

Above all things, do not tarnish
the honor of our infant city.
— William Butler Ogden



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Loop saw increasing activity and investment in Q3

The Chicago Loop Alliance's Q3 report highlights robust economic activity, with over 30 new dining and retail openings and a thriving arts scene.

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Downtown Chicago continued to show improvements in the third quarter of 2025, according to the latest report from Chicago Loop Alliance [CLA].

Their "State of the Loop" report for Q3 showed improvements in economic investment – with more than 30 new restaurants and retail stores open or opening soon, including the Gap Factory Store on State St. – and residential development, such as conversion of office space to residential units planned for 105 W. Adams, 135 S. LaSalle, and the Pittsfield Building at 55 E. Washington.

Art and cultural events continued to pack a punch, collectively generating more than \$514 million in direct economic impact, according to CLA, the membership organization tasked with attracting people and investment to the Loop. Lollapalooza attracted 400,000 people to Grant Park in late July and early August. Grant Park Music Festival welcomed 142,391 attendees from June to August.

"Late summer and early fall continued the year's trend of energy and investment in the Loop.



Crowd at the Lollapalooza music festival in Chicago's Grant Park.

Photo courtesy Shea Flynn

This report showcases how economic activity, cultural programming, and infrastructure shifts are shaping the Loop's next chapter," said Michael Edwards, CEO of CLA.

Theater performances attracted over 375,000 patrons, 11% higher than Q3 last year. Office occupancy averaged 57%, the highest number outside of Texas. And pedestrian activity on State Street in Q3 averaged 89% of 2019 levels, with weekend levels topping out at 116%.

Bigger picture city-wide, Chicago lost nearly 1-in-5 businesses between 2015 and 2024, translating to nearly 11,200 fewer businesses operating in the city. According to the City of Chicago's data portal, of the city's 98 neighborhoods, 80 lost 10% or more of their businesses. Mag Mile lost

41% of its stores.

Chicago had fewer businesses operating in the city in 2024 than during any year in the past decade, thanks to 19% of its businesses disappearing since 2015.

The city's business license data shows that the Chicago was home to 48,779 active businesses in 2024. That's the fewest during the past decade and 11,199 fewer than in 2015.

Among Chicago's 77 community areas, 38 reported losing more than one-fifth of their storefronts. There were 16 that lost at least one-quarter. The worst-off neighborhood was the Magnificent Mile on the Near North Side: 41% of its storefronts disappeared in a decade.

Yet according to reporting in

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Update: Sudler Property Management lawsuit vs your friendly neighborhood newspaper

Where we're at

This newspaper promised to keep its readers informed about the legal battle now underway over a lawsuit that grew out of our coverage of Sudler Property Management and the goings on at 175 E. Delaware Place, the building formerly known as John Hancock Center, a property whose condo association they manage.

In our original coverage on July 2, and then a July 16 follow up story, we published a story on issues related to Illinois Homeowners Associations [HOA], and examined Sudler Property Management and the 175 East Dela-

ware Place HOA in our coverage.

This coverage created angst at Sudler Property Management, and they sent this newspaper a letter, demanding an immediate retraction ... or else!

Coverage on condo and homeowner associations appeals to our North Side readership as a great deal of our readers live in buildings managed by co-ops, and homeowner and condo associations. Stories of troubles emanating out of these associations are not rare. In fact, one of this newspaper's regular writers - Don DeBat and his wife Sara Benson - wrote an entire book about the trials and tribulations of HOA governance:

"Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living (www.escaping-condojail.com).

On July 11, Sudler Property Management's attorney, Kathryn A. Formeller at Tressler LLP, sent us a letter supporting their client and demanding an immediate retraction, claiming an article we published contained "materially false and defamatory statements."

Well... 'or else' happened, and lawsuit paperwork showed up at our front door in late September, over two months after Sudler

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SHFT Behavioral Health in River North hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday.

Chicago's first mental health, urgent care for families opens in River North

SHFT Behavioral Health hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday in River North for Chicago's first urgent care model for mental health, claiming to providing same-day, in-person mental health support for youth, young adults, and families.

SHFT Behavioral Health, 730 N. Franklin St., is designed to fill the gap between emergency room care and ongoing therapy. The clinic offers same-day, seven-day-a-week care for ages 10–30, urgent mental health support in a non-emergency environment, and ongoing outpatient therapy and medication management.

Founded by Genia Yovankin and Holley Brandchaft-

White, their mission is to help young people and families can get mental health support "exactly when they need it," said Yovankin. "Far too many families face long waits or end up in the emergency room when timely care is critical. [We will provide] immediate, high-quality support without sacrificing continuity or depth of care."

The clinic requires one-time in-person consultations and follow-up coordination. The public is invited to stop by for walk-ins and appointments. An open house will follow 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. For more information, visit www.shftbh.com.

City announces new operator for Centralized Shelter Intake, Transportation, and Crisis Response program

The Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services [DFSS] has named nonprofit social services provider A Safe Haven Foundation as the new head of operations for the City's Centralized Shelter Intake, Transportation, and Crisis Response [CSITCR] program. A Safe Haven will assume operations by Jan. 1, 2026.

The program will continue to operate out of the existing CSITCR location, Garfield Community Service Center, located at 10 S. Kedzie.

The CSITCR delegate agency serves as the first point of contact for Chicagoans seeking shelter or in need of crisis response services in Chicago, as well as the manager of the City's real-time shelter bed inventory. They are longstanding social services leader serving more than 3,000 clients annually.

Services from this program are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and citywide. The program works in conjunction with a myriad of City partners and departments to assist with wellbeing checks, disaster relief, and in other situations where city residents may need connection to crisis resources, transportation, or shelter.

A Safe Haven supports individuals in crisis through com-

prehensive customized services including housing, case management, behavioral health, employment, education and more. DFSS has a strong existing partnership with A Safe Haven, which currently serves as a delegate providing shelter and housing services in addition to workforce services support.

"A Safe Haven is an outstanding pillar of support for our City's most vulnerable and is a proven leader in connecting the unhoused to the resources they need in order to recover and thrive," said DFSS Cmsr. Angela Green. "We look forward to this new partnership as we work together to strengthen and optimize the quality of service and supports available on the front lines of the City's homeless services work."

"We are especially grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the network of shelter providers and the Homeless Services team at DFSS who have been on the front lines of addressing homelessness in Chicago with dedication and heart," said A Safe Haven Foundation President Mark Mulroe. "With compassionate teams, innovative technology, and strong operational systems, we're

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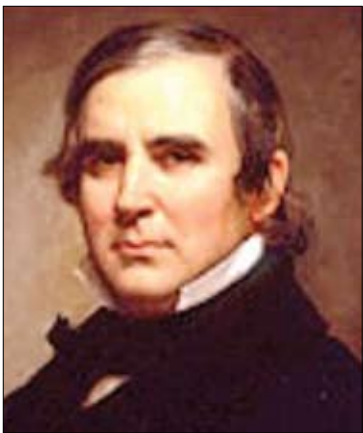
By Thomas J. O'Gorman

History has a peculiar way of revealing itself. It often relies on memory and accuracy in the reliability of its reportage. It also presses heavily on the gathering of facts, and the inescapable difference between hearsay and eyewitness accounts.

In many ways it's unlike the reporting of news items on social media. We've all been hoodwinked more than once. Unlike traditional journalism, online the marching orders are 'get it out there now, we'll correct it later.'

Real journalism is supposed to mean getting it right first, before you publish an item. Every reporter with a soul dreads the "correction."

So from now on unless I see something with my own two eyes, I will remain a "doubting Thomas."



William Butler Ogden died in 1877. The Chicago Tribune wrote of him: "No one else in the history of the city better understood its prime commercial position, and no one did more to influence the world to appreciate it."

Reporters need to be dedicated readers of history, embracing a wide swath of historical philosophy. Good reporters are aided in historical endeavors first by the gift of great memory. Then by a lifetime of travel, a lifetime of academic study, tall stacks of historical volumes (and not so historical), the natural disorder of being nosy, and the ability to synthesize facts and details.

This means always adding and subtracting to the great epic story history provides. And the efforts and writings of critical professional historians.

We are lucky to live in an age when the truth of history can be discovered with fair accuracy, thanks to dependable research and study.

The golden age of Greece and Rome shapes so much of human awareness. There's a great deal of myth and legend surrounding that period of analysis. We are still provided with details and a catalogue of intriguing human development and an assortment of philosophies unrivaled to this day.

It would take the serious invention of human literacy, the printing press, and the harnessing of electricity to provide the where-

withal to strengthen the pursuit of history for the masses.

How many pious monks catalogued the collection of written history between their prayers and devotions.

The effects of Republican democracies, like the United States, opened up a fresh age for history. And cataloguing it. American newspapers were enormous strengths as the 18th and 19th centuries witnessed the development and growth of the new nation. And catalogued the development of rural America. The expansion of American cities created settlements of substantive histories. Pioneers across our national landscape were building a nation like no other.

Chicago was front and center in that development. From a small frontier riverfront woodland beside a mammoth lake, a great development would rise. What a town it was in 1833 when it was first incorporated. And already growing when four years later, in 1837, it formalized itself as a city. With William Butler Ogden as Chicago's first mayor.

History tells us Ogden was a man of wisdom. A New Yorker not afraid to resettle on the prairie. One, now, of only two Chicago mayors not buried here. He's in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx.

Fifteen years ago, while working at City Hall, I carried a Chicago flag on my trip out East to place at the mayor's grave. Cemetery personnel were helpful finding his above ground tomb for me. None knew Chicago's first mayor was buried there following his 1877 death. He was Chicago's richest citizen and was skilled at real estate development and railroads. He shaped Chicago's historic rise on the prairie as "capital of the American heartland."

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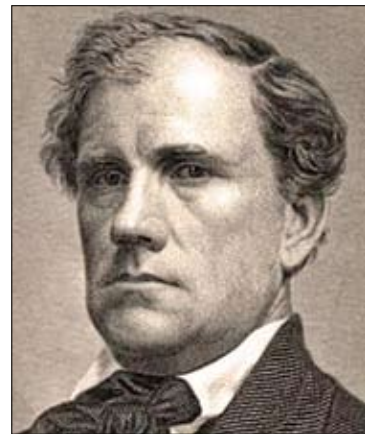
Chicago's political development was an important historic dynamic as it grew at a fast pace. Among those shaping that growth was Chicago's biggest mayor, "Long John" Wentworth. Our 21st mayor, he stood 6'-6" and weighed over 300 lbs. It is said he arrived in Chicago a Democrat and departed a Republican.

He dominated Chicago politics. And at no time more significant than in the nomination of Illinois lawyer Abraham Lincoln for President of the United States in 1860.

Wentworth was elected Chicago mayor as a Republican and used his political muscle in securing the city's very first National Nominating Convention for president. He constructed a huge convention hall known as "The Wigwam," that would welcome the nation's Republican delegates to town May 16 to 18.

It was a frightful moment in American history as the seeds and motions that would brew into Civil War were already sprouting.

Wentworth had one great goal, getting Illinois' Lincoln nominated for president. A tall order when Lincoln was the least



"Long John" Wentworth



"Long John" Wentworth died in October 1888. He had a 72-foot tall obelisk built, the tallest in the Rosehill Cemetery [5800 N. Ravenswood Ave.], to mark his resting place.

known among all the candidates. Far from the front-runner from New York, William H. Seward who had wide political notoriety.

Wentworth was convinced that Seward could not grab the nomination on the first ballot. He went to work calling on local politicians to use good old Chicago boldness

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Lawmakers approve \$1.5B transit funding package, using gas and sales tax increases

New tax increases to grow yearly with inflation

BY BEN SZALINSKI
Capitol News Illinois

State lawmakers approved new funding for public transportation agencies without large statewide tax increases previously proposed.

Instead, the measure would be fueled by revenue sources that currently feed the state's Road Fund and an increased sales tax targeted to the Chicago area.

The bill frustrated some lawmakers outside the Chicago area because of provisions that reroute money from the broader funding source of infrastructure projects.

The House voted 72-33 to pass Senate bill 2111 around 2:15 a.m. Oct. 31 with only Democrats supporting the plan.

"That system has been running on borrowed time," said bill sponsor Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado [3rd]. "Fragmented governance, uneven investment and post-COVID ridership losses have left transit struggling with unreliable service, delayed trains, canceled routes and a looming fiscal cliff that's threatening to derail it all without action."

The Regional Transportation Authority [RTA], Chicago Transit Agency [CTA], Metra commuter rail and Pace Suburban Bus collectively face a \$230 million funding shortfall in 2026 as pandemic relief money runs out. The funding deficit is projected to grow to \$834 million in 2027 and \$937 million in 2028. Without action in Springfield to plug that gap, the transit agencies have said they could be forced to cut services by 40%.

Republicans pleaded with the Democratic sponsors to pull the bill given the funding shortfall for the CTA wouldn't hit until the middle of 2026. But after more than a year of negotiations, Democratic leaders were ready to put the issue to rest.



Reps. Eva-Dina Delgado and Kam Buckner watch the House of Representatives discuss their proposal to reform Chicagoland public transit. The two led a House working group tasked with overseeing negotiations.

Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Adams

The Senate followed with a 36-21 vote in favor of the bill around 4 a.m., concluding more than a year of negotiations.

"We are changing our public transit system for the first time in five decades to be safe, to be reliable, to be accessible, to be integrated; making sure that we got the performance and we got the funding that's needed to make a system of the next level," said Sen. Ram Villivalam [8th].

The plan goes to the governor's desk without any of the controversial statewide taxes on package deliveries, streaming or event tickets that were part of previous bills. The House two days earlier had introduced a measure that taxed entertainment and billionaires' investments — ideas billionaire Gov. JB Pritzker quickly shot down.

The bill got back on track Oct. 30 following a day of negotiations between stakeholders, lawmakers and the governor's office.

Illinois expands property tax breaks for veterans to include World War II vets

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Illinois lawmakers in recent years have enacted significant changes to property tax exemptions benefiting veterans, including a landmark provision for those who served during World War II. These changes underscore our commitment to support veterans in Cook County and beyond.

The Illinois Property Tax Code makes veterans who served during World War II exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residences, regardless of their disability status. Those benefits extend to unmarried, surviving spouses of World War II veterans due to service-connected death.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities also qualify based on the severity of their disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. It's important for property owners to know about the exemption:

Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities

Those with a disability rating of 30% to 49% receive a \$2,500 reduction in their home's equalized assessed valuation [EAV]. Veterans with disabilities rated 50% to 69% receive a \$5,000 exemption. Veterans with disabilities rated 70% or

more receive a 100% exemption from property taxes on up to \$250,000 of EAV.

Renewal and Transferability

An automatic renewal of this exemption due to the COVID-19 pandemic has ended. Applicants must re-apply for the exemption annually. Surviving spouses can retain the exemption or transfer it to another primary residence after the veteran's passing.

Application and Information

Detailed eligibility criteria and application procedures are available on the Cook County Treasurer's website at cookcountytreasurer.com. Veterans and their families are encouraged to visit the website for step-by-step guidance through the application process.

This exemption is not just about financial relief; it's a testament to our commitment to honor and recognize the service of our veterans. By expanding access to property tax exemptions, we're providing stability and financial security to those who gave so much to serve this nation. These changes are meant to give veterans and their surviving spouses the benefits they deserve without having to frequently reapply.

As Veterans Day - Nov. 11 - approaches, I believe it's important to reaffirm our collective responsibility to support those who during this country's time of need answered the call to serve.

For information on property tax exemptions and to determine eligibility, visit cookcountytreasurer.com. Together, let us do our duty to honor and support our veterans.



Maria Pappas

How it's funded

The bulk of the funding, \$860 million, would come through redirecting sales tax revenue charged on motor fuel purchases to public transportation operations. Another estimated \$200 million would come from interest growing in the Road Fund — a state tax that is typically used for road construction projects but can also be used for transportation-related purposes under the state constitution.

The plan calls for raising the existing RTA sales tax by 0.25% points, to 1% in Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage and Will counties and 1.25% in Cook County. That tax hike will generate \$478 million.

Drivers of passenger vehicles on northern Illinois' toll roads will also have to pay .45¢ more per toll as part of a plan to create a new capital program for tollway projects.

It will also increase by inflation each year. That will raise up to \$1 billion annually, Marc Poulos, executive director of Local 150, told the House Executive Committee Oct. 30.

A coalition of labor unions that had generally opposed using Road Fund money for public transportation supported the latest bill.

"It is just vitally important that we keep 15,000 people in transit working," said Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea, who led the labor coalition. "Overall, it was a good bill that that we needed."

The bill also calls for 25% of the systems' revenue to come from fares. Historically, half of the funding was generated by the riders, but that requirement became un-

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Flooded Chicago braces for rising tide of insurance costs



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The once extremely profitable Illinois property-insurance industry literally is blowing in the wind and battling a rising tide of property damage because of worldwide climate change.

Billions of dollars in losses sparked by California wildfires and western states forest fires, and an explosion of giant hurricanes, which caused flooding along the Gulf Coast and Eastern seaboard are blamed for the lion's share of the losses.

So, why is Chicago being hit with a tsunami of property insurance rate increases? Our flooded basements, mostly caused by the Windy City's ancient sewer system, and the fact our city was built on top of a swamp are a major part of the problem. But should middle-class homeowners be forced to tread in foot-deep sewer water, and then be slapped with up to a 60% increase in insurance premiums?

One Northwest Side bungalow owner whose street's sewers failed, had a total disaster loss of \$19,488. Her insurance deductible was \$1,500 on an annual policy premium of \$2,084.

Her State Farm Insurance agent said: "Notice of a large premium increase likely will come in April of 2026, on the rollover date of your policy."

State Farm rates up 27%

Last July, State Farm announced an average rate hike of 27% this year on homeowner insurance premiums across Illinois, following a 12% increase in 2024.

"State Farm justified this huge increase as necessary to recoup losses from increasing damage claims it pays due to weather, wind and hail," noted climate specialist Rob Moore, director of flooding solutions and environmental health at the National Resources Defense Council. Meanwhile, State Farm claims it paid out \$1.26 in damages for every dollar it collected in premiums.

Basement flood costs

Here is a list of costs and insurance payments the Northwest Side homeowner - she is a widow with two college-age children - received to pay for the damages:

- Serve Pro cleaned up the basement flood water and debris, removed the bottom two feet of drywall and insulation, applied anti-mold spray to the walls and installed dehumidifiers. Cost: \$8,991.
- The flooded, aging furnace and failed central-air conditioning condenser outside had to be replaced at a cost of \$8,190.
- The water-damaged clothes

washer and dryer were replaced at a cost of \$1,505, and mold-filled air ducts were cleaned for \$575.

• A rusty sewer check valve on the front lawn, which possibly would have prevented, or minimized the flood, if working, was unfrozen and repaired for \$1,800.

Total insurance company payout to the homeowner was \$17,748. However, the widow put the furnace and air conditioning on her credit card because she was worried State Farm would not cover that loss.

Even without a loss, two Old Town resident investment-property owners were hit with the following hefty insurance-rate hikes from Auto-Owners Insurance.

• A vintage, brown brick 4-flat investor owner was hammered with a 59% insurance increase to \$6,500 from \$4,070 for exactly the same coverage he had in 2024—and with the \$10,000 deductible—even though the building has a totally dry basement.

The resident-owner of a similar graystone 4-flat investment property in Logan Square paid an insurance premium of only \$4,150 to Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for coverage in 2025. Deductible was only \$1,000. The coverage for the building, which has a dry basement, also includes the landlord's personal property.

Beware of vines

Last year, because one picky insurance agent said vines growing on the Old Town 4-flat building could impact future insurance rates, the owner spent \$3,500 to remove and haul away 44 contractor bags of vines.

The five-day job included digging out roots on the next-door neighbor's property, covering the gaps with freshly compacted soil, covering the dirt with heavy black plastic sheeting, and covering everything with river rock.

A vintage brownstone 6-flat owner was slapped with a 35% in-



(L-R) Gov. JB Pritzker and Rob Moore.



Our flooded basements, mostly caused by the Windy City's ancient sewer system, and the fact our city was built on top of a swamp are a major part of the problem.

insurance increase to \$7,220 from \$5,336 for exactly the same coverage, and even with a \$10,000 deductible.

Earlier, she also removed vines from the building, and spent thousands for tuckpointing, and a protective rubberized roof.

Allstate Insurance, headquartered in Illinois, like State Farm, claims wind and hail damage comprise 71% of the \$27.3 billion in disaster losses they paid out nationwide between 2012 and 2024. Homeowner insurance prices in Illinois rose 50% between 2021

and 2024, reports the Consumer Federation of America.

Insurance oversight needed?

State Farm's shocking price hikes prompted Gov. J.B. Pritzker to call for legislation that allows the state to review and approve insurance-rate increases before they go into effect.

"Illinois is the only state in the nation where insurers can set prices without state oversight," disclosed climate specialist Rob Moore.

The insurance crisis in Chicago revolves around a high-water table (the swamp), an aging sewer system, faulty check valves, foundation cracks, and gutters and downspouts dumping too much rain water into sewers or ejecting water too close to the property.

Across the nation the problem more often is flimsy construction and dwellings built in valleys too close to rising rivers.

"Alabama and North Carolina are issuing grants and other incentives to homeowners who build homes with stronger, better engineered roofs and shingles, that can hold up to hurricane force winds, similar to tornado winds in Illinois," noted Moore.

Those with the financial resources to do so, may also consider 'self-insuring.' That's what many wealthy residents of Florida do regarding to the high cost of buying hurricane insurance. Save an amount equal to the annual insurance fee in a dedicated account and save it for that rainy 'hurricane day.'

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

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Chicago woman charged with laundering large volumes of cash for Mexican drug cartels

BY CWBCHICAGO

Federal officials have charged a Chicago woman with laundering large volumes of suspected narcotics proceeds after a months-long investigation linked her to cash exchanges tied to Mexican drug cartels and Chinese cryptocurrency networks, according to a recently unsealed federal complaint.

Homeland Security Investigations arrested Xiao Mei on allegations that she coordinated a series of large cash exchanges in Chinatown and River North between February and July 2024. Prosecutors said Mei, described as a Chicago-based broker for a

Chinese money-laundering network, regularly used WeChat to arrange pickups of bulk U.S. currency from associates of drug traffickers and transferred equivalent sums to China through cryptocurrency and “mirror transactions.”

Investigators said Mei’s alleged activity fits into a broader system used by Mexico-based money laundering and drug trafficking organizations, or MLDTOs, to conceal drug proceeds.

In general, these groups purchase South American cocaine that is shipped through Mexico and smuggled into the United States, the feds said. They also grow, cultivate, cook, and process heroin, methamphetamine, and marijuana in Mexico, then move the drugs north for resale. The sale of these controlled substances generates massive cash profits that the cartels must move out of the United States and back into their own networks.

According to the federal complaint, a law enforcement source told investigators that Mei contacted them almost daily to handle large cash transactions, often expressing reluctance to meet “foreigners” alone. According to federal agents, Mei used the term “foreigner” to refer to anyone who was not Chinese.

In one exchange, the complaint says, Mei accepted a black bag containing about \$40,000 from two people in a white vehicle, then delivered the cash later that night to an associate near E. Erie St. and N. Wabash Ave. in River North. That associate allegedly transferred the equivalent amount to a Chinese bank account at Mei’s direction.

Subsequent monitored transactions detailed in the affidavit include a March 5 transfer of \$50,000, an April 5 pickup of \$100,000, and additional deliveries of \$36,000 and \$51,500 in

May. In each case, agents say, Mei used WeChat to coordinate meetings in and around Chinatown, provide cryptocurrency wallet codes, and direct conversions into Chinese currency or digital assets such as Tether. Investigators said multiple cash deliveries tested positive for narcotic residue during K-9 inspections.

The investigation culminated on July 15, 2024, when law enforcement stopped Mei’s white Porsche after she allegedly planned another \$80,000 transfer. Officers found cash inside a white fanny pack, along with two cell phones, and a K-9 unit again alerted to drug odors, the complaint said. Mei declined to make any statements to investigators following her detention.

According to the affidavit, an individual identified as “B,” who was seen handing Mei cash in Feb. 2024, later admitted to acting as a courier for a Mexican “boss”

and said they were paid \$750 per delivery to move drug proceeds between Latin and Chinese intermediaries. The cooperating witness in the case was compensated for assisting law enforcement and had no criminal history, the document noted.

Prosecutors charged Mei with money laundering and operating an unlicensed money-transmitting business.



Public program on Uptown Theater’s 100th year Nov. 15

Edgewater Historical Society is hosting a program 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, on The Uptown Theater titled “The Uptown: Chicago’s Endangered Movie Palace.” The program will be held at the Edgewater Branch, Chicago Public Library Betty A. Barclay Community Room, 6000 N. Broadway.

Authors Robert Loerzel and James A. Pierce will talk about their new book on the history of the Uptown Theatre, which opened 100 years ago.

One of America’s largest and most lavish movie palaces, it’s been vacant and unused for more than 40 years. Their book, published by Chicago’s CityFiles Press, offers a look inside the building, gathering the work of a dozen contemporary photographers with vintage blueprints, renderings, programs and iconic photographs.

“The Uptown” tells the history of this theater that was “built for all time,” using original records and firsthand accounts to tell a story of dreamers, a changing neighborhood, and a nation stepping into a new world. As they offer their insights into the building’s past and potential, Loerzel and Pierce will share views of the Uptown throughout its ten decades.

Loerzel and Pierce will also be selling and signing a limited quantity of books. The book can also be purchased at www.cityfilespress.com.

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Police Beat...

Armed burglars targeting work vans across North Side, downtown

Chicago police are warning business owners and contractors about armed men who disguise themselves as construction workers to break into work vans across downtown and North Side neighborhoods.

In a community alert issued last night, CPD said the burglaries occurred over the past week while workers were inside buildings completing construction or maintenance jobs. In one incident, police said an offender pointed a short-barreled rifle at a victim who confronted the thieves.

The crew breaks van windows to steal expensive tools from inside the vehicles, police said. When breaking windows doesn't allow access to the tools, the crew uses saws to cut the vehicle's locks.

CPD linked the crew to break-ins at the following locations: 600 block of W. Lake St., between 7:00 and 10:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24; 300 block of W. Kinzie St., between 9:30 and 10:10 a.m. Oct. 24; 200 block of E. Pearson St., about 7:45 a.m. Oct. 24; 400 block of N. Rush St., between 5:40 and 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27; 2100 block of N. Cleveland Avenue, about 8:57 a.m. Oct. 27; 2700 block of W. St. Georges Court, between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. Oct. 27; 500 block of W. Addison St., between 6:30 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28; 1000 block of N. Rush St., about 6:06 a.m. Oct. 28; 400 block of N. Rush St., between 7 and 9 a.m. Oct. 28; 1900 block of N. Cleveland Avenue, about 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, and on the 500 block of W. Hobbie St., between 7:30 and 11:10 a.m. Oct. 29.

Police described the offenders as two to four Black men, approximately 30 to 40 years old, between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet 2 inches tall. They typically wear all-black clothing and sometimes don fluorescent work vests to blend into construction environments.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com using reference number 25-CWP-032.

Rogers Park woman charged in South Loop Wingstop shooting

A Rogers Park woman is facing felony charges in connection with a shooting that wounded another woman outside a South Loop restaurant earlier this week.



Shaquita Brown

Shaquita Brown, 39, is charged with aggravated battery by discharging a firearm, Chicago police said. She is scheduled to appear in court for a detention hearing on Friday afternoon, when additional details about the allegations are expected to be released.

The shooting occurred around 1:25 p.m. Oct. 28 outside a Wingstop restaurant at 500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Officers in the area heard gunfire and quickly found the injured woman.

The victim, believed to be between 20 and 25 years old, had been involved in a verbal altercation with another woman outside the business when the confrontation turned violent. The other woman, allegedly Brown, pulled out a gun and opened fire, striking the victim in the right knee and right calf.

Responding officers applied a tourniquet to reduce blood loss before paramedics transported the woman to Stroger Hospital, where she was listed in fair condition.

Witnesses told police the shooter fled in a black Toyota SUV, which was last seen possibly driving north on Canal St. after the attack.

Gunman seen leaving Roosevelt CTA station before shooting man in the Loop

The gunman who shot a man walking in the Loop Oct. 29 was seen emerging from the Roosevelt CTA station with a gun in his hand moments before the attack, according to police. Investigators are now trying to track him down.

Chicago police said a 32-year-old man told officers he was walking in the 1100 block of S. State St. around 9:05 p.m. when another man approached and fired several shots, striking him twice in the back. Witnesses flagged down a passing patrol car to help the wounded man.

He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he is listed in critical condition.

An officer who reviewed surveillance footage said the gunman was seen exiting the CTA station with a gun visible in his hand shortly before the shooting. There was conflicting information about where he went afterward—either back into the train station or into a waiting SUV.

The video reportedly showed the gunman as a Black man in his 20s, wearing black pants and a red jacket with black zippers.

Oct. 29th's victim is the eighth person shot in the Loop this year, compared with 11 by this time in 2024 and 14 in 2023. While still higher than the four victims recorded as recently as 2019, the figure marks a notable improvement from the pandemic years, when 25 people had been shot in the Loop by this time in 2021 and 35 in 2022.

One man acquitted, another convicted of murder in River North nightclub shooting

Two men accused in the 2019 shooting deaths of a River North nightclub bouncer received sharply different jury verdicts this week, more than six years after the shooting.

Prosecutors said the altercation originated in late Feb. 2019 when Michael Matthews became angry about how the doorman patted him down at Sound-Bar, 226 W. Ontario St. About a week later, Matthews returned with Armond Williams, a licensed concealed-carry holder, and confronted 28-year-old doorman Thurman Bailey and other staff members at the club's entrance.

An argument quickly escalated, with Williams allegedly punching Bailey, prompting Bailey to pull out a gun. Prosecutors said Williams responded by drawing his own weapon and firing four shots before handing the gun to another man, identified as Jon Poole. Prosecutors claimed Poole fired nine more rounds, striking Bailey multiple times and wounding club owner Mark Jurczyk.

Bailey managed to return fire before collapsing, but none of his shots struck anyone, according to police and prosecutors.

Williams, now 43, pleaded guilty to murder in Oct. 2019 and was sentenced by Judge Peggy Chiampas to



John Poole, left, and Michael Matthews.

20 years in prison.

Matthews, 47, who prosecutors said did not fire a gun, was charged under Illinois' "felony murder" law, which allows for a murder charge if someone is killed during the commission of another felony. In this case, the other felony was forcible mob action.

This week, both Matthews and Poole, 41, put their fate in the hands of a jury. The panel acquitted Matthews of murder but found him guilty of felony mob action, according to court records. Poole was convicted on all charges, including six counts of murder and one count of mob action.

Both men remain detained pending sentencing while Chiampas fields post-trial motions.

CPD's superintendent at the time, Eddie Johnson, closed Sound-Bar under the city's summary closure ordinance. It ultimately reopened after developing a "nuisance abatement plan."

Woman, 65, stabbed during random attack in West Ridge

A 65-year-old woman was stabbed early on Oct. 29 while taking out her garbage behind her West Ridge home, Chicago police said.

The attack occurred around 1:22 a.m. in the 6200 block of N. Fairfield Ave. Police said the woman was in the alley behind her residence when a man dressed in black approached her, pulled out a sharp object, and attacked her without warning.

The victim told officers the man, described as a Black male wearing black pants and a black jacket, cut her on the temple and left forearm before running away.

Chicago Fire Dept. paramedics treated the woman at the scene before taking her to Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, where she was listed in good condition.

Man charged with dragging woman from SUV during Old Town carjacking

A West Side man has been charged with carjacking a woman near a busy intersection in Old Town earlier this year. Chicago police found the victim's car on fire just minutes after the hijacking occurred around 2:41 a.m. April 26.



Tyron Rivera

Judge Luciano Panici Jr. detained Tyron Rivera, 32, on one count of vehicular hijacking.

According to prosecutors, a 36-year-old woman was seated in her car in the 1600 block of N. LaSalle St. when Rivera approached and pointed an object she believed was a firearm. The object turned out to be a phone, prosecutors said. Rivera then violently pulled the woman from her car and drove off in her white 2025 Honda SUV.

The hijacking was captured on video, which helped police identify Rivera. A CPD report said investigators found evidence that Rivera had "communication" before, during, and after the hijacking with an unidentified accomplice.

About 10 minutes later, 911 callers reported a vehicle on fire in the 1700 block of N. Vine St. — about three-quarters of a mile west of LaSalle. It turned out to be the woman's SUV, according to the police report.

Counter-jumping thief stealing narcotics from North Side pharmacies, fleeing on e-scooter

Chicago police are warning North Side pharmacies to be on alert after a man repeatedly jumped pharmacy counters to steal bottles of narcotics, fleeing each time on a black electric scooter.

According to a community alert issued by the department on Nov. 2, the thief targeted at least seven pharmacies in October, with incidents stretching from Lakeview to Rogers Park. Police said the man enters each business, leaps over the counter, grabs several bottles of narcotics, and quickly escapes.

The first three thefts occurred on Oct. 1 within a 30-minute span: around 1:30 p.m. in the 1200 block of W. Devon Ave., 1:53 p.m. in the 6500 block of N. Sheridan Rd., and 2 p.m. in the 5300 block of N. Broadway.

Four more thefts followed later in the month. On Oct. 5, the suspect struck around 4:30 p.m. in the 3000 block of N. Broadway. On Oct. 22, he hit two locations on the North Side: around 9:47 a.m. in the 1500 block of W. Devon Ave. and at 10:20 a.m. in the 5600 block of N. Ridge.



A surveillance image of the thief provided by CPD.

He struck again in the 1500 block of W. Devon Ave. on Oct. 24 at 1:22 p.m., according to the alert.

Police described the suspect as a man wearing black and white shoes. In some cases, he wore an orange zip-up sweatshirt and has also been seen wearing camouflage pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com using reference number P25-3-047.

The victim later identified Rivera in a photo lineup as the man who carjacked her and CPD officers recently located and arrested Rivera to face charges.

Paroled Friday, arrested Saturday for burglarizing North Side home

We've covered plenty of stories about people who get arrested again while on parole, but Gilberto "Big O" Valensuela might have set a new speed record.



Gilberto Valensuela

The 36-year-old, a three-time convicted auto thief, was released from the Lincoln Correctional Center on Oct. 24. By the morning of Saturday, Oct. 25, he was back in custody, arrested in Albany Park for residential burglary while still carrying his freshly issued parole paperwork, according to a Chicago police report.

Around 9:30 a.m., CPD responded to a burglary in progress call in the 4100 block of N. Kimball Ave. Officers found a broken window, blood around the front door handle, and a large metal pipe on the porch, prosecutors said in a detention filing. As one of the home's residents came downstairs to let the police in, she spotted Valensuela hiding in a dark corner at the bottom of the staircase, according to the filing.

"There's someone here! He's laying on the floor by the door!" she screamed.

An officer entered with his gun drawn and ordered Valensuela to raise his hands. He complied.

Valensuela allegedly told police his girlfriend told him to break in, and that he first tried to smash the window with his foot before switching to the pipe found nearby. His left hand was bleeding.

He also allegedly told officers that "Gangbangers were shooting at me, that's why I went in," and "They told me to go in there." None of the residents, who are all related, had ever seen him before, police said.

When officers searched Valensuela, they found his parole discharge paperwork, which included a notice reminding him: "You shall not violate any criminal statute of any jurisdiction during the parole or release term."

Judge Shauna Boliker granted the state's petition to detain him. Corrections officials are also reviewing his parole status in light of the new allegations.

Laugh Factory manager charged with assaulting Border Patrol agent during Lakeview 'kidnapping'



Federal agents arrest Nathan Griffin in Lakeview on Oct. 24.

The manager of the Laugh Factory comedy club in Lakeview is facing federal assault charges after allegedly closing a car door on a U.S. Border Patrol agent's leg on Oct. 24. While social media users, including the manager's mother, called the incident a "kidnapping," an FBI agent, citing body camera footage, tells a different tale.

According to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI, Nathaniel Griffin was arrested near the intersection of Belmont and Broadway, where federal agents were searching for a body camera that may have fallen during an earlier immigration enforcement arrest in the area.

An FBI agent who reviewed Border Patrol body camera footage said one of the agents, who has about five years of service, was sitting in the front passenger seat of an unmarked vehicle when he began to step out.

"After placing his right leg outside of the vehicle, [the agent] felt pain and pressure on his leg, and saw an individual, later identified as Griffin, outside of his door, forcibly trying to close the door," the complaint states.

When agents tried to detain Griffin, he "refused to let go of the vehicle's door handle and a nearby scaffolding and passively resisted being taken into custody," according to the filing. The Border Patrol agent sustained a "small gouge and scrapes on his right leg," the complaint said, and a photo of the alleged injury was included in court records.

Body camera footage captured Griffin saying, "I didn't assault anybody... Shutting a door isn't a f***** crime," according to the FBI's account.

Griffin's mother, who was visiting from out of town, witnessed

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Quick Bite devastated after uninsured driver destroys building

Local family business closed due to reckless, uninsured driver

In the late evening on Oct. 3, a vehicle driving southbound on Western Ave. approaching Foster Ave. lost control and collided with Quick Bite Restaurant.

The vehicle was occupied by several individuals, some of whom left the scene of the accident before talking with police. One was transported to the hospital, another self-admitted later.

The worst victim of their selfish actions is that they left a local storefront business decimated and without the ability to operate.

Quick Bite opened in 1990 by brothers Tom and Pete Athanasakos. It has been serving the local community quality gyros, hot dogs, burgers, and fries for nearly four decades. A staple for working class individuals passing by and a local favorite to many in the Lincoln Square area. Today, the restaurant is not able to operate because of the damage.

Every day that passes is another without any revenue that can support the business. In a retail storefront business such as this, every day that is lost by such an incident can never be made up. But bills still pile up, workers need to get paid, and the building needs to be rebuilt.

As of now, they are awaiting updates from police on the progress of the case and structural engineers before re-building can even begin. Every day that passes is another without any revenue that can support the business. In a retail storefront business such as this, every day that is lost by such an incident can never be made up. But bills still pile up, workers need to get paid, and the building needs to be rebuilt.

The most complicated matter is that the driver supposedly had



Quick Bite restaurant, 5155 N. Western Ave., was opened in 1990 by brothers Tom and Pete Athanasakos. It had been serving the local community quality gyros, hot dogs, burgers, and fries for nearly four decades until it was forced to shut down last month when an uninsured motorist crashed into the front of their building, leaving it severely damaged and unusable.

no insurance, meaning that the restaurant owner's own insurance will have to pay for the damage and construction. Quick Bite had its own insurance, but will still have to cover deductibles and it will not replace lost revenue for being forced to close.

Local residents and patrons have started a GoFundMe to support the rebuild and lost revenue.

They are reaching out to help spread the news and share an update, hoping that many can share the URL below which links to the fundraiser.

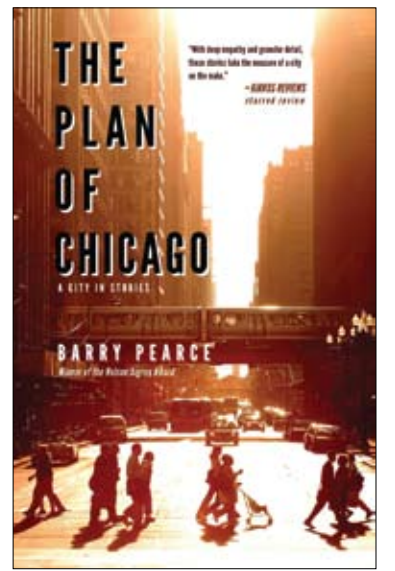
Anything will help these people get back open again, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/quick-bites-lincoln-square-needs-support>.

The Plan of Chicago book release Nov. 15

Chicago Author Barry Pearce will hold a book release for his collection of short stories, "The Plan of Chicago: A City in Stories," from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. The event will include a short reading, books for sale, and live music by The Boils.

Chicago Magazine recently dubbed Pearce as "The Modern Algren" after famous Chicago novelist Nelson Algren, the first winner of the National Book Award. They stated that the comparison is because of the way Pearce chronicles the city's gritty streets and back alleys and because the author won the grand prize in the Chicago Tribune's Nelson Algren Literary Awards a few years ago.

The book is comprised of nine linked stories set in nine labelled Chicago neighborhoods, and includes immigrant characters from Poland, Mexico, Ireland, Somalia, and elsewhere, who work as housepainters, taxi drivers, sketch artists, and scam artists – often exploited by or exploiting others to make it in this



city. Chicago features heavily in these characters' plans.

Pearce's parents immigrated to the U.S. and settled on the South Side of Chicago, where he grew up with six siblings. He graduated from Northwestern Univ. In addition to the Nelson Algren Award Grand Prize, he has won a City of Chicago Individual Artists Program grant, an Illinois Arts Council Award, and The Mercedes Delos Jacobs Book Prize.

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to save the day for Lincoln. No detail was left unattended.

After the first ballot Seward had 173 votes to Lincoln's 102. They were clearly the contenders leading the second ballot. This would continue until Lincoln reach the required 273 votes.

Apparently when delegates arrived at the Wigwam, many had their credentials for admission deemed unacceptable. Mayor Wentworth, it was later discovered, had counterfeit credentials created to generously fill the convention hall with Lincoln supporters. It would permit Lincoln to receive the nomination, soon becoming the 16th U.S. President. Seward would be his choice as Secretary of State.

Lincoln would go on to save the Union during the Civil War. There are folk who would chastise Chicago's Mayor for his fiddling with history. But without Lincoln in the White House, the nation could have been lost as we know it.

Wentworth was the ultimate political pragmatist who would outlive the martyred president by 23 years. Important history as we ready to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary.

THE CLINK: Not looking Lincoln-like at all, a federal grand jury in Chicago has indicted six of the usual suspects for allegedly forcibly impeding and interfering with a federal agent who was engaged in immigration enforcement operations last month. The indictment includes a conspiracy charge against all of the perps arising out of the incident. Charged with conspiracy to impede a U.S. law enforcement officer and individual counts of impeding a U.S. law enforcement officer are **Michael Rabbitt, Katherine Marie Abughazaleh, Andre Martin, Catherine Sharp, Brian Straw, and Joselyn Walsh**. Arraignments are scheduled for Nov. 5, before U.S. Magistrate Judge **Heather K. McShain**. U.S. Attorney **Andrew S. Boutros** announced the charges along with **Douglas S. DePodesta**, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Field Office of the FBI. We're going to see some perp walks and steep legal bills.

GET WELL: Two newspaper staffers are taking time off now for health reasons... wishing **Bob Zuley** and **Peter von Buol** both a speedy recovery. They'll be back soon, penning stories and making public officials sweat.

TREATS: Many thanks to **Gregory J. Lindeman** and Explore Irving Park Chicago who presented the annual Trunk or Treat Event hosted by Midtown Funeral Home on Sunday Oct 26. It was very well received by the community.

NORTHWESTERN: **Kathleen Hagerty**, the University's chief academic officer overseeing educational priorities and initiatives plans to retire at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 academic year.

OVERDUE: Congrats to the Chicago Public Library Foundation on its exciting night saluting authors. Proud to see Chicago Tribune friends **Melissa Harris, Heidi Keibler Stevens, and Mary Schmich** there. Dinner followed at 6-week old Ithaki Estiatorio, 314 S. Halsted.

PREP NEWS: **Mary Dempsey**, DePaul Prep President, welcomed more than 170 major gift donors to the annual President's Reception to thank them for their generosity at the President's Circle level to the Fund for Excellence and the One Dream, All In capital campaign.

CHAD WILLETTS: **Barb Bailey** reminds us to save the dates Nov. 22 and Nov 23. Le Piano in Rogers Park will honor its late owner, **Chad Willetts**. It's a combination of Le Piano's 7th Anniversary Party and a celebration of Chad's life. Come and sing a song and/or tell a story about a favorite memory of Chad.

WHO'S WHERE: The Honorable **Charles Beach** has been elected the next Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County... Congrats to **Mark Munizzi**, honored with admission to the 16" Softball Hall of Fame, bro of everyone's favorite **Pam Munizzi**. This newspapers' senior reporter **Don Debat** - also a softball Hall-of-Famer - was there to wish Mark well... **Julia Jacobs** doing parents weekend at Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles where son, **Draedyn**, is a student... **Karen Conti**, WGN Radio legal expert,

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

at the reopening of the Museum of Broadcast Communications with board member, **Andrea Darlas**, and the museum's President and WGN Radio host, **Dave Plier**... **Brian Roddy** is in Langlade, WI... Oct. 19 was a historic day at Fourth Church with the installation of the **Rev. Camille Cook Howe** as Pastor... **Carolyn Richter** and **Martha Hartman Gray** at Tate's Bakeshop in South Hampton, NY... **Blase Foria** angry at the Harlem Irving Plaza being boxed in by an incompetent driver, but limber enough to be seen climbing over the seat... On the D-Day beaches of Normandy, **Patricia Bidwill** photographs a rainbow above Omaha Beach... World explorer **Sean Hammond**, in Bali, decided to investigate the craze of paddleball... **Curt Rose** in Sister Bay, WI for Fall Festival with family... **Dan Balanoff** on day four of his "Walk the Block" initiative. He's been out in Lake View, knocking on doors, meeting local residents of the 8th Subcircuit, after watching the Indiana U. game with **Bob Balanoff** at M Bar, happy they won... Congratulations to **Myra** and **John Reilly** on the birth of their 10th great grandchild, **Pearl Juliette Tallon Meincke**... Fantastic time for **Eamonn Cummins** and a large crowd hearing from former Ambassador to Japan and Mayor of Chicago **Rahm Emanuel** speak at City Club about the state of play in our city, country and around the world... **Tina Gravel, Julia Jacobs, Belvon Walker, Sherrill Bodine** and **Judy Logue Gibbons** glam dining at the Astor Club... **Catherine Johns** with **Mark A. Harper**, and **Karen Hand-Harper** at Pasta D'Arte Trattoria Italiana... **John Fritchey** with Cmsr. **Donne Black Miller** at the Hilton for the Personal PAC luncheon featuring Gov. **JB Pritzker** and MN Lt. Gov. **Peggy Flanagan**... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** in Paris, France... **Fathers Bill Corcoran** and **Bill Tkachuck**, classmates and friends, currently living at the Irish College, Rome, had Mass and dinner with American Cardinal **James Harvey**, Milwaukee-born, formerly Head of the Papal Household, a long serving diplomat.

ASIAN ART: The Asian



Pres. Catherine Connolly



Commr. Donne Black Miller and John Fritchey.



Julia Jacobs and Draedyn.



Owner Greg Lindeman [left] and director Hanne Hess of Midtown Funeral Home, along with their therapy dog, Coco the Frenchie, all participated at last week's Explore Irving Park Chicago Trunk or Treat, dishing out their treats from the trunk of their 1957 Mercedes Benz.

American Arts Chicago has announced Evolution: Asian American Arts Festival, a two-day celebration of the creativity of Asian American, Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian artists, performers and makers, in association with Lookingglass Theatre, May 2 and 3, 2026. They are now accepting submissions for the Festival at Lookingglass Theatre, Water Tower Water Works, 163 E. Pearson St. Interested parties can visit [https://aaac.art/evolution-](https://aaac.art/evolution-arts-festival/)

NEW IRISH PRESIDENT: Irish independent **Catherine Connolly** is 'absolutely delighted' as she is set to become the new president after her rival in the election to replace **Michael D. Higgins** accepted defeat. She is Ireland's third female Head of State.

PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELLS: Ireland's outgoing President **Michael D. Higgins** hosted his final tea party at the Áras An Uachtarain, Presidential residence, marking the end of a remarkable chapter as he and his family prepare to move back home to Rahooon, County Galway.

REMEMBERED: The late **Rose Marie O'Neill** was recently honored by the Irish Georgian Society where she was a generous life member with the naming of a scholarship in her name.

WHAT NEXT: Architectural writer **Lee Bey** says, "Clouded by the East Wing demolition debris is **Trump's** proposal to build a knock-off of Paris' Arc de Triomphe on a highly visible site on Memorial Circle, across the Potomac from the Lincoln Memorial.

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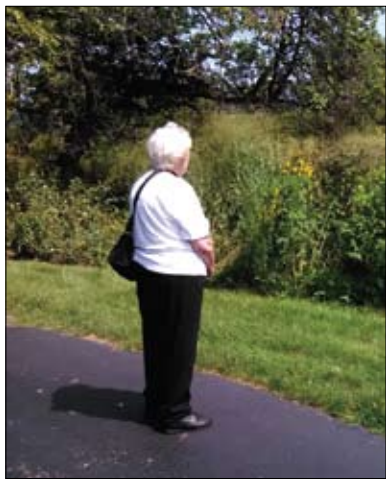
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(R) A descendant looks for his grandparents' graves among the prairie gardens in Graceland Cemetery in 2018. His grandmother is buried somewhere in the weeds behind him, beneath the tree. (L) The wall of weeds between the cemetery road and the 'L' wall where Rene' Ostberg's ancestors remains lie. Photos by René Ostberg

Letter to the Editor

The silence of Rep. Schakowsky on age discrimination

Rep. Jan Schakowsky was in the vanguard of people telling the public that Medicare Advantage is a scam, and many thank her for this [article Oct. 29].

But she has demonstrated for years by silence and inaction that she doesn't care enough about those constituents who are citizens of the USA and involuntarily unemployed and underemployed, often because of illegal or unethical job discrimination.

She has also refused to propose a Bill which would prohibit employers from refusing to accept information about a job applicant's relevant work experience before a stated year. Defenders of this practice say it's not age discrimination, because the employer doesn't know how old the applicant is. An applicant's objection to this reveals he's most likely older than the age at which the law against age discrimination becomes applicable.

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Nov. 6 talk on Graceland Cemetery prairie effort that has hidden more than 100 graves

Grave sites burned annually for prairie garden

The Northtown Garden Society is hosting a talk by author Rene' Ostberg at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave., 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. The talk will be on how class and social status determined who was buried at Graceland Cemetery and where they were buried, and specifically about a field of prairie weeds that is part of Graceland Cemetery's 2014 "prairie restoration project," which has now consumed the spaces where Ostberg's ancestors - and 100 or more other people - are buried.

Ostberg describes what is going on at Graceland Cemetery to her ancestor's graves as a "desecration."

The "prairie" at Graceland

Cemetery covers 2.5 acres, "specifically the entire southeast section (where my family's graves are), a section of probably at least 100 graves," claims Ostberg. "It has not been planted near any of

leave a few graves exposed, but otherwise all the plots that stand for the human beings buried there are completely invisible and inaccessible."

Ostberg says that there are no

"There are a couple "paths" mowed through the weeds that leave a few graves exposed, but otherwise all the plots that stand for the human beings buried there are completely invisible and inaccessible," said Rene' Ostberg

the graves in the sections where wealthier people are buried, nor has any part of it been installed in an empty section with no graves. It extends from the [eastern] perimeter wall to a couple feet before the lawn (or at least, what used to be the lawn) meets the cemetery road. There are a couple "paths" mowed through the weeds that

signs anywhere that list the people buried under the prairie land, that there is nothing acknowledging them for visitors and descendants to read and reflect on, or to aid in locating specific graves.

According to press material, to install this prairie, the section (plots included) had to be set on fire so the grass and earth there

could be turned over for planting and seeding. Now that the prairie plants have been established, the cemetery has to cut down the weeds and burn them annually to allow new growth.

Meaning that each year the resting place of 100 or more people are set on fire to maintain the garden.

"We made some more attempts to contact someone at the cemetery by email and phone to find out more about this project, who had green-lighted it, if anyone had asked the descendants' permission— but we never got any response," says Ostberg. "That they did this is disturbing and shameful. Worse yet, no one has bothered to respond when any of my family has reached out for answers. No one has even asked if there could be a solution."

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sustainable after the pandemic. “The 50% fair box recovery ratio is way out of whack if you compare to other agencies, similarly situated agencies across the country,” Delgado said.

The bill and its associated tax and toll increases would not take effect until June 1.

Downstate slighted

Funding for downstate public transportation agencies, which face their own funding challenges as a sales tax-based formula becomes less lucrative, are set to receive \$129 million annually – below the \$200 million they had hoped for.

The move to direct most of the funding to the Chicago area left downstate frustrated.

“I’m actually not thrilled that we are continuing on this transit bill, although I am happy that my constituents aren’t going to be stuck with ridiculous taxes,” said Rep. Regan Deering [88th] of Decatur. “But I just can’t continue to vote for a piece of legislation that’s screws them anyway.”

Downstate lawmakers also

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worried the bill tapping into Road Fund money removed a critical funding source for road construction projects.

“This transit funding bill creates a perverse incentive ... to not diminish the balance of the Road Fund, not get projects out of the door ... but continue to build up big balances in the Road Fund,” said Rep. Ryan Spain [73rd], of Peoria.

Sen. Don DeWitte [33rd], of St. Charles, the Senate Republican’s transit leader, spoke in support of using interest from the road fund to pay for public transportation.

New transit board part of reforms

The reforms in the proposal are similar to what the Senate passed in May.

The bill would create the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, which would be a stronger version of the RTA and would have the ability to establish a universal fare system and coordinate scheduling between the three service agencies.

The board would be comprised of 20 members and controlled by the Democrat Party, with five

members appointed by the mayor of Chicago, five by the Cook County Board president, five by the governor and five collectively by Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane and Will counties. That makeup has drawn criticism from some suburban leaders who fear it will limit their ability to affect public transportation decisions.

It would also create a law enforcement task force that will target crime hot spots for public safety issues on the transit sys-

tems like the CTA trains. Other roles will be tasked with deescalating conflicts or seeking to address homelessness and mental illness – issues that are public safety issues.

The bill also blocks transit agencies from transferring operating dollars to capital expenses – a controversial move Metra recently proposed in its 2026 budget that raised red flags for several state lawmakers and RTA leaders.

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the incident and later described her son’s arrest on social media as a “kidnapping.” She posted a video to Instagram and created an online fundraising campaign.

“I was in Chicago visiting my son and he was kidnapped by Border Patrol in front of my eyes,” Elaine Plybon said in the video. “I can’t go into details about what happened.”

In her posts, she described being haunted by what she witnessed, saying she relives “Friday over and over again.”

“Time has stood still for me,” she said. “Every day, I wake up and it’s Friday when I think about going out the door ... I don’t want to because I do

not want to encounter the SUV, the screams, the crying, and the horrific things I saw before I was pulled into the fray when someone tried to kidnap my son.”

Plybon said that, since she feels she cannot go outside, “I hide in the apartment, reliving Friday over and over again ... Tomorrow I will wake up and think it’s Friday.”

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST IX-A Plaintiff,

-v- MELANIE C. VILLANUEVA Defendants 2022 CH 11663

450 W. BRIAR PLACE, UNIT NO. 12C AND G-39 CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 18, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 4, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, 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 450 W. BRIAR PLACE, UNIT NO. 12C AND G-39, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-28-103-065-1032

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$201,866.40.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than

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

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E-Mail: lhiraldo@lavellelaw.com Attorney File No. 22-9257 Attorney Code: 27743 Case Number: 2022 CH 11663 TJS#C: 45-2706

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Case # 2022 CH 11663 8277-959352

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GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

-v- CLAYTON ISTHMUS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, MATTHEW C. COHEN, CITY OF CHICAGO, ALL PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE LAND, UNKNOWN AND NON-RECORD PARTIES, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.

No. 2024CH8243

Property: 1522 West Thorndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60660

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2025, the Sheriff of Cook County will at 1:00 PM on December 2, 2025, at the Richard J. Daley Center, Lower Level Room 06, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1522 West Thorndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660

Property Index No. 14-05-300-027-0000

The real estate is improved as an apartment property.

The judgment amount was \$1,913,568.00.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction.

The balance, including the judicial sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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

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confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

For information, contact GREGORY P. ADAMO, CLINGEN CALLOW & MCLEAN, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2300 CABOT DRIVE, STE 500, LISLE, IL 60532 (630) 871-2600. 8277-959220

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CHICAGO, IL 60657

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Commonly known as 1531 W OAKDALE AVE UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-29-120-046-1001

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$305,746.94.

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/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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Case # 2025 CH 01791 8277-959886

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC IMSC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-H0A1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-H0A1 Plaintiff,

-v- KRISTI BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MORRIS LANDA, KATIE LANDA, MIRELLA DEMMA, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORRIS LANDA (DECEASED) Defendants 2017CH14739

6725 N ROCKWELL ST CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 27, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 4, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, 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 6725 N ROCKWELL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60645

Property Index No. 10-36-404-008-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without

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recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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Case # 2017CH14739 **13275905**

Real Estate For Sale

P.I.N. 11-29-318-014-1028.

Commonly known as 1205 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 301, CHICAGO, IL 60626.

The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (25% if plaintiff is represented by Codilis & Associates, P.C.) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file 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.

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ING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 24 CH 6236

1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626

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Commonly known as 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-30-422-032-1023 AND 11-30-422-032-1027

The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$174,734.17 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC, (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 24-01287. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-PR4 TRUST, Plaintiff,

-v- WANDA L. WILSON-BROWN, SHERWIN PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 1202 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2018-RPL3 Plaintiff vs. JOHN J. STAMOOLIS A/K/A JOHN STAMOOLIS, SHERWIN ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 22 CH 5665

CALENDAR 63

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 8, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 1202 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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ING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 24 CH 6236

1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626

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Commonly known as 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-30-422-032-1023 AND 11-30-422-032-1027

The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$174,734.17 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1629 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 306 AND P-1 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Notice of Public Sale

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the ones who hated war the most,
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— Kurt Vonnegut

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SMS000325-25FC2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13275646</p>	<p>LY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF FINANCE OF AMERICA SELECT MASTER TRUST Plaintiff, -v- BARI SUE HALPERIN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LEONARD HALPERIN, 221 EAST WALTON PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DANIEL HALPERIN, ROBERT HALPERIN, MITCHELL HALPERIN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEONARD HALPERIN (DECEASED) Defendants 2025CH00033 221 EAST WALTON PLACE UNIT 17-E 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 July 18, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 24, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, 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 221 EAST WALTON PLACE UNIT 17-E, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-214-016-1023 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the</p>	<p>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. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-07408 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2025CH00033 TJSJC#: 45-1919 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025CH00033 13275360</p> <p>292929 ----- 222222 -----</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>

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\$2 million bail for man accused of hurling wife from 24th floor of South Loop condo building

BY CWBCHICAGO

On Oct. 28, a Michigan judge set a \$2,000,000 bail for Adam Beckerink, the man accused of killing his estranged wife by throwing her from a 24th-floor stairwell at his South Loop condominium last year. Beckerink remains jailed in Berrien County, MI, serving a 93-day sentence for a domestic battery case involving the woman.

The Cook County warrant was issued Monday after Chicago police filed a complaint accusing Beckerink, 47, of killing 36-year-old Caitlin Tracey by throwing her over the east stairwell railing near his 24th-floor unit at 1201 S. Prairie Ave. on Oct. 25, 2024.

Tracey's body was discovered two days later, on the evening of Oct. 27, after a resident found a severed foot on a lower floor of the stairwell. Police later found the rest of her remains nearby. A family representative described her body as "pulverized."

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office found that Tracey died from injuries consistent with a fall from height but ruled the manner of death "undetermined,"

leaving open whether it was an accident, suicide, or homicide. Chicago police detectives spent the following year building evidence they believe proves Beckerink is responsible.

Tracey's family issued a statement on Monday praising the efforts of the police department and Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke.

"Both the Chicago police department and Ms. O'Neill Burke's office have been tireless in their efforts to obtain justice on behalf of Caitlin," the family said.

At the time of her death, Tracey was living in New Buffalo, MI, but her family said she had been staying with Beckerink in Chicago. He reportedly told police she had been missing for about a month when he filed a missing person report on Oct. 26—one day before her remains were found and, according to the complaint, one day after she died. But investigators allegedly obtained surveillance video showing the couple together just a couple of days before her body was found.

Tracey's death came just two days before a Michigan jury trial was scheduled to be-

gin on felony charges alleging that Beckerink interfered with her efforts to call 911 and violently resisted police during a previous arrest. Court records show that Tracey had sought multiple protective orders and filed police reports describing escalating abuse and harassment in the months leading up to her death.

In one 2023 Cook County petition, she said Beckerink contacted her "approximately 20 times a day" and frequently called her "liar," "cheater," "whore," and "piece of s***." She also documented repeated assaults, including an Aug. 2023 attack inside the same Prairie Avenue building, where she said Beckerink "slammed my head against a cabinet, slapped me,

punched me, put my head in a headlock, and dragged me away from the door."

Other incidents included a Sept. 2023 confrontation at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago, where Tracey said he entered her hotel room while she slept and assaulted her, and a July 2023 altercation in Michigan in which she claimed Beckerink struck her in the head with a pickle jar and poured vodka on her wounds before taking her to a hospital two days later.

After Tracey's death, her family and Beckerink fought in court over control of her remains. The family prevailed in Nov. 2024, allowing them to take possession for burial.

UPDATE from p. 1

filed the case in the Circuit Court of Cook County - on July 17.

That summons demanded we file an appearance in court by Oct. 24, and our lawyers did just that, submitting a Memorandum in Support of Defendant. Your friendly neighborhood newspaper is said "defendant."

Frankly, we had initial hopes that things would not go this far, as stated in our July 16 article, we invited Sudler and their attorneys to meet with us—on the record—to present the evidence they claim exists. We said back then, and again now, that if corrections to our original reporting are warranted by credible documentation, we will make them promptly and transparently. This newspaper fully endorses the concept of 100% transparency.

It is this newspaper's position that this lawsuit is an attempt to intimidate us, and to shut us up. So we're now forced to fight. And we will stand our ground as a member of the free press. We intend to fight as long as we have to, and we continue to stand by our July 2 and July 16 stories.

We took Sudler's allegations seriously back in July when they first raised them, and remain committed to correcting the record—if the facts warrant it. But we cannot do so without seeing verifiable proof from Sudler that the HOA board noted in our coverage gave informed approval for the financial matters in question, that were the basis of our reporting.

If Sudler cannot produce this documentation, their claim of HOA board approval is procedural at best—not substantive or legitimate.

Sudler never responded to our July 16 offer to meet and share information. The evidence we requested should show why Sudler may, or may not have had approval. We're ready to defend our position, and will do so in the public's eye. We have nothing to hide. We think our reporting speaks for itself.

At this point we do not yet have a court date, but our attorneys are initially asking our judge to throw out the case. We could

go on in great detail about the case law we have cited, but that is likely more detail than our readers care to consume right now.

In our pleading, we did state that Sudler Property Management filed this lawsuit against their own small, friendly local neighborhood newspaper "as retaliation for reporting on an investigation into matters of public concern."

"The complaint's shoddy claims for defamation, false light invasion of privacy, and intentional interference with prospective economic advantage fail at this threshold stage as a matter of law. Plaintiff Sudler Property Management, a corporation, cannot claim invasion of privacy, which is a personal tort."

We stated that, "Sudler does not properly allege actual malice, because it relies on irrelevant communications that occurred after the publication at issue. The tortious interference count is pleaded in wholly conclusory fashion, alleging none of the tort's required four elements. None of the counts survive, and Defendant" - that's us, your friendly neighborhood newspaper - "Inside Lincoln Park Inc. respectfully requests that the Court dismiss this action with prejudice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2615."

While the fight goes on, the staff here at the newspaper office would like to publicly thank those who have contributed to our defense fund. That includes support from the Illinois Press Assoc., and many of our readers, including one who only last week anonymously sent us a \$10 bill in the mail with an unsigned note saying "Thank you and love to [our] reporters." No name, no return address, thus nowhere to send a 'thank you' note. So this is your public "thank you."

The work our lawyers are doing is solid, but expensive. If you haven't yet, and if you are feeling generous, we encourage our readers to donate to our legal fund, care of GoFundMe. The page is titled "Your Friendly Neighborhood Newspapers," visit: www.gofundme.com/manage/your-friendly-neighborhood-newspapers. Every little bit helps.

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the Wall Street Journal [WSJ], after years of shuttered storefronts, shrinking crowds and pandemic-era malaise, shoppers and retailers are once again heading to Michigan Ave.

Visitor counts to the N. Michigan Ave. are nearly back to pre-2020 levels, crime is trending lower, and a spate of new leases is reversing a multiyear slide in occupancy. The WSJ claims comeback has been fueled by lower rents and the return of marquee brands. The vacancy rate on the Mag Mile now sits at 25%, down from 26% in 2024,

according to Stone Real Estate.

Michigan Ave. rents are down roughly 24% from 2019, helping lure brands back to the strip.

Still, Water Tower Place and the Shops at North Bridge are still two sore spots, as they have been given back to their lenders by their former landlords who gave up, and empty storefronts still hold the district back. Dramatic smash-and-grab thefts by organized criminal gangs have kept crime in the public eye, despite police reports from the 18th Police District showing crime has fallen four percent year-over-year.

appropriate shelter placements, and providing transportation to shelter.

The Delegate also responds to crises including requests for well-being checks, assisting victims of fire or other disasters, general outreach and engagement, transportation, extreme weather events, mass care services, and emergency vacate orders.

The CSITCR program is currently led by The Salvation Army, whose contract with DFSS will conclude on Dec. 31.

Households in need of shelter can continue to call 311 to request assistance. Families can also go to the Emergency Homeless Assessment and Response Center to request a placement, located at 924 N. Christina Ave., while single adults can visit the Shelter Placement and Resource Center at 2241 S. Halsted St.

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committed to empowering Chicago's most vulnerable residents to rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose."

Responsibilities of the CSITCR delegate include maintaining a real-time inventory of available shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness and domestic violence and serving as the central clearinghouse for single-occupancy beds, as well as collaborating with the delegate agency responsible for managing the clearinghouse for family shelter beds.

The CSITCR delegate also responds to requests for shelter for all populations including survivors of domestic violence. This includes contacting clients, conducting intake assessments, identifying appro-

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