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— J. R. R. Tolkien

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Walking in the sunshine

With temperatures in the 50s and 100% sunshine Chicago and its lakefront are still sparkling in the mid-morning sun. Each day the sun will track lower in the southern sky and soon, its faint rays won't warm a sparrow, so enjoy it while you can.

Photo by Jim Matusik



City Hall OK's residential conversion plan for 500 N. Michigan, see page 12

Carjacker gets six years for targeting Loop driver while on pretrial release for two felonies

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man who carjacked a driver in the Loop earlier this year while on pretrial release for two other felony cases has been given a six-year prison sentence.

The victim, who was leaving work around 7 a.m. Jan. 6, drove out of a garage in the 1100 block of S. Wabash, turned on his hazard lights, and ran inside to hand off the garage key to the next shift, officials said.

When he returned to his car, Rodney Henderson, 36, was in the driver's seat.

"Give me the keys, or I'll shoot you," Henderson allegedly threatened.

The victim, who recognized Henderson as someone who had struck up a conversation with him shortly before his shift ended, ran away with the keys. Prosecutors said Henderson chased him down and "pried" the keys from the victim's fingers.

He returned to the man's 2015 Volkswagen Passat and sped



Rodney Henderson

away, only to crash almost immediately, according to the state. Chicago police officers tracked Henderson's escape route with the city's surveillance camera network, eventually arresting him on a Green Line train at Cermak-McCormick Place.

Henderson has resolved the matter by pleading guilty to vehicular hijacking in exchange for a six-year sentence from Judge

Ursula Walowski, according to court records.

Before it's all said and done, though, he may be spending even more time behind bars.

Two suburban cases he had pending at the time of the hijacking are still working their way through the courts. In those cases, Henderson is accused of having a loaded gun in a duffle bag in the Orland Square shopping mall parking lot after he got caught shoplifting last summer. Prosecutors said he also had stolen plates on his car.

162 E Ohio St., former Inn of Chicago

The high rent payers along Michigan Ave. received a gift last week with the news that effective Nov. 15, the migrant shelter located at 162 E. Ohio St. (former Inn of Chicago) will cease operations and close.

The high-rise migrant shelter has been a local North Star of frustration over Chicago's Sanctuary City designation, a shining light in the night of the city's failure to manage the crisis.

Establishing a high-density illegal aliens shelter in the heart of one of America's most important retail and commercial districts was always a mistake. Those who fail to protect their businesses, and livelihood, leave citizens to wonder just what will they fight to protect?

The two Aldermen whose wards are adjacent to the property have been calling the situation deplorable for over two years.

Both Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], whose ward houses the shelter, and Ald. Brian Hopkins

[2nd], whose ward borders the location, have long called for the Mayor's office to cancel the site's contract and evict its residents. Both cited concerns about the building's integrity and public safety as top reasons to close the shelter.

This closure comes as the Mayor's office announced the transition of the current migrant shelter processing system to a "One System Initiative" effective in 2025.

Originally opened in late 2022 by the administration of former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the shelter housed family units arriving in Chicago via buses and government-chartered planes. Once the building was filled with nearly 1,500 refugees at the peak, 162 E. Ohio quickly became a center of gang activity, drug dealing, prostitution, aggressive panhandling, presence of illegal guns, the accumulation of trash and human excrement in nearby alleys, and other illegal activity - located right at a side door of Chicago's premiere shopping district.

"The Johnson administration responded by promising to ad-

dress all of these issues with increased security in and around the building, regular building inspections, increased police patrols and greater attention from city departments and social service providers. Those were clearly empty promises," said Ald. Reilly in a letter to the Mayor's office that he released in Aug. 2023.

"I would be remiss if I did not mention the serious quality of life issues that have existed during the operation of this shelter," said Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], in a note to his constituents in announcing the closure. Those quality of life issues include but are not limited to "illegal sale and preparation of food products on the public way, vandalism, narcotics activity, and chronic theft from local retailers," he said.

"I stated my opposition to the shelter's continued operation on three separate occasions since the site opened. I am thankful the administration has heeded calls from thousands of residents and dozens of businesses calling for

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AMA Plaza hit with \$372M foreclosure

One of Chicago's biggest commercial real estate foreclosures ever

BY THEREALDEAL.COM

A downtown landlord insists it can still work out a Chicago skyscraper's troubled \$370 million debt, despite a lender's foreclosure lawsuit that was filed Nov. 1.

Boston-based Beacon, a prominent office landlord, was hit with an allegation that it owes \$372 million to the bondholders in the loan, if it wants to avoid a foreclosure sale of 330 N. Wabash Ave., also known as AMA Plaza for its largest tenant, the American Medical Assoc.

This marks one of Chicago's biggest commercial real estate foreclosure attempts ever, adding another large crack to the historic wave of distress in the office market coming out of a pandemic and government-imposed lockdown. That created the work from home trend that depressed demand for



A downtown office landlord for 330 N. Wabash Ave. [above left] was hit with an allegation that it owes \$372 million to bondholders and may be headed toward a foreclosure sale.

downtown space. Then federal deficit spending led to inflation that sparked painful interest rate hikes — particularly for landlords like Beacon, which took out floating rate debt on 330 N. Wabash

in 2021. It bought the property for \$467 million in 2016.

The lawsuit alleges Beacon

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Mayor “School Board” Johnson politicized issues Chicken-Little style



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

Just when you thought it was safe to come out from under your bed, another deputy of Mayor “School Board” Johnson joins the race of the chickens with their heads chopped off.

What a strange barnyard polka that dance turns out to be.

This time it’s the Rev. Mitchell Johnson leading that little cotillion. He was elevated to the top of the Chicago School Board “pyramid” by the mayor. And he enjoyed the potent power and the sideshow pre-election drama for seven whole days.

That’s how long it took for his glib past and righteous intolerance to take hold, tripping up what was supposed to be a historic and divine leadership with enough mayoral political bonding to create a new kingdom of school board bliss and rubber-stamping. They must have been delirious

at the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU]. The mayor, however, has really telescoped the grandeur of Chicago Public Schools big enough for the whole nation to see. It’s a wheel spinning enterprise.

But that was all before the sky began to fall, Chicken-Little style.

Once again a mayoral deputy was discovered to have made anti-kosher remarks. Where is treasured Molly Goldberg when you need her?

We have to ask, why all this anti-Semitic rhetoric? And where is the Reverend dispensing this disparaging lingo, aside from social media?

How can humans still be littering their speech and conversations with this bitter and broken vocabulary in 2024? The Reverend barely had time to sharpen pencils or convene one School Board meeting. Once it was acknowledged that he also had some heavy duty misogynous philosophy to impart, the weirdness and creepy cats were all out of the bag.

We passed the point of no return when we learned that another dimension of the Reverend’s wisdom centered on his 9/11 conspiracy theories and the horrors of America under attack on that September morn. If you dig

far enough you’ll be in the anti-COVID hysteria of Bobby Kennedy Jr.

What a kettle of rancid fish Mayor Johnson’s appointment of Rev. Johnson proved to be. At this rate the media posts placed by the mayor’s deputies turned to snake venom in providing any type of meaningful contribution to a healthy Chicago.

But what was really historic was the mayor’s unrelenting, over-simplified system of excuses in support for his deputies. His ridiculous strategy of standing by his people was desperate and ludicrous. That’s what it was for his standing by Ronnie Reese, his former Director of Communications, following Reese’s foul treatment and bullying of his colleagues and co-workers. And it’s his continued embrace of the anti-Semite meanderings of Kennedy Bartley, his current Deputy for External Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs, that makes for my current head scratching.

But it only took seven days of dysfunctional political evaporation for the Reverend to find himself alone in his sinking lifeboat before he officially resigned. It only took 24 hours for the mayor to acknowledge what everyone else knew. “Rev. Mitchell Johnson’s statements were not only hurtful but deeply disturbing. I want to be clear: antisemitic, misogynistic, and conspiratorial statements are unacceptable,” said the mayor finally.

The mayor’s request for the Reverend’s resignation came after Gov. JB Pritzker, and 40 members of the Chicago City Council asked him to do so.

Much criticism has been raised regarding the quality and stability of the vetting process, itself, in finding suitable candidates for the office of School Board President.

Even the CTU, which still lists the mayor as a working member of the organization, acknowledged the critical need to gather all the facts on a candidate to make a reasoned judgment.

The mayor was cautioned of the futility of reserving the appointment of a president without an adequate and reasoned

shared responsibility in selecting a candidate. Too much seems to have been disregarded or simply glazed-over in the appointment by the Mayor alone.

Even the Mayor’s office finally admitted he did not know all the facts due to a disconnect in the vetting process.

“We learned this past week that the mayor cannot be left alone to decide who’s going to be the president of the school board, it’s a \$9.9 billion budget, there needs to be a team effort in appointing this person,” said CPS parent Sherri Hoke.

The strange and dysfunctional organization revolving around the critical issue of Chicago public education has its home nowhere but the Mayor’s office. A sad location, indeed, in the saga of a once strong and credible system of education. The schools have been a politicized issue from the beginning of Mayor Johnson’s earliest conniving and deal-making with the CTU.

They have been his financial army of minions dedicated to their own power grab... His foot soldiers and patronage army with zero skills for creating good press.

But the schools should not be an isolated gang of political elitists engaged in a losing battle of wits between an isolated unpopular Mayor in over his head in an office he has little successful leverage in.

The students of Chicago deserve better than this shameful expression of rootless political ambition. And the continued anti-Semitic tirades of lackluster political incompetents surrounding the mayor will only expand his nightmares and the scrutiny of federal investigators who must ask both embarrassing and dangerous questions in 2024.

It’s hard to coax the fearful and

the frightened out from under the hidden safety of that space under our beds. We need a reason to make us strong.

LABOR UNREST: The Lord Mayor of Cork, Ireland, Chicago-born **Dan Boyle**, will visit Chicago this weekend. The Lord Mayor, who moved back to Ireland when he was eight years old, will be in town to visit the site of a proposed statue of 19th century Irish-born labor leader **Mother Jones**. A woman who certainly deserves a Chicago statue.

But the statue’s future site at Chicago’s Historic Water Tower is controversial. The government of the Republic of Ireland has been a strong financial supporter of the statue’s campaign, providing the initial starter grant. But

the sacred historic landmark status of the Water Tower has always been the unique memorial of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire itself.

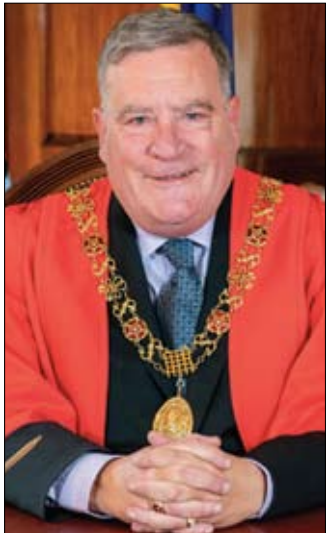
It appears some strange shenanigans by the Irish government and local labor unions have orchestrated another mayoral blunder by Mayor **Brandon Johnson**.

But the statue’s future site near

Chicago’s Historic Water Tower crosses the line.

Chicago’s mayor has little respect or sentiment for Chicago history and heroes. The statue, it appears, rides rough-shod over the memorial garden already in place in memory of Chicago’s late Mayor **Jane Burke Byrne**.

Chicago’s first woman mayor deserves the low key garden that blends in with the site surround-



Dan Boyle, Lord Mayor of Cork

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Special meeting to consider property tax increase

A vote on Mayor Brandon Johnson's giant property tax increase will be held 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, in City Hall.

The proposal has faced stiff criticism from critics in all corners of the city, and short of the Chicago Teachers Union [CTU], there are few supporters for the proposal.

That lack of support includes the City Council where 29 Aldermen have called for a vote on the proposed tax increase. The special City Council meeting will be live-streamed on the City Clerk's Website [https://www.chicityclerk.com/] at the start

of the meeting.

Chicago is facing a significant budget shortfall for 2025, with a projected gap of \$982.4 million. The Mayor's office is also still trying to figure out how to close the \$222.9 million shortfall for this year's budget.

Baseline projections estimate the city's budget deficit will grow to \$1.12 billion in 2026 and \$1.32 billion in 2027, but those shortfalls could be as large as \$1.58 billion and \$1.93 billion. Chicago is projecting its 27th consecutive budget shortfall in upcoming years.

The budget pressures come as a historic round of federal government cash giveaways comes to a close. The federal government spent over \$800 billion to help states navigate the pandemic and government-imposed economic shutdown.

All that federal cash flooding into every city and state made a tax cut, and also increased employee pay for public employees. Now the implication of the end of that spending is really decimating budgets across the nation.

The situation in Chicago and Illinois is particularly dire due to our massive unfunded debt. The lion's share of Chicago's burden is its pension debt, totaling \$34 billion, with another \$2 billion for retiree health benefits.

The current budget crisis is playing out as the city faces one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, and its population is the lowest it's been since 1920.

Chicago Public Schools is also facing a major budget deficit of \$500 million, which does not include added costs from a new contract Johnson is negotiating with his coworkers at the CTU. The CTU wants at least \$10 billion in new contract demands.

City budget notes

Special meeting unprecedented, shows the severity of budget issues

BY SCOTT WAGUESPACK [32ND]

Most of Chicago will find it difficult to support a property tax hike coupled with the new reassessments unless they see a more fiscally responsible city government.

Mayor Brandon Johnson told us in his budget speech that our residents and businesses need to lean in and sacrifice more- hitting homeowners with a tax increase and threatening to further cut public safety budgets if we don't accept it.

Over the past year, as Mayor Johnson's expenses were running out of control, he was not working collectively with the state, but continued blaming them for the budget distress.

Over the course of a year, the City Council subcommittee on Finance came up with no viable ideas. At the same time, the mayor was on a mission to make sure the Bears and the White Sox were the priority

of the city's taxpayers, making promises on behalf of taxpayers that we could never afford.

As we've seen over the past week, there have not been serious cuts to budgets but more shifting of funds from one account to another to make it look like cuts. Many of us have rejected this outright property tax increase without seeing substantial work done to lower the burden on taxpayers.

Our ideas on revenue (that are on par with other cities), cuts and savings ideas have all been offered up, revenue ideas at the state have been offered up, but this budget rejects those ideas and is based on the Mayor and his priorities.

One good thing that was not scrapped was the advanced pension payment created

Commentary

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a few years ago to pay future pension contributions in advance to address the city's underfunded pension plans. The policy was implemented in 2023 by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and is now being continued.

The plan was designed to improve our credit rating and save the city money on interest costs. This will also reduce pension contributions by about \$3 billion over 30 years and reduce the liability burden for future taxpayers. The first advance payment was \$242 million, with a sliding scale. It is intended to bridge the pension funding gap until the city receives casino revenues to support pension payments.

The pension plan funds are simply not something that can be ignored and there

is not a way to change the pension system without changing the state constitution. The city has some of the worst pension funded ratios in the country and our two biggest drivers of the annual budget and our credit rating are debt and pension liability.

Other questions about the overall budget include concerns about the City's interest income which was so wildly out of proportion to prior years. Going back to 2010 it averaged around \$4 million a year. That it's set at \$95 million this year seemed implausible. Interest income comes from revenue earned as the City invests its idle funds in various investment vehicles. We should receive the detailed documentation of that soon.

What are the City's estimated settlement costs for 2025?

This year the amount is slated for \$51 million, including police settlements, but we know we have a possible \$121 million in parking meter payments for losses in ar-

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Vikings to raid Andersonville Nov. 17

Get ready to unleash your inner Viking at the annual Viking Pub Crawl in Andersonville 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17. Viking raiders are invited to the Andersonville neighborhood to raid the area's bars and restaurants, enjoying drinks, laughs, and camaraderie with fellow Norse enthusiasts.

Vikings should dress in their Viking best, because the costume contest is back. Show off your creativity and spirit for a chance to win prizes. Whether you're a fierce warrior or Viking royalty, this pub crawl promises a day in the heart of Andersonville.

Discounts are available for groups of six or more. Contact info@andersonville.org for more information.



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

With Thanksgiving Day only two weeks away, it looks like holiday home-buying at an affordable interest rate is beginning to look like leftover microwave turkey.

On Nov. 7, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loans averaged 6.79%, up from 6.72% a week earlier.

The average was a more affordable 6.08% on Sept. 26, following the Federal Reserve Board's [Fed] cut on its federal-funds rate by a half of one percentage point. A year ago, the 30-year fixed mortgage average was a lofty 7.5%.

On Nov. 7, the Fed's Open Market Committee lowered the federal funds rate a quarter of one

percentage point to a target range of 4.5% to 4.75%, as widely expected.

What is surprising to this writer, who has covered mortgage-market trends since 1968, is why are home-loan rates rising when the Fed is working to bring them down?

Apparently, the disparity between the Fed's actions and the rates consumers are actually paying for loans is controlled by the Wall Street bond market.

Over the past six weeks, bond investors have relentlessly bid up yields on 10-year and 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds, which are closely correlated to mortgage and auto-loan rates. The key 10-year Treasury-bond rate was 3.7% on Sept. 22. On Nov. 7, ahead of the Fed meeting, it was 4.4%.

"Mortgage rates continued to inch up last week, reaching 6.79%," noted Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "It is clear that home-purchase demand is very sensitive to mortgage rates in the current market environment. As soon as rates began to rise in early October, home-purchase applications fell and over the last month have declined 10%."

On Nov. 7, the Freddie Mac survey also reported that 15-year fixed mortgage rates averaged 6%, up from 5.99% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year loans averaged 6.81%.

The survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-purchase loans for borrowers who put 20% down



Fed chair Jerome Powell



President-elect Donald Trump



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In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the federal government's deficit is \$1.8 trillion, and 27% of that was put on our national credit card.

This is where the "American Dream" of affordable homeownership and the Presidential election results intersect. Some economists say President-elect Donald Trump's economic agenda, which is focused on tariffs, tax cuts for corporations, eliminating taxes on overtime pay, tips, and Social Security benefits, likely would drive the federal deficit higher, and eventually push home-loan interest rates even higher.

"We continue to be confident that with an appropriate recalibration of our policy stance, strength in the economy and the labor market can be maintained with inflation moving down to 2%," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said.

The committee "will continue to monitor the implications of incoming information for the economic outlook" and "would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate,"

Powell said.

The Fed said it is planning another quarter-point federal-funds rate cut in December, followed by additional cuts of up to 100 basis points throughout 2025.

"In the near term, the election will have no effect upon our policy decisions," Powell said. "We don't know what the timing and substance of any policy changes will be."

Looking into his crystal ball for the direction of interest rates in 2025, Powell said: "We do not know what the effects (of Trump policies) on the economy would be specifically, or whether and to what extent those policies would matter for the achievement of our goals of maximum employment and price stability."

At his Nov. 7 press conference, Powell told reporters that he didn't believe the president had the authority to fire him, and he would not leave his job if Trump asked.

Good luck mortgage hunting this winter!

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Lincoln Park Builders to host 35th annual Real Estate Forum Nov. 21

Industry leaders discuss development in Chicago's neighborhoods, what to expect in 2025

The Lincoln Park Builders of Chicago [LPB] will hosts its 35th annual Real Estate Forum, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Theater on the Lake, at Fullerton and Lake Shore Dr.

This year's event will feature a panel discussion, titled "Beyond the Skyline: Developing Vital and Sustainable Neighborhoods," that will delve into the evolving

role of the city's neighborhoods as dynamic mini-economic hubs where Chicagoans live, work, shop and socialize. The LPB is an honorary society of builders, developers and managers of real estate and those involved in the field.

The panel will explore strategies to drive cross-sector, community-level development as well as discuss challenges Chicago is currently facing.

Participants at this year's Forum include moderator: Frank Campise, principal and head of acquisitions, JAB Real Estate. Panelists are Adam Friedberg, CEO, Mavrek Development; Ciere Boatright, Commis-

sioner, Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development; Michael Herman, CEO, Chicago House and Social Service Agency, and Jean Dufresne, founder and principal, Moth Architects.

Considered one of the local real estate industry's premier social and educational functions, the Forum regularly draws hundreds from across real estate disciplines, including some of the region's most prominent developers, investors and brokers.

Reservations are required by Monday, Nov. 18. Write to to Sarah Lyons, slyons@taylorjohnson.com, or call 312-267-4520.

Final School Board vote totals for North Side Districts

On Nov. 5, Chicago citizens got to vote for School Board positions in their districts. There are three districts serving the North Side: two - Rogers Park, Edgewater, Lincoln Square, Albany Park; four - Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and six - downtown. The districts run from north to south along the North Lakefront.

The results in District two are:
Ebony L. DeBerry - 33,729
Bruce Leon - 16,905
Jennifer Custer - 15,829
Margaret Hooper - 13,266

The results in District four are:
Ellen Rosenfeld - 42,499
Karen Zaccor - 29,305
Kimberly Brown - 9,758
Thomas Day - 7,908
Carmen Gioiosa - 7,102
Andrew A. Davis - 4,084

The results in District six are:
Jessica Biggs - 34,954
Anusha Thotakura - 24,679
Andre Smith - 18,386

Vote totals reported by the Chicago Board of Elections

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bitration and other high priced settlements on the way.

Is there still an open option for using refi funds to close a budget gap?

During the refinancing of bonds issue, there was great concern about the city's desire to use those refi funds for operating expenses. After a concerted effort to get that irresponsible option removed from the ordinance, the bonds passed.

I voted no because I believe the structure of the bond deal still allows for the Mayor to wrongly use the funds for operating expenses and plug budget holes while driving up costs for the City.

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Last week, Municipal bonds plummeted on Wednesday after voters elected Donald Trump as US president. The move followed a rout in US Treasuries, which sold off over concerns that Trump's policies will widen an already bloated budget deficit and cause inflation to surge, further skewing the refi promises.

What we will watch for this week is to see how many more departments will shift corporate fund staff and programs to bond funding or grants.

A major concern is the potential for cuts to grants in the new Trump Administration that the Johnson Administration says just won't happen.

We also have to scrutinize and determine if all of the shifts to other bond funds are fiscally permissible per government financing rules.

These are among dozens of questions that have been asked of the administration, many without available answers.

We have until Dec. 31 to pass a municipal budget. There is no such thing as continuing resolutions like they have in Congress. Failure to pass a budget does not include any penalty under written state law, but has serious consequences like lawsuits for failing to pay debts, defaults, and even more credit rating damage.

Those so inclined can watch all of the

meetings live-streamed (and recorded) on the City Clerk website. Many aldermen have called for a special meeting this Wednesday to vote down the Mayor's budget, demanding he starts over.

Many Aldermen hope that the Mayor and his staff take this seriously and come back with a right sized budget based on reality. This call for a special meeting is an unprecedented step but shows the severity of the budget issues.

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Police Beat...

Cops hunt robber targeting businesses on Far North Side

Police have linked five recent business robberies on the Far North Side to a single man who may be armed.

In a community alert, Area Three detectives said the robber enters businesses, usually in the evening, and implies that he is holding a weapon under his jacket.

“Give me money,” he orders, before taking cash from the victims.

The alert said the man robbed businesses in the 6300 block of N. Clark at 4:27 a.m. Oct. 8; the 4800 block of N. Ashland at 11 p.m. Oct. 8; the 2100 block of W. Devon at 7:27 p.m. Oct. 18, and on the 1900 block of W. Peterson at 7:06 p.m. Oct. 2 and 9:12 p.m. on Oct. 16

Investigators can be reached at 312-744-8263 regarding crime pattern #P24-3-060.

Woman charged with CTA robbery

Celeste Pope, 18, of the 5900 block of S. Elizabeth, was been charged with two felony counts – Robbery.

She was arrested on Nov. 5, in the 1700 block of S. State St., after she was identified as one of the offenders who, on July 19, took personal property from a 22-year-old male while riding a Red Line train in the 1300 block of W. Montrose.

She is also charged in connection to the Oct. 30, robbery of a 28-year-old female on an Orange Line train. The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly.



Celeste Pope

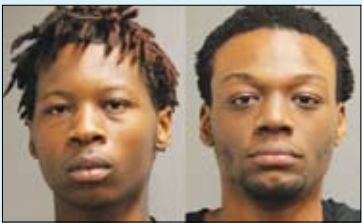
Two men went on nighttime robbery spree, one was wearing an ankle monitor

Two men, including one who was supposed to be home on electronic monitoring, went on a crosstown robbery spree, mugging victims from 79th St. to Lakeview and Uptown before finally being arrested at the Addison Red Line CTA station, officials said.

Bryant Robinson and Jerome Jackson, both 20, are each charged with four counts of robbery and one count of aggravated battery in a public place.

Prosecutors said Robinson, Jackson, and at least two others started their two-hour crime spree around 10 p.m. Nov. 1 at the 79th St. Red Line station, getting away with the victim's Beats headphones.

After taking the Red Line north, the group allegedly mugged a 57-year-old man in the 4200 block of N. Clarendon. He told police that four men surrounded him as he walked, and Robinson rifled through his pockets for valuables. Robinson took the man's cash out of his wallet, tossed the billfold to the ground, and fled, a Chicago police report



Jerome Jackson, left, and Bryant Robinson.

said.

The group also mugged a 26-year-old woman in the 3200 block of N. Pine Grove. When her boyfriend tried to intervene, Robinson raised his shirt to display an apparent firearm in his waistband, according to the report.

In the 600 block of W. Waveland, the crew grabbed a man by the throat, dragged him between planters and parked cars, and forced him to his knees as they robbed him, officials said.

A Chicago police surveillance camera operator spotted four people who matched the suspects' descriptions entering the Addison Red Line CTA station a short time later. Cops moved in and arrested them. Officers allegedly recovered a pistol-shaped Tazer from the crew.

Prosecutors asked Judge David Kelly to detain both men, but the judge only agreed to keep Robinson in custody pending trial.

According to court records, Robinson has been arrested two other times in recent weeks.

On Sept. 23, police responded to the 35th St. Red Line CTA station after a group of men robbed an 18-year-old man, taking his phone and book bag on the platform. CPD officers trailed the suspects to the 79th St. Red Line station and detained Robinson, according to an arrest report.

The victim could not identify Robinson as one of the robbers, so Robinson was never charged with the crime, the report said. However, police charged Robinson with reckless conduct and theft of services for allegedly jumping a CTA turnstile and chasing and throwing punches at the robbery victim.

He was cited and released from the police station.

A month later, on Oct. 22, police arrested Robinson on charges of assault and obstruction of identification in the 5100 block of N. Long. Judge Susana Ortiz put him on court-operated electronic monitoring with a nighttime curfew, according to records.

Two men shot by a concealed carry holder in Loop also getting sent to prison



Sebong Grisby, left, and Dangel Webb.

Two men who were shot by a concealed carry holder who thought they were trying to steal his car in the Loop received prison sentences Nov. 7 to go along with their gunshot wounds.

One overnight in Dec. 2022, the concealed carry holder started his

2020 black Dodge Charger with the fob as he walked toward the vehicle outside the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph. But when he got outside, he saw a red Jeep near his vehicle and someone entering his car. Then, someone in the Jeep began shooting at him, and he returned fire, prosecutors said at the time.

The Jeep nearly struck the concealed carry holder as it sped from the scene, and he fired three more rounds. At the same time, the victim saw another man get out of his Dodge Charger, drop a small computer used to steal cars, and then run away, officials said.

Shortly after the gunfire, surveillance cameras at Northwestern Memorial Hospital allegedly recorded Deangelo Webb tossing two items from the red Jeep as he arrived at the hospital emergency entrance. Webb had a gunshot wound to his knee, and the two items he threw were loaded ammunition magazines, prosecutors claimed.

Meanwhile, CPD and CTA surveillance cameras recorded Sebong Grisby “running, limping, and grabbing his rear end” as he fled from the shooting scene, prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said.

He entered a Red Line CTA station before returning to street level and proceeding to Wabash Ave., where he ran up to a car and informed two women that he had been shot.

Grisby “lowered his pants and showed the women his rear end, and one of the women recorded this interaction on her cellphone,” Dale-Schmidt said. But Grisby left before the fire department arrived.

He later arrived at Lurie Children's Hospital, where staff members transferred him to Northwestern.

On Nov. 7, Webb, 28, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, and Grigsby, 26, pleaded guilty to burglary, according to court records. Judge James Obbish sentenced both men to four years.

Their sentences will be reduced to two years for good behavior and reduced further by 698 credit days earned while awaiting trial. Both men should be paroled in about a month.

Rash or commercial burglaries

Police are warning of a rash of recent commercial burglaries in the Noble Square, East Village, River West, Fulton Market District, Fulton River District, Greektown, South Loop, River North, Lincoln Park and West Town neighborhoods.

In each of the incidents below, a lone offender forcibly enters into a commercial business with use of a pry tool. Once inside, offender takes possession of safes or cash registers containing USC as well as high-end bottled alcohol located inside business.

Incidents include those in the 1500 block of W. Chicago Ave. on April 19, at 3:27 a.m.; 1500 block of W. Chicago Ave. on July 1, at 2:15 a.m.; 1900 block of W. Chicago Ave. on July 11, at 3:30 a.m.; 700 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. on Sept. 11, at 2:39 a.m.; 500 block of N. Ogden Ave on Sept. 11, at 2:47 a.m.; 300 block of S. Halsted St on Oct. 2, at 2:15 a.m.; 1400 block of S. Michigan Ave. on Oct. 6, at 2 a.m.; 0-100 block of W. Illinois St. on Oct. 11, at 7:03 a.m.; 400 block of N. Ogden Ave. on Oct. 25,

at 2:30 a.m.; 1400 block of N. Ashland Ave. on Nov. 1, at 4:22 a.m.; 0-100 block of W. Illinois St. on Nov. 1, at 5:43 a.m.; 2500 block of N. Clark St. on Nov. 1, at 4 a.m.; 500 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. on Nov. 9, at 5:30 a.m.; 2200 block of N. Lincoln Ave. on Nov. 9, at 6:55 a.m., and on the 2400 block of N. Clark St. on Nov. 9, at 7:35 a.m.

The offenders is described as an African America male, 18-30 years old wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark colored jacket, dark colored pants, dark colored ski mask.

Those who may have any information on these crimes may contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use reference # 24-CWP-053A.

Lincoln Bend shooting

On Nov. 9, at approximately 7 p.m., a victim was shot then transported themselves to Swedish Hospital, where they reported a shooting occurring on the 5300 block of N Lincoln Ave.

Chicago police are currently investigating. Neighbors in the area with any additional information on the shooter are encouraged to contact the 20th District at caps.020district@chicagopolice.org or call Area 3 Detectives at 312-744-8261.

Migrant arrested 13 times in a year is now charged with Streeterville robbery



A collection of Santiago Josue Baragas Rodriguez's mugshots.

A Venezuelan migrant has been detained as a safety threat, his 13th arrest in a year, after he allegedly tried to rob a woman of her bike in Streeterville.

A 43-year-old woman intervened when she saw Santiago Josue Baragas Rodriguez, 19, using a rock to try to break the lock of her electric bike in the 400 block of N. City Front Place, a Chicago police report said. When she tried to take her bike back, Rodriguez swung the rock, slapped, and struggled with her, according to the report.

Police said a witness jumped in to disarm and detain Rodriguez until officers arrived.

Judge Caroline Glennon-Goodman granted the state's detention petition, noting that Rodriguez already has three misdemeanor cases pending and he's been arrested in Chicago 11 times this year. Yet, the judge wrote, he “continues to commit crimes against citizens in Chicago.” The three pending cases all involve shoplifting allegations.

In fact, Cook County court records show Rodriguez has been arrested 13 times since Nov. 1, 2023. Prosecutors dropped most of the cases even though Rodriguez failed to appear in court.

On May 20, a Macy's employee accused him of shoplifting at the 111 N. State store. He was on pretrial release at the time for allegedly shoplifting from Nordstrom Rack, 101 E. Chicago, on May 3. Both cases were dropped.

He was arrested for trespassing on April 4 for allegedly refusing to leave the Northwestern Memorial Hospital parking garage. Prosecutors dropped the case on June 11.

He experienced better luck when he failed to appear in court three previous times, according to court records:

Rodriguez didn't show up on May 16 for a case that accused him of assault and criminal trespassing in the Loop. Prosecutors dropped the charges in his absence because the alleged victim didn't show up either.

He didn't show up on March 7 for a case involving allegations that he

shoplifted from Home Depot, 4555 S. Western Avenue. Prosecutors dropped that case, too.

He didn't show up on Dec. 12, 2023, for a shoplifting case in which he was accused of stealing two pairs of shoes from Nordstrom Rack, 24 N. State. Once again, prosecutors dropped the charge because the store did not send a representative to court.

Two suspects sought in DePaul Univ. hate crime attack

Investigators are looking for two men in connection with the hate crime attack of two Jewish students on DePaul University's Lincoln Park campus on Nov. 6.

DePaul President Robert Manuel told the school community in a letter that the students were “visibly showing their support for Israel” when they were attacked outside the school's Student Center around 3:20 p.m.

Detectives are trying to identify two men in connection with the incident, saying it is considered a battery and hate crime.

At least one of the men verbally engaged the victims in the 2300 block of N. Sheffield and made anti-Semitic remarks before repeatedly striking them, officials said.

CPD's bulletin said both suspects are about 20 years old. One, who wore a black balaclava over his face, is 5'-10" to 6 feet tall and 150 to 170 lbs. The other has a full beard with shaved sides. He's 5'-8" to 5'-11" tall and also 150 to 170 lbs.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation. You can reach them at 312-744-8261, referencing case #JH497856.

“We will do all we can do to hold those responsible accountable for this outrageous incident,” Manuel said in his community letter.

Man surrenders in double murder at Navy Pier

On Nov. 9, Chicago Police charged Raylon East, 36, of the 2300 block of



Raylon East

E. 70th St., with two counts of First Degree Murder, naming him as the man they say killed two of his former co-workers at Navy Pier on Nov. 5.

The suspect turned himself in within three hours of the incident.

A CPD spokesperson confirmed that a “person of interest” was in custody in the case, and the investigation is ongoing.

East turned himself in at the Grand Crossing 3rd District police station, 7040 S. Cottage Grove, at 3:15 p.m.

Two men, ages 47 and 51, were fatally shot at a loading dock area on the pier at 1:17 p.m. Nov. 5, officials said. Police searched the pier and its parking garages, but detectives say East escaped the area via CTA.

East is believed to be a recently terminated employee of a food service operation on the pier.

Video footage showed that he walked off the pier around 1:25 p.m. and was last seen heading west on Illinois St. at McClurg Ct. before catching the CTA. Court records show he was convicted of armed robbery in 2008 and had a gun charge dropped in 2017.

A CPD spokesperson said the investigation is “ongoing.”

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Eighteen-time convicted felon gets six-years for stealing rare baseball cards

BY CWBCHICAGO

A 17-time felon added an 18th conviction to his résumé Nov. 4 when he pleaded guilty to stealing baseball cards worth tens of thousands of dollars. Scott Meherg, 44, pleaded guilty to felony theft in exchange for a six-year sentence from Judge Mary Margaret Brosnahan.

In the early morning darkness of May 31, 2022, a burglar removed bricks and security bars from a window and entered Elite Sports Cards & Comics, 2028 W. Montrose. He gathered 32 high-value cards, then fled, officials said.

Owner Ronnie Holloway discovered the burglary when he arrived around 9:30 that morning. He pulled up the store's surveillance video, which showed a man wearing long sleeves, gloves, and a mask clearing out display cases and shelves.



One of the stolen collector cards, Scott Meherg, and a security image of the burglar.

He recognized the figure as a man who had visited the store about five times in the weeks leading up to the theft. The man wore a hoodie and a baseball cap and talked for about 15 minutes before leaving each time.

Prosecutors claimed Meherg sold some of the stolen cards for a fraction of their actual value, with the first transactions taking place before the break-in was discovered.

Just two hours after the crime, someone contacted a collector about selling high-value cards and they met at a Dunkin' Donuts that morning to make a deal, prosecutors said. The buyer allegedly gave Meherg \$11,500 in cash and a collectible card worth \$7,000 for 10 cards stolen from Elite hours before.

Days later, the buyer saw media coverage of the break-in and contacted Elite to report that he had

already resold five of the store's cards but still had five others he purchased during the transaction.

He turned the remaining items over to police: two Mickey Mantle cards and one each of Babe Ruth, Yogi Berra, and Jim Brown, according to court records.

Police license plate readers and other evidence led investigators to Meherg. Elite's owner also confirmed that Meherg was the man who had visited the store several times before the burglary.

During an interview with police, Meherg admitted to selling the cards to the man at Dunkin', but he denied breaking into the store. Prosecutors said his 17 previous felony convictions include burglaries, forgery, theft, and ID theft.

Meherg's six-year sentence will be reduced to three for good behavior. It will be reduced by an additional 516 days for time he spent in jail and on an ankle monitor as well as credit for participating in jailhouse programming.

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Federal judge strikes down Illinois assault weapons ban

BY PETE HANCOCK
Capitol News

A federal judge in East St. Louis on Nov. 8 struck down Illinois' assault weapons ban on the grounds that it violates the Second and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution and issued an order barring the state from enforcing it.

That order, however, was stayed for 30 days, giving the state time to file an appeal before it takes effect.

In a 168-page opinion released Friday afternoon, Judge Stephen McGlynn sided with plaintiffs in the case who argued the assault-style weapons banned under the law are commonly used for legal purposes such as self-defense.

"What is particularly disturbing is that the prohibition of weapons that are commonly owned and used by citizens are now banned, depriving citizens of a principal means to defend themselves and their property in situations where a handgun or shotgun alone would not be the citizen's preferred arm," Judge McGlynn wrote.

In March, before the case went to trial, McGlynn issued a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of the law, saying the plaintiffs challenging the law were likely to prevail on the merits of the case.

But the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision, and in July the U.S. Supreme declined to review it – along with several other cases challenging the law – and remanded all the cases back to district courts for full proceedings.

The case before McGlynn was the subject of a week-long trial in September. Two other cases, each with multiple sets of plaintiffs, are pending before district court judges in the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago.



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ing the historic Water Tower. With familiar Irish blarney and bluster the Irish have blundered into the quiet honor of the site. They just say it's the site they were given. But all of this, of course, has its origins in the dysfunctional and crippled regime of Mayor Johnson. He's only too eager to fragment issues by his lack of knowledge and honor in caring for Chicago's history and traditions already in place.

Too bad the Irish government couldn't keep their two cents out of yet another Chicago mayoral blunder. The Lord Mayor should be careful where he steps.

INTERFAITH PARK: There was a special day of dedication to **Rabbi Herman** and **Lotte Schaalman** on Friday, Nov. 8. It was nice to see the community to come out together to support a special moment, the official dedication ceremony of Interfaith Park at Thorndale and Sheridan Rd.

Co-officiated by **Cantor Shelly** and **Rabbi Zedek**, the special dedication was an important moment for the community. Rabbi and Lotte's children were there along with retired Ald. **Harry Osterman**, 48th Ward chief of staff **Nicole Granacki**, **Gregory Gross** from Care for Real, and many others.

WHITE OUT: Mag Mile retailer H&M has moved to a smaller retail space, now that entire block of N. Michigan Avenue is vacant, thanks **Debra Lynne Karabin** for that report.

MILWAUKEE NEIGHBOR: The **Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob**, an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2020, has been named the 12th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by **Pope Francis**.

Archbishop-Designate Grob, 63, succeeds the **Most Rev. Jerome Listecki** who gave his notice of retirement on his 75th birthday March 12. Archbishop-Designate Grob will be installed as Archbishop of Milwaukee on Jan. 14, 2025, by the Papal Nuncio to the United States, **Cardinal Christophe Pierre**. Growing up in Cross Plains, WI, outside Madison, he has served in the Archdiocese of Chicago since he was ordained to the priesthood in 1992.

PAX TIBI: **Tommy DeLorenzo**, beloved Chicago balloon artist, has died at 38. He began launching balloons at the age of 14. In August, his team orchestrated a drop of 100,000 balloons in his honor at the Democratic National Convention. "He was always the life of the party," his niece said. His husband, **Scott**, will carry on the business.

CHRISTMAS TREE: A 54-foot Blue Spruce tree that is picture perfect has been selected as the city's official Christmas Tree, having grown and been nurtured by the **Holden-Shaddick Family** in Logan Square.

SERVICE CLUB GALA: The 134th Service Club Gala at the Ritz Carlton Hotel gathered generous members and friends to support and strengthen the organization's philanthropic mission of bolstering support for under-resourced agencies in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Co-chairs **Alex Meneses** and **Kelly Uihlein** and the Gala Committee



Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob



Kathleen Haines-Finley



Bobbi Panter 9far left) with Chuck and Candace Jordan, Bruce Haas, Philip Emigh, and Kelly Uihlein.

did an extraordinary job creating a magic and resourceful evening, inspired by the leadership of **Sherrill Bodine**.

PHOTOS: Potter & Potter Auctions has announced its December Art sale, which features a special group of **Milton Greene** photographs and artwork from the collection and corridors of the Beverly Hilton. Greene's portraits of famous figures like **Frank Sinatra**, **Grace Kelly**, and **Marilyn Monroe** remain in high regard and the company will offer over 50 of his images in the auction. Portraits up for sale includes **Audrey Hepburn**, **Ava Gardner**, **Dovima**, **Kim Novak**, **Anne St. Marie**, **Sammy Davis Jr.**, **Anne Gunning**, **President John F. Kennedy**, **Merv Griffin**, **Esther Williams**, **Jimmy Durante**, **Rita Hayworth** and **Fred Astaire**, **Louis Armstrong**, **Jack Lemmon**, and many other paintings and prints. The Beverly Hilton hotel itself is a world-famous landmark and particularly well-known as the venue for the annual Golden Globe Awards ceremony.

CAILLEBOTTE EXAMINED: The Musée d'Orsay in Paris, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, and the Art Institute of Chicago have joined forces to examine **Gustave Caillebotte**, the most discreet of the Impressionists, with a sweeping retrospective "Painting Men," which runs through January in Paris, before heading to L.A. next spring and Chicago next summer. Despite the acclaim the artist has received over the past three decades, he still remains a bit of a mystery. A major focus of the exhibition also coincides with the 130th anniversary of the artist's passing.

WHO'S WHERE: Congratulations to **Kathleen Haines-Finley** on receiving the Neiman Marcus "Be The Best Award" recognizing an individual committed to excellence in what they do every day... **Catherine Johns** is a Chicago Star and celebrated a birthday with her pal **Cindy James**... **Whitney Reynolds** and **Dave Heiner** at the Ritz New Orleans driving up from Hen-

derson Beach visiting her sister **Borris'** hometown... **Joey Majumdar** celebrating a beautiful friendship and work relationship with actor, director, filmmaker, **Thom Quinn**... Judge (ret) **Dave Donnesberger** happily celebrating a festive birthday... Maestro **Rich** and **Kathy Daniels** on their bikes hanging on to the last vestiges of summer... Attorney **Dan Kirk** at the Casa Tua Hotel in Miami Beach Florida sipping virgin espresso martinis... **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** and birthday girl **Bethany Kitrick** looking highly fashionable celebrating her special day... **Mark Olley** and **Jim Ellsworth** loving the autumn omelette at Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club... **Eamonn Cummins** with pal **Mike Gottlieb** on the Chicago River... **Carrie Lannon** in Washington, D.C. at the National Gallery with **Katherine Fritch's** 15-foot Blue Chicken.

TALLEY HO: **Rodger** and **Janet Owen** at the Mill Creek Fox Hunt and Hunt Breakfast, sharing the excitement of the beautiful horses, hounds, riders, scarlets and ceremony, though no real foxes, hoped for a coyote or two.

SHOW TIME: **Barb Bailey** and **Paul Hansen** awestruck by the incredible **Amy Lechelt** in a Sixties Celebration, taking the audience back in time and then forward with the deeply moving "Once Upon Another Time" with **Cathy Glickman**, then joining in other songs by friends **Arlene Armstrong**, **Jay Cook**, **Patricia Salinski** and **Beckie Menzy**, backed by the musical talent of **Irwin Berkowicz**, and **Scot Mason** at Davenport's on Milwaukee.

TOURIST LIMITS: Aer Lingus is set to reduce flights as Dublin International is approaching the acceptable number of passengers it can handle annually. The airline is considering reducing its workforce.

Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason. - **Mark Twain**

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Stephen K. Hayt School. Photo by Bob Zuley

Hayt School teacher piqued student band interest, seeks community support

BY BOB ZULEY

Edgewater's Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School teacher Sarah Latimer asked if students were interested in a school band. Last year, 17 students finished the school year with Latimer and this year, 33 signed up.

Now, facing lean financing from school sources, she is seeking \$10,000 from the community to support a new student concert band program.

"My school has been very supportive of this [program], and I have gotten money from the school to do this, but at the same time, at the district level, there's not a lot of schools that have band programs — especially elementary K-8 schools — just because there's not funding for it," Latimer told Block Club Chicago.

This is only the second year of the new band program for students located at Hayt School, 1518 W. Granville Ave., and Latimer, a third year teacher, is eager to keep the students' interest in the concert band program piqued.

Latimer established a GoFundMe page with the initial goal of raising \$5,000 to support the concert band mission but has now raised the goal to \$10,000 after seeing support.

Already, over \$6,000 has been raised and added earnings will support future students interested in band activities.

Latimer said this on the GoFundMe page site: "Thank you all so much for your donations and those who are donating instruments. Your support will impact Hayt students who are eager to learn and ensure they get the quality instruments and materials they deserve. Due to the rapid growth, I am raising the goal to \$10,000. Thank you again for your support."

Community members interested in donating instruments or accessories may contact Latimer directly at slatimer4@cps.edu or the GoFundMe site. Latimer told this newspaper, "I appreciate support and willingness to help spread the word."

Stephen K. Hayt was born in 1880 in Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico. In 1888, the Hayt's moved to the North Side. As a young 24-year old Lieutenant, Hayt was killed in the Philippines while in service to the U.S. Army. Very probably, he was the youngest person for whom a Chicago public school was ever named, according to the Edgewater Historical Society.

Turkey Trot Nov. 16 at Horner Park

The Chicago Park District is hosting several races at neighborhood parks throughout November, including Turkey Trots. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., will host the largest free Turkey Trot in Chicago starting 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

Each registrant will receive a neck gaiter, that comfortably protects from harsh sunlight, wind, and other elements runners encounter on a trail. This year, a DJ will provide entertainment for participants, including athletes from Girls on the Run. Last year, the Horner Park Turkey Trot saw over 550 participants cross the finish line.

Registration closes on Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. or until the number of registrants reaches 1300. To register for the race, visit <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/go-run-chicago>.

Letters to the Editor

Double-dipping

As a Chicago Police Officer, I was allowed to work for a school, part-time, but only while on my vacation or regular day off from CPD. It wouldn't have occurred to me to try anything else.

That Mayor Brandon Johnson can hold the high spot in town, plus still be "listed as an employee of the Chicago Teachers Union and also the Chicago Public Schools...[as is] Deputy Mayor for Education Jennifer Johnson" is astounding [Nov.6]. How is she "currently on leave from her city position" and still Deputy Mayor?

"Because they continue to be union employees, they are still accruing seniority within the CPS system." So they are getting a benefit just as if they were one

of the hardworking teachers and staff showing up to the halls and classrooms every day — without putting in a minute's work in any school?

Are the Mayor and Deputy Mayor spots just placeholders? If they don't get elected again they get to land on their feet in CPS/CTU without having to re-apply? Regular Joes and Jos don't get that kind of consideration, so let's call it what it is — clout!

In my day we termed it something else too: "double-dipping." It wasn't right for cops then, it shouldn't be tolerated of the mayor and his people now.

Retired CPD Warrant/Summons
Officer Maja Ramirez
Avondale

Follow the law

Your paper is usually quick to call out people who endanger their fellow citizens, which is why I was surprised to see the recent article dismiss the city's ticketing program for illegally parked drivers as a "more efficient way of collecting cash from drivers" (Oct. 30). Scofflaw drivers who park in bike lanes, bus lanes, and loading zones aren't just impeding the flow of people and goods in our downtown; they're also endangering their neighbors and visitors to our great city.

Just like with speed and red-light cameras, there's an easy way to avoid these automated parking tickets: simply follow the law.

Alec Schwengler
Lincoln Square

Mayor gets ready to reward North Side voters

It is the time of year for Mayor Johnson to put on his "big boy pants" and set the City budget.

Expenses are up, while spending by consumers (which fuels sales tax revenues) is down.

There are only two options, raise property taxes or cut spending.

Springfield has no money, and we certainly cannot ask Washington, D.C. for any more bailouts.

The Mayor will probably play the race card, but that won't work. It never works.

Since Mayor Johnson comes from the public sector freeloader class, I doubt he will cut spending.

The Mayor hired an extra 800 city workers even after he insti-

tuted a hiring freeze.

There was also enough money to spend on migrants, bike lanes and workers' salaries.

So Brandon will raise property taxes. Big time.

Oh, I'm sure some aldermen will try to put on a good show to eliminate the property tax increase. But gosh darn it, they will fail on a parliamentary maneuver. Like they always do.

They'll all still get their pay raises. And so will their chiefs of staffs, ward superintendents, secretaries, drivers, coat holders, door openers, dog walkers and the latte and scone fetchers.

The City will raise our property taxes. And the School Finance Authority will raise our prop-

erty taxes. And the Chicago Park District will raise our property taxes. So will the Chicago Public Library. And Cook County is reassessing our property values higher this year.

Property taxes will skyrocket. Monthly mortgages will go up. Rents will rise. All because we can't cut spending.

So the North Side will pay big time.

But this is what the 40th, 44th, 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th Wards voted for. Mayor Johnson won all those North Side wards. And now we must pay for those votes.

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,
-v-
NIRANJAN B. VASUDEVAN, MV REALTY OF ILLINOIS, LLC, LUNT ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2024 CH 02888
1309 W LUNT AVE APT 1E
CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 19, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 2, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1309 W LUNT AVE APT 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-114-038-1001
The real estate is improved with a condo/town-house.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale with-

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out 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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2024 CH 02888
TJSC#: 44-2320
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Case # 2024 CH 02888
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR PRL TITLE TRUST I
Plaintiff
vs.
CURTIS D. TUCKEY
Defendant
23 CH 8413
CALENDAR 59
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 2, 2024, at the hour 11:00 A.M., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
LOT 26 IN BLOCK 2 IN A.T. GALT'S EDGEWATER GOLF SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 30 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 11-32-331-002-0000.
Commonly known as 1217 W. Arthur Avenue, Chicago, IL 60626.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960, 1491-194977
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,
-v-
DONALD R. BROCAR, DISCOVER BANK, JP-MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., ARTHURS COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,

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Defendants.
24 CH 2605
6454 N. BOSWORTH AVE., UNIT 2A, CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/26/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on December 11, 2024 located at 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 6454 N. BOSWORTH AVE., UNIT 2A, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-322-017-1002
The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$204,576.41 Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC, No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS

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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: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC. (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 24-00539.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-
SANDRA B. TOBACK A/K/A SANDRA TOBACK, ROBERT H. ROSENFELD & ASSOCIATES, LLC, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 1242 W. DICKENS, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
2023 CH 08730
1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 16, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-32-126-051-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$2,180,296.65.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real es-

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tate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 315085.
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223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
Chicago IL, 60606
312-263-0003
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Attorney File No. 315085
Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 2023 CH 08730
TJSC#: 44-2681
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BMO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
BRETT M. SINGER, NORMAN J. SINGER, BETTY R. SINGER, THE BUDMAN BUILDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, EUGENIE TERRACE TOWNHOUSES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2022 CH 11684
1715 NORTH WELLS STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 20, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 18, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1715 NORTH WELLS STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-414-062-1051
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$881,156.89.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied

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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 MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312)

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Chicago IL, 60601
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Attorney File No. 22-034401
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TJSC#: 44-2644
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SELENE FINANCE, LP
Plaintiff,
-v-
VLAD CHIRICA, 3550 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2024 CH 03374
3550 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 2119
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 August 5, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 2, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3550 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 2119, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-111-007-1549
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will 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

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interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2024 CH 03374
TJSC#: 44-2499
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Case # 2024 CH 03374
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
GLEN LUBOWICZ, 720 GORDON TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2024 CH 03317

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720 W. GORDON TERRACE, APT 6E
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 August 30, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 2, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 720 W. GORDON TERRACE, APT 6E, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-16-303-035-1083
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will 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,

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etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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Attorney File No. 14-24-02373
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2024 CH 03317
TJSC#: 44-2500
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2024 CH 03317
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LSF 11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
Plaintiff
vs.
ALEJANDRO CASTRO, ROBERTO CARO, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
22 CH 9613
CALENDAR 63
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 2, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-08-203-016-1274.
Commonly known as 5455 N. Sheridan Rd., Unit 2505, Chicago, IL 60640.
The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SP5001392-22FC1
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. Bank National Association
Plaintiff,
-v-
Jose M. Marin Hernandez; Illinois-Housing Development Authority; 6170 N. Winchester Condominium Association
Defendants.
2023CH05361
6170 N WINCHESTER AVE APT G,
CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/6/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on 12/4/2024 located at 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 6170 N WINCHESTER AVE APT G, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-06-212-012-1005
The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$145,957.02
Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC, No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire

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transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-22-07396.
Auction.com LLC
100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985
You can also visit www.auction.com.
Attorney File No. 14-22-07396
Case Number: 2023CH05361
NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Letters to the Editor

Money over whaaat?

Was it strictly necessary to pepper your [Nov. 6] article about a marijuana dispensary in Streeterville (“Former Uptown Alderman’s vote seals Streeterville pot shop deal”) with openly racist dog whistles about rappers and “money over bitches?”

One would have hoped that a local newspaper would be able to express its opposition to a zoning decision without descending to the level of Donald Trump.

Paul Gowder
Gold Coast

Losing faith in government institutions

I must compliment Skyline on the unique rap structure, tone, and conclusions in [the Nov. 6 story on] the Streeterville pot shop deal.

It captures so many of the concerns residents have with the so-called job creating, tax generating, and wealth creating ideas cooked up by industry special interests in a socialized effort to save our city.

The idea of placing inappropriate retail uses in violation of existing city zoning and nuisance laws is beyond the pale. It is radical and reckless land use.

It shows how ineffective local aldermen have become in protecting their constituents’ concerns from this constant top-down onslaught by big money interests in clear violation of laws and conflict of interest and administrative law governing land uses.

No wonder people have lost faith in their government institutions. Time for a different tune. Money changes everything and not all for the good.

Tim Carew
Old Town

City Hall OK’s residential conversion plan for 500 N. Michigan

Last week the Chicago City Council approved a residential conversion of the existing office building at 500 N. Michigan.

The 24-story, 304-foot-tall building along the Mag Mile was originally built in 1968 and houses a series of retail tenants. Presently most of its office spaces are vacant.

Planned by Connecticut-based developer Commonwealth Development Partners, and designed by GREC Architects, the building will now be converted into 320 residential units on floors 6-23. The project will include 64 affordable apartments. Retail will remain on the first two floors with office space on floors three, four and five.

Residents would have access to amenity space on the seventh floor as well as a new rooftop amenity space on the 24th floor.



500 N. Michigan Ave.

Courtesy GREC Architects

This top floor space would be both indoor and outdoor, but would require additional density to be obtained through the Neighborhood Opportunity tax bonus while also increasing the building height from 304 feet to 322 feet.

The building has a parking garage in the basement with valet service that can accommodate 68 cars. Access is from Lower Illinois St. and would be continued as valet service after the conversion.

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missed a \$3.8 million property tax payment due in August, plus monthly debt service payment for the property, sparking the loan default.

Still, Beacon said it hopes to work out a way to hold onto the 52-story riverfront property, even as other office landlords have opted to walk away from their investments by handing the keys to their lenders instead of trying to fight the current of higher interest rates and lower tenant demand compared to when they last borrowed.

“We believe the foreclosure action filed against AMA Plaza is premature and inappropriate,” a spokesperson for Beacon told TheRealDeal.com. “We have remained in active discussions with the lender regarding a restructuring of the loan. AMA Plaza is a great asset in a city we have conviction in and plan to continue to work with the

lender to reach a productive outcome.”

The 1.2 million-square-foot skyscraper, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and formerly called the IBM Building, couldn’t keep affording debt service as its variable rate ratcheted upward, costing the landlord more each month amid the Federal Reserve’s campaign to combat inflation by raising rates.

The building’s net operating income of \$27.4 million last year fell short of its \$28.1 million debt service, pushing it closer to default, public loan data shows.

Although Beacon previously secured a one-year extension on the loan by paying down \$5.9 million of the debt, it signaled financial trouble when the mortgage was transferred to a special servicer, Situs Holdings, earlier this year.

Beacon’s portion of the building is about 84% leased, down from 96% when it was acquired. The AMA recently extended its lease through 2035 but slightly reduced its

occupancy.

The foreclosure on AMA Plaza is not Beacon’s only challenge in Chicago. The firm also faces a looming deadline to repay a \$156 million loan on its 303 E. Wacker Dr. property and recently sought a buyer for that building. Despite setbacks, Beacon showed confidence in Chicago’s office market by purchasing 333 W. Wacker for \$125 million this year, a fraction of its 2015 value. Beacon’s portfolio includes several other Chicago office properties, at 231 S. LaSalle St., 190 S. LaSalle St., 515 N. State St. and 1 N. Dearborn St.

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the closure of the site,” said Hopkins.

He promised that his office would ensure that the disruption to the local community is minimal during the phase-out and closure of the site.



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