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In war the heroes always
outnumber the soldiers ten to one.

— *H. L. Mencken*

Chicago Avenue Bridge reopening delayed 'till Spring, distrust of CDOT grows

Doubts over, and distrust of the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] are growing after they spent the last few years removing commercial parking, constricted roadways with concrete barriers and obstacles, while also shutting down multiple bridges over the Chicago River for repairs - including the Chicago, State, Lake, and Cortland bridges.

And now they want you to kick granny out of your car in the middle of the roadway, rather than at the curbside, when dropping her off on a street with a privileged bike path.

Almost every North Side alderman whose ward touches the Chicago River today is complaining about the harm CDOT is doing in limiting transportation over the river.

Medical practitioners are told, "First do no harm." The sentiment originates from the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates who said a physician must have two special objects in view with regard to disease: "to do good or to do no harm."

It's a maxim that CDOT might consider taking up too, as recent projects of CDOT seem to have only suffocated their patient, doing much harm.

Last week this newspaper published a story on the city expanding its network of spy camera ticketing that - in part - noted drivers could still pull to the curb for less than a minute to pick up or drop off passengers on streets that had privileged bike paths running adjacent to the curb. Well this newspaper heard from John Greenfield, the city's top spokesman for privileged bikers, who noted that was incorrect… he says that CDOT insists that your poor old granny is going to have to be set loose in the middle of the roadway, not curbside, when you drop her off at the doctor's office or her favorite store.

Keeping busways and bikeways free of obstructions obviously makes life easier and more pleasant for privileged bike and scooter users. Cars and trucks pulling to the curb would force bikers to detour a few feet, so the city's new rule is no pulling to the curb, even for a few seconds. That is now a ticking offense.

"There is no grace period for stopping, standing or parking in

DISTRUST *see p. 10*



the Leo Burnett Building, 35 W. Wacker Dr.

Leo Burnett Building latest skyscraper to face foreclosure

One of the giants of Wacker Dr. is heading for foreclosure. Lenders are preparing to file a $236 million foreclosure notice on the Leo Burnett Building, 35 W. Wacker Dr.

According to multiple reports, CommunityAmerica Credit Union sued to foreclose on the $220 million loan, claiming $236 million is due, and naming Liberty 35 Wacker LLC as the borrower.

The credit union filed the Cook County suit on Nov. 3 and claims it will ask the court to appoint a receiver over the tower.

In 2022, Opal Holdings and Prana Equities bought the 50-story, 1.1 million square foot skyscraper for $415 million. The complaint alleges the borrower stopped making payments in July and left both of its 2025 property tax installments unpaid. The situation is another huge body blow for Chicago's downtown office market.

Opal owner Shaya Prager personally guaranteed the Wacker loan but is not a defendant in the foreclosure, as and ongoing bankruptcy case shields him for now.

According to reports from the Cook County Treasurer and Assessor's office, reductions in commercial assessments have transferred hundreds of millions of dollars onto residential property tax bills, leading to sharp tax increases for homeowners in the city.

Downtown Chicago's foreclosure problem is primarily a commercial real estate crisis concentrated in office spaces, hotels, and parking structures. It was triggered by the COVID pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown that created the work-from-home trend, collapsing property valuations. Also part of the problem are high interest rates, which leaves downtown landlords increasingly defaulting on massive commercial loans.

The severe collapse in down-

FORECLOSURE *see p. 16*

Loop hotel sues to halt LaSalle St. residential-to-office conversion

A standard consumer expectation today is for hotels to offer a working pathway to the Internet. When that goes out, so too will many of the hotels customers. The new owner of the 610-room JW Marriott Chicago, 208 S. LaSalle St., is suing to stop a developer from converting the office floors above their hotel into apartments, saying construction demolition knocked out the hotel's internet and phones on a sold out day.

At 9:15 a.m. Oct. 27, an electrical subcontractor reportedly cut power to a 14th-floor room housing the hotel's internet and phone gear, according to a Nov. 5 legal filing. For more than four hours, with 230 rooms checking out and 230 checking in, the hotel lost its phone services and struggled to check guests in or encode key cards. Staff skipped standard payment checks to get guests into rooms.

In that Nov. 5 Cook County Circuit Court filing, Torchlight Loan Services is asking the court to stop work on the building by the Reschke's Prime Group until Prime gets the hotel's consent. (Torchlight is a special servicer for bondholders who took over the hotel through foreclosure.)

The new lawsuit puts at risk another one of City Hall's LaSalle

CONVERSION *see p. 16*

Rapper whose River North release party preceded Chicago's worst mass shooting, gets 2-year prison sentence — for gun possession

BY CWBCHICAGO

Melanie "Mello Buckzz" Doyle, the rapper whose River North album release party preceded the worst mass shooting in Chicago history, has been sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to illegally possessing a handgun found beneath her driver's seat during a traffic stop.

Doyle, 25, resolved the gun case unusually quickly, pleading guilty on Oct. 26, barely four months after her arrest. That is lightning-fast by Cook County standards, where similar gun possession cases often take about a year to resolve.



Melanie Doyle, a.k.a. Mello Buckzz. *Images courtesy* Illinois *Dept. of Corrections and Facebook*

The quick plea also means Doyle had little opportunity to accumulate sentencing credit in the county jail while her case dragged through the courts. Instead, she was transferred to state prison to serve her sentence. Illinois Dept. of Corrections records show she arrived at Logan Correctional Center on Nov. 4 and, after receiving the state's standard 50% sentence reduction, is expected to be released June 2.

Chicago police arrested Doyle on June 15 after stopping her

SENTENCE *see p. 16*



City's Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony

The City of Chicago will host its annual Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Soldier Field, 1410 S. Special Olympics Dr. The annual ceremony brings together veterans, military families, elected officials and community members to honor the courage, sacrifice and dedication of the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Doors open at 10 a.m., with entry at Gate 0.

Through the program, the city brings together veterans, military representatives, elected officials and community partners for a meaningful tribute recognizing the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The annual commemoration is produced by the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events in coordination with the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, led by Kevin Barszcz, MOVA Director.

Walidah G. Bennett, founder and chief executive officer of the Multi-Faith Veterans Initiative at DePaul Univ., will serve as the keynote speaker. Bennett has dedicated her career to strengthening community networks that connect veterans and military families with critical resources, education and opportunities for leadership and belonging.

Bennett's father served as a Montford Point Marine and be-

CEREMONY *see p. 16*

We need a fresh Popeye, not fresh tattoos on Veterans Day



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Have you ever gotten a tattoo?

Many G.I.s picked up colorful body illustrations from military service, often editorializing on the geography of World War II, or wars in Korea, Vietnam or Iraq. Many U.S. Sailors have simple anchors adorning forearms, shoulders and chests.

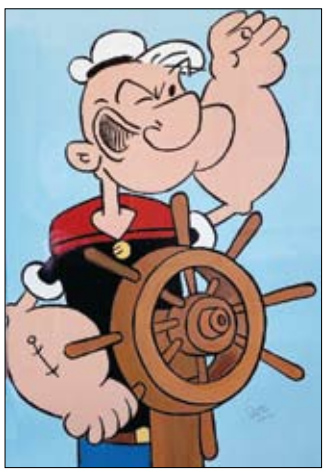
This newspaper comes out on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. So it's a good time to think about our troops.

The connection to various generations of tattoos is often a source of cultural bonding. "Down with Hitler," was one thing in the 1940s. "Harvard Forever," is quite another.

Tattoos can have an impact during elections. Opinions may change, but tattoos never do. Candidates may come to regret some tats later in life, whether they're a long-serving American politico or maybe someone just starting out in politics, like Graham Platner, the former Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate in Maine with the Nazi Totenkopf tattoo on his chest.

Tattoos can be a cogent form of personal illustration, powerful "tags" to keep track of beloved ideals, beloved people, brutal disfiguring, painful events or gang affiliations and bad decisions.

If you can withstand the pain of this art's application, then there are few limits to this artistry. It's yours for the duration of your living.



Elzie Crisler Segar's Popeye.

No wonder its been the favorite art of pirates, sailors, cops, the incarcerated, surfers, rock stars and people searching for permanence.

Perhaps no tattoo has ever been as famous as Popeye the Sailor man's ship anchors, created by American cartoonist Elzie Crisler [E.C.] Segar.

Popeye first appeared in cartoon form in 1929, during the Depression era, that financially tragic period of American life. Popeye gave hope and a patriotic direction to his cartoon watchers. Standing up for critical American values, reaching out with lots of patriotic advice. Assisting in the shaping of stability in the era in which both Hitler and Mussolini came to dictatorial power in their nations.

Popeye's popularity never waned. He gathered strong-willed followers as the world was plunged into darkness and warfare. But Popeye never gave up hope. The American people didn't give up hope either. A nation forged out of the experiences of new Americans fleeing the hardship and cruelty of the approaching war in which tattoos took on deadly new meaning.

It reminds me of our current world predicament. From missiles flying over Russia and Ukraine to troops engaged in Iran. Will there be any tattooing over these wars? The frightening reality of warfare is that it can be lightning quick. It should not to be taken lightly.

We need a fresh Popeye, not fresh tattoos. We need some larger than life Americans to restore our hope, our economy, and our trust in leadership. We have enough deranged, mercurial leadership filled with avarice and insider stock tips. We have enough self-serving leaders whose disconnect from Chicago, Cook County, Springfield and America, sadly continuing to plunge us off the abyss.

Popeye the Sailor man still generates hope among our nation. Amid all the disharmony hope still rises. The ability of Americans to vote in the last Midterm was provided to us by our troops.

We remember the symbol of Popeye this Veterans Day, and all veterans. Peace through strength. Walk softly and carry a big can of spinach for Popeye.

CAT & DOG FIGHT: Keep your eyes peeled, the Chicago City Council begins its contentious review of **Mayor Brandon Johnson's** $17.6 billion bloated budget, and questioning plans to close a projected $882 million shortfall through tax increases and borrowing.

KASS: John Kass will end his JohnKassNews.com online venture after five strokes in three years. John is up on the Billy Goat Tavern Wall of Fame, won the Peter Lisgore Award, a Pulitzer Prize Finalist for Commentary and coined the "No Chumbolone Zone" catchphrase.



John Kass

TRADITION: Running since 1965, The Nutcracker at Ruth Page Center for the Arts, will take place Dec. 12 at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave. Experience the magic, visit www.ruthpage.org for tickets.

HISTORIC BALLOT: Chicago native **Pope Leo XIV** cast his mail-in ballot ahead of the midterms, making history as the first pontiff to vote in a U.S. election. My guess is that ballot is now missing from the pile, perhaps in a private collection.

MERRI DEE FOUNDATION: Art Norman, a Special Contributor to NBC 5 News, and producer **Joey Majumdar** are celebrating philanthropist **Merri Dee** and the inaugural opening of her Foundation, as well as her birthday.

BUDDY GUY: At 90, **Buddy Guy** is still performing at his club and touring. **Annie Lawlor,** Buddy's personal assistant and publicity manager, got him a small part in the much acclaimed and award-nominated, **Michael B. Jordan** film "Sinners." And Annie just got Buddy a spot in an upcoming major video game release.

MULLED WINE: Glögg season is here and the Swedish American Museum is hosting their annual Got Glögg competition 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, to see who has the best mulled wine in Chicago. Admission is $30 and includes servings from all the competing glögg masters.

BALLY GRANTS: Bally's Chicago recently celebrated three years at Medinah Temple, and as part of the anniversary, the team recognized three Chicago organizations with a total of $30,000 in donations to support their work in the community. Impact Grants, the Chicago Urban League and Leave No Veteran Behind each received $10,000 during the celebration. Representatives included **Erin Drury**, **Maggie Schell** and **Carole Schecter** of Impact Grants; **Justin Jones**, **Sandra Brinston** and **Diane McDonald** of the Chicago Urban League; and **Yomika Alexander** of Leave No Veteran Behind.

The donations are part of more than $1.5 million Bally's has contributed to Chicago organizations. To date, Bally's Chicago has spent more than $22.5 million with Chicago based, minority-, women-, veteran- and disable owned businesses through certified and good faith effort purchases, exceeding their 41% diversity spend commitment.

FIFTY YEARS: As **Jackie Taylor** and her Black Ensemble Theater continue celebrating 50 years, get ready for The Other Cinderella, a holiday family tradition. Performances start Dec. 12. Get your tickets now at www.blackensemble.org.

IRISH POET: In partnership with the Poetry Foundation, the European Union National Institutes for Culture was pleased to present a multilingual poetry reading on Nov. 5 at the Poetry Foundation celebrating the rich literary traditions and languages of Europe. Among the featured readers was acclaimed Irish poet **Annemarie Ní Churreáin** from the Donegal Gaeltacht. Currently the Irish Writer-in-Residence at the Univ. of Notre Dame, Ní Churreáin is recognized for her powerful work exploring language, landscape, memory, and identity.

CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE: Kathy O'Malley Piccone and **Candace Jordan** will return as co-chairs for the Chicago Lighthouse 2027 FLAIR fundraiser, with **Tracey DiBuono** returning as show producer. This year's event was a sellout and honored **Georgiann Pangere**.

WHO'S WHERE? Victoria Dal Santo and **John Dombrowski** in Napa, CA, hunting out good wines for the holidays… Jeweler **Steve Quick**, a longstanding fixture in Chicago's jewelry community, marked his 40th anniversary with a Ruby Party for his customers… As winter settles on the Ukrainian nation **Marta Farion** is making a journey across the battle-ravaged region, gathering her own eyewitness account of what is unfolding… Delighted to

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Smart Streets ticket enforcement expanding to street sweeping

North Side residents may want to play closer attention to street cleaning dates and hours now that the Dept. of Finance is implementing Smart Street Enforcement for Street Cleaning tickets.

The Smart Streets program uses automated camera enforcement for bus lanes, bike lanes, bus stops, commercial zones, and parking meters. Now the automated AI-empowered ticket writing scheme is expanding into ticket generations tied to standard street cleaning enforcement.

The program received City Council approval for a phased, citywide rollout extending through 2027 and 2028.

A standard Chicago street cleaning parking violation carries a $60 initial fine, and the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation has expanded the schedule for street sweeping to Thanksgiving.

Street sweeping citations are issued based on posted neighborhood sweep schedules. While members of the Dept. of Finance will continue to enforce parking restrictions for street sweeping, tickets may now be sent via mail rather than paper being placed on the vehicle itself.

Commercial Loading Zone fees to triple

Outside the Central Business District on the North Side, the annual fee for a Commercial Loading Zone [CLZ] of up to 20 feet is proposed to rise from $110 to $350—more than tripling.

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CLZs are short-term curbside spaces designated to help small businesses with deliveries and reduce double parking.

The substantial fee increases for neighborhood businesses everywhere, will hit commercial corridors hard. These are the areas where small businesses anchor communities and act as critical economic engines.

The zones are for commercially licensed vehicles, visibly branded business vehicles, or passenger vehicles that hold a valid Non-CLZ Permit. Regular passenger vehicles without a permit face citations for parking in loading zones.

Inside the Central Business District, CLZs are being installed. These new user-paid CLZs function much like the City's metered parking system but are specifically designed for the loading and unloading of commercial vehicles. They are intended to provide access for commercial deliveries, reduce double parking, improve traffic flow, and promote turnover in designated loading zones.

Users may purchase 15-minute increments of time at a rate of $3.50 per 15 minutes. The purchased time covers parking in any user-paid CLZ.

The fine for an unpaid/expired commercial vehicle meter is $140. The fine for a passenger vehicle parked, stopped, or standing in the CLZ is also $140.

Additionally, fines for double

TICKET *see p. 10*

Chicago festival grounds proposal raises questions over benefits

BY SEAN REED
The Center Square

On Nov. 3, Chicago voters overwhelmingly voted in support of a permanent festival grounds for the city in a non-binding ballot question. While there was support, the question may have left some with more questions about the proposal.

The question, which asked if the city should have its own festival grounds on publicly owned land, didn't advise voters of a location, costs to the city's taxpayers or when planning would begin.

Ald. Nicole Lee [11th], the councilwoman behind the ballot question, said a festival site would help shift the delay and closure of public parks after events like Lollapalooza or Riot Fest.

After a particularly rainy Riot Fest concluded in Douglass Park, neighborhood residents complained the park's grass had been entirely killed and the park was mainly a field of mud.

Residents complain each year that the festival ruins the park, but Riot Fest's organizers say they bear the costs of restoring the park.

This year, restoration began two days after the festival concluded, and the festival's founder, "Riot" Mike Petryshyn said it cost them between $400,000 and $600,000.

"They're asking us to vote on a public land use for music festivals and concerts. Sounds cool? Maybe. Probably not. What happened the last time we had public land use for a concert is Northerly Island Huntington Bank Pavilion. 100% booked by Live Nation – no room for independents," Nick Heineman said.

One co-owner of the independently owned music venue Bookclub in the Lakeview neighborhood, Nick Heineman, raised questions in a video on the venue's social media about who would control and benefit from the proposal?

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A September study by the Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator found that the Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island has been rented to LiveNation through a lease agreement below market-rate, and the city has skipped out on the chance to renegotiate the terms of their agreement with the company to use the private land.

The city gets $350,000 per year for Live Nation to use the property, $1.25 per ticket and portions of

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Wheelchair basketball in Edgewater

Youth and adult tournaments bring in the best ballers in Illinois to compete for championship

The Chicago Park District is hosting a wheelchair basketball tournaments this weekend. The 15th annual Basketball Bonanza, a youth tournament, will be held on Nov. 17, while the annual Second City for adult games will take place on Nov. 14 and 15.

Both competitions will be at Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, and competition will begin at 9 a.m.

The competition features over 100 athletes in wheelchairs participating in each tournament. The games on Saturday will be a round robin style competition to determine seeding for the bracket style Championship Tournament held on Sunday. The competitions are open to the public for free to view and cheer on the competitors.

"It is incredibly rewarding to witness athletes of all abilities compete at a high level, while fostering a tight knit community in their local park," said CPD CEO, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa.

Paralyzed veterans first played the sport in 1945 at the Corona Naval Station in California and Framingham, MA. Doctors used the game to help veterans regain strength, independence, and dignity, while rejecting pity.

Dr. Timothy Nugent was a key figure in adaptive sports. Nugent directed college programs for individuals with disabilities at the Univ. of Illinois. In 1949, Dr. Nugent helped establish the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and organized the first National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament with six teams. The game is now played in over 100 countries.

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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.



Maria Pappas

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. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. It's important for property owners to know about the exemption. They include 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; Those with disabilities rated 70% or more receive a 100% exemption from property taxes on up to $250,000 of EAV.

As for 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.

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 about our commitment to honor and recognize the service of veterans. By expanding access to property tax exemptions, we're saying thank you and hopefully providing some stability and financial security. These changes are meant to give veterans and their surviving spouses the benefits they deserve without having to frequently reapply.

As we recognize Veterans Day, 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 my website at cookcountytreasurer.com. Together, let's do our duty to honor and support Cook County's veterans.

Haven on Lincoln now set to take in new residents

After almost three years of work, the Haven on Lincoln is ready to start accepting new tenants. The property will house troubled souls seeking help for substance abuse addictions and mental illness.

The Haven, 5230 N. Lincoln Ave., will offer stabilization housing, an idea that emerged first out of the COVID pandemic and government-imposed economic lockdown. That was when the city used federal funds to rent hotel rooms as non-congregate housing for the homeless during the pandemic.

The goal of the Haven project is to provide transitional housing and services to homeless people who are also living with untreated physical problems like drug and alcohol addictions, and behavioral mental health issues. Backers hope to improve the overall health and housing outcomes for incoming residents.

The facility is slated to begin taking in its initial residents this week following the final state and environmental clearances. The last step before the Haven can open officially is receiving a No Further Remediation letter from the Illinois EPA, which proves the site meets safety standards.

The city invested a total of $14 million (using federal COVID relief funds and $5.5 million from the Lincoln Ave. TIF district) to transform the former motel into a non-congregate homeless shelter, before gifting it to CCO.

As the property will offer bridge-housing along with medical/behavioral services, open leasing or direct public applications are not available. So those who wish to stay at the Haven will need to contact Cornerstone Community Outreach [CCO].

Chicago Dept. of Health, the Dept. of Housing [DOH], and CCO, partnered to turn the former Diplomat Motel site into housing. The site was purchased in 2020 for $2.9 million by the DOH and redeveloped by the City of Chicago, and then ownership was transferred to CCO to operate as a transitional housing facility.

By providing individual units, rather than shared sleeping spaces and bathrooms, alongside health and social services, CCO hopes to connect more people to housing, medical and behavioral health care, and better long-term health outcomes.

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CCO plans to work with various healthcare provider partners, housing agencies, and community organizations to connect incoming residents with care, benefits, and permanent housing.

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other revenues. In exchange, the company gets exclusive use of the amphitheater that was built and expanded by the Chicago Park District using $4.7 million in taxpayer funds.

The near-decade-long agreement was made in 2013 and the city's share of revenue has not been adjusted for inflation after it was renewed annually beginning in 2022, despite concert ticket prices nearly doubling since Live Nation began operating the venue.

And Heineman isn't alone about the concern over what parties are in control of venues in the state.

"These anticompetitive business practices also stacked the deck against Illinoisans, who faced higher prices and fees," Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said after the states won the suit at trial.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul was one of 33 state AGs to continue a joint multi-state and U.S. Dept. of Justice anti-trust lawsuit against Live Nation and Ticketmaster after the DOJ came to a settlement with the company early this year.

"These anticompetitive business practices also stacked the deck against Illinoisans, who faced higher prices and fees," Raoul said after the states won the suit at trial.

No language proposing a permanent festival grounds in the city has been released publicly, though many residents and some aldermen have pointed to Milwaukee's festival grounds, which hosts the music festival Summerfest annually, as a guide.

Henry Maier Festival Park, owned by the City of Milwaukee, is maintained and operated by a non-profit through a partnership.

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Open house Nov. 14 on Chicago River Trail extension proposal

The Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce is hosting an open house meeting 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, to discuss a future river trail extension to fill the gap between Belmont and Diversey.

The meeting will be held at Rockwell on the River, 3057 N. Rockwell St.

Meeting Nov. 19 over new housing project at Clark / Wrightwood

There will be a community meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the 43rd Ward office to discuss a proposed development at 2577 N. Clark St., which is the former site of Briney Swine.

The applicant is seeking a rezoning from B3-2 to B2-5 to allow for a seven-story mixed-use development with ground-floor commercial space and 47 residential units.

Correction; conversation with new NITA Board Chair Nov. 16

Last week this newspaper published a note about a public meeting to give people a chance to ask questions and learn more about the new Northern Illinois Transit Authority [NITA], hosted by State Sen. Sara Feigenholtz [6th].

In that story we published the wrong date for the meeting. The meeting is 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, for those who would like to join a conversation with NITA Board Chair Tom Kotarac.

The event will be held at Third Space Chicago, 716 W. Addison St. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. Visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx0Va0IqfP7GPBxmgoXyFHzMxAVPi2HhBC8335AySHdgTX7A/viewform.

Community meeting Nov. 19 on Uptown housing project

There is a community meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 to discuss plans by a developer who is seeking a zoning change to build a six-story, 95-unit mixed-use building at 4730-52 N. Clark St. with ground floor commercial space, but only 36 off-street parking spots.

Prior to the onslaught of Transit Oriented Developments, prior zoning for a project like this would have required at minimum 95 off-street parking spots for residents, not including commercial needs.

The site is particularly susceptible to parking problems due to Chase Park being located right next door, and ever since the city removed half the parking spots on Clark St. to install privileged bike lanes.

The site previously housed Chicago Community Collaborative / Collaborative for Community Wellness [C4] alongside a group of low-rise commercial structures and a small parking lot.

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Police seek feedback on Flock cameras

The Chicago Police Dept. is conducting a review of their spy camera network use and is seeking public comment on the revised draft of the CPD's Special Order S03-20, "Automated License Plate Reader [ALPR] Systems." This draft will implement revisions to CPD's management, maintenance, use, and accountability for its authorized ALPR Systems.

There are an estimated 812 ALPRs within a 10-mile radius of downtown Chicago, of which 185 to 210+ are specifically identified as Flock Safety cameras (alongside devices from Motorola Solutions and Genetec).

Police say that ALPR Systems play a vital role in the investigation of violent crimes, shootings, and homicides. ALPR Systems also assist in high-risk missing persons investigations. Given the importance of this technology in the CPD's public safety efforts, they have continued to assess the use of these systems.

As part of their review of public safety technology, CPD has invited the community to review and provide feedback on the directive that includes additional guidelines regarding the use of external ALPR systems which CPD has access to.

CPD officers have accessed Flock's database through Memorandum of Understanding agreements and data sharing from private/external owners. Audit logs revealed CPD officers conducted over 23,000 searches using Flock's database in a three-month span from May through July 2026.

This draft policy is now open for public comment through Thursday, Nov. 12. To participate, visit www.chicagopolice.org/policy-review/cpd-automated-license-plate-reader-alpr-systems/.

These external ALPR systems, including Flock, are systems in which CPD's access is limited to search queries. CPD and the City of Chicago do not own or operate the external ALPR systems and do share any data through Flock. But Flock itself is sharing captured information with the federal government using the same equipment.

This updated draft policy includes some guardrails hoping to ensure the appropriate and effective use of ALPR systems in Chicago-based investigations.

Nova Music Festival hostage survivors on stage at History Museum

Brothers Guy and Gal Gilboa-Dalal are in Chicago to share their story through the songs that helped connect them during their separation during The Music of Captivity and Release: An Evening with Guy and Gal Gilboa-Dalal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

Both brothers were at the Nova Music Festival in Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, when it was attacked by Hamas and the al-Qassam Brigades, along with Palestinian civilian mobs.

Guy was taken hostage to Gaza, while Gal survived and fought for his brother's freedom. Now reunited, they will share their experiences in an intimate evening of music, personal storytelling, and conversation with the audience.

Inspired by MTV Unplugged, The Music of Captivity and Release features live musicians performing songs meaningful to the brothers, woven together with their memories of family, survival, and the journey toward healing.

This event is being hosted in collaboration with Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest and Art Over Hate Collective, an organization that uses art to support individuals and communities affected by violence and trauma. Tickets start at $36, visit https://secure.artoverhatecollective.org/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F61280

As rising prices hit North Side, debt crisis spurs free online legal resource

BY JUDITH RUIZ-BRANCH

As rising costs add strain to North Side household budgets, polling data show nearly one-third of Americans worry daily about their debt load. In Illinois, nearly one in five residents with credit card debt has balances in collections, according to Illinois Legal Aid Online [ILAO].

Local taxes and insurance are out control, driving up rents; while utility and energy bills and the taxes added to them continue to rise driven by high inflation - which has become the new normal - just as the Federal Government devalues U.S. Currency to deal with their own high debt load.

Housing is the largest single expense for most North Side households. Strong demand combined with limited new construction have pushed median rents and home prices significantly higher. According to recent data from Extra Space Storage, median rent has climbed roughly 46% over a five-year stretch.

Chicagoans also face heavy tax pressures, including high property, income and sales taxes that roll over into rental rates, steep state and local gas/consumer taxes, and targeted municipal fees like the 9% "Cloud Tax" on digital streaming and subscriptions.

While daily expenses like groceries and transit are closer to national averages than in coastal metro areas, premium cost increases are heavily concentrated in popular North Side and West Loop neighborhoods.

To help people navigate potential alternatives, ILAO has developed a self-help online resource, called Debt Help Illinois. The chat-based website asks users questions, then provides tailored guidance.

Steve Uhrich, ILAO consumer debt solutions product manager, said many people do nothing about debt because they can't afford to pay the balance and believe there are no other options.

"They owe a few thousand dollars on a credit card or medical debt, and they don't have a few thousand dollars in the bank," Uhrich explained. "The thing is, they do have more options available to them, and they can often negotiate a discounted settlement."

As legal needs often outpace available resources, Uhrich said the website is designed to help fill what he called "the justice gap" for residents, to help determine whether they need to consult a consumer attorney.

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America should honor, and never forget WWII heroes



The Home Front
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As more than eight decades have passed since the end of World War II, on Veterans Day every American should look back in time and honor those who served in our armed forces during the last "good" war.

Between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 1945, more than 16 million Americans served in World War II. This writer, who is a "World War II baby" born in 1944, is proud of family members, friends, and those vets I worked with and greatly respected. Those veterans served in the biggest and greatest war planet earth has experienced.

Hollywood stars such as John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Ronald Reagan, William Holden and other famed actors did their part for the war effort in dozens of World War II propaganda movies that are now being rerun endlessly during Veterans Day week.

However, real war is about endless battle stress and fatigue, missing loved ones, eating bad food, and being bitten by snakes, mosquitoes and contracting malaria, or dying in combat.

These World War II heroes primarily joined voluntarily or were drafted into the armed forces, left their families at home, and put their lives on the line for up to five or more years.

"A man who serves his country gives more than his time," noted Rob Souvigny, grandson of Howard Busk, a U.S. Marine who served on Iwo Jima and other campaigns in the South Pacific. "A soldier gives his courage, his commitment, and years of his life to protect the freedom of his children, family and future generations he will never meet."

Many tens of thousands of American veterans died or were seriously wounded doing that deadly work, at a salary of $2 or $3 a day. Overseas, a buck-Private's net annual pay was $45 a month, or $540 a year. A Sargent pocketed $78.78 a month, or $943 annually. A higher-ranked Staff Sergeant earned $110.16 a month, or $1,202 a year overseas.

In World War II, U.S. combat deaths totaled 407,316 in Europe and the Pacific, and another 671,278 casualties were listed as wounded in action. Survivors earned a Purple Heart. Most also earned service medals, such as occupation, campaign and victory citations.

Now, on Veteran Day in 2026—some 85 years after the start of World War II—it is time for readers of this newspaper to take time to review a few of the sad, heartrending, and heroic stories of Chicago military veterans. They were loved as family members, friends and co-workers in the newspaper business this writer knew over decades.

Chicago Daily News warriors

In 1968, this writer first met several World War II old-timers as a reporter on the staff of the Chicago Daily News. They were hard-drinking, cigarette-smoking combat veterans who typed news stories with two fingers. They rarely said a word about their war experiences.

• Robert (Bob) Schultz, always cool under deadline pressure, was a bomber pilot on a B-25, the twin-engine bomber featured in the 1942 raid on Japan by Gen. Jimmy Dolittle in the movie: "Twenty Seconds Over Tokyo."

Schultz flew an amazing 32 successful combat-bombing missions over Germany and Europe. He survived, was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters. However, he said few words to staffers about his experiences.

Schultz worked for the Daily News for 27 years as a reporter, chief political correspondent and finally as City Editor. He passed away at age 66 in 1989. He had three daughters. One of them, Susy Joan Schultz, proudly followed her father into the newspaper business as a Chicago Sun-Times reporter.

• William (Bill) F. Mooney was the "Old-School" man of the rewrite desk. Mooney kept a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey in his drawer for a post-deadline snort in his coffee. He smoked constantly, and spit into newsroom spittoons. A white-haired, blue-eyed veteran of war and newspapers, Mooney was respected as the fastest rewrite man of his time. Mooney talked as fast as he typed, but said little about the war. He passed away from emphysema and a bad heart in 1985 at age 66.

A former police reporter, Mooney's speech was peppered with cop lingo, such as "they sneezed the gaffer, but the quail lammed out." (Translation: Suspect was arrested. His wife eluded authorities.)

In 1940, a year before Pearl Harbor, Mooney enlisted in the Canadian Army Infantry and was sent overseas, where he met his future wife, Margaret, a nurse in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp.

After the U.S. entered the war, he transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corp. He served in World War II for 54 months as a tail gunner on a U.S. B-17 bomber.

In 1943, Mooney's flak-raked bomber was shot down in flames over Germany. He bailed out, parachuted to the ground, was captured and imprisoned for 22 months in Stalag 17, the infamous German prison camp featured in the 1953 Hollywood movie, "Stalag 17." William Holden

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Police Beat...

Burglar caught after 14 cars are broken into on a single Irving Park block

A man was taken into custody Sunday after breaking into at least 14 cars on a single Irving Park block, according to preliminary CPD reports. Police also recovered a stolen car that they believe he drove to the area.

Officers responded to the 4000 block of N. Richmond just after 3 a.m. after a 911 caller reported seeing a masked man breaking into parked cars. The burglar was still hard at work when the cops arrived, but he ran into an alley after spotting the police, officers said. They found the man in an alley behind the 4000 block of N. Francisco, sporting cuts on his hands.

Back on Richmond, police found an abandoned red Honda that had been reported stolen from the West Side along with a toolkit that appeared to be burglary equipment. Police also found property taken from several of the vehicles. They were attempting to identify and contact the owners of the recovered items.

A preliminary count found that 14 vehicles had been burglarized on the block, according to the report. The suspect was taken to a hospital for treatment of his hand injuries before being transported to a police station for processing.

Two women robbed at gunpoint by masked men in River North

Two women were robbed at gunpoint Nov. 7 in River North after a pair of masked men jumped from a car and confronted them on the street, according to Chicago police.

The women, both 40, were walking in the 800 block of N. Clark St. around 11:30 a.m. when a white vehicle pulled alongside them. Two men got out, pulled handguns, and demanded their property, according to CPD.

The victims handed over their belongings, and the robbers fled south on Clark St. with their handbags. Neither woman was injured. Several witnesses immediately called 911 to report the robbery, describing the suspects as two Black men wearing masks and dark clothing.

Officers reviewing surveillance footage determined that the getaway vehicle was a white Honda Accord with temporary license tags. The car was last seen heading toward the Ontario St. feeder ramp after the robbery, police said.

No arrests had been announced, and police did not release additional descriptions of the suspects.

Burglaries spree, criminal damage strains North Side

Chicago police are warning North Side business of a recent string of burglaries and criminal damage to properties throughout the city. Because the list of crimes is so long, we will only note those crimes that occurred on the North Side.

The offenders arrive in stolen vehicles, then exit and then use sledgehammers and rocks to shatter storefront windows. The offenders then entered the business, removed the cash registers, and flee in the stolen vehicles.

On the North Side, incidents include: 1600 block of W. Montrose Ave. on Oct. 27, at 3 a.m.; 2100 block of W. Belmont Ave. on Oct. 27, at 3:35 a.m.; 2400 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2400 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2400 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2400 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 3:57 a.m.; 3500 block of N. Halsted St. on Oct. 27, at 4:10 a.m.; 4400 block of N. Ashland St. on Oct. 27, at 4:30 a.m.; 3400 block of N. Clark St. on Oct. 27, at 4:35 a.m., and on the 3200 block of N. Broadway St. on Oct. 27, at 5:17 a.m.

The offenders are described as four African American males, from 5'-5" to 6'-6" tall, dressed in all black clothing.

Those who have any information on these crimes can contact Area One Detectives at 312-747-8384 or Area Two Detectives at 312-747-8273 or Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPD-TIP.com and use reference #26-CWP-030.

Man charged with burglarizing 17 businesses stretching from North to South Side

A man already charged in connection with eight business burglaries across Chicago is facing additional charges after detectives linked him to nine more break-ins, including eight businesses burglarized during a one-hour spree on Oct. 15, according to Chicago police.



Charles Kelley

Charles Kelley, 19, remains the only person arrested in connection with a burglary crew that police believe is responsible for 30 or more business break-ins across the city over the past six weeks.

In a statement Saturday, CPD said detectives identified Kelley as one of the burglars who targeted eight businesses between roughly 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Oct. 15. He is expected to face charges Sunday involving burglaries at businesses in the 4600 block of S. Bishop St., the 4300, 6900, 8600, and 9100 blocks of S. Ashland Ave., the 2200 block of W. 95th St., and two businesses in the 2100 block of W. 95th St. Kelley was previously charged with additional burglaries on Oct. 15 in the 2100 block of W. 95th St. and another in the 100 block of W. 95th St., all within less than 30 minutes.

Police also identified him as a suspect in another South Side business burglary at 4:01 a.m. the following morning, Oct. 16. Records show Kelley was arrested later that day and charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle and disorderly conduct.

He was still on pretrial release in that case when he allegedly joined at least two other men in another series of business burglaries on Oct. 27. That morning, Kelley allegedly attempted to burglarize a business in the 3400 block of N. Clark St. in Wrigleyville, according to police. We previously reported that a burglary crew targeted Al's Italian Beef, 3420 N. Clark St., around 4:25 a.m. The burglars damaged the restaurant's storefront but apparently failed to get inside. Other attempted burglaries were reported nearby, including at a frozen yogurt shop in the 3500 block of N. Halsted St. and a dry cleaner in the 3200 block of N. Broadway.

The crew also struck businesses particularly hard along the 2400 and 2500 blocks of N. Clark St. in Lincoln Park that morning. Burglars smashed their way into more than a dozen storefronts, most of them restaurants, and primarily targeted cash registers. Kelley has not been charged in connection with those break-ins, which occurred minutes before the attempted burglary in Wrigleyville.

He was also accused of participating in three business burglaries within just over an hour during the early morning of Sept. 30. Those break-ins were reported in the 2900 block of N. Clark St., the 2700 block of N. Ashland Ave., and the 2300 block of W. Chicago Ave.

Despite Kelley's arrest, overnight burglary crews continue to target local businesses. On Nov. 5, a crew broke into more than 10 businesses along two blocks of N. Wells St. in Old Town.

At least three men exited a white Honda Passport shortly before 4 a.m. and smashed windows and doors along the 1400 and 1500 blocks of N. Wells St. Hopkins said officers initially pursued the burglars but were ordered to end the chase on Lake Shore Dr. under CPD's no-pursuit policy. He renewed his push for tools such as drones and StarChase, a GPS tagging system that can track suspect vehicles without requiring officers to maintain close pursuit. Hopkins also said he would work with CPD and the Cook County Sheriff's Office to secure additional resources for the corridor.

Nov. 5's break-ins came just nine days after a crew targeted dozens of North Side businesses during the Oct. 27 spree. Police believe that crew is responsible for at least 30 business burglaries across Chicago during October, though Kelley has been charged in connection with only one of those incidents.

Teen charged in 18 business burglaries dating back to May

A 17-year-old boy is now accused of being part of a prolific burglary crew that has been breaking into businesses across Chicago for months. CPD announced the development overnight, saying the teenager is part of the same group of thieves and vandals as Charles Kelley, the 19-year-old who has been charged in 17 burglaries.

While Kelley's charges cover only burglaries dating back to Sept. 30, police say the 17-year-old's crimes began May 7. The revelation suggests the crew has been operating far longer than previously understood and that the damage and theft losses inflicted by this small group of criminals could be substantially greater than initially believed.

CPD has not identified the teenager because his case is being handled in juvenile court, where records are shielded from public view by law. Police said he was arrested Saturday to face 17 counts of burglary, one count of attempted burglary, and a misdemeanor charge of criminal damage to property.

The first burglary he is accused of committing occurred at a business in the 2400 block of N. Clark St. around 3:30 a.m. May 7. That location is notable not only because the crime dates back six months, offering a glimpse of how long the crew may have been operating, but also because the same block of Clark St. was ravaged by a burglary crew that smashed its way into more than a dozen storefronts just a couple of weeks ago. The teenager is not charged in connection with those recent break-ins, but he is accused of another burglary on the same block early on Sept. 30.

During the overnight hours of Sept. 30, the teenager also allegedly burglarized businesses in the 2900 block of N. Clark St., the 2700 block of N. Ashland Ave., the 2300 block of W. Chicago Ave., and the 800 block of N. Western Ave. Kelley is also charged in the first three of those cases.

The teenager is accused of targeting 12 businesses early on Oct. 15. The locations included businesses in the 4600 block of S. Bishop St.; the 4300, 6900, and 8600 blocks of S. Ashland Ave.; the 9100 block of S. Ashland Ave.; the 100 block of W. 95th St.; and seven businesses in the 2100 block of W. 95th St. Kelley is also charged in several of those burglaries.

As recently as Nov. 5, a burglary crew broke into more than 10 businesses along two blocks of N. Wells St. in Old Town, prompting Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] to renew calls for police to adopt technology that could help track fleeing suspects without resorting to dangerous vehicle pursuits.

Thieves stealing locked, parked cars in Lakeview, Uptown, Police aren't saying how

Chicago police are warning North Siders of recent motor vehicle thefts in the Uptown, Lakeview, Lakeview East and Buena Park neighborhoods.

Chicago police say a surge in auto thefts involving locked, parked vehicles, as a series of thefts on the North Side began almost exactly when a similar pattern in Fulton Market and West Town ended.

In a community alert issued Nov. 3, police said thieves had "entered" the vehicles before stealing them but did not explain how they gained access or started the cars. The wording suggests the vehicles were driven away rather than towed, although CPD has not confirmed how the thefts were carried out.

The alert echoes one issued for Fulton Market and West Town two weeks ago. That warning identified a series of thefts between Oct. 1 and Oct.13. The new alert says the North Side thefts began Oct. 12 and continued through this week. The two patterns, then, overlap by just one day. CPD has not said whether the same people are responsible for both series or whether the apparent shift in locations is coincidental.

One possibility is the use of electronic key-programming devices, which police believe are contributing to a renewed rise in auto thefts across Chicago. However, CPD has not said whether such equipment was used in any of the 19 thefts identified in the two alerts.

The devices are legitimate tools used by locksmiths and automotive professionals. But their ability to create or program vehicle keys has also made them attractive to car thieves. Online listings for similar equipment advertise features such as frequency detection, "smart key creation" in as little as 60 seconds, and key programming for more than 700 vehicle models, including those made by Honda, Toyota, BMW, Volkswagen, and General Motors.

The technology represents a significant shift from the techniques associated with Chicago's "Kia Boys" era, when thieves exploited a security vulnerability that allowed certain vehicles to be started with little more than a USB cable. Auto theft reports reached record levels in 2023 and 2024 amid that wave of thefts. Those thefts began declining in 2025, but auto thefts are rising again, up 5% citywide this year. Police are increasingly encountering thieves who can use electronic equipment to target a broader range of vehicles.

Still, key-programming devices do not necessarily allow thieves to steal any vehicle. Their effectiveness can depend on the vehicle's security system, the availability of compatible equipment, and the operator's skill. Autel, a manufacturer of automotive diagnostic and key-programming equipment, announced this year that it is adding security-validation protocols to some of its key and immobilizer products.

In each of these incidents, an unknown offender(s) entered into an unoccupied, locked motor vehicle parked on the public way and took possession of the vehicles.

Incidents include one on the 3500 Block of N. Fremont 3 a.m. Nov. 1; the 3800 Block of N. Pine Grove 11:50 p.m. Oct. 30; the 800 Block of W. Buckingham 11:54 a.m. Oct. 26; 800 Block of W Newport 10 p.m. Oct. 26; the 4200 Block of N. Hazel 2:15 p.m. Oct. 21; the 700 Block of W. Sheridan 4 p.m. Oct. 21; 600 Block of W. Lawrence 3:30 p.m. Oct. 16; the 600 Block of W. Roscoe St. 4 p.m. Oct. 14, and on the 800 Block of W. Agatite on Oct. 12, at 5:50 a.m.

There is no known description at this time of the offender(s).

Man who mugged woman near the Mag Mile while on ankle monitor for CTA robbery gets 14-years

A man accused of robbing a woman near the Magnificent Mile just four days after a judge released him on electronic monitoring has pleaded guilty to that crime and an earlier CTA robbery, court records show. Emile Hobson, 34, received consecutive sentences totaling 14 years from Judge Tyria Walton. However, with each sentence reduced by half under Illinois sentencing rules, Hobson is expected to serve just seven years.



Emile Hobson

Walton is the same judge who released Hobson on electronic monitoring twice while his CTA robbery case was pending. Her second release came despite records showing that he had violated monitoring conditions within a day of leaving the Cook County Jail and gone missing from supervision.

Chicago police initially arrested Hobson for an early morning robbery on Nov. 1, 2025, at the Roosevelt CTA station. An 18-year-old woman was transferring trains around 12:42 a.m. when Hobson approached her and threatened to hurt her unless she handed over her purse, prosecutors said. He walked away with the bag, but CTA employees called 911, and officers detained him nearby and recovered the woman's purse.

Later that day, a judge ordered Hobson detained, citing the random nature of the attack, Hobson's previous robbery conviction, and his "willingness to prey on vulnerable people in public." Judge John Hock called Hobson "a clear threat to any person he might hSt. an opportunity to rob."

Six weeks later, on Dec. 15, Walton disagreed with Hock's assessment and released Hobson on an ankle monitor. Court records show that the electronic monitoring office detected a "major violation" the next day: Hobson had been ordered to remain at home around the clock, but records indicate he did not return until Dec. 19, four days after his release. He also failed to keep the monitoring device charged. It entered "sleep mode" on Dec. 22, preventing officials from locating him. Walton signed a warrant the next day.

Hobson appeared before Walton again on Jan. 27, records show. Despite the earlier violations, she released him on electronic monitoring a second time. Just four days later, he robbed another woman

POLICE BEAT *see p. 14*

Gunshot detection wins overwhelming support in Chicago as Cook County judges keep their seats

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago voters delivered a strong message in favor of gunshot-detection technology last week, with roughly 447,000 casting ballots to support its reinstatement. That's about 128,000 more votes than Mayor Brandon Johnson received when he was elected in April 2023.

But Cook County voters appeared ready to retain every judge on the ballot — including those linked to controversial rulings in high-profile criminal cases.

A little more than 72% of Chicago voters supported a non-binding referendum calling for the reinstatement of gunshot-detection technology such as ShotSpotter. The result closely tracked public-opinion polling, which found roughly 70% of residents wanted Mayor Johnson to keep the system before he shut it down in Sept. 2024.

The referendum does not require Johnson's administration to restore ShotSpotter or sign a contract with another provider. But its wide margin gives aldermen and community advocates more leverage as they try to convince the mayor's office to reverse course.

Meanwhile, despite recurring public anger over judges releasing repeat offenders or handing down unpopular rulings in violent crime cases, every Cook County Circuit Court Judge seeking retention appeared likely to secure at least 60% of the vote to earn another six-year term.

Among judges who handle criminal cases in Chicago, Ursula Walowski came closest to falling short. She had received just over 62% support, with 98% of precincts reporting. Walowski attracted attention during the campaign after Injustice Watch reported that higher courts had overturned her decisions 25 times during her first six years on the bench — "substantially more" than the totals for the other five criminal court judges seeking retention this year, the outlet reported.

Other judges connected to heavily criticized cases won by much more comfortable margins. Teresa Molina-Gonzalez, the judge who put Blue Line fire attacker Lawrence Reed on the street, received support from more than 70% of Cook County voters. In August 2025, Molina-Gonzalez put Reed on an ankle monitor after he knocked out a psych ward social worker, saying, "I can't keep everybody in jail because the State's Attorney wants me to."

Three months later, Reed was accused of setting a woman on fire aboard a CTA Blue Line train in the Loop.

Judge Tyria Walton won sup-

DETECTION *see p. 14*

Old Town burglary spree has alderman demanding CPD develop alternatives to its 'no-pursuit' policy

BY CWBCHICAGO

A burglary crew smashed its way into more than 10 businesses along two blocks of the Wells St. business corridor in Old Town Nov. 5, leaving broken storefronts and frustrated business owners in its wake. The latest overnight spree has Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] once again calling on Chicago police to adopt technology that could help officers track fleeing suspects without engaging in dangerous vehicle pursuits.

Just before 4 a.m., at least three men exited a white Honda Passport and broke windows and glass doors of businesses along the 1400 and 1500 blocks of N. Wells St. The affected businesses appeared to have little in common. A salon, an ice cream shop, a bar, a tobacco shop, a Mexican restaurant, and numerous other storefronts were hit. Hopkins said more than 10 businesses were hit.

"These crimes violate the security of our neighborhood and leave local businesses to absorb the costs of stolen property, damaged storefronts, and interrupted operations," Hopkins said. "Business owners should not have to begin their day sweeping up broken glass, and our community should not be expected to accept these incidents as routine."

Hopkins said he was told that officers initially pursued the burglars but were ordered to end the chase on Lake Shore Dr. under CPD's no-pursuit policy.

"It is deeply frustrating that officers responded and attempted to apprehend those responsible, only to be directed to discontinue the chase," Hopkins said in an email to constituents Thursday afternoon. "Vehicle pursuits can be dangerous, and protecting the public must remain paramount, but placing restrictions on vehicle pursuits without providing effective alternatives is a policy failure I have repeatedly criticized over the past two administrations."

Hopkins, who chairs the City Council's Committee on Public Safety, said Chicago needs to acquire technology that allows officers to track fleeing suspects while reducing the danger to pedestrians, motorists, and police.

"That is why I have advocated for technologies such as drones and StarChase, a GPS tagging system designed to help police track a suspect vehicle without maintaining a close pursuit," he said. "I have even held hearings with experts on these technologies in the Committee on Public Safety. These tools offer alternatives to dangerous chases and support safer apprehensions."

Hopkins acknowledged that aldermen do not have the authority to direct police staffing, strategy, or tactics. But he said he would work with CPD and the Cook County Sheriff's Office to secure additional resources for the Wells St. corridor.

"Our businesses are essential to Old Town's character and vitality. They deserve a sustained, effective response that addresses this repeated criminal activity and holds those responsible accountable," he said.

Hopkins also called on Mayor Brandon Johnson to reconsider policies affecting neighborhood safety and work with the City Council to adopt modern public safety technology.

Last Thursday's break-ins came just nine days after dozens of

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Feds demand revisions on student mental health screenings without parental consent

Under current state and district rules, Chicago Public Schools [CPS] follows Illinois guidelines that allow annual mental health screenings for students in grades 3 through 12 using an opt-out process rather than requiring mandatory written parental consent. These local rules policies now face active federal challenges.

On Oct. 30, the U.S. Dept. of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office [SPPO] demanded revisions to the Illinois State Board of Education's [ISBE] guidance on administering mental health screenings without parental consent and separating the files from students' education records.

Under Illinois Public Act 104-0032, public schools are scheduled to offer universal, annual mental health screenings starting in the 2027–2028 school year. As written, these practices could violate the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment [PPRA] and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [FERPA].

FERPA and PPRA are federal privacy laws that requires schools to provide notification and attain written parental consent when conducting surveys, analyses, or evaluations asking students for certain sensitive and private information such as sex behaviors and attitudes, religious beliefs, mental and psychological problems.

Starting next year, CPS students as young as third graders will be participating in mental health screenings. These screenings will probe intimate personal information about a student's emotional well-being, depression, anxiety, trauma, suicidal thoughts, or other psychological concerns.

CPS policy and Illinois law strictly mandate that employees and healthcare providers report any suspected child abuse, neglect, or grooming to the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services. Under Illinois law, minors aged 12 and older can consent independently to specific mental health or medical care. However, if a student discloses active self-harm, severe danger, or abuse, mandated reporters are legally required to notify parents/guardians and/or appropriate authorities.

ISBE's guidance provides for an opt-out clause but does not require parents to provide written consent—which is insufficient for required evaluations under PPRA.

CPS also strictly prohibits its staff from asking about, or recording, a student's immigration status. Because CPS does not collect or track documentation status, it has no policies that single out, restrict, or mandate mental health screenings specifically for undocumented students.

The guidance also makes including evaluation results in a student's "official" record optional, opening the possibility that some schools may hide results from parents by creating unofficial student records they refuse to divulge. Schools or districts that separate mental health screening records to circumvent parents' right to inspect and challenge the content of the records may violate FERPA.

"The ISBE's recent guidance for mental health screenings and recordkeeping—under the auspices of state law—raise concerns that school districts may violate federal parental rights' laws," said Director of the Student Privacy Policy Office Frank Miller. "Students should not be pressured into disclosing intimate information, including mental health, about themselves without their parents knowing and consenting."

Millar also said that parents should be able to access critical information about their child's wellbeing without schools hiding or separating such information. "Illinois school districts must follow federal law, and we expect ISBE will revise its guidance as expeditiously as possible to ensure schools comply with their obligations under FERPA and PPRA," he said.

SPPO is demanding ISBE revise their policies to be compliant immediately to avoid the need for enforcement actions. ISBE has until Nov. 13, to produce revisions to its guidance. ISBE's response will guide the Department's next steps, if needed, to ensure compliance with federal law.

The federal law gives parents the right to access their children's education records, the right to request record corrections or amendments, and the right to control the disclosure of personally identifiable information in education records. Treating screening results or other related documentation as "temporary records," maintaining such records in separate repositories, or withholding information from parents all infringe on parents' rights under FERPA.

On Oct. 5, 2026, the U.S. Dept. of Justice issued letters to all state Attorneys General expressing concerns about their school districts' lack of compliance with these federal laws regarding mental health screenings conducted in schools. They noted that violations of the law can lead to enforcement actions and potential loss of federal funding.

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a bike or bus lane," Sean Wiedel, CDOT Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Citywide Services, told Greenfield. So biking privilege trumps all other forms of transportation in Chicago, no matter what reason drivers may have for pulling to the curb on a commercial roadway that has privileged bike and bus lanes.

For the vast majority of commuters, CDOT has limited the ability of citizens to move freely throughout the city, making transportation between communities much more difficult. Official regional and census estimates place the bike-to-work share in Chicago at around 1.3% to 1.8% of all commuters (with some local estimates or specific neighborhood studies citing roughly 1.5%).

Roughly 28.2% of all commuters primarily rely on public transportation overall (which includes the CTA 'L' train, Metra commuter rail, and buses). Approximately 58.25% of commuters in the city of Chicago travel to work by private vehicle.

On Oct. 29, CDOT admitted that construction on the closed Chicago Avenue Bridge will now run through spring 2027, after first promising that they would have it completed by the end of this year. The bridge was closed to traffic in Sept. 2025.

But harms being done are so much more than just with the bridges. Anyone who has watched CTA and school buses, fire trucks and semi-trailers struggle to turn corners at intersections penned in by curb bump outs, privileged bike paths and road-blocking bollards has witnessed first hand CDOT's ham-fisted harm.

On Oct. 29, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] lambasted CDOT during a budget hearing for the cash-rich department. In total, the city's network of concrete roadway barriers, and bridge-related issues have contributed to systemic logistical failures, all funded by taxpayer money. Ald Reilly called it a "massive bureaucratic failure."

Maneuvering large vehicles around CDOT's man-made roadway barriers is exceptionally difficult due to a combination of inflexible truck geometry, dense surrounding traffic, and intentional restrictive infrastructure like walled-off concrete privileged bike lanes.

Chicago used to be good at transportation, but now even simple geometry is being ignored.

Navigating tight turning radii around man-made roadway barriers is one of the most significant operational challenges for drivers in urban environments. Unlike highways, which are designed for high-capacity freight, urban centers feature deliberate engineering choices that drastically limit a truck's spatial margins.

As Chicago implements its Complete Streets initiatives—which add concrete medians, bollards, pedestrian islands, and privileged bike lanes—the physical space available for large vehicles has shrunk. Because trucks do not pivot like passenger cars, these fixed barriers create harm through severe geometric conflicts that are now occurring city-wide.

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Indeed, for a good part of this year, most North Side Alders whose wards abut the river have been complaining about CDOT's management of bridge repairs. "Completely and totally irresponsible and a massive bureaucratic failure are the words I would use to describe your department's mishandling of the bridge repair project and staging," said Reilly.

But as CDOT's funding is only lightly dependent on City Council, Alders know they have little leverage available to them.

CDOT's proposed total 2026 budget is $1.836 billion, and they are heavily dependent on grants. Federal grants make up 56.6% of CDOT's budget. State grants make up roughly 21.8% of their budget, while vehicle and fuel taxes add in 10.3%. So there is very little City Hall funding that can be threatened by Alders.

Now, work will last until "spring 2027," CDOT leaders say.

Frustrations over the bridge closures triggered North Side residents when four bridges over the Chicago River (Chicago Avenue and Lake, State and Cortland streets) were shut down to car traffic while CDOT completed what it said were vital repairs on each. Now, work on Chicago Ave. will last until "spring 2027," CDOT leaders say. The State Street Bridge has since reopened, but the three others remain closed.

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parking in certain areas in the Loop and Central Business District recently increased to $300.

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Landmarks Commission approves designating John Vinci home

Creation of the Eddy-Cornelia-Newport Chicago Landmark District

BY PETER VON BUOL

The Commission on Chicago Landmarks on Nov. 5 approved designating the home and work studio of Chicago architect John Vinci, a pioneer in the preservation of Chicago's architecture and also the creation of the Eddy-Cornelia-Newport Landmark District.

In most cases, the Chicago City Council approves the commission's recommendation for permanent landmark status. The commission is part of the city's Dept. of Planning and Development.

Vinci's home and studio, located at 3152 N. Cambridge Ave., has long served as a meeting place for those interested in preserving the city's architectural heritage.

According to Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago [PC], designating Vinci's Lake View home as a city landmark was appropriate for an individual who dedicated his life to the preservation of Chicago's architectural heritage.

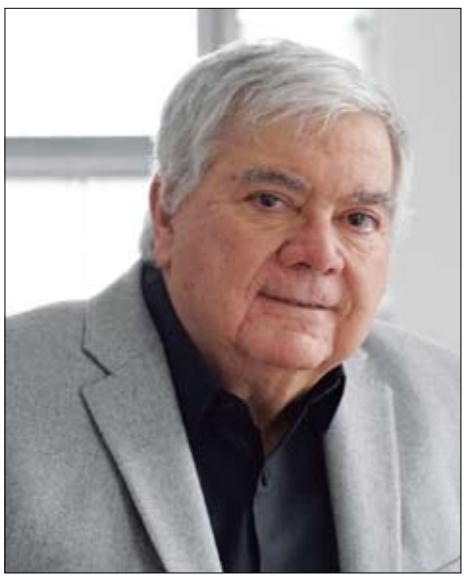
"After almost 30 years working together and knowing the history of [his] residence and studio, I approached [Vinci] about the idea of a Chicago Landmark Designation of his residence. The designation captures the origins and history of John's office, his architectural career, his work and advocacy in historic preservation," beginning with the Schiller/Garrick Theater Building and the long awaited book "The Complete Architecture of Adler & Sullivan," said Miller.

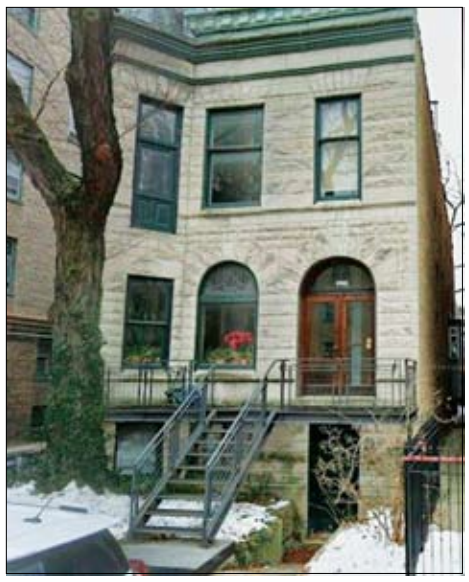
In the 1960s, during a period in which many historic Chicago buildings were being torn down under the banner of urban renewal, Vinci began collaborating with Richard Nickel, the pioneering architectural preservationist. Since Nickel's accidental death in 1972 (during the demolition of Dankmar Adler's and Louis Sullivan's Chicago Stock Exchange), Vinci has remained active in the pursuit of preserving Chicago's architectural heritage.

The designation also honors Vinci's long career as a highly-regarded Chicago architect and as an architectural preservationist. Ironically, the designation comes at a time one of his first major successes in architectural restoration… the relocation of the Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room to The Art Institute of Chicago [AIC] is being threatened for the second time.

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"This was also the opportunity to acknowledge his long career, his work in disassembling the Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room and its relocation to The AIC," said Miller. The room was recognized for its design, engineering, function and beauty immediately after its construction in 1894, "and [unfortunately] now it faces an uncertain future and possible demolition for a second time, almost 50 years after its reinstallation at The AIC," said Miller.





Architect John Vinci and his home and studio, located at 3152 N. Cambridge Ave.

While Vinci's home is being designated a landmark due to the historical events that occurred in his home on Cambridge Ave., it is also a remarkable example of Chicago architecture.

"The John Vinci Residence and Studio also captures a history of the Lake View Community in its earliest days, including Erwin and Herbert Dettmer's family of craftsmen that built it and the growth of a suburban community that had been absorbed into the City of Chicago in 1889," said Miller.

"We are honored to support and bring this story and landmark to its proper recognition, to which many of our city's preservation advocacy organizations were fostered from," he added.

Miler added PC has worked with Ald. Bennett Lawson [44th] and others to help create the proposed Eddy-Cornelia-Newport Chicago Landmark District. In recent years, many of the historic homes within the district have been demolished at an alarming rate.

"We are also proud to work with the residents, alderman and stakeholders of the proposed Landmark District. The finely crafted buildings of this district display the wonderful elements of Chicago's vernacular multi-unit structures, fronted with limestone and brick.

"The demolition of 1300 W. Newport Ave., along with similar ones on nearby streets, did prompt the discussion of a proposed Landmark District Designation, but residents have been concerned with other demolitions nearby for some time. That is why PC supports the Eddy-Cornelia-Newport District as a Chicago Landmark," said Miller.

Applications now open for Night Out In The Park 2027

Local artists, performers encouraged to apply

The Chicago Park District [CPD] is seeking local artists to partner with who would like to showcase their skills next year. They want performers, collectives, filmmakers, and organizations to participate in the 15th edition of the Night Out in the Parks cultural event series and the 14th annual Chicago Onscreen Local Film Showcase.

The deadline is Dec. 8, for both organizations and individual artists interested in applying. The application can be accessed at www.nightoutintheparks.com. The 2027 Night Out in the Parks season will begin in June, 2027, while Chicago Onscreen will be hosted in parks at the end of the summer season in late September.

New this year are virtual in-person info sessions designed to help applicants understand what the CPD seeks in proposals. These sessions offer guidance and a chance to ask questions. The in-person session schedules are:

- Nov. 16, 6 pm - 8 p.m.; Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.
- Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Garfield Park, 100 N. Central Park Ave.
- Nov. 18, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Hamilton Park, 513 W. 72nd St.

Night Out in the Parks features local artists and filmmakers. These offerings throughout the summer season span a wide range of genres. An overarching goal of the cultural initiative is to provide unique cultural offerings for every neighborhood in the city.

The CPD's Night Out in the Parks partnership offers support in four ways, including grant awards, a platform to perform in Chicago's parks, broad promotion of the performances, and production assistance.

In its 15th season, the CPD continues to spotlight Chicago's multi-disciplinary performances and cultural events, that highlight Chicago's cultural landscape, celebrate local artists in their neighborhood parks, and support Chicago-based artists.

"Night Out in the Parks and Chicago Onscreen connects communities with culture, entertainment, and educational opportunities like no other local program," said CPD CEO, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa.

To be eligible to participate in the free, city-wide event series, applicants must be a Chicago-based organization or artist (residency within the city of Chicago). The event must be offered to the community for free and be accessible and inclusive.

Organizations must have $1 million general liability insurance naming the Chicago Park District an additional insured for all events, and have the ability to travel to and from a scheduled park with all equipment, performers and staff.

Applicants are encouraged to submit projects with an accessibility plan. This plan should encompass mobile access, bilingual narratives, ASL interpretation, and audio description.

The primary applicant must be at least 21 years of age, and must be flexible in scheduling.

Non-profit status is not a requirement for interested participants, and all proposals are due by 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8.

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North Side businesses were targeted in an overnight burglary spree on Oct. 27. More than a dozen storefronts along Clark St. north of Fullerton Ave. were among those hit. One man has been charged in connection with a single burglary from that night in Wrigleyville. But CPD believes the crew involved is responsible for at least 30 break-ins across Chicago during October alone, with incidents stretching from the South Side to the North Side.

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won an Academy Award for Best Actor in that historic movie.

After surviving the war, in the 1950s, Mooney went undercover for a month to live on "Skid Row," a flop-house neighborhood on W. Madison St., and wrote about the hard-scrabble bum-and-wino lifestyle.

In 1957, both Mooney and Schultz and a team of Daily News reporters won a Pulitzer Prize for "determined and courageous investigative reporting," for a series of articles on Chicago and Illinois political corruption. The series focused on Illinois State Auditor Orville Hodge and his cronies, who were convicted and imprisoned for a $6.15-million fraud scheme.

• John Justin Smith, a Bronze-Star winner and Purple-Heart recipient, who worked as the Chicago Daily News as Assistant Sports Editor and Travel Editor, was another of the true World War II heroes on the star-studded newspaper staff. His nickname was "JJ."

Smith, a quiet, slim, articulate Southwest Side neighborhood family man, served in the South Pacific with the 41st U.S. Army Infantry. In World War II, he and his band of brothers—a "fearless, volunteer platoon of misfits"—crept quietly behind Japanese lines in New Guinea to chart enemy troop movements as "Jungle Scouts." Smith's mates were assisted by a native Papuan Infantry Battalion in Salamaua, on the north coast of New Guinea, a large Pacific Island near the Coral Sea, a historic ocean battleground, just north of Australia.

In May of 1944, Smith was seriously wounded by mortar shrapnel in his right leg, and was partly paralyzed. Although Smith was offered promotions for his combat service, he reportedly turned them down because he believed in fair play: "It wouldn't have been fair to [be promoted ahead of] other men who had been waiting longer than I," he wrote. Smith earned a private first-class's pay of $49.75 a month, or $597 a year for four years service.

His son, Tony Smith, recently published a book titled "Jungle Scouts" describing his father's war-time exploits. The chilling and insightful 165-page book was authored by John Justin Smith in 1980, but never published until now. JJ passed away at age 70 in 1989.

Printer's ink runs deeply in the blood of the Smith family. His uncle was author Henry Justin Smith, the famed Managing Editor of the Daily News in the 1920s, during the "Front Page" days of Ben Hecht and Carl Sandburg.

• Quiet, steely-eyed Herbert Lankford Benson, Jr. was ranked No. 1 on the Dean's academic list in Oct. 1944 at the Univ. of South Carolina. He was graduated at age 18 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Immediately following graduation, Benson, a gifted photographer, enlisted in the military and proudly served in the 43rd Division, 1st Calvary Division in the U.S. Army from Dec. 6, 1944 to Nov. 25, 1946.

Ordered to the Pacific Theater of combat in 1945, he rose quickly through the ranks because of his extreme intelligence. Benson served under Gen. Douglas MacArthur while stationed at field headquarters in Cabanatuan, Philippines.

He was promoted to the job of combat photographer and flew behind enemy lines to do reconnaissance work photographing Japanese troop movements. Benson built a photographic dark room at Cabanatuan headquarters, developed black and white Tri-X film sent to him by his father, and personally made print enlargements for Gen. MacArthur. Although he witnessed war atrocities, later he refused to discuss them. Benson rose to the rank of Public Information Officer and earned $64 a month, or $770 a year as a Corporal T-5 (Tech 5).

On Sept. 2, 1945, only three weeks after atomic and hydrogen bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Benson was on the deck of the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay where he witnessed the signing of surrender documents by Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

His historic photographs of the surrendering Japanese Emperor Hirohito's Imperial white stallion—a symbolically saddled, but riderless horse—were published in Time/Life magazine.

After the war, Mr. Benson was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, where he quickly learned to speak Japanese, learned to ski and developed a great love of Oriental art and fine China.

After rearing a family of four daughters and a son in Columbia, SC, oil business man Benson passed away at age 88 in 2014.

• Howard M. Busk, began his military career in 1935 at age 18 when he joined the U.S. Marines and served four years of active duty, including a tour in China. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on the USS New Orleans. He was involved in pre-war Pacific patrols, tactical maneuvers, and intense training.

Chicagoan Busk, a Logan Square neighborhood resident, served in the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve in 1940, and was employed as a clerk at the Union Stock Yards for the Armour meat-packing operation.

After the outbreak of World War II, he re-enlisted in the 5th U.S. Marine Division and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, earning $100.16 a month, or $1,202 per year overseas.

Busk was lucky in war. Because of his prior service, and business and logistics experience, he was assigned as an aid to Line Officers. He did not hit the beaches in deadly amphibious landings, but handled administrative duties to support troops on Pacific Islands the U.S. Marines invaded.

Although he served in several historic Pacific-war battle campaigns—including the bloody invasion of Iwo Jima and Tinian islands, his job was to hold the beach, and direct manpower and heavy equipment movement.

However, Busk said he knew two of the men who raised the historic flag on the top of Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima. All six Marines on the flag raising team died in combat. While not often involved in hand-to-hand combat with the Japanese, he did come home with horror stories, which he rarely shared.

On one sunbaked, mosquito-infested island, he and a buddy were pinned down by Japanese fire for more than 12 hours, in horrendous heat. During the night, Busk recalled that he heard a loud bang, and felt something warm and wet on the back of his head. His war-weary best friend, who was strung-out with battle fatigue, had committed suicide.

On Sept. 12, 1945, Busk participated in the initial landing and occupation of Japan at Sasebo in Kyushu. On Nov. 26, 1945, he was reassigned to the 2nd Marine Division in Nagasaki. Luckily, he did not suffer radiation poisoning from the recently dropped hydrogen bomb.

Later, he told his grandson: "I fought for this country so you would never have to. Come talk to me first, if you ever consider joining."

After the war, Busk, returned home to meet and greet baby Marian, the first of his four daughters, who already was two years old. Later, he and his wife had a son they named Howard.

In 1975, he was transferred to Armour-Dial Co., a Phoenix-based division, and was promoted to national production control manager. He retired in 1982 and passed way in 1991 at age 73.

Celeste Busk, one of Howard Busk's daughters, had a long, successful career as a features reporter for the Daily News and Chicago Sun-Times.

Howard Busk was a fine golfer, who referred to his clubs as "My sticks." In the early 1980s, this writer had the pleasure of shooting a round of retirement golf in Arizona with Busk, who carved up the course like a surgeon, scoring in the 80s. He coached me to "take an easy swing, and stay in control."

• Alfredo P. Acierto, a Filipino American, and a pineapple-plantation worker, was one of the 3,000 laborers who were transported yearly from the Philippines to Hawaii during the 1920s.

Two decades later, on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese sneak attack at on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, claimed the lives of 2,403 U.S. Navy sailors, soldiers and civilians.

Born in Candon, Ilocos Sur in the Philippines in 1903, Alfredo Acierto, was the eldest of eight children. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1921, at age 18, and eventually came to Chicago to live near an uncle. In Chicago, he became a naturalized citizen and started working as a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service.

Always in love with the sea, as the son of a fisherman and trader, Acierto enlisted in the U.S. Navy when World War II broke out, and saw combat action in the Pacific. Acierto was assigned by the U.S. Navy Commander to Transport Squadron 17. He and other Filipinos fought in the Philippine Liberation action and other Pacific Campaign battles. Acierto rose in the ranks and was promoted to an important assignment, as the Navy Commander's personal aid.

Near the end of the war, after the Japanese were defeated and ousted from the Philippines, he was based in Manila, where he awaited his discharge and orders to return to the U.S.

On leave, Acierto traveled to his hometown of Candon to visit relatives, and met Maria Pacio Guillen, a beautiful 22-year-old, 6th grade school teacher. Highly educated, Maria learned to speak Japanese during the occupation and was ordered by the enemy to teach the language in local classes.

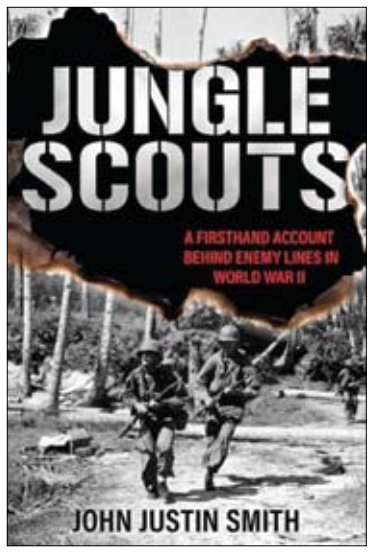
"This was important to a Filipino's survival during World War II," wrote Acierto's wife, Maria, years later when she authored an 88-page family history. "The Japanese demanded respect, and Filipinos were expected to act in accordance with the invader's standards."

While on leave in Candon,

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"Jungle Scouts" - behind enemy lines in WWII

BY DON DEBAT



"Jungle Scouts" is a chilling and insightful book authored by Bronze-Star winner and Purple-Heart recipient John Justin Smith about his behind-the-lines World War II service tracking enemy troop movements in New Guinea.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, this writer worked with Smith when he was Assistant Sports Editor and Travel Editor at the Chicago Daily News and later at the Chicago Sun-Times.

He wrote the book on his war-time experiences in 1980. His son, Tony Smith, recently published the manuscript on his father's World War II exploits. JJ Smith passed away at age 70 in 1989.

In World War II, Smith and his band of brothers—a "fearless, volunteer platoon of misfits"—crept quietly behind Japanese lines in New Guinea as an intelligence and reconnaissance unit to map enemy troop movements as jungle scouts on the north coast of New Guinea, a large Pacific Island just north of Australia.

Over the course of more than 100 missions, they hacked through dense jungle, flanked enemy companies, and met tenacious Japanese warriors prepared to fight to the last man with snipers, ambushes, booby traps and suicidal "Banzai" tactics.

Smith, a Southwest Side Chicago family man, served in the South Pacific with the 41st U.S. Army Infantry. In May of 1944, Smith was seriously wounded by mortar shrapnel in his right leg, and was partly paralyzed.

"Jungle Scouts," published by Stackpole Books, 165-pages, Copyright 2026, $21.95, is available on Amazon.





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David Byrne, fifth from left, with the new cast of "Davids" for Theater of the Mind.

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have bumped into **Scott Arkenberg**, music director at St. Ben's on Irving Park, his latest mystery novel in tow, "None Shall Sleep,"… **Jolanta Ruege** dining al fresco at Ralph Lauren Restaurant looking fabulous… **Dan Balanoff** and friends dining at TAO… wishing Chef/owner Tony Pirola a most splendid birthday celebrated with his kitchen staff at Piccolo Sogno… Happy Birthday to fashion designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** - a "fest finale"- as she called it and the last celebration of **Sherrill Bodine's** fabulous month of parties and luncheons.

ALL IN YOUR MIND: Goodman Theatre welcomes five new Chicago actors to the cast of Theater of the Mind—the one-of-a-kind theatrical immersive experience created by Academy, Grammy, and Tony Award-winning artist **David Byrne** with writer **Mala Gaonkar**—as the production continues performances through the holiday season. New cast members, each portraying a Guide, include **Jesús Barajas**, **Eleanor Hindson**, **Osiris Khepera**, **Victoria Nassif**, and **Wai Yim**.

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PRAY: Please join the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and Seton Associates in prayer for **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin**, C.Ss.R., D.D. of Newark, NJ.

THE KNIFE: Dr. Randal Haworth is one of Beverly Hills' leading plastic surgeons and an original surgeon on the reality series "The Swan." The series shaped public perceptions of plastic surgery, beauty standards, and reality television forever. He is now speaking out against Hulu's new documentary, "The Swan: Behind the Mirror." He claims the documentary selectively edited his comments and omitted important context, creating what he believes is a misleading narrative about his involvement in the original series.

From the extreme cosmetic transformations that made "The Swan" one of reality television's most controversial shows to the allegations raised in Hulu's documentary, Haworth knows what happened behind the scenes, what he believes the filmmakers got wrong, and why he would never participate in a show like "The Swan" again.

Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him. — *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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HONOR *from p. 12*

Alfredo courted Maria. Although Acierto was 41 years of age, it was love at first sight. They were married in Candon, a union that would last 63 years.

The Brides Act of 1945 made it possible for Maria to join Alfredo in the U.S. after he filed paperwork and was discharged. However, the paperwork was delayed and they traveled separately. Again, Alfredo Acerito's love of the sea intervened.

Pregnant with Mary, her first child, and traveling by U.S. Navy ship, the General G.M. Randall, Maria was the only female passenger on board for 22 days at sea, accompanied by 7,000 U.S. soldiers returning from war.

With three military doctors, a priest and three nurses in attendance, baby Mary Randall Perfection was born at sea. Her middle name, "Randall," honored the ship and crew. As a baby shower gift, the soldiers and crew passed the hat, and collected $896—a year's pay for U.S. seaman at that time.

After the war, Acierto returned to Chicago with his wife and resumed his work at the Post Office, and raised three children. Acierto also pursued his B.A. in Economics at Northwestern Univ. "Dad worked hard so that we could all go to college without taking out student loans," said daughter Mary A. Ridley. He supported my mom's university education for her B.A., Master's and Doctorate degrees." Acierto also helped establish the Rizal Center in Lakeview, a community center, and was active in many Filipino-American organizations.

Fun-loving Albert also knew how to party, recalled his son, Bob Acierto. "Big



Herbert Lankford Benson, Jr. war medals.

Al loved to dance the Twist like Chubby Checker. He had an infectious grin, and great motion and rhythm. Dad lived his life a lot like he danced—not really worrying about what others thought, but doing things that gave him pleasure—like smoking cigars and wearing his hat indoors."

Acierto retired from the Chicago Post Office in 1959, after more than 20 years of service. He later worked as a clerk at Chicago's Continental Bank. In 2008, Alfredo Pascua Acierto passed away at the age of 104. He was buried in Chicago with full military honors. At that time, he was believed to be the oldest Filipino-American in Chicago area.



Irv Loundy, President of the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce, pardons turkeys "Touhy" and "Western" at the West Ridge Holiday Bazaar in Warren Park on November 8.

Photo courtesy Jean SmilingCoyote

Holiday programming at The Goodman includes Long Christmas Dinner Fest

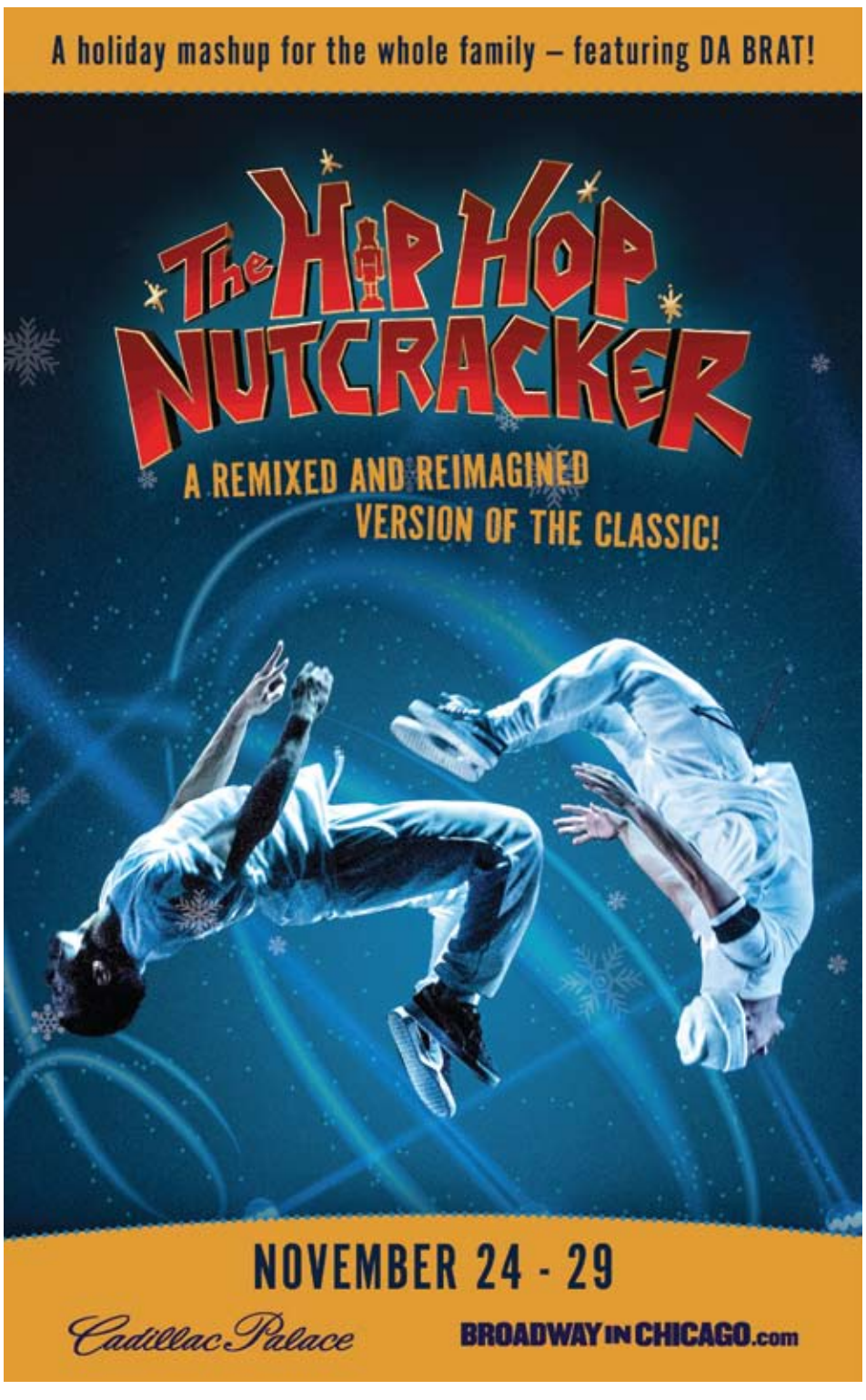
A one-night-only reading and discussion of Thornton Wilder's The Long Christmas Dinner will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Goodman Theater, 170 N. Dearborn St.

The Long Christmas Dinner is a reading and discussion of Pulitzer Prize winner Thornton Wilder's classic one-act play, directed and hosted by Jeremy McCarter, Wilder's literary executor.

The star-studded cast includes Rick Bayless (chef, restaurateur, author), Lorena Diaz (Chicago Med), Ora Jones (The Nacirema Society), Rebecca Makkai (author of The Great Believers), Natalie Moore (journalist, playwright, author), Anthony Rapp (RENT original cast), Namir Smallwood (Primary Trust) and Jeff Tweedy (musician and author).

In the course of a single unbroken holiday meal, 90 years of a family's history fly by in this funny, sometimes sorrowful, theatrical 40-minute one-act play.

Immediately following the reading, the artists and audience engage in conversation about family, tradition and what brings people together during the holiday season. With this reading, The Goodman joins a nationwide event—The Thornton Wilder Estate's The Long Christmas Dinner Festival.



RESOURCE *from p. 6*

ILAO warns that ignoring debt can make matters worse, particularly when creditors file lawsuits. A study by The Pew Charitable Trusts found that more than 50% of Chicago debt collection cases end in default judgments, which can allow creditors to pursue wage garnishment or seize money from bank accounts.

ILAO's goal is to help people deal with debt early – before it turns into a lawsuit or judgment. "This site isn't just for people who have been sued. We also see it as a resource for folks who are just dealing with debt generally and don't know where to start," said Uhrich.

Uhrich advises people to be leery of debt settlement companies that ask for money up front or claim they can settle accounts for less than what is owed. He stressed that creditors are typically open to negotiating a deal directly after an account has become delinquent.

"If they can get someone just to talk to them, they're usually very willing to negotiate, and that's particularly true if it's a debt buyer," Uhrich noted. "And then, there are special rules that actually protect consumers from debt collectors and debt buyers.' He says his site tries to get into all of that.

Some North Side residents may be considered "collection-proof," meaning their income and assets are protected from collection for certain consumer debts under state and federal law. He also offered reassurance that generally people cannot be jailed solely for not paying a debt unless they fail to obey a court order.

DETECTION *from p. 9*

port from nearly 78% of voters. Walton most notably found a woman who ran over a Chicago police officer with his own squad car not guilty of attempted murder by reason of insanity.

With the November election over, Johnson will now have to decide how to handle the ShotSpotter issue as the city's mayoral election, slated for Feb. 23, 2027, heats up. He has repeatedly defended his decision to end Chicago's use of the gunshot detectors, arguing that the technology was ineffective, despite vocal support for the system from two-thirds of the city's aldermen and CPD's superintendent.

After disconnecting ShotSpotter, the city sought proposals from nine companies, including ShotSpotter's parent company, for a citywide replacement network. During budget hearings on Nov. 6, 2025, Office of Public Safety Administration Executive Director Era Patterson told aldermen that her office had reviewed the proposals and submitted a recommendation to the city's chief procurement officer.

Yet even after completing testing and identifying a preferred vendor, the Johnson administration has not executed a contract or publicly explained the delay. The stalemate prompted frustrated aldermen to prepare an ordinance that would force the administration to act. Last month, the city's chief procurement officer announced that a separate gunshot-detection pilot program would soon begin.

The purported pilot will cover six police districts, all of which previously had ShotSpotter service. But important details of the administration's plan remain unknown, including the identity of the technology provider and the date the program will start. Even Interim CPD Supt. Fred Waller acknowledged during a recent budget hearing that he had little information about what the administration was planning.

POLICE BEAT *from p. 8*

near the Magnificent Mile.

The 35-year-old Gold Coast resident was in a parking garage in the first block of E. Walton Street around 6:30 a.m. Jan. 31 when Hobson approached her and displayed what appeared to be the handle of a gun, according to prosecutors. He demanded the woman's gym bag and phone, forced her to provide the phone's passcode, and fled. Chicago police officers arrested Hobson within minutes and recovered the phone from his pocket, officials said.

Hobson has a prior robbery conviction in Cook County. That 2011 case resulted in a three-year prison sentence. He also faced a terrorism charge in Las Vegas in 2018 after authorities accused him of walking through a major shopping mall while wearing a mask and carrying a realistic-looking AK-47 replica. The outcome of that case was not immediately available.

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LOAN FUNDER LLC, SERIES 18513
Plaintiff
vs.
DISTINCTIVE DWELLINGS, LLC, ROBERT STEVEN BAYLESS, MARY ANN SKWERES
Defendant
23 CH 1750
CALENDAR
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 15, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-06-408-012-0000.
Commonly known as 1676 WEST EDGEWATER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
The real estate is: multi family residence. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 23-00401
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3297004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of LB-Igloo Series VI Trust
Plaintiff
vs.
Stephan T. Bakana; Eastwood by the Lake Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
Defendant
25 CH 6544
CALENDAR 62
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 15, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-17-215-029-1013.
Commonly known as 811 West Eastwood Avenue, Unit 305, Chicago, Illinois 60640.
The real estate is: condominium residence. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. ILF2505026
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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I3297005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLOTTE H. SONNENFELD TRUST , BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A., LAKE PARK PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
Defendants

Real Estate For Sale

23 CH 6763
3930 NORTH PINE GROVE AVENUE #1801
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 14, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3930 NORTH PINE GROVE AVENUE #1801, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-21-100-018-1224
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $170,113.70.
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 foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 23-099366.
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.
LOGS Legal Group LLP
2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207
Bannockburn IL, 60015
847-291-1717
E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 23-099366
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 23 CH 6763
TJSC#: 46-2215
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 # 23 CH 6763
I3297121

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MORGAN ABBATE A/K/A MORGAN RYAN ABBATE; 5445 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION;
Defendants.
25 CH 2053
5445 North Sheridan Road #2807, Chicago, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/16/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 12/7/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on December 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 5445 North Sheridan Road #2807, Chicago, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-203-015-1331
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was $255,524.65
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 5445 North Sheridan Road #2807 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: LOGS Legal Group LLP (847) 291-1717 please refer to file number 25-102575-FC01. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 25-102575-FC01 Case Number: 25 CH 2053 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.
I3296908

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KELLY E BISHOP, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KELLY E BISHOP, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KELLY E BISHOP, DECEASED, RUSSELL BISHOP, THE 835-37 W. ROSCOE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF KELLY E BISHOP, DECEASED
Defendants
26 CH 02955
835 W ROSCOE ST. APT. 2E
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 September 14, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 15, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 835 W ROSCOE ST. APT. 2E, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-20-419-107-1003
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $521,647.11.
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 foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
601 E. William St.
DECATUR IL, 62523
217-422-1719
Fax #: 217-422-1754
E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 2076802
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 26 CH 02955
TJSC#: 46-2099
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 # 26 CH 02955
I3296840

24 CH 6259
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Plaintiff
vs.
Raphael Strzelecki aka Raphael D. Strzelecki; Imperial Towers Condominium Association; United States of America, Department of Treasury; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants;
Defendant
24 CH 6259
CALENDAR 62
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 8, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-16-301-041-1323.
Commonly known as 4250 North Marine Drive Unit 2812, Chicago, IL 60613.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 1422-201458
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3296698

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Real Estate For Sale

NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RPL1
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANDREI ZHITKOV, WILINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2025 CH 10561
4520 N PAULINA ST C
CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 4, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 7, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 4520 N PAULINA ST C, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-18-216-017-1003
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $156,380.15.
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 foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 25-296744.
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.
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561-241-6901
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Attorney File No. 25-296744
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Attorney Code. 65582
Case Number: 2025 CH 10561
TJSC#: 46-2043
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025 CH 10561
I3296744

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-J
Plaintiff

Real Estate For Sale

vs.
TERENCE MAHER A/K/A TERENCE J. MAHER, 3531 NORTH RETA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, WINTRUST BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NORTH BANK, NEELAM PATEL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 CH 758
CALENDAR 58
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 7, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-20-407-040-1003.
Commonly known as 3531 N. RETA AVE., UNIT 3C, CHICAGO, IL 60657.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC,
Plaintiff
vs.
DONALD KRUEGER; RASHAD WHITLEY; BRIAR PLACE CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendant
25 CH 4728
CALENDAR 60
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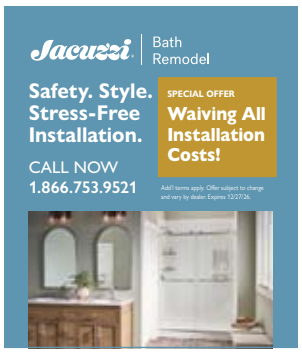
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KEVIN M. RAHLFS; JOHN MEEHAN; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.
25 CH 10091
1223 West Columbia Avenue, Chicago, IL 60626
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Property Index No. 11-32-307-012-0000
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was $478,906.49 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1223 West Columbia Avenue into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: LOGS Legal Group LLP (847) 291 1717 please refer to file number 25-103995-FC01. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 25-103995-FC01 Case Number: 25 CH 10091 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BOAN INC, DANIEL GILJEN, 535 NORTH MICHIGAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2023 CH 08782
535 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT 3201
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 September 2, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 7, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 535 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT 3201, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-122-025-1445
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $309,278.01.
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.
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For information, contact WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number WWR 23-000723-1.
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Case Number: 2023 CH 08782
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Case # 2023 CH 08782
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MANISH MALLICK, RINA MALLICK, 600 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2025CH05746
600 N LAKE SHORE DRIVE APT 3001
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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Property Index No. 17-10-208-020-1100
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For information, contact Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-009279-25-1.
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Downtown, Near North Side District 6a School Board race too close to call

North Side's 2b for Pope; 4a goes to Zaccor

The District 6a Chicago School Board race held on Nov. 3, has not yet been officially called because the results remain too close to determine a winner.

According to vote tallies reported by the Associated Press, less than 1,000 votes separate the three candidates, Isaiah White, Anusha Thotakura, and Brenda Lee Anderson.

The Chicago Board of Elections has until Nov. 17, to complete the counting of all late-arriving mail-in and provisional ballots.

The location of District 6a holds part of Chicago's Central Business District but has just 14 public schools — the fewest of any school board electoral districts — and none are neighborhood high schools.

CPS classroom assistant White, who has backing from anti-CTU groups, was leading a tight race as of last Friday, but less than 1,000 votes separated him from the incumbent, Anusha Thotakura, and independent Brenda Lee Anderson.

Debby Pope, a retired teacher backed by the Chicago Teachers Union, prevailed in the school board's closely watched District 2b race on the North Side, retaining the seat she was appointed to by Mayor Brandon Johnson. She easily defeated former special education teacher Kyna Lenhof, who was backed by groups critical of the CTU. As of Friday, the Associated Press said Pope had 63.5% of the vote with 99% of precincts reporting.

District 2b is home to 18 public schools.

Further North in District 4a, longtime Uptown teacher and incumbent board member Karen Zaccor has won her race in a closely watched three-way election to represent much of the North Side including Lakeview, Uptown, North Center, and Edgewater.

Chicago Teachers Union member Zaccor defeated well-funded education consultant Ellen Sherratt and stem cell researcher Angel Alvarez for the post.

Zaccor received 44.2% of the vote to Sherratt's 38.4% and Alvarez's nearly 17.4%, with all precincts reporting as of Friday, according to the Associated Press.

The area along the North Lakefront for District 4a is home to 15 schools, less than almost any other school board district, but for 6a.

CONVERSION *from p. 1*

St. re-imagination projects. The City hopes to rejuvenate the mostly vacant LaSalle St. and struggling Loop as a mixed-use district by turning much of the Central Business Districts empty commercial space into housing.

The hotel says the building's 2014 easement agreement requires its consent for changes that raise its costs or disrupt shared systems. The hotel pays 54% of shared building costs, and right now about 70 of its rooms and its executive lounge sit right below the construction zone.

Prime's plan was to convert 237 apartments out of a 22-story landmark building on LaSalle St. Prime Group paid about $23 million to take that space out of recievership.

The JW Marriott Chicago itself is also struggling. The hotel was appraised at $205 million in May, down from $370.4 million in 2017, according to recent data. It was valued at $256 million in early 2022.

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Torchlight took over as special servicer for the property in Sept. 2025.

Just one block away, a different lender has seized another Loop hotel, and has fought a similar conversion upstairs by developer Primera Group, who just lost a lawsuit by default. At the Clark Adams Building, 105 W. Adams St., Primera Group and investor Marc Calabria had hoped to turn empty offices into 400 apartments with $67.5 million in taxpayer subsidies.

What these fights may prove is that hotel owners and developers may prefer half-empty offices above them, rather than sharing elevators and loading docks with hundreds of new tenants and renters. It may be one of those unintended consequences that frequently arise when experimenting with new ideas in commerce and repurposed real estate.

Primera's bigger problem is a $15 million lawsuit by another developer who feels they were cheated out of the deal, alleging Primera agreed to buy the building for them, then brought in Calabria instead. In October, a judge entered a default judgment against Primera after its lawyers did not show up in court.

FORECLOSURE *from p. 1*

town commercial property values and high interest rates have left landlords unable to refinance their debt when loans mature. And this news should frighten property owners in collar neighborhoods to the Loop, as taxing Chicagoland bodies continue to grow spending wildly.

High vacancy rates and lower valuations for downtown commercial office buildings have reduced traditional revenue streams, forcing a tax burden shift. When commercial values drop and taxing bodies do not lower levies, the shortfall shifts onto residential and other properties in neighborhoods throughout the city.

CEREMONY *from p. 1*

came a dedicated advocate for veterans and active-duty service members following his military service. Inspired by her father's legacy and the loss of her veteran son, Bennett established the Multi-Faith Veterans Initiative to address challenges facing veterans and their families, including social isolation, moral injury and the transition to civilian life.

Bennett has also contributed to the City of Chicago's veterans advisory efforts and participates in the Illinois Governor's Challenge to Prevent Veteran Suicide. Her work continues to advance a vision in which veterans are recognized not only for their military service but also as leaders and valued members of their communities.

The ceremony will feature musical performances by the U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes and will be emceed by retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Adam Shaw. Ald. Gilbert Villegas [36th], a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, will deliver welcoming remarks, while retired U.S. Navy Seabee Chief Petty Officer Leonardo Alicea will lead the invocation and benediction.

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SENTENCE *from p. 1*

2020 Mercedes GLC in the 1900 block of S. Rockwell Street around 10 p.m. for allegedly having illegal window tint on the windshield.

During the traffic stop, officers reported seeing an open bottle of Tito's vodka on the front passenger-side floorboard, a container holding what they described as a "green leafy-like substance" believed to be marijuana, and the barrel of a handgun protruding from beneath the driver's seat. The handgun had been reported stolen in Bedford Park, the police report said.

Cops instructed Doyle to get out of the vehicle, but she allegedly refused, and the police spent roughly 15 minutes trying to persuade her to exit before a sergeant "assisted her to exit" by taking hold of her arm and removing her from the car, according to a CPD report.

She was also on probation at the time, following an April 2025 guilty plea to aggravated battery in a public place. After Doyle pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a weapon before Judge William Gamboney on Oct. 26, he sentenced her to two years in prison. It will run concurrent to a two-year sentence that Judge Patrick Coughlin gave her last month in the aggravated battery matter.

Melanie Doyle became nationally known on July 2, 2025, when 18 people were shot, four fatally, outside Artis Lounge, 311 W. Chicago Ave., as attendees left a record release party she hosted.

In that case, prosecutors alleged Doyle sought out another rapper with whom she had an ongoing feud and attacked her in suburban Calumet Park. Court records said the victim was pushed through a large window during the confrontation. The dispute had played out publicly before the alleged attack. The other rapper released a diss track containing lyrics including, "I ain't got to lift a hand, this how you kill a ho with class" and "let me catch you out there slipping," followed by a series of social media exchanges with Doyle.

Doyle became nationally known on July 2, 2025, when 18 people were shot, four fatally, outside Artis Lounge, 311 W. Chicago Ave., as attendees left a record release party she hosted. An internal Chicago Police Dept. bulletin obtained by this reporter said investigators believed the attack was "possibly gang related." Detectives recovered more than 20 shell casings from three different calibers at the scene.

Artis Lounge permanently closed later that month amid pressure from city officials. Hours after the shooting, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] accused the venue's operators of being "dishonest" with city officials about how they intended to use the property. The location had also been the site of a mass shooting under previous ownership in 2022.

Three months after the attack, Cook County Crime Stoppers announced a reward of up to $10,000 for information leading to arrests. No charges have been filed, and the shooting remains unsolved.

One week after the attack, Doyle's father, Melvin Doyle, was arraigned in federal court on firearms trafficking charges. Prosecutors initially alleged he sold 13 firearms to confidential informants working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

He ultimately pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer sentenced him to time served on Sept. 15, according to court records. He will serve three years of supervised release, including six months of home confinement. A law enforcement source told this reporter that investigators found no evidence connecting Melvin Doyle's gun sale to the mass shooting.