

North Side's most haunted places



The Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph.

Find a place to be frightened

BY KELSEY O'CONNOR
Choose Chicago

Chicago is a city with history — a whole lot of history, dating back to before the city's founding in 1837. So it's hardly surprising that it's also a city with ghosts — a whole lot of ghosts.

These alleged hauntings stem from some of the city's darkest chapters, like the Great Chicago Fire, the sinking of the SS Eastland, and when a serial killer lured victims from the Chicago World's Fair.

Check out some of the spine-chilling tales that highlight North Side's haunted history — even skeptics will be fascinated.

Death alley in the Theatre District

In 1903, Chicago's Iroquois Theatre was the site of an infamous fire.

Located in the city's Theatre District, the newly built building claimed to be fireproof. But during its inaugural performance, a blaze broke out. When patrons

tried to escape, they found many of the exits were blocked.

After the flames subsided, around 600 people were pronounced dead. As bodies were recovered from the scene, the alley behind the theatre functioned as a temporary morgue.

Today, the site is home to James M. Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph. The alleyway behind the theatre, now known as "Death Alley," still exists today. There have been reports of faint cries, apparitions, and feelings of being touched or even pushed by invisible entities.

Ghostly tales don't seem to keep avid theatre-goers away, however. The Nederlander Theatre's stunning architecture and run of premieres and Broadway shows keep the crowds coming and the ghosts at bay.

Lincoln Park

The city's largest green space, Lincoln Park is a lakefront oasis that's popular with locals and visitors alike. But the park may be concealing a dark secret underground.

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Theft from downtown restaurants

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police are warning business owners and patrons of restaurants operating in the Chicago Loop, West Loop, and Near South Side neighborhoods of a recent rash of theft incidents that have occurred during Oct..

In each instance, the offender(s) approach diners seated in a restaurant or coffee shop, posing as charity fundraisers, placing a flyer or newspaper directly on top of the victims' wallet/purse or cell phone. As they engage in conversation, they slide the victims' belongings underneath the paper and walk away with the victims' property. In several instances, the victims' bank/credit cards are used shortly thereafter at various nearby department stores.

Incidents include one on the 500 block of S. Dearborn St. Oct. 7, at 10:35 a.m.; 500 block of S.

Dearborn St. Oct. 7, at 10:45 a.m.; 2000 block of S. Clark St. Oct. 12, at 6:54 p.m.; 700 block of S. Dearborn St. on Oct. 14, at 10:45 a.m.; 200 block of S. Wacker Dr. Oct. 14, at 3 p.m.; 0-100 block of S. Canal St. Oct. 16, at 3:30 p.m.; 200 block of S. Wabash Ave. Oct. 17, at 7:10 p.m., and one on the 1300 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Oct. 18, at 7:15 p.m.

The offender was described as a lone African American male, 17-25 years old, wearing dark clothing and a face covering. In several other incidents, multiple offenders were described as African American males, 17-25 years old, wearing dark clothing and face coverings. Two different vehicles, including a late-model white Buick and a black Mazda sedan, were identified as being used by the offenders in a majority of incidents.

Two big Loop real estate deals

Two commercial real estate deals took hold last week, the most valuable of which was the 51-story office tower at 1 N. Wacker Dr., also known as the UBS Tower [Union Bank of Switzerland], which changed hands for \$545 million.

The deal was one of the nation's highest priced transactions of 2026.

The building's three largest tenants include PricewaterhouseCoopers, USB, the Barnes & Thornburg law firm, and Fitch Ratings / Fitch Group.

The buyer was PG Wacker, LLC, an affiliate of Ponte Gadea, under the control of Spanish billionaire and Zara founder Amancio Ortega.

The Newport Beach, California-based Irvine Company sold

the 1.4 million-square-foot signature skyscraper. The sale included the buyer's assumption of a \$353 million loan from 2021.

Block 37

Not far away in the Loop, retail mall Block 37 at 108 N. State St. sold for \$30 million. The seller was an affiliate of Los Angeles-based CIM Group, which purchased the property out of foreclosure in 2012 for roughly \$84 million.

The buyer of the 278,000-square-foot retail center was suburban-based Edwards Realty Co., which plans to revamp the seemingly cursed multi-level mall. Block 37 suffered through decades of financial failure, demolition delays, stalled construction projects, and high tenant

turnover.

The parcel—bounded by State, Randolph, Dearborn, and Washington streets in the Loop—was part of the ancestral land of the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa Indians. It was platted and sold off by New York speculators in 1830 to fund the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

The City of Chicago spent over \$218 million building the shell of a CTA airport express train station underneath Block 37, a multi-billion-dollar concept that was never finished and to this day sits unused.

For years after the mall finally opened, upper-floor retail spaces struggled with high vacancy rates and frequent closures.

Ugly foreclosure in East Loop

Illinois Center to be auctioned off Nov. 12 after 83% crash in value

An investor is poised to lose the 2.1 million-square-foot Illinois Center complex at a sheriff's sale auction in November following a default on its loan debt. The sale will add another major property to Chicago's growing list of troubled towers.

New York-based AmTrust RE got some bad news from Cook County Judge Edward Robles when he ruled against them last week in foreclosure, setting a Nov. 12 auction date for the two buildings at Wacker Dr. and Michigan Ave.

According to Crain's Chicago, LNR Partners, a special servicer representing bondholders in the property's mortgage-backed debt, is positioned to bid for and acquire title to the East Loop assets at 233 N. Michigan Ave. and 111 E. Wacker Dr.

Presently the total debt sits

at \$285.7 million, while an appraisal in March valued the complex at \$66.5 million. AmTrust purchased the property for \$376 million in 2015. That is a shocking loss of nearly 88% of the complex's value

The firm had hoped to rehab the properties in 2023, but then the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services vacated the building, leaving it only 17% occupied. The companion 111 E. Wacker building was only 52% leased.

AmTrust reportedly stopped fighting the foreclosure in court, declining to oppose a motion for summary judgment this summer after negotiations with LNR broke down.

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The surrender marks AmTrust's third major office foreclosure in the last two years. They also lost 30 N. LaSalle St. in 2023 and 33 W. Monroe St. early this year.

The Illinois Center foreclosure reflects widespread distress across office buildings in the East Loop. Another lender has listed a delinquent \$69 million loan at Michigan Center, 205-225 N. Michigan Ave., while the 601W Companies that owns the troubled 2.8 million-square-foot Aon Center, 200 E. Randolph, is now seeking a loan extension on their \$536 million in debt on the 1,136-foot tall skyscraper.

It's raining on Rainforest Cafe, owner to pay \$10M to end legal battle

Developer guaranteed \$8M loan for vacant site, he's now on the hook

It rained on the investors parade last week when Judge Jerry Esrig entered an order in favor of Alecko Lending, in a \$9.2 million foreclosure lawsuit over the site that once held the former Rainforest Cafe, 605 N. Clark St.

The site is owned by well-known real estate investor Sean Conlon. Now Conlon has been ordered to pay more than \$10 million to end the legal battle.

Alecko Lending filed the foreclosure lawsuit against Conlon in 2025, alleging that Conlon had backed the loan. The investors defaulted on an \$8.3 million bridge loan and at the time owed upwards of \$9.2 million after all

the fees were added.

The lawsuit sought foreclosure, a receiver and a judgement, while waiving Conlon's right to redeem the property after a judgment is entered, according to reporting from The Real Deal.

Conlon spoke to the media on Oct. 20, and said that he was confident that they'd be able to create a payment plan for him to retain the property. He was also reportedly confident that he'd be able to pay back what he owes. In 2024, Conlon's firm had applied for the commercial loan from Aleck.

Prior to founding Alecko, Alexander Pissios — the former president and co-founder of Cinespace Chicago Film Studios, which he sold in 2021 — was faced with potential prison time for bankruptcy fraud in 2016 and chose to

cooperate with federal authorities in an undercover investigation, according to reporting in the Chicago Sun-Times. Pissios agreed to wear a wire to record Teamsters boss John Coli, helping the feds to secure Coli's indictment on extortion charges.

Conlon told Crain's Chicago that he hopes to retain the property.

The Rainforest Cafe site has been vacant since the pandemic forced the company to close its location. Previously, Conlon had a tenant for the site, in pot dispensary Progressive Treatment Solutions. But that contract was torn up after Progressive backed out on the deal following lawsuits from local residents and another nearby pot seller.

How we can clean up our city?



By Thomas J. O’Gorman



You can cast your vote and assist in the clean up Chicago.

I propose a change to our city’s motto. From “City in a Garden,” to something more dynamic. How about “Clean Up and Clean Out.”

Many years ago a famed news correspondent managed to secure an interview with Pope John XXIII. The very social Pontiff was cordial and most informative. He was a man not only of saintly piety, but a true man of the world, after decades as a Papal diplomat and then as Patriarch of Venice... he was an extraordinary man of wisdom.

The reporter deluged him with questions about the inner workings of the Vatican. The reporter wasn’t pulling any punches in his unprecedented interview. The Pope was calm. Easy to speak with. So the reporter asked him some things only the Pope might know.

“Your Holiness, just how many people work in the Vatican?” he asked nervously. The Pope stopped speaking, took his time and replied, “Oh. I think about half of them.” Then they both laughed out loud hilariously.

Can you feel the magic and the drama in their repartee?

That’s the kind of human interaction that invites ordinary citizens to join in the gentle humor. Great comedy is based on real life.

In America, the country born in revolution, that same energy has been unfolding for the past 250 years.

I’ve been thinking how our upcoming Nov. 3 election has layers of profound humor and energy to it. That would also explain the 300 to 400 emails each day clogging up my brain and my laptop.

If I were interviewing officials in Washington D.C. or Chicago’s City Hall, today, I might take my lead from that Papal interview and ask, “How many people vote in your city?” And then laugh in

shame and embarrassment since the majority don’t vote. “Half” would be a record turn out.

The value we derive from all this lovely political commotion has little to do with the written political profundity of words and slogans, and more to do with the emotions and spirit in what’s unfolding.

In Chicago we are battling each other in a two-front campaign to save and protect government.

In Washington prep skirmishes of two life-altering political face-offs. The dynamic challenge to those ransacking everything from the White House, the Kennedy Center, international trade, re-establishing public executions, our Embassies, the State Department, the names of the Oceans, Gulfs and the Great Lakes, the fights on the South Lawn and construction at the Rose Garden, as well as D.C.’s queens granting President Trump free reign. As President Barack Obama once said, and millions of people before him knew, “elections matter.”

Of importance in Chicago is the damage control of our once great political leadership, and efforts to end the amateurish mayoral term of Brandon Johnson and his childish urban hanky-panky.

Literally. Can we talk child support? Bringing up little raggedy Brandon is a lot of work.

Surrounding every aspect of his ineptitude, the super glue on these feathers are here forever.

Who can forget his \$800 million Parking Meter bonus fiasco, his \$3,300 in personal unpaid city water and sewer bills alongside all those outstanding parking tickets, the “Gift Room,” the resignation of the entire School Board after canning CEO Pedro Martinez, or his using the “Do Not Hire” list as a tool for political retaliation, calling solid policing a “sick-

ness.” And the city-wide insanity that’s supposed to pass for street repair and bridge reconstruction, his dance video after a violent weekend of shootings in Chicago, and the danger to public safety in Chicago’s enormous rise in gun-slitting and violent crime while he shuts down ShotSpotter, and don’t forget his going AWOL on the 2026 budget, letting City Council figure it at their kitchen tables over Christmas.

Ya, the teacher who never gave out homework handed our Alders a pile full of homework.

Now another Corporate Head Tax showdown, plus the enlarging and enabling of the culture of drugs and gambling. What sin is next, rejuvenating prostitution and child trafficking?

So we’ve got Washington to “clean up” and Chicago to “clean out,” to put it bluntly.

In Chicago’s long history, has there ever been a mayor with less clout than Little Brandon?

Nobody in City Hall is afraid of him. In all my decades working in City Hall, I’ve come to a ripe conclusion about its current capacity for success. The City’s administration carries out routine maneuvers in foolish, antiquated leadership styles. None of these fit the standard of a professional administration.

Less than one month ago in the midst of Chicago’s desperate need for effective leadership success, the mayor’s Budget Director, Annette Guzman, resigned as the city prepared for a deeply challenging budget and bond borrowing season.

This is, of course, following Police Supt. Larry Snelling retiring from his post, just as Chicago faced a rise in shooting violence.

The mayor has had a troubling history of senior administrators who are fed up with the in-

efficiency that surrounds them. Is it ADHD? The common neurodevelopmental condition marked by persistent patterns of inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. It begins in childhood and frequently lasts into adulthood, affecting daily functioning at school, work, and home. Just how many times has he been hospitalized with panic attacks?

Former Chief Financial Officer Jill Jaworski left the mayor’s team several months ago, showing no lack of remorse. Now her replacement has withdrawn from any chance of budgetary achievements.

The current administration would appear, as the election nears, to be nothing more than a greedy weak alliance among disorganized former allies. The sad diagnosis which currently grips the city is that no one actually demonstrates any kind of effectiveness in the present agony. Relying instead upon a weak offering to make one last ditch effort to shape the agenda of the mayor’s alliances.

In Washington, the Secret Service Deputy Director recently quit following a series of security blunders. And then ‘flash,’ there goes the press secretary.

Meanwhile, Trump has been proposing martial law for the nation in the event that Democrats “rig” the midterm elections. Let’s not forget the Justice Department’s ransacking of Ilhan Omar’s home. Payback is a bitch.

And so what are we left with

here in Chicago, the State of Illinois, and across the nation just weeks before the Nov. 3 election?

We are left with the instability. Could there be a worse time in our history with the men whose governments are no longer in charge?

If you vote, you will help balance the nation. It’s time to “Clean up and Clean Out.”

Only by such cleaning can Chicago return to a rational and competent political sense of itself. We need strong government. Effective economics. And a passion for truth-telling from people who grasp what that means. We’ve grown highly skeptical of the unbalanced and tired candidates for important office and their weak neophyte followers of disjointed political understanding.

Will somebody in the large field of candidates please demonstrate some intelligent, rational, political efficiency, and put in the extra effort to help “clean up and clean out?”

Chicago needs a mayor who thinks and is not afraid to plan accurately and act courageously. And make sure every city employee is really working and up for the job. After all, they receive lots of free time off to vote on election day.

HEART OF MERCY GALA: Congratulations to Corboy & Demetrio’s **Marcy O’Keeffe Twardak** who received the Sister Rosemary Connelly Service Medalion from the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Gala. It was an incredible evening, and Corboy & Demetrio was proud to have served as a Silver Sponsor of the Ball.

MONSTERS: On Halloween, Lakeview East is going to be crawling with little monsters. Don’t worry, you’ll be safe, as long as you provide some treats. With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, they’re throwing a neighborhood business trick-or-treat on Halloween proper! From

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Marcy O’Keeffe Twardak

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Why a local Chicago newspaper is leaving Facebook, Instagram and Meta

BY JUSTIN KERR
McKinley Park News

A third-party issue has just landed on our plate: yet another distraction taking attention away from reporting and development of our local news enterprise. But this one's especially nasty.

Meta, which owns and runs Facebook, Instagram, Whatsapp and others, recently confirmed imminent changes to the terms of using their services: alterations provided on short notice that hit local news especially hard.

In Meta's upcoming terms on October 30, 2026 (as below), if any enterprise has any type of presence on Facebook or Instagram, then Meta and their cronies — and their AI bots — have a right to scrape away that business's content published outside of Meta and sell or use it in competing business products.

This scraping applies even to third-party websites like the McKinley Park News that are entirely separate from Meta and its services.

Meta's also asserting the right to send fake AI-driven bots into our membership to spy and steal via unfettered scraping for whatever purpose they please.

Footprint and reach

Facebook and Instagram are the two Meta-owned channels through which the McKinley Park News has shared links to our

all-original neighborhood news and features.

Over the past 10 years of publishing, we've attracted a couple thousand followers and enjoyed sharing pertinent news links via member groups. Even though resulting web traffic is a pretty small slice of our total, we've connected with others through Instagram and Facebook, and placed updates where they'd get noticed.

The choice is clear

Regardless of any benefit, we can neither give away our hard-won, all-original, all-human news product nor expose our users and members to predatory AI scanning and exploitation.

Although Meta's new terms do not specify these violations, the terms certainly give Meta the right to commit them without consequence or remuneration.

Don't trust Meta

I don't trust Meta will do the right thing: It has continually demonstrated bad faith against its members and customers, as well as our economy, society, democracy and journalism.

In contrast, the McKinley Park News prioritizes you, dear reader, via ensconcing your trust in us through all things: not just the truthful facts we relate in our news publishing.

Humans only

Our Terms of Service make this very clear: The McKinley Park News is only made available and accessible to human beings, and bots and automated processes may not touch our service at all.

Our terms also detail how we'll never share or sell your member or user information with any third party, even our Sponsors.

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Walk the walk

We prioritize the interests of our human users above all else, including technical privacy and safety measures like severing Google-provided services and promoting User Technology Recommendations that keep you safe and secure online.

On the McKinley Park News,

clearly identified marketing and advertising is always associated with an active Sponsor, who engages with us via an agreement that specifies total separation of considerations between news and advertising.

100 percent human

We abhor and decry AI, for there is no ethical use for a tool built on stolen goods, which includes the content and data pilfered from the McKinley Park News. Being a victim of AI is just one of the reasons why we are 100 percent human and zero percent AI.

The McKinley Park News stands nearly alone in treating you, dear reader, as a customer, rather than exploiting you as a product. Even local news charities betray their promise to the public good by exposing their users to harmful and unwanted consumer surveillance.

A sucker's bet

We will survive severance from Meta, Facebook and Instagram because our bottom-up, micro-local news service engages in direct connections with our audience across many other face-to-face and online channels.

We strive to own our relationships and have always understood that building a business on the good graces of a third party is a sucker's bet, whether Meta, Google or any other channel through which we might choose

to share links to our news.

October 30 deadline

Meta's implementation of their new terms begins on Friday, October 30, at which point we'd automatically be opted into their scraping, theft, plagiarism and exploitation. We'll pull the plug before that.

On or around Wednesday, October 28, the McKinley Park News will be deleting our accounts and pages on Facebook and Instagram: the only option for enterprises that don't want to follow Meta's new terms of service.

Connect on website and newsletter

We of course will continue to publish our all-original neighborhood news and features like our local calendar of events, available in both our mckinleypark.news website and email newsletter.

To our Facebook and Instagram followers, we recommend you sign up with your privacy assured for our free weekly email newsletter, which keeps you connected to our latest news and the upcoming week's neighborhood events. Visit <https://mckinleypark.news/info/email-newsletter> to sign up for the newsletter.

In a sea of slop and spying, the McKinley Park News will continue to be an all-original, all-human source that you can trust for your

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Halloween's spirit can chill Chicago's housing market



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Dark autumn clouds hang over Chicago's North-Side housing market. Currently plagued by a shortage of listings, high prices and lofty mortgage-interest rates, buying or selling a home in late 2026 can be a pretty scary event.

But what if a property listed for sale on this Halloween weekend seemingly has a haunted or paranormal past? Real estate brokers generally refer to such parcels as "stigmatized properties." They include: sites of a natural or accidental death, a suicide, a homicide, a violent felony, or environmental contamination.

Other than these stigmas, what if the home is rumored to be inhabited by spirits or ghosts?

A seller's real estate agent generally is not required to volunteer negative information about a property. "However, if a prospective buyer directly asks (the agent), actively lying or misrepresenting the property's history can still expose a seller or agent to liability," warned real estate attorney Harvey S. Jacobs, of Jacobs & Assoc.

Veteran brokers say not all properties classified as stigmatized are undesirable. Those inhabited by spirits or ghosts may actually attract some buyers rather than dissuade clients.

According to Dale Kaczmarek, president of the Ghost Research Society in southwest suburban Oak Lawn, there are thousands of haunted homes in the Chicago



Dale Kaczmarek, president of the Ghost Research Society (left) and Bachelor's Grove Cemetery.



area.

Kaczmarek, who has been involved in researching supernatural phenomena since 1975, says most ghostly encounters are benign and most spirits are playful and mischievous—not evil.

One of Kaczmarek's best ghost stories is about Bachelor's Grove Cemetery in south suburban Midlothian. Visitors report seeing the apparition of a phantom Victorian farmhouse in the woods near the cemetery.

And, witnesses report as night falls, "orbs of blue lights" can be seen twinkling and floating near the house. However, if you walk to the lights, they vanish.

Some ghost hunters say an orb—or ball of light—is the spiritual energy ghosts gather before manifestation or poltergeist activity. They say in order to be a true "orb of light," it has to move with purpose.

Did you know more than half of all Americans believe in ghosts and poltergeist activity? Just in time for Halloween, this writer offers Home Front readers the following classic ghostly apparitions:

- Baby-sitter ghost. A young mother tells the tale of "Tom," the friendly ghost, who enjoyed haunting her baby son's room in her North Side two-flat in the late 1980s. "Our vintage-oak rocking chair would slowly and mysteriously rock by itself. Sometimes,

a hand-crank 'Swing-O-Matic' baby swing would start slowly clicking and moving by itself, and the non-motorized mobile over the crib would spin," she recalled. "And, lights would come on by themselves, and stereo music would play."

Once at 3 a.m., the baby was found laughing while sitting on the floor near his crib. Mystery—how did an infant jump out of his crib? "I sat down and had a heart-to-ghost chat with Tom, explaining that he was a spirit and had to move on," she said. "After a long talk, the ghost finally ended his haunting."

- Grandma's perfume. Just before midnight on Christmas Eve in 2020, a senior citizen homeowner was relaxing by his cozy fireplace reading a book.

Suddenly, he noticed the heavy aroma of perfume wafting from a nearby corner curio cabinet in the living room, where his wife displayed photos of her late grandmother and grandfather.

The aroma flowed into the library, and lingered. Then, the fragrance concentrated in the bedroom that once was occupied by "Grandma Ruth," the builder who erected the home in 1965. Gradually, the aroma faded.

"We recently had completed renovation work on our 60-year-old house, which we purchased from the family estate," said the wife. "It seemed like grandma

came back on a midnight-spirit's tour to review our upgrades. Her fragrance was Tabu. She loved to read. The new library seemed to be a magnet for her, and her 1950s 'Little Book Club,' leather bookmark was on the shelf."

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On Christmas Day that year, the wife witnessed poltergeist activity. The terrace swing moved, but there was no wind. Later, the aroma of grandpa's cigar smoke wafted across the deck. Four of their grown grandchildren simultaneously experienced the visitation.

- Flickering lamp. On an autumn evening, a couple started happily chatting over a glass of wine about all the hard work that they had completed on their home over the past decade. "If my father were alive, he wouldn't believe how much we improved the house," said the wife.

Simultaneously, the bulb in a vintage table lamp that once belonged to her father, began flickering on and off in a sign of approval. No electrical problems were found, but the owners decided to replace the lamp's electrical outlet to make sure there wasn't a short.

Later, the same lamp started flickering brightly again. The date was the 10th anniversary of her father's passing. "Dad was sending us an electrical spiritual reminder through his lamp," concluded the wife.

- Haunted "blue room." In late Oct. 1985, a young couple purchased a vintage English Tudor home in the Sauganash neighborhood on Chicago's Northwest Side. They were only the second owners of the house, which dated to the 1920s.

After completing a total renovation of the house, the new owners decided to leave one of the bedrooms intact because they liked its deep-blue color. So, the walls were freshly painted the same color of blue. A matching blue bed spread and curtains were added.

However, soon afterward, thumping began inside the blue walls of the second-floor bed-

room. Just noisy heat ducts or plumbing, the owners rationalized. But the noise continued even when the furnace wasn't on.

A year later, a female house guest stayed in the blue room. Within minutes of retiring for the evening, the house guest raced down the stairs in hysterics. "There's something in that room," she said. "I heard heavy breathing, and it's freezing cold in there."

After researching the house's past, the new owners found that the only prior resident had built the home in the early 1920s and lived there happily for more than 60 years. His family said their father had passed away of lung and heart difficulties in the blue bedroom only months before the couple had purchased the house.

Because of the credibility questions supernatural phenomena raise, the National Assn. of Realtors encourages states to adopt legislation based on model language provided to each state Realtor association.

The model language asks Realtors to declare that "all psychological impacts or stigmas associated with real property are not material facts and need not be disclosed to a potential purchaser or lessee."

Although it may take supernaturally creative marketing campaigns to sell an allegedly haunted house, buyers are out there, Realtors say.

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Change in law lets tax breaks automatically renew for homeowners with disabilities

BY THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER

State lawmakers have made it easier for people with disabilities to continue receiving annual property tax relief.

Cook County homeowners who receive the Persons with Disabilities Exemption [PDE] don't have to reapply for the benefit every year because lawmakers in Springfield acted to allow the benefit to automatically renew.

Exemptions are tax breaks that typically reduce a property's Equalized Assessed Valuation

[EAV]. The PDE reduces a property's EAV by \$2,000, thus reducing the tax bill.

Without automatic renewal, people receiving the benefit may forget to reapply each year and miss having their tax bill reduced by potentially hundreds of dollars.

That's what happened to a Streamwood resident named Noemi. But she happened to catch our phone bank on ABC 7 and realized she might be missing exemptions.

So, she called in and treasurer's office team members quickly de-

termined she hadn't applied for her disability exemption for four straight years. We added up those missed exemptions and promptly mailed her a check for more than \$1,200.

And she's not alone. Right now, the Treasurer's office is sitting on some \$19 million in missed exemptions.

If you think you or a loved one might be missing this tax break here are the requirements that must be met to receive the PDE:

- The person with a disability who is responsible for paying property taxes must be the owner

and occupy the residence as of Jan. 1 of the year for which the application is being submitted.

- The homeowner must submit proof of disability, such as a Class 2 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card

- The property cannot receive this exemption in the same year its owner receives the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption for Specially Adapted Housing or the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

Other exemptions, including the Homeowner Exemption and the Senior Citizen Exemption

also automatically renew annually. However, people receiving the Senior Freeze Exemption, which is available for senior citizens with an annual household income of \$75,000 or less, must reapply every year to demonstrate they continue to meet income eligibility requirements.

The office website, cookcountytreasurer.com, has more information about exemptions and the application process.

Monitoring exemptions, and any you might have missed, could pay off for you like it did for Noemi. But your right to claim exemptions expires after four years, so the time to act is now.

Heartland Human Care Services, founded by Jane Addams in 1888, to cease operations

BY PETER VON BUOL

One of Chicago's oldest social services agencies, Heartland Human Care Services [HHCS], 4822 N. Broadway, will cease operations at the end of 2026, citing significant financial troubles due to a drastic decrease in federal funding and a huge unemployment insurance liability due to layoffs.

"After 138 years of serving the public, HHCS will cease operations at the end of 2026," said Amanda Solon, the organization's senior director of development.

Founded by Jane Addams in 1888 as Traveler's and Immigrant Aid, HHCS had up until February operated three area shelters for "unaccompanied alien children" who had crossed the border into the United States. To operate these shelters, the organization had relied on tens of millions of taxpayer dollars in annual funding from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. After the loss of federal funds, approximately 145 employees were abruptly laid off and that move triggered its current unemployment insurance liability.

"[The cuts] created significant financial challenges for the organization, resulting in workforce reductions affecting more than half of its employees". Due to the layoffs, HHCS faced a "substantial, unexpected unemployment insurance liability in 2026," said Solon.

The loss of federal funding has not been the only financial problem faced by the organization. In an independent audit of the agency by the accounting firm of Capin Crouse in June 2025, its accounting practices were questioned.

"During the audit, [HHCS] lost access to its accounting and financial reporting system, with respect to all data and records for the year ended June 30, 2025. [HHCS] has represented that this data cannot presently be retrieved. As a result, we were unable to perform our planned testing of information technology systems and general controls relevant to financial reporting, and we were unable to test journal entries recorded during the year," said Capin Grouse in written statement. In addition, "[HHCS]' accounts receivable is carried at \$9,770,248 as of June 30, 2025."

[HHCS] was unable to provide an accounts receivable aging or a detailed listing agreeing to the general ledger, and "we were unable to determine whether any adjustments were necessary to the accounts receivables or the related revenue for the year ended June 30, 2025," said Grouse.

The auditors attributed the accounting difficulties to a "material weakness in [its] internal controls" of its finances.

The additional financial burden of higher unemployment insurance costs due to staff layoffs, combined with the reduced funding and limited available reserves, has made continued operations unsustainable. Despite efforts to address all of these challenges, HHCS decided that it can no longer continue operations.

"All remaining employees will be laid off in accordance with the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act as the organization prepares to close," Solon said.

In Feb. 2024, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, who has long served on the Senate's finance committee, sent a letter to the organiza-

tion's executive director David Sinski asking for more information about unaccompanied minor children that had seemed to have gone missing from HHCS.

"The organizations have received over \$9.3 billion in combined taxpayer funding from Health and Human Services [HHS] and yet have chosen not to fully respond to Congress. I won't accept further delay while children are at risk," said Grassley. "HHS Secretary Kennedy pledged to me that he will fully cooperate with the investigation and assure 'radical transparency' to protect these children," wrote Grassley in his letter to Sinski.

While founder Jane Addams was a volunteer and funded the organization's operations out of her own pocket, HHCS executives today are well compensated, according to its 2023 tax filing, which is the most current data available. Six of them, including Sinski, reported incomes of more than six figures.

Until May 2024, HHCS had been a part of the Heartland Alliance. That organization included Heartland Health, now known as

Tapestry 360 Health, a federally qualified health center.

While HHCS will be closing at the end of the year, Solon expressed her gratitude to all who have supported it.

"[We are] deeply grateful to the employees who dedicated their careers to its mission, the donors and community partners who made its work possible, and the program participants whose lives have been strengthened through its services. For 138 years, HHCS has worked to help individuals and families achieve stability, safety, and opportunity, and the organization proudly recognizes the lasting impact of this work," said Solon.

Police budget meeting Nov. 9

The 17th, 19th, 20th, and 24th District Councils are hosting a public meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, to give residents an opportunity to learn more about the Chicago Police Department's proposed budget and share their public safety funding priorities.

The meeting will be held at the Japanese American Service Committee, 5700 N. Lincoln

Ave.

The meeting will feature policy and budget analyst with the Better Government Association, who will provide an overview of CPD's proposed budget.

Residents will also have an opportunity to share their feedback directly with District Councilors.



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Police Beat...

Bad trip: Red Line smoking complaint, gun, weed bust

Maybe next time he'll wait until he gets off the train to light up. A Red Line passenger's complaint about a fellow rider smoking led to the discovery of a loaded gun and four hefty bags of marijuana, Chicago police said.

Aurelio De Jesus, 19, was riding a CTA Red Line train on the North Side around 5:30 p.m., Oct. 15, when another passenger became irritated that he was smoking, according to Chicago police. As the train approached Belmont station, the passenger alerted Chicago cops riding in another train car, prompting them to investigate, CPD said.



Aurelio DeJesus

When the train stopped at Belmont, officers stepped off and allegedly spotted De Jesus smoking inside another car. They ordered him onto the platform, where he "began behaving erratically and attempted to prevent officers from searching him," according to CPD.

That's when officers noticed a bulge in his waistband, which allegedly turned out to be a loaded gun. After taking De Jesus into custody, officers searched his backpack and found four generously sized bags of what police described as "suspected cannabis," CPD said Oct. 20.

Prosecutors charged De Jesus with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and possession of 100 to 500 grams of cannabis. Judge Shauna Boliker granted the prosecution's petition to detain him.

Man punched Red Line rider over pot smoking dispute, later attacked CTA worker



Joseph Haynes mugshot, center, and surveillance images of the Red Line suspect.

A man accused of punching a CTA Red Line passenger who asked him to stop smoking marijuana on a train allegedly attacked and tried to rob a CTA customer service agent at the Clinton Green Line station weeks later, punching the worker in the face while trying to take his backpack, prosecutors said.

Joseph Haynes, 37, was recently arrested in Naperville in connection with a separate domestic matter and turned over to Chicago police, according to a detention filing.

The first attack occurred around 1:14 p.m. on April 2 aboard an inbound Red Line train at the North-Clybourn station, prosecutors said. Haynes was riding with the 29-year-old victim and two witnesses when he began smoking marijuana, prosecutors said. The victim confronted him about smoking on the train, and the two exchanged words before the victim returned to his seat.

But Haynes continued smoking, with surveillance video showing him exhaling smoke into the train car, according to prosecutors.

They said he eventually stood up, approached the seated victim and punched him twice in the head and face, striking him in the temple and nose.

The victim pressed the emergency button to alert CTA personnel. Employees arrived, checked the train's doors and left, prosecutors said. Haynes then exited through an emergency door into another train car. The victim later went to a hospital and learned that his nose was fractured, according to the filing.

Investigators also tracked the suspect's movements and determined that a Ventra card registered to Haynes had been used to enter the CTA system on the day of the attack, prosecutors said. But when the victim viewed a photo lineup about a week after the assault, he identified someone else as the attacker. CPD released surveillance images of the assailant to the media that day and asked the public to help identify him.

The second attack occurred May 24 at the Clinton Green Line station, where the victim was working as a CTA customer service agent, prosecutors said. The station was closed when Haynes allegedly approached the employee booth, knocked on the window and asked to charge his phone. The agent, who was wearing a full CTA uniform, opened the booth's sliding window and allowed him to plug in his phone.

Seconds later, Haynes reached back inside, grabbed the agent's backpack and punched the worker in the face with the same hand, according to prosecutors. Haynes allegedly dropped the backpack, retrieved his phone and charger, then tried to take the bag again. The agent kept control of the bag and called 911.

After Haynes was recently arrested in Naperville and turned over to Chicago police, the Red Line victim participated in a second photo lineup and identified him as the attacker, prosecutors said.

Judge D'Anthony Thedford ordered Haynes detained pending trial. He is charged with attempted robbery and three counts of aggravated battery in connection with the two attacks.

Man gets 4 years for violent downtown robberies that left some victims unconscious

An Indiana man accused of participating in a string of violent robberies downtown and along the Mag Mile that left some victims unconscious has been given a four-year sentence. However, state law will cut his prison time in half.

It all started around 2:30 a.m. on July 6, 2025, when Michael Seawood,



Michael Seawood

25, of East Chicago, and at least one accomplice allegedly attacked a 52-year-old Loop resident in the 400 block of N. Lower Michigan Ave. The victim fell to the ground and lay motionless, suffering a broken jaw that required surgery to install plates, prosecutors said.

During the attack, a 28-year-old man visiting from Las Vegas attempted to intervene, prosecutors said. Seawood allegedly turned on the man, punching him and knocking him to the ground, where he also lay motionless. With both victims incapacitated, the robbers went through their pockets, taking cash and phones before leaving the area.

On August 1, 2025, Seawood and multiple accomplices allegedly struck again in the 100 block of E. Illinois St. in Streeterville. A 29-year-old man who lives nearby was struck in the back of the head and knocked to the ground, prosecutors said. The robbers took his phone, wallet, and other belongings.

The next day, Seawood and two accomplices allegedly attacked and robbed two brothers, ages 19 and 22, near Michigan Avenue and Lake Street in the Loop. The brothers, who live nearby, were walking south on Michigan Avenue when Seawood allegedly punched the younger brother in the face, knocking him to the ground and briefly rendering him unconscious. After regaining consciousness, the younger brother saw Seawood and two other men going through his pockets and stealing his wallet, prosecutors said.

The older brother told police that one of the offenders also hit him and knocked him to the ground, though he could not identify who struck him. Once he was down, Seawood and the others allegedly went through his pockets, taking his phone, cash, and cards.

Three Chicago police officers subsequently recognized Seawood as one of the robbers, prosecutors said.

Court records show Seawood pleaded guilty before Judge Ursula Walowski to three counts of robbery, two counts of aggravated battery in a public place, and one count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm. Walowski imposed four-year sentences on each count, to be served concurrently. He is scheduled to be paroled on Oct. 6, 2027.

Clerk was shot during staged robbery tied to nationwide immigration fraud scheme

A suburban Chicago man who organized hundreds of fake armed robberies to help people fraudulently obtain U.S. immigration visas has been sentenced to two years in federal prison. But one of the staged holdups took a horrible turn at a Bucktown liquor store when a purported robber accidentally shot a store clerk in the abdomen, critically injuring him, according to police reports.

Parth Nayi, 29, of Woodridge, organized and participated in the robberies from 2022 through 2024 at coffee shops, restaurants, liquor stores, and gas stations across the country, including in Chicago and its suburbs, federal prosecutors said.

Nayi recruited people to pose as robbery victims, paid store owners to use their businesses, coordinated and paid the people acting as robbers, and coached the purported victims through the scheme. Participants paid him between \$5,000 and \$30,000 each for the privilege of being "robbed," hoping to obtain U-visas, which are available to eligible victims of certain crimes who assist law enforcement. Upon making payment, the "victims" were told to be at a certain business at a certain date and time, officials said. The "robbery crew" arrived shortly thereafter.

The purported victims then sought certification from local law enforcement agencies confirming that they had been victims of qualifying crimes and had helped with investigations. After obtaining the certifications, the purported victims submitted fraudulent U-visa applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, prosecutors said.

Federal prosecutors said the "robbers" occasionally hit their victims, hoping to give the robberies an air of legitimacy. But things took a serious turn on July 13, 2023. That's when one of the "robbery crews" entered Bucktown Food & Liquor, 1950 N. Milwaukee, for a scheduled performance. Around 9:23 p.m., three "robbers," all masked and each armed with a handgun, entered the store and ordered five people inside to surrender their wallets, police said at the time.

As the phony robbery unfolded, one of the crew members unintentionally fired their gun, striking a 26-year-old store employee in the abdo-

men. He was critically injured, but he survived. The "robbers" ran out and jumped into a Kia that had been reported stolen from the 2600 block of W. Haddon earlier in the day.

After the robberies, the "victims" went to their local police departments to secure documentation that they were the victims of a crime that qualified them to apply for a "U-visa." That's an immigration status reserved for victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in an investigation or prosecution. Some relatives of U-visa recipients also qualify for special status and, in time, U-visa recipients may qualify for permanent residency.

Officials identified more than 100 people who "benefited" from being robbed, with most being of Latin and South American origin. A federal complaint identified 17 specific "robberies" for charging purposes.

Nayi pleaded guilty earlier this year to conspiracy to commit visa fraud. On Oct. 22, U.S. District Judge Mary M. Rowland sentenced him to two years in federal prison and fined him \$50,000. Five other people have also been convicted as part of the federal investigation.

Woman pushed 73-year-old man from CTA bus in the Loop



Charne Sisson, center, and surveillance images of the suspect.

A woman is charged with pushing a 73-year-old man off a CTA bus in the Loop earlier this month, causing him to dislocate his shoulder. The incident prompted Chicago police to issue a community alert, releasing surveillance images and asking the public to help identify the suspect.

At about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 6, the victim was exiting a bus in the 100 block of N. Michigan Ave. when Charne Sisson, 34, pushed him in the face, causing him to fall to the ground, officials said.

Chicago police arrested Sisson on Oct. 20 in the 1900 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. as she rode another CTA bus.

Judge Ankur Srivastava ordered Sisson detained Oct. 21. She is charged with aggravated battery of a victim older than 60 and aggravated battery of a transit passenger. Court records show she has a history of arrests for battery, but those have only resulted in two convictions.

Woman gets three-years for random downtown attacks, including at Macy's X-mas



Jada Betty is seen in a selection of her CPD mugshots.

A woman with a lengthy history of attacking people on the CTA has been given a three-year sentence for a series of attacks downtown last December — assaults she carried out less than 24 hours after leaving jail for attacking other transit riders.

Two of her latest victims were riding the Red Line. Two others were grandparents taking their grandson to a holiday lunch at the Walnut Room inside Macy's when they were attacked on a store escalator, according to prosecutors.

Jada Beatty, 27, pleaded guilty on Oct. 21 to aggravated battery of a vic-

tim older than 60 and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon before Judge Ursula Walowski, who imposed three-year sentences on each count. The sentences will run concurrently, leaving Beatty with a three-year prison term. State law will reduce that term to 18 months, with a further reduction for the 310 days of credit she has earned in county jail.

Around 10:10 a.m. Dec. 16, a 19-year-old woman from Orlando, FL, was riding a northbound Red Line train that stopped at the State/Lake CTA station. Prosecutors said Beatty boarded, stopped in front of the woman, and repeatedly struck her in the head with a wine bottle before getting off and boarding a southbound train.

Beatty then walked through the southbound train and struck a 32-year-old woman in the forehead with a glass bottle, causing what prosecutors described as a large, bleeding laceration. She then fled, according to the allegations.

About 30 minutes after the train attacks, a 63-year-old Elmhurst woman, her 66-year-old husband, and their grandson arrived at Macy's for a midday reservation at the Walnut Room. As the family rode an escalator to the sixth floor, Beatty wedged herself between the couple, prosecutors said. She struck the husband twice in the head with a wine bottle, grabbed his glasses, and threw them. When his wife tried to intervene, Beatty struck her in the face, according to prosecutors.

Chicago police officers found Beatty minutes later on the Wabash Avenue side of the Macy's building. While being driven to the police station, Beatty volunteered a statement to an officer, saying, "I did hit that b****," prosecutors claimed.

Beatty's record of attacks on public transit stretches back several years.

In Aug. 2022, she was charged with aggravated battery of a transit employee after throwing a full plastic Sprite bottle that struck a CTA bus driver in the jaw near the 3400 block of S. Martin Luther King Dr. She pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor battery charge the following year and received 12 months of social service supervision from Judge Michael McHale.

That supervision did not prevent another attack. On May 1, 2024, Beatty struck a 20-year-old woman in the face on a platform at the Roosevelt station, causing her to fall to the ground. Beatty was arrested at the scene and charged with aggravated battery of a transit passenger and aggravated battery in a public place.

The next day, she pleaded guilty and received a two-year sentence from McHale. With 366 days of credit for time spent on electronic monitoring and the state's standard sentence reduction, she was released that same day. Less than 24 hours later, police say, Beatty carried out the four attacks in the Loop that led to last week's guilty pleas.

Venezuelan men get six years for robbing three women in Buena Park apartment building

Two Venezuelan men have been given six-year sentences for robbing three women inside a Buena Park apartment building late last year. Jose Dominguez-Rosario, 19, and Deus Rojas, 20, each pleaded guilty to one count of armed robbery in connection with the Nov. 22, 2025 muggings, according to court records.

Prosecutors said the women were returning from a night out in

Ban yourself from the bandits

Gambling was once illegal in Chicago and Illinois, and it continues to be one of the most divisive and dangerous activities for those with addictive personalities. Only these days it seems to be everywhere, from big casinos to gas stations, bars and golf courses, right down to the very smartphone in your hand.

Illinois now preys on the gamblers and is home to 17 casinos, 14 active and approved sportsbooks, and a network of nearly 9,000 licensed video gaming establishments.

Last week the Illinois Gaming Board [IGB] approved a proposed rule that adds video gaming to the agency's voluntary Self-Exclusion Program for Problem Gamblers.

Video gaming terminals [VGT] such as slot machines or video lottery terminals, pose severe financial, psychological, and

social risks to individuals who develop an addiction to them. In places like Illinois and Chicago, where VGTs and electronic gaming machines are heavily proliferated across local businesses, studies estimate that hundreds of thousands of residents suffer from gambling-related disorders.

The IGB's new rule will allow people who enroll in the program to exclude themselves from the State's network of roughly 50,000 video gaming terminals through identity verification at video gaming redemption terminals while creating a framework for video gaming player accounts, cashless wagering, and responsible gaming limits.

Compulsive gambling frequently leads to draining life savings, maxing out credit cards, borrowing money from family or loan sharks, and facing eviction or foreclosure. The design of VGTs

encourages impulsive behavior, where players continually feed money back into the terminal in an attempt to recover prior losses.

The state will establish tiered enrollment durations, expand program enrollment channels, and

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establish a voluntary 12-month Marketing Exclusion List for patrons leaving the Self-Exclusion Program.

Addiction is closely tied to escalating anxiety, depression, feelings of hopelessness, shame, and intense irritability or agitation

when forced to walk away from the machine.

"Integrating Illinois video gaming into the existing Self-Exclusion Program is a gaming and public health priority," said IGB Administrator Marcus D. Fruchter. "The proposed rule will bring video gaming's problem gambling protections in line with those already in place for Illinois casinos and sports wagering and set clear guardrails as the industry moves toward digital payments."

While the city and state haul in a lot of tax money off the addicts, addicted individuals frequently hide their gambling habits, lie to family members about time and money spent, and withdraw from social obligations. Relationship Breakdown: The financial strain and breach of trust frequently leads to severe marital conflict, separation, or divorce.

Turn in those mail in ballots now

Any Chicago voter can file an application to vote by mail for this year's Midterm General Election.

But the deadline to mail in a ballot is fast approaching. By law, any ballot postmarked Wednesday, Nov. 4, or later cannot be counted.

If a voter places a ballot envelope in a mailbox near that deadline, they risk the ballot not being counted.

The U.S. Postal Service will not guarantee Vote By Mail return ballot envelopes will be postmarked the same day that you mailed it. Any ballot postmarked after Nov. 3 will not be accepted.

All qualified ballots properly postmarked by Election Day and received up to 14 days after (Nov. 17) will be processed and counted.

Voters may also return their mailed ballot to a secured drop box at any early voting location before Election Day.

Voters who request a mail ballot but would prefer to vote in person can surrender their mail ballot at any early voting location or their polling place on Election Day to opt for an in-person ballot instead. Voters are not allowed to vote twice, by mail and at an in-person location.

Precinct polling places do not have drop boxes on Election Day. Precinct election judges cannot accept mail ballots, and any ballots returned at precinct polling places will not be processed.

Calls for more transit safety, SAFE-T reform after CTA employee killed

BY SEAN REED
The Center Square

Following the fatal stabbing of a Chicago Transit Authority employee while on the job, one state lawmaker is continuing his call to reform the SAFE-T Act because the man who killed the employee had multiple previous felony convictions.

CTA janitor Julian Mobley was stabbed and killed while attempting to help a coworker defuse an argument at the Damen and Lake Green Line station on Oct. 8.

Chevazz Campbell, the man charged with stabbing Mobley, was on electronic monitoring for multiple previous felonies, and reportedly violated the requirements of his electronic monitoring multiple times before again violating them on the day of the stabbing.

Pennie McCoach, president and business agent of the Amalgamated Transit Union local 308 called for expanded security within the entire CTA during a news conference about the stabbing.

"We have sounded the alarm about safety for years. We have asked and pushed and demanded action, but reality makes one thing painfully clear. Whatever is being done is not enough," McCoach said.

The union leader said the CTA

needs its own dedicated police force, increased lighting and cleanliness, more fare gates to prevent fare evasion, and better maintenance of stations.

She said Mobley was the second employee this year on CTA

commit such a violent act and what needs to change to prevent another tragedy," Sheehan said in a news release.

Sheehan is co-sponsor on at least four bills he said would bring reform to law enforcement

"Chevazz Campbell had seven prior felony convictions, including aggravated battery, and violated his electronic monitoring conditions repeatedly. Yet, he remained on electronic monitoring at the time of the attack. We have to ask ourselves how someone with this history was still in a position to commit such a violent act and what needs to change to prevent another tragedy," State Rep. Patrick Sheehan said in a news release.

property to be killed.

State Rep. Patrick Sheehan, a 20-year law enforcement officer, renewed his calls to reform the SAFE-T Act, which among other things created a no cash bail policy and judge-determined pretrial release across the state when passed in 2021.

"Campbell had seven prior felony convictions, including aggravated battery, and violated his electronic monitoring conditions repeatedly. Yet, he remained on electronic monitoring at the time of the attack. We have to ask ourselves how someone with this history was still in a position to

in the state, including changing the eligibility criteria for pretrial release, further limit where and when people on pretrial release can leave home, and require immediate officer contact if a release is violated.

Keith Hill, president of ATU local 241, said the placement of 50 Cook County Sheriff's officers on CTA lines has had a positive impact on safety across the transit system where available, while Chicago Police Dept. efforts have been a waste of taxpayer funds.

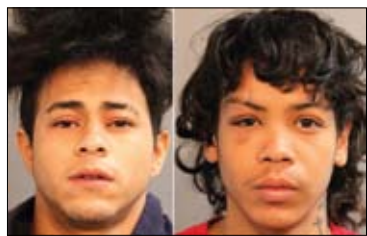
"That brought [crime] 30% down. We're not advocating to get rid of CPD. That money could

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the Gold Coast when they reached the front door of their apartment building in the 700 block of W. Gordon Terrace around 12:17 a.m. Unbeknownst to them, Dominguez-Rosario, Rojas, and an unnamed male juvenile had followed them inside.

The juvenile lifted his shirt to reveal a handgun tucked into his waistband and "shushed" the women, prosecutors said. Two of the victims handed over their purses, which contained wallets and credit cards. The third wore her purse across her chest, and one of the robbers cut the strap from behind. The group then fled with all three bags.

Because all three women had their phones in their pockets, they were able to call 911 quickly, according to



Jose Dominguez-Rosario, left, and Deus Rojas

a CPD report. Officers searched the area and stopped the three suspects near Lake Shore Dr. and Addison St. a short time later. None had a gun or any of the victims' property, prosecutors said, but all three women identified them as the robbers.

Several hours later, an officer handling a traffic crash on Lake Shore Dr. was approached by a citizen who had found a loaded 9mm handgun in the

3600 block of N. Lake Shore Dr., just steps from where the suspects had been arrested, prosecutors said.

Later that morning, another citizen found the victims' purses in the 4100 block of N. Marine Dr., about three blocks from the robbery scene.

Judge Aleksandra Gillespie sentenced Dominguez-Rosario and Rojas to six years in prison each. Under state law, their sentences will be reduced to three years. Both are expected to be released from prison on November 21, 2028. Details about the outcome of the case against the juvenile are not publicly available because Illinois law shields juvenile court records from public review.

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Lyric Opera to do youth tour this fall

This fall, Lyric Opera of Chicago's Opera in the Neighborhoods program will be out on tour with opera for young people.

"Earth to Kenzie" will be presented for schools and community groups across Chicago and the suburbs throughout October and November. The fall tour includes 11 student performances plus two public performances, reaching students in grades 3-6.

Composer Frances Pollock and librettist Jessica Murphy Moo had children in mind when creating Earth to Kenzie, a Lyric co-commission with Seattle Opera. The children's opera introduces students and families to Kenzie, a fifth grader with homework, asthma, and a vivid imagination.

When she and her mother have to move into a family shelter, Kenzie finds refuge in her favorite video game. A one-act operatic adventure, the show explores themes and conversations surrounding homelessness, technology, and overcoming obstacles to find a place in the world.

The show features soprano Brianna Murray as Kenzie, mezzo-soprano Angela Born as Kenzie's mother, mezzo-soprano Tzytle Steinman as Edwin, and baritone Samuel James Dewese as Teacher.

The full schedule has yet to be released. To reserve tickets and discover nearby public performances, visit lyricopera.org/kenzie.

Opera in the Neighborhoods education programs, has been introducing people to opera since 1994. This season, their partners include the DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center, Old Town School of Folk Music, and the Music Institute of Chicago's historic Nichols Concert Hall.

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CHICKEN: Congrats to **Joe Fontana** and Fry the Coop who took home the People's Choice Award at this year's Tender Fest. The team served approximately 8,000 pieces of fried chicken throughout the event at Navy Pier while connecting with fellow fried chicken enthusiasts.

ALL ABOARD: Union Station was the venue for designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh's** amazing display of fashion during Fashion Week 2026. She merged two of Chicago's most dynamic and inventive style combos, our historic fame as the nation's railroad center with our inventive elegance in couture fashion design. Bravo. Huge shout out to **Whitney Reynolds, Tina Gravel, Andrew Santos, Judy Lucas** and **Wendy Callupe**, crushing it on iHeartRadio getting prepped for Lauren's stunning fashion show.

TRAIN: The Illinois Dept. of Transportation is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate alternatives for modernizing the Metra Clybourn Station, located on N. Ashland Ave. and Armitage Ave.

RIVER TALK: Head to Sulzner Library in Lincoln Square 6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and hear **Chuck Betzold** talk about the last 200 years of history of the Chicago River. There is a lot more history to the river than you may know. No RSVP, just show up.

KING OF HEARTS: The 19th Annual King of Hearts Gala will take place Friday, January 29, at the Fairmont Millennium Park. Christ the King Jesuit College Prep will celebrate making a difference in support of the students of their school. This year's event will once again include a vacation raffle, silent auction, cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Help raise funds needed to positively impact Chicago's West Side and their students' college and career aspirations and showcase your partnership by becoming a sponsor of the Gala. To join the growing list of event sponsors, contact **Maureen Kelly** at (773) 413-3509 or email mkelly@ctkjesuit.org. To purchase tickets to the Gala, visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/QE6/#>.

KEEPSAKES: **Bobbi Panter** entertains at home, with **Sherill Bodine, Wynniss Mackie** and **Melissa Babcock** celebrating loyal friendships with vintage champagne gifted to Bobbi by Givenchy and brought back from Paris. That's what friends are for.

SUNDAY, GOWN: Des Plaines Theatre. Only three weeks away, Nov. 8, 3 p.m. **Denise Tomasello** invites you to come and see what gown she will be wearing. Free garage parking nearby. Tickets available at: <https://www.etix.com/.../denise->

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Honey Jacobs Skinner with Mung Chiang.



Carey Pinkowski, Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton.



Wynniss Mackie, Sherill Bodine, Melissa Babcock and Bobbi Panter.

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WHO'S WHERE: **Cardinal Blase Cupich** delivered a lecture in Fiera di Primiero, Trentino, Italy, commemorating the life and enduring legacy of **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin**... **Honey Jacobs Skinner** happy to meet Northwestern U.'s new President **Mung Chiang**, who brings engagement, energy and ambition to his new role... **Dan Balanoff** in Bloomington, IN, at Sample Gates for the Indiana football game... **Patricia Anne Treacy** and her violin kicked off the 2026 Historic Hotels Annual Conference in Colonial Williamsburg... **Mark Olley** and **Jeffrey Banks** dining at RL and looking swell... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** presenting her latest book "I've got your back" to Neighbors of Kenilworth, including **Cathy Bell Bartholomay**...**Eileen Murphy Donnersberger** at Dirty Nellies on the start of an Irish journey, lunch with daughter **Mary Eileen** and cousin **Mary O'Toole** in Bunratty, Co. Clare, happy birthday dear cousin Eileen... Congratulations to the first Latina Chicago DJ, **Irene Mojica**, you're one of the greatest Chicago DJs ever... **Mary** and **Steve Rigik** hosting all the **Rigik Family** for an Octoberfest at home with giant pretzels, schnitzel, bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, sachertort and Bavarian beer... **BJ Murray** in town and making a stop at Tempo Cafe, or as he calls it "The Office," but also celebrating a fun birthday gig at Storyville on Clark and Huron... Irish mar-

athoner **Edward Galvin** was in Chicago for the race with Team ASFP raising funds and awareness for suicide prevention... **Carey Pinkowski** welcoming former President **Bill Clinton** and former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** to Chicago following the marathon with daughter **Chelsea**... **Linda Robin** with family on a great Japanese journey... Incoming District 2 Cook County Board of Review Commissioner **Liz Nicholson** gets sworn in on Dec. 7, we'll be seeing lots more of her next year... Belated Happy Birthday to the great **Eamonn Cummins**, this we must celebrate... **Cliff Carlson**, publisher of the Irish American News, had a busy week showing Irish writer **Conal Creedon** around town... **Rosemary Fanti** at Cooper's Hawk Winery in New Lenox with **Susan Baldacci Pawlak, Nathan Angio, Norma Blocker, Joanne Swabowski Serio, Ann Wator** and **Louise Bertoletti Sanderson**... **Tom Hackett, Tom McGuire** and their gang of bright young things just returning from their getaway at Firefly Resort, delightful cottages beside Lake Michigan in Union Pier, MI... Maestro **Rich** and **Kathy Daniels** doing the pumpkin patch in Hobart, IN, at County Line Orchard... **Zurich Esposito** in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan... **Tim Weber** sipping Sundowner Chill, at ChillHop Cafe, on Chill Out Beach Party in Ibiza.

SERVICE CLUB GALA: The Service Club's 136th Gala, From Hollywood to Bollywood, was a colorful black-tie affair at the Palmer House, co-chaired

by Tina Gravel, **Munira Patel** and **Jenna Rummelhart**. Shutterbug **John Reilly** and music impresario **Army Granat** said "Cheers to a great Service Club event, congratulations to a fabulous team"... **Candace Jordan** declared it "A beautiful night"... **Contessa Bottega** declared "a wonderful evening, raising money for a great philanthropy"... "This is waaaayyyy more than a fabulous party—it's a philanthropic lifeline for dozens of Chicago's most deserving non-profits," observed **Cathy Bell Bartholomay**.

WHERE'S HANSEL? Gretel, the gastropub at 2833 W. Armitage, has it all. Fab creative vittles, great cocktails, oysters galore, two-story liquor display behind the bar, really exciting lobster bisque, perfect on chilly Fall day, the very best warm lobster roll and in house potato chips, divine fried chicken, and so much more. All this managed by the team behind Little Bad Wolf in Andersonville.

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Chicago brings together a world of talent during Cabaret Connexion

A multi-city celebration of cabaret, jazz, and cultural exchange features international artists, local performers, and educational outreach across the Chicago area starting today, Oct. 28.

From the intimate atmosphere of neighborhood salons to university performance halls and community cultural centers, the Cabaret Connexion Concert Festival brings a mix of international talent, musical discovery, and cultural connection to audiences throughout the Chicago region now through Nov. 8.

The festival celebrates the traditions of cabaret while exploring the many voices, histories, and musical styles that continue to shape the art form. Audiences can experience French chanson, jazz, Berlin Kabarett, contemporary performance, and concerts highlighting the diverse cultural experiences that make cabaret a powerful form of storytelling.

The festival offers the chance to revisit musical traditions, and experience live music in settings throughout Chicago and surrounding communities. For tick-

ets, visit www.cabaretconnexion.org/rsvp2026.

On Nov. 2, with a 6 p.m. meet and greet at DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, 4750 N. Western Ave., in Lincoln Square. This gathering is an opportunity for festival-goers to connect with artists and fellow music lovers in a relaxed setting.

On Nov. 3, French performer Isabelle Georges presents Oh là là ! at 7 p.m. at the Gateway Lounge of the Copernicus Center in Jefferson Park.

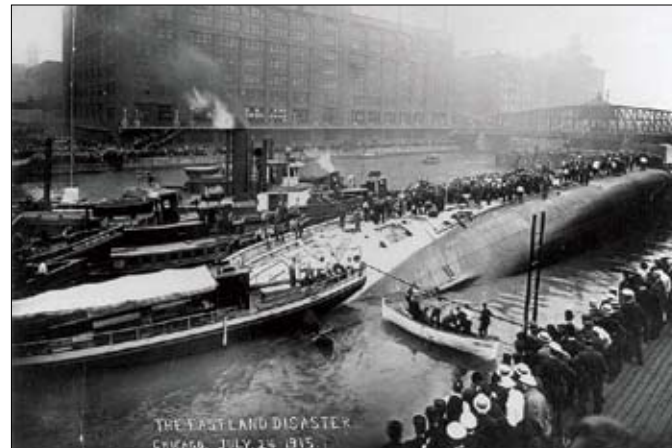
History and cultural heritage



take center stage Wednesday, Nov. 4, with A Brief History of Berlin Kabarett at DANK Haus. Featuring Anne Fromm, Thomas Kellner, and Johanna Paliege, and

special guest star Angelina Réaux (a protégé of Leonard Bernstein), the concert explores a distinc-

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(Left) Known as one of the most haunted places in Illinois, the Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S Michigan Ave. (Center) The Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton Plc. (Right) The site of the Eastland disaster. Photo courtesy Eastland Disaster Historical Society

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The southern edge of the park originally served as a massive city cemetery throughout the mid-1800s. During the Great Chicago Fire, all the wooden grave markers were destroyed — and their locations became lost to history.

One remnant of this macabre past is the limestone Couch Tomb, which still stands at the south end of Lincoln Park.

In 1998, construction workers digging in the park discovered human bones. In total, experts unearthed the skeletal remains of more than 80 people, including one 19th-century iron coffin.

Today, it's estimate that thousands of bodies may remain buried in unmarked graves throughout the park.

Congress Plaza Hotel

The luxurious hotel was built to help house the influx of visitors to the city during the fair, and quickly became the focus of rumors.

For instance, some say that mobster Al Capone and his cohorts ran their headquarters and even committed gruesome crimes there, although these claims have come under some scrutiny.

Mob rumors aside, if you find yourself spending the night in the South Tower, you might just run into "Peg Leg Johnny," the spirit of a man who was allegedly murdered in the alley behind the hotel.

The North Tower has its own urban legends. Hotel staff have reported seeing the apparition of a playful young boy on the 12th floor. He is believed to be the spirit of a child who, along with his sibling, was thrown from the North Tower by his mother. She, too, jumped to her death.

The most hauntings, however, take place in the infamous Room 441 at 520 S. Michigan Ave. Visitors have reported seeing the silhouette of a woman, objects moving around the room, or

lights turning on and off at random. The room is even believed to be the inspiration for Stephen King's horror story, 1408, about a haunted hotel room.

Site of the Eastland Disaster, Chicago River

Chicago suffered one of its most devastating tragedies on July 25, 1915, when the SS Eastland steamship capsized in the Chicago River, trapping 2,573 passengers on board.

The disaster occurred shortly after the Titanic sinking, when the lack of lifeboats on passenger ships came under scrutiny. A new regulation was passed to ensure enough safety vessels on ships.

Unfortunately, the addition of these lifeboats in the Eastland's case caused the already top-heavy ship to roll over in the Chicago River. In total, 844 passengers and crew members died that day.

Various Chicago establishments were used as makeshift morgues to store the recovered bodies. Many of these spots have experienced ghostly sightings, and are said to elicit feelings of general unease among visitors.

Reports of apparitions and unusual wave patterns also extend to the stretch of river where the Eastland disaster occurred between Clark and LaSalle Streets. Many of the victims are buried in the Bohemian National Cemetery on the city's North Side.

The Drake Hotel

The Congress Plaza isn't the only hotel in Chicago with a ghostly history.

Built in 1920, The Drake has long epitomized elegance and opulence, with illustrious guests such as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Queen Elizabeth II, Winston Churchill, Princess Diana — and a few forlorn ghosts.

Legend has it that the hotel is haunted by two famous women — The Woman in Black and the

Woman in Red.

The Woman in Black was a killer who shot a Chicago socialite inside her eight-floor suite at The Drake in 1944, but was never identified or apprehended. Today, a mysterious woman, dressed in black, is sometimes spotted on the hotel's eighth floor.

The story of the Woman in Red starts at the hotel's New Year's Eve gala in 1920. One of the partygoers discovered her philandering husband (or fiancé, depending on who's telling the story). In a frenzy of jealousy and rage, she takes an elevator to the 10th floor, and swiftly jumps to her death. Her ghostly apparition can be seen haunting the hotel's ballrooms and the 10th floor.

See if you can spot any spirits during Afternoon Tea at the Palm Court or, better still, book a stay at this historic hotel.

Graceland Cemetery

Built in 1860, Graceland Cemetery is the final resting place of some of Chicago's most notable individuals, like David Adler, John Kinzie, Potter Palmer, George Pullman, Marshall Field, and more.

However, it isn't an illustrious personage that causes a stir at the cemetery. Rather, it's a 6-year-old girl by the name of Inez Clarke.

The story goes that Inez was struck by lightning in 1880 while playing in the rain. Her parents memorialized her with a stone likeness on her grave. They added a glass box to symbolically protect their daughter from the elements that had so tragically taken her.

On stormy days, cemetery workers and visitors have reported the statue entirely missing. As soon as the storm subsides, however, the statue of Inez Clarke returns to its glass box. Many surmise that she leaves to once again play in the rain.

Site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre

In 1929, four unknown assail-

ants opened fire on a Lincoln Park garage where members of a North Side gang had gathered. Seven people were killed and the nation was shocked at the brutal crime.

While the killings technically remain unsolved, there's little doubt as to who was actually behind them — Al Capone. The famous gangster was in a brutal gang war with the North Side gang leader Bugs Moran, who managed to escape the hit. But for the rest of his days, Capone would

claim that he was haunted by Jimmy Clark, one of the men killed in the Valentine's Day Massacre.

Today, the garage has been demolished and nothing physical remains on the site of the massacre — though many claim that something supernatural remains. And you can still visit Chicago Pizza and Oven Grinder, situated directly across the street from the murder site. The brownstone that houses the restaurant is said to be the lookout spot used by Capone's assassins.



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APPENDIX

Evaluation of Meta’s Updated Terms of Service

As posted by Meta at https://www.facebook.com/legal/commercial_terms_preview, their upcoming terms will include the following passage:

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Examining this closely shows how specific elements would impact the McKinley Park News and our users:

“You authorize us (or any entity acting on our behalf) ...”

So not only Meta would claim the right to scraping our news away: It could be any entity, dis-

closed or not, supposedly authorized by Meta that could do so. Meta could sublicense and sell the right to scrape and steal from us to anyone they wished.

“... use automated software (such as web scrapers, bots, robots, spiders, crawlers, and user agents) ...”

Meta will sic their vacuum of inhuman automated tech against us, including AI training agents, to the detriment of our service’s speed and reliability.

“... and create test credentials ...”

This is code for Meta’s allowance to invade our all-human membership community with fraudulent AI agents signing up to spy and scrape toward whatever purposes they choose.

“... to access, index, cache, analyze, collect, retrieve, or crawl the domains, web pages, or URLs (and any content available through them) that are associated with your products or services, or that are made available through your or users’ use of Meta Company Products and services ...”

Meta states that because mckinleypark.news is “associated” with our separate commercial presence on their service, they get to take everything we publish on our own website — “any content” — and

store and use it on their service.

“... and to periodically pull updates from such domains, web pages, or URLs ...”

Meta will scrape and steal continually from us: This isn’t a one-time thing, and we’d have no control or understanding of how and when they’d dig into our server,

This is code for Meta’s allowance to invade our all-human membership community with fraudulent AI agents signing up to spy and scrape toward whatever purposes they choose.

platform and service.

“... in order to provide, develop, improve, research, and maintain advertising and business products ...”

Meta will create products based on what they’ve scraped from us: They will take our original local news and employ it in equivalent products that will directly compete against the McKinley Park News, whether from Meta or a third party to whom they’ve sold our content.

The McKinley Park News is not alone in our alarm about Meta’s new terms of service and note some others who have identified this issue:

• The Nieman Lab published “Meta’s new commercial terms will allow the scraping of news sites, legal experts say” on October 15, 2026.

• The “News/Media Alliance Statement on Changes to Meta Commercial Terms of Use” was issued on October 16, 2026.

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tive European cabaret tradition known for its wit, artistry, and social commentary.

French chanson enthusiasts will have an opportunity to experience musical history Nov. 5, at Piaf in Perspective. Featuring Anne-Sophie Guerrier and Angélique Dessaint direct from Paris, the 7:30 p.m. performance at l’Alliance Française de Chicago, 810 N. Dearborn St., to celebrates the legacy of French singer Édith Piaf.

On Nov. 7, offers two distinct musical experiences. The 2 p.m. matinée of Seasons for Connexion singers at The CheckOut, 4116 N. Clark St., Lakeview. While Old Town at 7 p.m. will celebrate the spirit of Paris’s famed Montmartre district to the Old Town Triangle Assoc., 1763 N. North Park Ave.

The festival’s final showcase matinée, Color and Light, begins at 2 p.m. Nov. 8, at DePaul University’s Holtschneider Performance Center, in Brennan Hall, 2330 N. Halsted St.

On Nov. 9, Homage to Cabaret Lapin Agile at PianoForte Chicago, 1330 S. Michigan Ave., offers a two-part tribute that begins with a solo piano performance by the acclaimed classical improviser Jean Claude Orfali, followed by Yves Mathieu, the late proprietor of the Cabaret Lapin Agile. The event honors the spirit of a historic cabaret tradition and the people who sustain its legacy.

Solo shows associated with the Connexion artists run through November. (The salon’s address for these performances will be announced closer to each event.)

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Commonly known as 1531 W Farwell Ave Unit 1N, Chicago, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-120-038-1007 The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$181,620.51 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1531 W Farwell Ave Unit 1N into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff, -v- Michelle J. Ricci; Michelle J. Ricci as Trustee of the Michelle J. Ricci Living Trust dated November 9, 2011; James R. Follett as Trustee of the Michelle J. Ricci Living Trust dated November 9, 2011; 900-910 Lake Shore Drive Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Defendants. 2025CH11303 900 N LAKESHORE DR UNIT 2303, 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 7/24/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the On-line Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 11/30/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on December 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 900 N LAKESHORE DR UNIT 2303, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-215-013-1391 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$248,551.27 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the prop-

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erty page at www.auction.com by entering 900 N LAKESHORE DR UNIT 2303 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AF-

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TER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC 6307945300 please refer to file number 14-25-07032. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-07032 Case Number: 2025CH11303 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. **13295488** 212121 -----

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HINSDALE BANK & TRUST COMPANY N.A. Plaintiff, -v- DENISE R. DYER, AS TRUSTEE AND/OR HER SUCCESSORS OF THE DRD6 TRUST, U/T/A DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 2024DK8437, DENISE R DYER, ROBERT G DYER, THE 401 EAST ONTARIO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

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2025CH05940 401 E ONTARIO STREET UNIT 2309 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 August 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 17, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 401 E ONTARIO STREET UNIT 2309, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-208-017-1188 The real estate is improved with a condominium. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and

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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 & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs 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-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff vs. DONALD KRUEGER; RASHAD WHITLEY; BRIAR PLACE CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant 25 CH 4728 CALENDAR 60 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 7, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-28-104-119-1001, 14-28-104-119-1008. Commonly known as 717 W. BRIAR PLACE, UNIT G AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60657. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 7242-216992 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13296574**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION The Huntington National Bank Plaintiff vs. The Huntington National Bank f/k/a TCF National Bank, a National Banking Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; 3600 Condominium Association; Andrew Mirecki; The Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Leszek Mirecki, deceased; Andrew Mirecki, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Leszek Mirecki, deceased Defendant 25 CH 12297 CALENDAR 59 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 30, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-21-110-020-1441. Commonly known as 3600 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 2019, CHICAGO, IL 60613. The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 25-026168 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13296211**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,

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ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-4 Plaintiff, -v- BRANDI HENSLEY, THE BERWYN CONDOMINIUMS, NFP C/O BOARD OF MANAGERS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023CH07059 5224 N WINTHROP AVENUE, UNIT 1B CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 23, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN: 14-08-210-025-1002 CKA: 5224-28 NORTH WINTHROP AVENUE UNIT 1B, CHICAGO IL, 60640 Commonly known as 5224 N WINTHROP AVENUE, UNIT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-210-025-1002 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$294,064.94. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the

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

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vs. DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DONALD SLACK, DECEASED; SHORELINE TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; LINDA CHAPMAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD SLACK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELIZABETH MADDEN, Defendant 24 CH 491 CALENDAR 56 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 23, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-05-203-011-1242. Commonly known as 6301 North Sheridan Road, #18A, Chicago, IL 60606. The real estate is: condominium residence. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, Illinois 60606. 312-346-9088. 23-17219IL INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13295880**

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Facing City Council grilling, Johnson administration suddenly announces gunshot detection ‘pilot’

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More than two years after Mayor Brandon Johnson deactivated ShotSpotter, the city’s gunshot detection network, despite opposition from his handpicked police superintendent, two-thirds of the City Council, and 70% of city residents, his chief procurement officer on Oct. 20 announced that the administration is “preparing to launch a pilot program to evaluate a range of violence interruption and public safety technologies, including gunshot detection systems.”

Sharla Roberts sent her letter to Ald. Emma Mitts [37th], head of the City Council’s Committee on Contracting and Oversight Equity, shortly before the committee held a hearing to question why Johnson’s administration has yet to deploy a replacement for ShotSpotter, even though the city completed a request for proposals more than a year ago.

Nobody from the administration appeared at the hearing to answer those questions. Aldermen expressed frustration with the lack of progress and skepticism about Tuesday’s announcement.

“Breaking news,” Ald. Matthew O’Shea [19th] tweeted. “The Johnson Administration notified WTTW they would begin testing



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a new gunshot detection system. Unfortunately, they didn’t notify or consult with the [Chicago Police Dept.] or [Office of Public Safety Administration].”

Ald. Raymond Lopez [15th] questioned the timing and sincerity of the announcement.

“The fact that he announced this today when City Council was poised to demand action is just a smokescreen,” Lopez said. “[Johnson] has no intention of acquiring any technology that catches criminals.”

When Johnson discontinued ShotSpotter in 2024, he described the system as “walkie-talkies on a stick,” arguing that it concentrated surveillance and aggressive police responses in predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods. Johnson pledged that any replacement

system would be deployed across all neighborhoods.

Critics of Johnson noted that ShotSpotter was deployed in neighborhoods where gunfire was most common and that installing gunshot sensors in areas with few shootings would be an inefficient use of resources.

Roberts said that the proposed “pilot program” would have a “particular focus on effectiveness, reliability, and privacy protections” and operate in six CPD districts. All six are on the South and West sides and previously had ShotSpotter coverage, raising questions about how the proposed rollout fits with Johnson’s 2024 criticisms and vision.

An observer who asked not to be named was also skeptical of Johnson’s sudden announcement,

suggesting that the pilot program could delay deployment of the gunshot detection system that the city’s request-for-proposals process identified as the best option more than a year ago.

The city received proposals from nine companies and had delivered its evaluations of the candidates’ technological capabilities to Roberts before last fall’s City Hall budget hearings began. During budget hearings one year ago, aldermen pushed for a contract to be executed. Now, with the 2027 budget hearings on deck, nothing has happened.

Since Johnson ended the city’s relationship with ShotSpotter following the 2024 Democratic National Convention, CWB Chicago has identified 95 cases in which shooting victims appeared to experience lengthy waits for emergency assistance in areas previously covered by the system. In some cases, nobody called 911 to report the gunfire. In others, callers provided too little information for officers to find the victims.

The delays may have consequences. About 21% of people shot in Chicago this year have died from their injuries, according to data maintained by Hey-Jackass.com. Among the victims in the delayed-response cases identified by CWB Chicago, the

fatality rate is nearly three times higher, at 61%.

On Oct. 20, Mitts, the head of the Committee on Contracting and Oversight Equity, expressed frustration with the delay, saying voters were “just coming up to me, asking me about we need to get ShotSpotter back,” the Tribune reported.

“We cannot allow a life to be lost, and we’re spending money everywhere else and not trying to save people,” Mitts said, according to the paper. “That is the most disgusting thing I’ve heard of.”

Mitts was among the majority of aldermen who urged Johnson to keep ShotSpotter active in 2024, at least until another system was identified and deployed. Much of the support for Johnson’s decision came from aldermen whose wards had never had ShotSpotter sensors, including representatives of some of the city’s safest and most affluent neighborhoods.

In the current election cycle, Chicago voters will see an advisory referendum asking whether the city should deploy a new gunshot detection system. While Johnson and his City Council allies fought to keep the question off the ballot, Tuesday’s letter suggests the mayor may already have a good idea how voters feel.

Today’s giant pumpkins are reminder of elephant relatives which roamed the Americas

BY PETER VON BUOL

Among the many firsts at the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893 was the display of the first-ever World Record Giant Pumpkin and which established the orange squash as a fall holiday tradition.

Giant pumpkins (*Cucurbita maxima*) and the closely-related pumpkins (*Cucurbita pepo*) are types of squash. Giant pumpkins are known for their large size and often reach a weight of more than 2,000 pounds. Last year, a new

world record pumpkin reached a weight of 3,156 pounds.

According to data released by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Illinois is the leading pumpkin-producing state in the nation, both in harvested acreage and production volume. In 2024, Illinois produced approximately 485 million pounds of pumpkins. Pumpkins are grown for food production and as fall ornamentals.

While pumpkins were among the earliest crops cultivated by humans in the Americas (possibly as long as 7,000 years ago),

they may have actually received help even earlier from a large now-extinct mammal known as gomphotheres.

Gomphotheres are an extinct group of prehistoric mammals that belonged to the order Proboscidea, which includes modern elephants.

While they originated in Africa, they were highly adaptable and were once found on all continents (except Australia and Antarctica), including North and South America. They became extinct about 10-12,000 years ago, most likely

after humans appeared in the Western Hemisphere. Before they became extinct, gomphotheres helped develop different types of pumpkins as they were about the only herbivore capable of eating them.

“They were the primary seed dispersers in their ecosystems. Proboscideans are and were responsible for the spread of plants and maintenance of these ecosystems,” said William J. Sanders, Senior Research Laboratory Specialist at the Museum of Paleontology at the Univ. of

Michigan. “Gomphotheres, like their elephant cousins, were probably hind gut fermenters. Not like modern antelopes and cows that have four-part, complex stomachs. Instead, they have a slow gut passage time and can eat all sorts of vegetation, in the process swallowing large seeds.”

“I tracked elephants in Mozambique two summers ago during the dry season and many of them were eating palm fruits and dispensing the seeds in a nice packet of dung, which is great for spreading palm trees around,” said Sanders.

While the living elephants Sanders studies are found in Africa, he believes gomphotheres would have had a very similar effect on their environments in North and South America.

“Hind-gut fermenters can extract nutrients from nutrient-poor plants. So, my guess is that gomphotheres did the same with all sorts of plants and plant parts, which could have included in the New World giant pumpkins. I am not so much of a New World proboscidean guy, so I wouldn’t know which gomphotheres were around at the right time. In Africa, the presence of elephants starting around 8 million years ago coincided with the beginnings of our own biological clade, the hominins. These were essentially apes that needed to come to the ground and move efficiently between food-bearing stands of trees or plants in wooded savanna and other partially open-country settings,” said Sanders.

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