooftop restaurant with stunning views of Chi-town from the 7th floor of the Park Hyatt Chicago hotel.

There's no evil from which good doesn't come.
 - Mexican Proverb

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Showing of "The Young Lords of Lincoln Park" now playing at history museum

There was a time, from the 1920s Prohibition era through the 1970s, when the now-upscale Lincoln Park community was one of the worst neighborhoods in the city of Chicago.

A mere 60 years ago, people risked physical harm just walking through the intersection of Halsted and Armitage. The community was criss-crossed by dangerous gang turf boundaries, that brought with it crime, shootings, bombings, poverty, racial strife and gang warfare.

This month the Chicago History Museum will be showing the WTTW Chicago Stories hour-long episode of "The Young Lords of Lincoln Park" (included with the price of admission. Illinois residents get free Museum admission on Sept. 24). Screenings are Tuesday through Saturday, 1:30 and 3 p.m., and Sundays 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The episode shows one slice of local history that not many contemporary residents of Lincoln Park may be aware of. Perhaps the most dangerous area of Chicago for much of the 20th century was the area from Division north to Webster, and from Orleans and Larrabee streets west to the



José "Cha Cha" Jiménez and other Young Lords members in front of the Armitage Avenue Methodist Church, 834 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, June 11, 1969.

Courtesy Chicago Sun-Times collection, CHM

Chicago River, where several gang territorial borders collided into one-another.

Today, in that same area, millionaires collide with billionaires.

Back in the day, the gangs of Lincoln Park were divided by race, with Black, Mexican, Puerto Rican and White gangs fighting to maintain power and boundaries.

According to Chicago Gang History, in

the 1930s the working-class element of Lincoln Park became downtrodden by the Great Depression era and homes and apartment buildings began to be neglected for repairs and renewal. The area would continue to see deterioration in west Lincoln Park especially through the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The earliest wave of Puerto Rican migration moved into this western part of the neighborhood in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Other gangs followed, including the Paragons, the Latin Kings, the Insane Deuces, Simon City Royals, The Black P Stones and Conservative Vice Lords.

Lincoln Park was the center of the Puerto Rican community, and the base of operations for a band of Puerto Rican revolutionaries known as the Young Lords Organization [YLO]. The WTTW episode being shown tells their story.

Led by a man named José "Cha Cha" Jiménez, the radical group—which evolved from a social club to a street gang to a political force—banded together with the Black Panthers as the Rainbow Coalition to wage war against what they called Mayor Richard J. Daley's "urban removal of the poor"

and the area's eventual gentrification.

One look around the neighborhood today shows that they lost the war.

A well-documented murder and bombing event involving the radicalized YLO took place in the area in 1969.

In July 1969, YLO began a year-long occupation of the Armitage Avenue Methodist Church, 834 W. Armitage, with the support of Pastor Rev. Bruce Johnson. The gang renamed it The People's Church. [The church has since been torn down for a Walgreens Store.]

Rev. Johnson and his wife, Eugenia, were murdered in Sept. 1969. They were found stabbed to death in their church parsonage, and a bomb exploded at the church. The perpetrators were never definitively identified.

The gang activity declined year by year into the 90s as wealth, education and gentrification grew. By the late 1990s, what YLO feared - gentrification - was what finally ended the gang warfare and cleared the community of its well-established gang problems.

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is more firmly entrenched with the Democratic Machine.

According to Hynes, the delay in 2024 property-tax collection has caused the CPS to miss a \$247 million payment owed to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund.

"The \$2.4 million in late payment penalties represent an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars and further exacerbate our pension woes," Hynes said. This "unforced error" began this spring when Assessor Kaegi sent his assessment data to the Illinois Dept. of Revenue three months late, according to Hynes.

Pension costs for the financially troubled CPS are already on a steep climb, projected to grow from \$645 million in fiscal year 2025 to nearly \$898 million by fiscal year 2035. At this point, a bankruptcy filing may be the final destination of the City's pension debt fiasco.

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erties are underassessed. As a result, the lower-priced properties shoulder more of the tax burden than they would under more fair assessments.

"Under the old system, when mansions and luxury condos weren't taxed at their real value, working-class families had to make up for it. It was like Robin Hood in reverse," said Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "We fixed that fundamental unfairness, and the data shows we've saved homeowners more than \$1 billion in the process."

Key findings from the report include the following:

- Low and middle-priced homes, the bottom 70%, are paying \$1.9 billion less in property taxes under Assessor Kaegi compared with the previous administration.

- Under former Assessor Joe Berrios' administration, the most expensive homes were under-taxed by roughly \$1.7 billion, shifting that tax burden onto less valuable homes.

- Tax shifting has been "nearly eliminated" under the Kaegi administration, with all properties now within 10% of their correct tax share.

- Homeowners would save even more on their tax bills under Kaegi, but the Cook County Board of Review has systematically undermined this progress, shifting 3% to 4% of the tax base onto residential properties every year from commercial appeals.

In addition to documenting how Kaegi's work has lowered property taxes for low and middle-priced homes, the report also reveals that the Assessor's Office's assessments have generally shifted the tax burden from homeowners to commercial properties.

However, "the Board of Review has granted commercial appeals at a rate that has effectively undone those changes," Kaegi said.

A recent study of commercial assessments by Cook County suggests that commercial properties are underassessed after appeals finish at the Board of Review, the report concluded.

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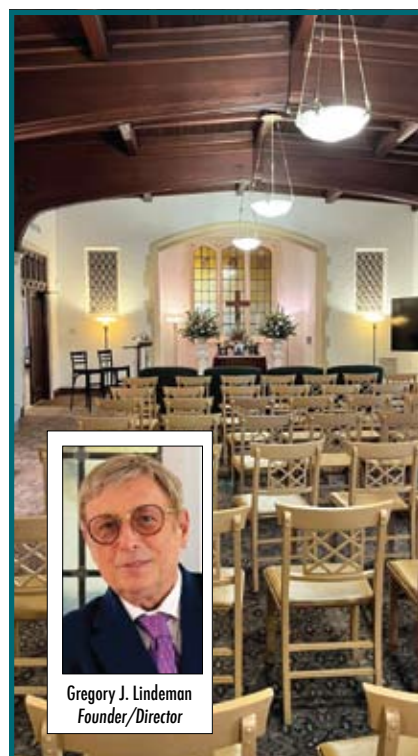
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO MB FINANCIAL BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-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.,

Real Estate For Sale

APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60645
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

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact 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 wwr# 22-001389-1.

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Case Number: 2023 CH 00847

Real Estate For Sale

TJSC#: 45-2203
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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 fka 10-25-314-023
The real estate is improved with a Single Family

Real Estate For Sale

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, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC (630) 453-6960 please refer to file number 1496-190222.
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Attorney File No. 1496-190222 Case Number: 2017CH16771
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff

-vs- DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HAROLD L. JOHNS, OZ PARK GARDENS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DAVID SYFEZAK A/K/A DAVID SYFCZAK, LISA VARGA, WILLIAM VARGA, RONALD SHAEFER, CYNTHIA FORD, SHANNON PICKEL, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD L. JOHNS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant
19 CH 8874
CALENDAR 59
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 27, 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. 14-33-121-080-1078.
Commonly known as 2036 N. Larrabee St., Apt. 8106 Chicago, IL 60614.

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, Marnicos Law Group, P.C., 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580. 19-07007
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Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT - FIRST DISTRICT NICOLAI TANCREDI AND KELLY & KARRAS, LTD. Plaintiff,

-v- BARBARA A. SUSMAN Defendants
2019 M1 133974
161 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE, UNIT #25E CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 8, 2025, 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:

PARCEL 1: UNIT 25E TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN 161 CHICAGO AVENUE EAST CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 85080173. AS AMENDED, IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PARCEL 2: EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, SUPPORT AND UTILITIES INCLUDING EASEMENTS FOR OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF ELEVATOR PITS, SHAFTS, EQUIPMENT, ETC., ALL AS DEFINED AND DECLARED IN DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES AND LIENS FOR OLYMPIA CENTRE DATED JUNE 27, 1985 AND RECORDED JUNE 27, 1985 AS DOCUMENT 85080144 OVER AND ACROSS VARIOUS LOTS AND PORTIONS OF LOTS IN OLYMPIA CENTRE SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 161 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE, UNIT #25E, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-200-068-1007 VOLUME 501

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The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$96,415.69.
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 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 James J. Karras, Esquire, Kelly & Karras, Ltd. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1010 Jorie Blvd, Suite 100, Oak Brook, IL, 60523 (630) 575-0202.

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Case Number: 2019 M1 133974
TJSC#: 45-1110

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 # 2019 M1 133974
I3272904

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK, NA Plaintiff,

-v- ALEXANDER DOROSHO, ELENA DOROSHO, THE ELENA DOROSHO LIVING TRUST, INTERNATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ELENA DOROSHO, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELENA DOROSHO 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:

Real Estate For Sale

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/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.
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.

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503
TJSC#: 45-1913

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

-v- MARK S. WHEELER, THE 828 W. GRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
2024 CH 07866
828 W GRACE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 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 828 W GRACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-20-214-014-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$350,674.57.
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 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 OR-

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DER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 24-225793.
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Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Attorney Code: 65582
Case Number: 2024 CH 07866
TJSC#: 45-1938
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2024 CH 07866
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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 BOARDWALK 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

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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 Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077.
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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.
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with politicians' names on them, the complaint said.

Despite the seizure, Stover was not charged at the time and was released. He allegedly told officers he understood why his guns were taken and admitted he needed mental health treatment.

But investigators say the threats didn't stop. On July 7, Stover allegedly posted a series of messages calling ICE agents a "hostile army" and insisting they should be "obliterated with mortar fire." In another, he allegedly wrote that ICE "must be exterminated to the absolute last one. Masks off, photographs taken, then shoot em."

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Full Circle Fest starts Sept. 19

Chicago Danztheatre Ensemble [CDE] has announced the plays and artists featured in the reimagined "Full Circle Festival," Sept. 19-28, at Chicago Danztheatre, 1650 W. Foster Ave.

The performance schedule is Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and 9:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. For information on this upcoming season, visit DanzTheatre.org.

For eight years, CDE has produced this eclectic festival for works under 15 minutes.

Fall plant swap Sept. 27

Fall is a great time to divide or transplant irises, peonies, and many other plants that enjoy cooler temps and rainier weather.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Edgewater community will hold their Fall Plant Swap from 10 a.m. till noon in the back yard at 1430 W. Norwood St, weather permitting. Rain date is Sunday Sept. 28.

Share plants and gardening paraphernalia and meet your gardening neighbors. For more info contact Paul Quaintance at paquaintance@yahoo.com or call 773-750-6928.

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Mile from March 2024, and a misdemeanor battery in Rogers Park ten days before the train attack. Court records show he has since pleaded guilty to the battery and one of the retail thefts. He received time served for those. The third charge was dropped.

Although Mason's official sentence is 4½ years, under Illinois law he will only serve half if he stays out of trouble in prison. He also earned credit for time spent in jail awaiting trial. His parole date is set for Jan. 19, 2027.

Eight men involved in fatal shooting on one of Uptown's most violent blocks

A 17-year-old boy was shot and killed in an Uptown alley late Sept. 14 in what police describe as an attack carried out by a group of eight males on one of the neighborhood's most dangerous blocks.

Officers responding to 911 calls of shots fired found the boy in the alley behind the 5000 block of N. Winthrop around 10:28 p.m., according to police radio transmissions.

Officers immediately began lifesaving

measures. One officer applied a chest seal, a medical patch designed to cover open chest wounds to help prevent the lung from collapsing, in an attempt to stabilize him, but he did not survive.

According to CPD, the teen was standing in the alley when eight people approached him. Someone in the group pulled out a gun and opened fire, striking him multiple times. Surveillance footage showed the suspects running south on Winthrop and then west on Argyle after the shooting.

Police quickly shifted resources to prevent possible retaliation, sending units to maintain a visible presence in rival gang territory near Sunnyside and Magnolia.

The boy is the fifth person shot in Uptown this year and the neighborhood's first murder victim of 2025. He is the second person shot on the 5000 block of N. Winthrop this year. A 22-year-old man was shot during a robbery on April 11, just a few yards from last night's murder.

By this date last year, 10 people had been shot in Uptown, including three in the 5000 block of N. Winthrop. All survived.

In 2023, four people were shot during a single incident on the block. All survived.

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were gunned down after leaving Artis Restaurant on the 300 block of W. Chicago Ave. Buckzz had been hosting a listening party for her latest album. Artis Restaurant subsequently closed down following the shooting event.

On-line information shows Porkchop owner Jovanis Anis Bouargoub is now a licensed real estate broker while still operating a Porkchop Restaurant at Midway Airport. It is presently unknown if he is arranging rap music listening events.

The City on-line Data Portal shows Axum Ethiopian Restaurant currently possesses two valid city licenses for Retail Food Establishment and Consumption of Liquor on Premises.

However, the State of Illinois database



Axum Ethiopian Restaurant, 5844-46 N. Broadway.

shows the On-Premises Consumption [state liquor license] is currently expired as of Sep. 13, 2025. The license expired on Aug. 31.

WEISS from p. 1

The first "IJ" investigation to Weiss Memorial Hospital from IDPH investigators was conducted on June 20-25, 2024 based on a complaint. The violation concerned Patient Rights and stemmed from the hospital's "failure to ensure appropriate supervision for one of two patients on high suicide risk and the failure to emergency response and notification response processes for two of two patients on suicide risk that eloped from the Emergency Department."

"Eloping" from a hospital refers to a patient leaving the facility without authorization, supervision, or permission, often due to a medical condition, mental illness, or cognitive impairment, especially if they are not properly monitored.

A second IJ investigation was conducted this year at Weiss on July 10-12, based on a complaint. This IJ concerned Emergency Services and stemmed from Weiss' "failure to ensure that the provisions were readily available to provide emergency care to three of 10 patients that presented to the Hospitals Emergency Dept. seeking emer-

gency care and appropriate monitoring...". These three patients were previously detailed by this newspaper.

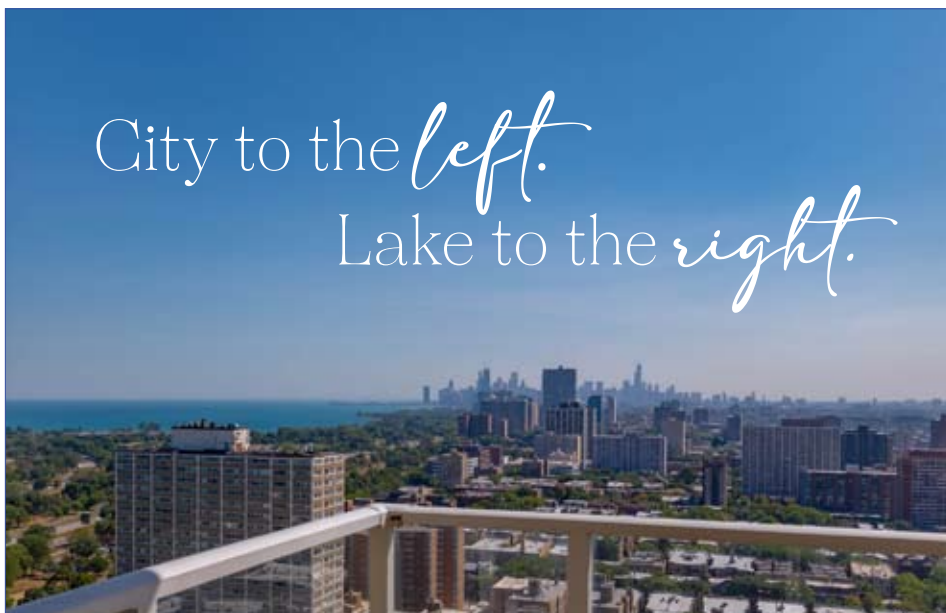
"Provisions include equipment, supplies, and medication used in treating emergency cases," according to the IDPH inspection form.

IJ's are a critical violation and rare in a modern healthcare settings. Insofar as the CEO of Resilience Healthcare, Manoj Prasad, is a self-proclaimed "turn-around" expert for troubled hospitals, this must be especially embarrassing.

These two IJ citations are among the eight IDPH investigations conducted at Weiss since the takeover by Resilience Healthcare in late 2022.

IDPH records indicate no inspections were conducted in 2023. All eight investigations were conducted between July 19, 2024 and July 12, 2025 at which point the hospital was closed.

US News & World Report claimed Weiss Memorial Hospital scored only two out of five stars possible based upon patient surveys from Oct. 2023 to Sept. 2024.



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