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Lake View Junior Tysean Davis late in win over Antioch.

## Lake View basketball on the rise, defeats Antioch 56-49

STORY AND PHOTO  
BY JACK LYDON

Lake View High School [LVHS] basketball is on the rise. The Wildcats defeated the Antioch Sequoits 56-49 at the Elgin Holiday Tournament Friday afternoon. The Wildcats (7-5) and Sequoits (2-10) started slowly. It was 8-2 Antioch at the end of the first quarter. That did not last.

"Whenever we pressure the ball, it opens up the floor. Whenever we are low energy, we pick it up with the press," said Lake View junior Tysean Davis, a transfer from Uplift High. The Wildcats dialed up the pressure with a smothering full court press

on the Sequoits early in the second quarter and scored 43 points in the second and third quarters combined for a 15-point lead at the start of the fourth.

"We knew that was going to come. We played them in the summer. They turned the heat on in the second quarter. And obviously, we handled it with more poise in the second half," said Antioch head coach Sean Connor.

Don't let the Sequoits record fool you. Coach Connor, a longtime sophomore coach at area powerhouse DePaul Prep, has his Sequoits in a rebuilding year but they are tough, athletic and well-

**BASKETBALL** see p. 12

## Repeat offender, federal suspect arrested in unrelated North Side mail theft cases

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two recent arrests underscore an ongoing problem of organized mail theft operations on Chicago's North Side, with authorities charging a repeat offender in one case and federal agents announcing the arrest of a second suspect tied to an unrelated string of postal thefts.

In the first case, convicted felon Patrick Allen, 42, is accused of stealing mail from a residential building in the 6100 block of N. Northwest Highway on May 13.

Chicago police set up surveillance of Allen's residence last weekend as part of the investigation, according to a CPD report. Officers spotted Allen in the area and attempted to take him into custody, but they said he tried to escape by riding away on a bicycle. He allegedly abandoned the bike, ran on foot, and was



Mugshots of Patrick Allen, left, and Veronica Cavallari.

ultimately arrested in front of a nearby firehouse.

Police said a search following the arrest uncovered a U.S. Postal Service master key, commonly referred to as an arrow key, in Allen's pants pocket. Officers also allegedly recovered 35 pieces of mail stolen from a building in the 2600 block of W. Belmont Ave. from Allen's backpack, along with 14 live rounds of ammunition.

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## Marovitz Golf Course now part of a gated community



The lone entrance to the parking lot for the Sydney Marovitz Golf Course and The Clocktower Cafe in Lincoln Park are now located behind security gates.

The gated community has arrived on the North Lakefront. That's right, there is a security gate now guarding the entrance of the Sydney Marovitz Golf Course in Lincoln Park. It's part of a new gated community that also includes the diners at The Clocktower Cafe, tennis players, lakefront fishermen, sunbathers, bikers, joggers, archers, bird watchers and ball players using the adjacent four ballfields.

Last week The Chicago Park District installed a new gated entrance to the parking lots that serve multiple uses just north of Belmont Harbor. Those two gates include cameras to shoot your photo as you pay your toll to pass through.

The staff at Sydney Marovitz



Golf Course said they knew the gates were coming, but they did not know it would be on Christmas. Golfers who arrived Friday

for nine holes contacted this newspaper about the change in parking protocols. Whereas the parking lots east of the Waveland tennis courts formerly were lightly ticketed, and served by automated meter boxes, one could also pay for parking at the pro shop.

The cost for golf is \$32-\$37 for nine holes on weekdays and \$36-\$40 on weekends. You can now add \$10 more for parking.

And if you plan to use the parking lot as a part of an extended day-long stay in Lincoln Park, the rate could top out at over \$23.

And about those cameras... those who may be visiting Chicago's Lincoln Park without a legal visa should be aware that all

**GATED** see p. 12

## CTA put Red Line properties out for proposals, promises Transit Oriented Development plan

CTA issued three Request for Proposals [RFPs] for the sale and redevelopment of land they seized in eminent domain, and used during construction in Lakeview; their RFP is asking for proposals that include affordable housing.

On Dec. 23 the CTA announced it is accepting proposals for the sale of land in the Lakeview neighborhood as the Red and Purple Modernization [RPM] Phase One Project nears completion. Proposals are due by Feb. 25, 2026.

CTA has issued three Requests for Proposals to redevelop three parcels of land in the Lakeview

neighborhood that were taken by the CTA to build new track structures and stage construction during the RPM project.

The three separate RFPs for the following parcels include the southeast corner of W. Newport Ave. and N. Clark St.; officially portions of 3401-3427 N. Clark St. and 947-949 W. Newport Ave. This parcel includes the historic Vautravers Building, which was moved 30 feet west to allow the CTA to completely reconstruct and straighten century-old line track structures.

The second parcel is the southwest corner of W. Roscoe St. and

N. Clark St.; officially portions of 3366-3368 N. Clark St. and 947-955 W. Roscoe St.

The final parcel is the frontage along N. Clark St.; officially portions of 3330-3348 N. Clark St.

Now that construction in this area is substantially complete, the CTA will pursue development proposals for the land.

The redevelopment of these parcels is part of the Transit-Oriented Development Plan created in 2018 by CTA in partnership with other community stakeholders.

The guiding principles of the

**CTA** see p. 8



Alicia A.J. Barks and one of her pups.

Courtesy Sun-Times

## A.J. Barks dies in hospital at 42, Rogers Park couple now both gone

**Wife followed husband in death who succumbed one week earlier**

BY BOB ZULEY

Alicia J. (A.J.) Barks, 42, died in an Urbana critical care hospital following a traffic crash on I-57 near downstate Mattoon that claimed her husband, Matthew A. Siemer, 43, one week earlier. They suffered fatal injuries in a Dec. 13 crash. Siemer's death was previously reported by this newspaper.

The Rogers Park couple, of the 7400 block of N. Greenview Ave., had just returned from a vacation in Canada and were driving to pick up their two German shepherd mixes, Korra and Opal, from relatives who were boarding the two pooches when the couple crashed during a snowstorm.

Champaign County Coroner Laurie Braurer announced that Barks had succumbed to her injuries on Dec. 20.

Barks served as interim director of the Chicago Women's Health Center, a local nonprofit that provides health care to women and transgender people.

Her passing opened the portal of life for as many as eight other people who might be eligible to receive her bodily organs. Hospital staff, friends and family lined the hospital hallway of Carle Foundation Hospital meant to commemorate the life of donors as Barks was transported through the hospital en-route to harvesting of organs.

"A.J. was an organ donor, and I think it would be honoring her to be able to save people's lives. This is how she lived," her mother, Jean Banks, told the Sun-Times.

A memorial service for Barks and Siemers was held on Jan. 20 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flourissant, Missouri for family and close friends. A memorial celebration in the Chicago area is still being planned.



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## Judge flags 'completely unreliable' Electronic Monitoring program as man he released attacks more women

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Cook County judge remarked that a man with a history of randomly and violently attacking strangers "seems to be expending a lot of energy getting into violent incidents allegedly" and that it "seems like we have a little anger management issue" before deciding to release the man on electronic monitoring rather than keep him in jail. Three days later, prosecutors say, that same man went on a violent spree in the Loop, punching three women in the face while he was supposed to be home on an ankle monitor.

The man, Marlon Miller, is now detained on felony aggravated battery charges after Judge Peter Gonzalez acknowledged that the electronic monitoring program overseen by the office of the county's chief judge was "completely unreliable as [Miller] was out and about committing crimes."

On March 8 of this year, Miller received a three-day sentence for misdemeanor battery after hitting a woman in the face in the 7000 block of W. Cermak Rd. On May 20, he received a 10-day sentence for misdemeanor battery after punching a woman in the head in Evanston. Also in May, he received a 75-day sentence for punching a woman multiple times in the 300 block of N. Michigan Ave.

By fall, Miller began accumulating new pending cases while under the chief judge's electronic monitoring program. On Oct. 10, Chicago police arrested him in the 100 block of E. Lake St. on misdemeanor reckless conduct charges. A witness told officers he personally saw Miller punch two women in the face at the corner of Dearborn and Randolph streets, then run away and push another woman to the ground. The witness followed Miller until officers arrived. Judge Luciano Panici Jr. released him the next day.

Then, around noon on Nov. 15, Miller was arrested inside a Dunkin' in the 7500 block of N. Paulina St. after a 22-year-old woman said he slapped her across



Judge Peter Gonzalez, center, and a recent mugshot of Marlon Miller's.

the face. Prosecutors charged him with misdemeanor battery. Since the offense was not detainable, Judge Susana Ortiz, citing Miller's three recent battery convictions, ordered him onto electronic monitoring administered by the chief judge's office. Court records show Miller failed to appear in court five days later, but the victim also missed the hearing, and prosecutors dropped the case.

Five days after that, on Nov. 25, a 30-year-old woman told police that Miller struck her in the face with a Potbelly cup filled with a milkshake near 175 N. State St. Officers who interviewed the woman noted she could not fully open her right eye afterward.

Court transcripts show Miller appeared before Judge Gonzalez on Dec. 1 so the judge could determine how to handle Miller's pretrial release violations.

During the hearing, defense attorneys urged the court to give Miller another chance to comply with monitoring conditions.

"Judge, I would argue that if Mr. Miller isn't able to comply with the EM for the next three weeks that certainly the State's argument, I think would ring truer then. We'd ask that he be given that opportunity," Assistant Public Defender Allison Banks told the judge.

Prosecutors pushed back, warning that monitoring would not prevent further violence.

"The State would be objecting

to EM just because, your Honor, again, it will not control his actions," said Assistant State's Attorney Shivani Purohit.

Gonzalez acknowledged concerns about Miller's behavior during that exchange, telling the lawyers that Miller "seems to be expending a lot of energy getting into violent incidents allegedly," and adding, "Seems like we have a little anger management issue."

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Despite those comments, Gonzalez declined to detain Miller on the pending case.

Miller was soon released and, on Dec. 10, he allegedly attacked three women in separate, unprovoked assaults in the Loop.

According to court records, Miller was detained around 8:28 a.m. near 53 E. Randolph St. after police said he matched descriptions provided by victims in the area. Multiple women identified

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# Avoiding a shutdown, City Budget passed without support from North Side's Democratic Socialist Aldermen

BY PETER VON BUOL

The North Side's contingent of Far Left aldermen, many of whom openly identify as Democratic Socialists, voted as a bloc against the alternative \$16.6 billion Chicago City budget passed 30-18 by the Chicago City Council.

Among the 18 who voted against the budget are Daniel La Spata (1st), Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33rd), Anthony Quezada (35th), Andre Vasquez (40th), Angela Clay (46th) and Matt Martin (47th), Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth (48th) and Maria Hadden (49th).

If it had been approved, Mayor Brandon Johnson's proposed budget would have assessed a \$33 per employee per month on companies with at least 500 employees.

A former history teacher for the Chicago Public Schools, Johnson has failed to learn from history. In 1973, the then mayor Richard J. Daley, had implemented a similar tax which was directly responsible for many large employers leaving the city for the suburbs.

Among those who favored the tax on employers was Ald. Vasquez, who issued a written statement after he had voted against the alternative aldermanic budget.

"I fully agree that our wealthiest businesses should be willing to pay their fair share for the services that they benefit from, and I would support a

Head Tax that accomplishes those goals. One of my main concerns about the alternate proposal by City Council members—and the reason I chose not to sign it—was their refusal to consider any level of Head Tax. I do think it's important City Council members understand details like how they arrived at both the employ-

***"What Ald. Andre Vasquez was trying to do with the OT was to force them to come to the Council for a vote every time they go over monthly OT. This could wreak havoc on the police department. Could you imagine if they weren't able to do New Year's coverage downtown because the mayor stopped OT? The full audit would be what abolitionists want," said Ald. Scott Waguespack.***

ee threshold and the headcount amount, whether remote workers count, and whether profit margins are a consideration, to ensure we do not inadvertently contribute to people losing their jobs," said Vasquez.

Chicago's top employers are dominated by public sector giants like the U.S. Government, Chicago Public Schools, the City of Chicago, Cook County and the State of Illinois which would not pay the tax.

Other large employers include major healthcare systems like Northwestern and Univ. of Chicago, and large corporations like McDonald's, Mondelez International and Kraft Heinz, and tech leaders like Google and Salesforce.

Among those who had supported the successful budget which passed the city council is Ald. Scott Waguespack (32nd). He remains concerned Mayor Johnson will use a non-existent line item veto for some of the budget items that had passed.

"He does not have the power to do that and seems to be indicating

to other allies of his that he will. We are getting legal opinions to counter anything he does now but we are confident that we are in a good position legally and legislatively," said Waguespack.

Johnson has also indicated he will be issuing a series of "executive orders" for plans he would like to implement.

"It sounds like he's going to put in place five executive orders too. One for a subcommittee on Revenue, one for the Working Group on Budget implementation, one on Governing the sale of debt, one on a full audit of the Chicago Police Dept., and one for overtime," added Waguespack.

For the past decade, the size of Chicago's police department has shrunk dramatically. To com-

pensate for the loss of personnel, the city has relied heavily on the remaining police officers to serve many hours of overtime.

Among those who are against paying police officers overtime is Johnson advisor Sheila Bedi, a former law professor at Northwestern who built a successful career suing the Chicago Police Dept. and has taught courses which advocated the abolition of police departments.

"The overtime police caps pushed by Ald. Vasquez is coming directly from Sheila A. Bedi, the new public safety commissioner," said Waguespack.

According to this newspaper's crime reporter Tim Hecke, Bedi's views were well-known at the time of her appointment as an advisor to Mayor Johnson.

"Bedi's views on policing are no mystery. In a 2022 paper, The Myths of Effective Law Enforcement and the Demand to Defund the Police, she declared: "Over-policing and mass imprisonment have not created safe, healthy, peaceful communities—to the contrary, these phenomena leave individuals traumatized and communities destabilized."

In the same piece, she argued that police offer "minimal public safety benefits" and insisted that "investments in policing and the tools of the carceral state do not reduce violence; but investments in people and communities do," said Hecke.

According to Waguespack, Vasquez wanted to make it more

difficult for the CPD to implement overtime [OT] as a cost-cutting measure. While presented as a cost-cutting measure, in reality it would be a way to implement a "Defund the Police" strategy.

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The application period is now open, and it closes at 3 p.m. Jan. 20, 2026: All application mate-

rials must be submitted by the deadline to be nominated as a candidate. The election will take place on March 18, 2026.

Comprised of a variety of community members, LSCs serve as a vehicle for participatory democracy, providing a wide variety of opportunities to make important decisions about how students in

their communities will be educated.

Students who are in 6th grade or higher in schools with grades 7 and 8 and in high schools are eligible to run for a seat on their school's LSC. All students in the school may vote for student LSC candidates.

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# Apartment rents climbing as owners reel from tax hikes



## The Home Front

by Don DeBat

North Side apartment investors and small “Ma and Pa” owners are crunching numbers and calculating spring 2026 rent increases over the holidays to reflect Chicago’s double-digit property tax increases.

On Dec. 15, tens of thousands of Chicago home and apartment owners paid their 2024 property tax bills and realized median increases catapulted 16.7% in a single year. That reality hit them in their wallets.

One “Ma and Pa” apartment owner in Old Town saw the second installment of his 2024 tax bill skyrocket 144.9% to an unbelievable \$20,157. The total 2024 tax bill on the senior’s brownstone 4-flat property was \$33,566, up 21.5% from \$27,628 in 2023.

The senior—who lives on Social Security and a small pension—also is wondering how he will pay the first installment of the 2025 property tax bill which is expected to be due in four-and-a-half months on April 1, 2026. That estimated bill would be \$20,157 plus 5%—or a total of \$21,185.

And, it is likely that the second installment of the 2025 bill—expected to be due on Aug. 1, 2026—will be a similar or larger amount as the first installment of 2025 taxes.

Unless the owner files for—and wins—a Senior Freeze Exemption, it is possible the owner could be hit with three crushing tax payments totaling a mind-boggling \$62,527 within eight-and-a-half months!

So, how will both big and small landlords ever be able to pay record high property taxes without selling out, or passing on double-digit rent increases to tenants?

In Oct. 2025, Chicago apartment rents rose 6% year-over-year—higher than any other metro area in the nation, according to a report from Zillow, the online real estate marketplace.

Downtown, the average gross rent for “Class-A” luxury apartments rose 6.3% to \$3,228 a month, reports Luxury Living, a Chicago-based brokerage firm. The survey covers 28,500 units across 85 properties built since 2016.

Integra Realty Resources, an appraisal and consulting firm, reported that net rent for “Class-A” apartments downtown was \$3.99 a square foot in the second quarter of 2025, up from \$3.75 a square foot in the second quarter of 2024. That means a renter of an average one-bedroom unit with 700 square feet of living area will have to pay rent of \$2,800 a month.

River North, which is home to some of the most expensive luxury high-rise rental buildings in Chicago, posted a whopping 13% year-over-year rent hike to \$3,738 a month, according to Luxury Living.

Who is paying those lofty rents? Luxury Living noted that high-end renters typically earn \$100,000-plus per year, and most work remotely from their luxury downtown apartments. A large number of these renters are professionals coming from out of state—mainly New York, California, Florida and Texas.

While a luxury apartment in downtown Chicago may rent for \$3,200, the same pad in New York City would lease for \$5,000 a month, according to Luxury Living. So, many deep-pocket renters may view Chicago apartments as a bargain.

### Landlords hiking rental fees

Squeezed by higher operating costs, many landlords with under-market rental rates are upping base rental charges by passing through fees.

Fees—ranging from \$25 to \$200-plus on average per



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month—are “bundled utility pass-throughs,” that may include water and sewer, electric, heat, garbage hauling, landscaping and snow removal. Dog and cat lovers may be billed monthly “pet rent” of \$25 to \$75 per animal to recoup the

are considering inserting a special “property tax pass-through rider clause” in the standard Chicago Real Estate Board lease that mirrors typical commercial leases.

For example, in a “net lease” used by many commercial man-

Timing of the city’s astronomical billion-dollar budget demands and the dire need to raise taxes to pay for spending excesses and government pensions likely will play out in the next mayoral election.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi is calling for reforms to protect homeowners and raising alarms about the unfairness of a property tax system that forces reductions in downtown commercial properties to be shouldered by moderate-income residents in city neighborhoods.

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Our taxing bodies like CPS are confiscating real estate equity at an alarming rate never experienced before.

Critics wonder why property owners who are childless, who are older, empty nesters, or those who home-school their children, or pay for private schooling, must be burdened with paying for CPS they do not utilize.

“The property tax system is inherently unfair,” said Kaegi. “When commercial properties have their assessments lowered by the Board of Review, homeowners are forced to pay the difference. We cannot have a property-tax system that favors corporations and does not provide protections for homeowners.”

This is why Kaegi has been fighting for a “circuit breaker” in the Illinois Legislature in Springfield. It would limit how much a homeowner’s tax bill can increase from year to year.

For more housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

## Treasurer Pappas takes emergency action to distribute \$2.3 billion

Last Friday Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced that she is taking emergency steps to distribute long-delayed property tax funds to more than 500 local governments after a failed technology rollout halted payments county-wide.

Pappas took this unprecedented action to distribute \$2.3 billion in property tax funds via a bank-to-bank automated clearing house transaction after the Tyler Technologies computer system failed to distribute the money.

Tyler Technology’s system failures have prevented the distribution of more than \$8 billion to municipalities, school districts and other government agencies that rely on that money to pay for the services they provide.

“That’s simply unacceptable,” Pappas said. “Local governments shouldn’t have to worry about their cash flow because a vendor after more than

a decade of work has failed to deliver a working system.”

Tyler Technologies is the Texas-based company paid tens of millions of dollars to design Cook County’s new integrated property tax system. That system’s shortcomings delayed the mailing of property tax bills by months. Now, Tyler’s failures have stalled both the distribution of funds to local governments and refunds to taxpayers.

“Every major breakdown in this process leads back to one source,” said Pappas, who five years ago called for the cancellation of the Tyler contract. “Late bills. No early payments. No refunds. No distributions. All roads lead to Tyler Technologies.”

“It’s my hope that we will be able to distribute the remaining funds collected through Tyler’s system. But if not, I will do whatever is necessary to get the taxing districts the money they so desperately need,” she said.

landlord’s fees for pet wear-and-tear on the apartment and building premises.

Most Chicago landlords are not charging a security deposit, which typically is refundable, less any damages to the unit. Instead, to improve cash flow, more owners are charging up-front, non-refundable move-in and administrative fees to help cover the cost of the tenant’s wear and tear on the apartment.

With tax bills soaring, some apartment owners and managers

agers, the tenant is responsible for a percentage of the building operating expenses, such as property taxes, insurance and maintenance costs, in addition to rent.

Experts say the Chicago tax-hike tsunami was caused by the financial dance between lowly bungalow owners and small apartment landlords and major downtown commercial property owners—millionaires who own luxury high-rise apartment buildings, office towers and fancy hotels.

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# Weiss Hospital faces \$67M lawsuit from former owner

## New lawsuit alleges wage theft from hospital workers

BY BOB ZULEY

Assisted suicide did not come soon enough for one North Side patient. The plug was pulled well before the Governor signed the bill. Yes, the patients' life has drifted away... and now only the remains are left for lawyers to pick over. Weiss Memorial Hospital is dead, but its legal troubles live on.

The disastrous takeover of Pipeline Health by Resilience Healthcare in late 2022 has finally come home to roost with Pipeline alleging that Resilience is in default on a \$67 million loan accepted at the time by the Illinois Health Facilities Service Review Board.

A portfolio of safety net hospitals and medical office buildings in Chicago and west suburban Oak Park are stuck in legal limbo as investors battle over a total of \$89 million in unpaid debt, public records show, according to real estate news website, TheRealDeal.com, reported by Emma Whalen.

The dispute highlights the complexities of investing in real estate backed by safety net hospitals – which provides medical care regardless of a patient's ability to pay bills through insurance and financial status.

The deficiencies in such questionable investments evidenced at Weiss Memorial Hospital by Resilience Healthcare has been previously reported by this newspaper. At the time, only then-private

citizen Angela Clay, joined by fellow skeptics, raised questions to the state entity reviewing the sale. Clay has since been elected 46th Ward Alderman.

The wreckage outlined in a December lawsuit began back in 2019 when California-based Pipeline Health bought Weiss Memorial Hospital in Uptown, West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, and Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park and their medical properties for \$70 million.

Pipeline soon closed Westlake Hospital and sold a parking lot belonging to Weiss Hospital to Lincoln Property Group [now known as Willow Bridge Property Group] that was developed into a new 300-unit luxury residential building known as Solverre.

For reasons not yet fully un-

derstood, New Jersey-based Resilience Healthcare, led by Manoj Prasad and Rathnakar R. Patlola, bought Weiss and West Suburban along with their medical properties from Pipeline in a move approved by state regulators in 2022. Pipeline then filed for bankruptcy.

Prasad's purchase was funded in part by a \$22 million loan deal from California-based First Credit Bank and a \$67 million note from Pipeline with a Dec. 2024 maturity date.

According to a lawsuit filed by former Pipeline affiliates in Cook County Circuit Court in Dec. 2025, Resilience Healthcare late last year failed to repay the \$67 million note owed to Pipeline entities.

That was just one of the final

straws for Resilience Healthcare. Weiss Memorial Hospital is shuttered following the cessation of federal funding. In addition, unlawful practices by Weiss management brought state investigators in who repeatedly cited Weiss for improper health practices and unsafe physical plant situations.

In August, a former Weiss Memorial Hospital staffer, Sandra Cano, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against Resilience Healthcare seeking "to recover unpaid wages, overtime wages, plus interest, liquidated damages, and reasonable attorney fees and costs."

Cano and her fellow putative

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# Supreme Court weighs gun owners' challenge to IL transit carry ban

## Citizens demand right to carry firearms on the CTA

BY JONATHAN BILYK  
Cook County Record

The U.S. Supreme Court says the Illinois Attorney's General office and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office will not be able to end the appeal from a group of gun owners who say state and local bans on concealed carry on public transit violates their rights, at least without first telling the court why it should reject the petition.

On Dec. 17, the high court directed the state of Illinois and Cook County to file responses to the petition filed by the gun owners asking the Supreme Court to take up the Second Amendment rights case.

The court gave the state and county until Jan. 16 to respond, indicating the court is not going to just reject the appeal out of hand.

The action before the Supreme Court is heating up a little over three months since a federal appeals court in Chicago overturned the ruling of a federal judge in favor of the gun owners.

In early September, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the state of Illinois, Cook County and the Chicago area public transit agencies, declaring they did not believe a state law prohibiting people from carrying firearms on trains, buses and other modes of public transportation violated people's Second Amendment rights.

In the ruling, the unanimous panel said Illinois is allowed to ban people from carrying loaded, unsecured weapons on trains

and buses and in stations, bus stops and "adjacent parking areas," because firearms are particularly dangerous in such crowded and confined public environments.

In the ruling, the judges further said they believed the state could constitutionally prohibit people from carrying guns on trains and buses and on public transit property, in part, because the vehicles and associated property are owned and operated by the government.

The decision did not address concerns raised by Second Amendment rights advocates that disarmed citizens inside those trains and buses could be relatively easy victims of criminals or terrorists, who likely would not respect the carry ban on public transportation, and could take advantage of the very conditions cited by the judges to commit violent crimes or acts of terror without fear of meeting immediate armed resistance.

Essentially, the judges said anyone who doesn't want to leave their guns at home or another secured location should just choose not to take public transportation.

The Seventh Circuit ruling overturned the decision of U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston, who had said he believed the Illinois carry ban likely violated the Second Amendment under the U.S. Supreme Court's recent landmark holdings, including New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v Bruen.

The legal challenge dates to 2022, when attorney David Sigale, of Wheaton, filed suit in Rockford federal court on behalf of plaintiffs Benjamin Schoenthal, Mark Wroblewski, Joseph Vesel and Douglas Winston.

The lawsuit was supported by the non-profit Second Amendment rights advocacy organization, the Firearms Policy Coalition.

All of the plaintiffs are Illinois residents who claim they desire to carry concealed firearms on Metra trains and Chicago Transit Authority trains and buses in and around Chicago for self defense.

**For the year, Chicago Police claim crime on the CTA is down 3% compared to 2024, but in the last decade, much of the public has grown to distrust government data.**

But they said they fear being arrested and prosecuted by Illinois law enforcement under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, a state law that generally bans people from carrying guns on trains, buses and other forms of public transit and at transit stations and on property held by transit agencies in Chicago and elsewhere in the state.

Under the law, concealed carry permit holders are allowed to transport their weapons on trains and buses, but only if they are secured in a locked container and unloaded.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Cook County's state's attorneys, including former county prosecutor Kim Foxx and current Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke, have argued the transit carry ban is needed to promote public safety.

However, the lawsuit arrived against a

backdrop of years of surging crime in Chicago and elsewhere, including on public transportation. Such crimes have included armed robberies, shootings and murder.

Most recently, a spate of violent incidents on the CTA have grabbed headlines and generated outrage in Chicago and beyond.

On Nov. 19, a woman on a CTA Blue Line train was set on fire randomly by a man who was supposed to be on electronic monitoring for an unrelated assault on a social worker.

On Dec. 23, Chicago police reported a fatal shooting aboard a Pink Line CTA train in the Loop that left one man dead and another wounded after a confrontation that escalated inside a rail car. The dispute turned physical, at which point one of the victims produced a firearm and started shooting, police said. Police found an unresponsive 44-year-old man on the train with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

On Nov. 8, a man stabbed a woman while she sat on a bench at a Blue Line station awaiting a train.

On Thanksgiving, a group of assailants stabbed a man on a Red Line train near 47th Street when he fought back against their ultimately successful attempt to rob him.

And in early December, a seven-time convicted felon was charged with attempted murder for pushing a man with intellectual disabilities onto the tracks in front of an approaching Blue Line train in suburban Forest Park.

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# Police Beat...

## Rogers Park man charged with First Degree murder

Zakaria Abdrahman, 31, of the 7500 block of N. Wolcott Ave., has been charged with multiple counts of felony counts including First Degree Murder after he was arrested by Chicago police on Dec. 15, in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore Ave.



Zakaria Abdrahman

Abdrahman was identified as the offender who, on Nov. 21, fatally shot a 31-year-old male victim in the 4500 block of W. Fifth Ave. Abdrahman also shot and seriously injured a 26-year-old female victim after taking property from her at the same location. Abdrahman was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

## Postal Service woman indicted for workers' compensation fraud

A United States Postal Service employee has been indicted on federal fraud charges for allegedly collecting augmented workers' compensation benefits to which she was not entitled.

In 2012, Graciela Venegas began receiving workers' compensation benefits for an injury she sustained in the performance of her Postal Service duties. Venegas claimed her spouse as a dependent, which entitled her to receive augmented benefits. The couple divorced in 2013, and the ex-spouse then passed away in 2014.

An indictment returned Dec. 15 in U.S. District Court in Chicago alleges that Venegas fraudulently continued to claim the spouse as a dependent after the divorce and death.

From 2013 to 2024, while employed by the Postal Service, Venegas fraudulently received monthly augmented workers' compensation payments amounting to an additional 8 and 1/3 percent of her pre-injury monthly pay, the indictment states. In total, Venegas fraudulently pocketed \$51,776 in augmented benefits to which she knew she was not entitled, the indictment states.

Venegas, also known as "Graciela Salgado," 66, is charged with five counts of wire fraud and one count of knowingly making a false statement to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Each wire fraud count carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison, while the false statement charge is punishable by up to five years. Arraignment is set for 11 a.m. Jan. 6, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Laura K. McNally.

## 15 years for armed robber who got tracked down by cops using victim's Apple Watch

A Chicago man who helped rob two victims at Gunpoint last year and then fired shots into the air as he fled has pleaded guilty and received a 15-year



Esteban Ocampo

sentence. Esteban Ocampo, 33, received the sentence after pleading guilty to armed robbery before Judge James Obbish, according to court records.

The conviction stems from an early morning attack in January 2024 in which two armed robbers confronted a pair of men who had just stepped out of an Uber on the 400 block of N. Ogden Ave. Prosecu-

tors said Ocampo and Richard Vinet, 49, displayed handguns and took phones, wallets, and a Coach backpack from the men, who were 39 and 52 years old.

Vinet, who prosecutors said was AWOL from parole at the time, held one victim at gunpoint while taking his wallet and phone. Ocampo allegedly robbed the other man and then fired a revolver twice into the air to intimidate the victims and force their compliance.

But Ocampo and Vinet failed to take the younger victim's Apple Watch. As the robbers ran away, the man used the watch to call 911. Responding officers then used its tracking capabilities to locate the stolen phones in River North.

Police found Vinet near the 500 block of N. Franklin St. and Ocampo near the 400 block of N. Wells St., according to a CPD press release. Prosecutors said Vinet had both victims' phones. Officers reported finding the Coach backpack inside Ocampo's parked car.

Under Illinois law, Ocampo's 15-year sentence will be reduced by 50% for good behavior and further offset by 839 days of credit he earned while in jail awaiting trial.

## Nine years in prison for carjacking Uber Eats driver near Goose Island

A 19-year-old man who helped carjack an Uber Eats driver near Goose Island received a nine-year sentence last week after pleading guilty, closing one chapter of a case that showcased how Chicago police helicopters and Illinois State Police [ISP] troopers work together to apprehend fleeing suspects.



Tayvon Andrews

Tayvon Andrews, 19, pleaded guilty this week to aggravated vehicular hijacking and received the sentence from Judge Thomas Byrne, court records show. Andrews will be required to serve 50% of the sentence before becoming eligible for release. His alleged accomplice, David Brantley, also 19, is scheduled to return to court next month for a new plea hearing.

The case stemmed from a Dec. 8, 2024, carjacking that targeted a 25-year-old delivery driver working for Uber Eats. Prosecutors said the driver was sitting in his 2016 Toyota sedan around 8:45 p.m. in the 800 block of W. Blackhawk St. when two men approached.

Andrews allegedly displayed a gun while ordering the driver out of the car. Prosecutors said the victim complied, and the men drove off with Brantley behind the wheel and Andrews in the passenger seat.

Chicago police quickly located the stolen Toyota from the air using a CPD helicopter and ISP troopers joined the response on the ground as officers tracked the car across the city.

The pursuit ended about an hour later, around 9:45 p.m., when the Toyota crashed near 87th St. and State St., according to the police report. State troopers arrested Andrews and Brantley at the scene and turned them over to CPD.

At the time of the hijacking, Brantley had an active stolen motor vehicle case pending in juvenile court and was in warrant status for failing to comply with court conditions, prosecutors said.

The case highlighted a law enforcement approach that has become increasingly common in Chicago. In the wake of costly civil lawsuits tied to injuries and deaths from police vehicle pursuits, CPD leaders have discouraged officers from engaging in high-speed chases. Instead, the department's helicopter unit frequently tracks fleeing vehicles from the air, while ground units position themselves nearby.

ISP, who operate under different

pursuit guidelines, sometimes take a more active role on the ground. In other cases, CPD units shadow suspects on parallel streets until a vehicle stops or crashes without engaging in a direct pursuit.

## Eight juveniles attack, rob man in Lakeview

A Lakeview man was beaten and robbed outside his condominium building Dec. 20 after a group of about eight attackers, believed to be juveniles, approached him and asked to be let inside, according to police and a witness account.

The attack occurred around 9:30 p.m. in the 2900 block of N. Sheridan Rd. Police said the 32-year-old man was exiting his building when the group of males approached and asked to be let into the building. When he refused, the group began battering him, according to CPD.

The attackers took the victim's phone and key fob before fleeing on foot, police said. The man declined medical attention at the scene.

A witness told authorities the attackers appeared to be juveniles or teenagers. The group was wearing dark clothing, and some of them had ski masks, according to that account. No one was in custody as of Dec. 22, and the investigation remained ongoing.

## Five robbed during hold-up spree in Gold Coast, Streeterville, River North

Chicago police are investigating after five people were robbed in a string of armed robberies reported Dec. 21 in River North, the Gold Coast, and Streeterville.

The first robbery was reported around 1:45 a.m. in the 100 block of W. Hubbard St. in River North. According to a CPD spokesperson, a 28-year-old man was on the sidewalk when three men approached and demanded his property. One of the men displayed a firearm and struck the victim in the face before the group fled westbound. The victim declined medical attention at the scene.

An officer described the suspects as three Black males between six feet and 6-foot-2. Two were wearing black jackets while the third suspect, who had the pistol, was wearing a tan jacket.

Several hours later, around 6:45 a.m., a couple was robbed at gunpoint in the first block of E. Cedar St. in the Gold Coast as they were preparing to get into an Uber to head to the airport. A preliminary report said four men displayed a firearm and took phones and a purse from the victims before fleeing in a light-colored sedan.

Those suspects were described as four Black males, with one wearing a dark hoodie.

Moments after that incident, another armed robbery was reported outside Lurie Children's Hospital in Streeterville. Police said a 31-year-old woman and a 24-year-old woman were walking in the 200 block of E. Chicago Ave. when an unknown offender approached, produced a firearm, and demanded their property. The robber then fled in a gray sedan that headed toward Lake Michigan. Officers at the scene said the robber fled with at least one accomplice in a gray Honda Accord. That vehicle was later determined to have been stolen from West Englewood.

## Woman charged with crash that killed Uber passenger on Lake Shore Dr.

A 26-year-old woman is now jailed after prosecutors said she caused a high-speed crash on Lake Shore Dr. that killed a 34-year-old rideshare passenger, fled the scene, and later Googled information about the crash.

Jalisa Woolfolk is charged with failure to report a fatal accident in connection with the March 25, 2023,



CTA surveillance images of the suspects.

## Women seen smiling and laughing after robbing Red Line passenger at knife point in downtown Chicago

Chicago police are asking for help identifying three suspects who appeared to be in exceptionally good spirits after allegedly robbing a woman at knife point aboard a Red Line CTA train downtown.

CPD released surveillance images Dec. 23 showing the three women smiling broadly as they waltzed along the State-Chicago Red Line CTA platform shortly after the robbery on Dec. 22.

Police said the 26-year-old victim was riding the train when the three women confronted her and took her valuables while displaying a knife around 3:27 p.m.

CPD described the suspects as three Black women. One was wearing a black jacket, pink pants, and white gym shoes. Another was wearing a pink jacket, black pants, and white and gray gym shoes. The third had a nose ring and was wearing a black jacket and light blue jeans.

Anyone with information about the suspects or the robbery is asked to contact CPD Public Transportation detectives at 312-745-4447 or submit an anonymous tip at CPD-TIP.com. Tipsters should reference report number JJ-531250.

crash that killed Stephan Piven, 34, in the 4300 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. in Uptown.

In a detention filing, Assistant State's Attorney Mike Pekara said an Uber driver was driving a 2015 Nissan Rogue southbound on Lake Shore Dr. near Montrose Ave. with Piven riding in the back seat. At the same time, Woolfolk was allegedly speeding behind the rideshare vehicle in a 2023 white Kia Forte bearing a Zipcar logo.



Stephan Piven

Data recovered from the Kia showed Woolfolk was traveling 81 mph moments before impact in a 40 mph zone. Pekara said Woolfolk's car struck the Uber with such force that the rideshare vehicle spun, flipped, became airborne, and landed on its roof.

The Uber driver was able to free himself from the wreckage, but Piven was trapped inside, according to the filing. Firefighters extricated him from the overturned vehicle, and he was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead from injuries suffered in the crash.

Multiple witnesses called 911 to report the crash.



Jalisa Woolfolk

Prosecutors said Woolfolk's Kia sustained heavy front-end damage, but she did not stop. Instead, she allegedly drove along the shoulder of Lake Shore Dr., exited at Irving Park Rd., and parked near an apartment complex on Marine Dr.

Witnesses later reported seeing Woolfolk inside and then exiting the heavily damaged Kia. Two witnesses told investigators they saw a rideshare vehicle pull into the apartment building driveway and watched Woolfolk leave in the back seat of that vehicle. Prosecutors said surveillance and other video evidence corroborated the witness accounts.

Rental records allegedly showed that Woolfolk was listed on the Zipcar account used to rent the Kia and that her credit card had paid for the rental on the night of the crash.

Pekara said Lyft records showed a driver picked Woolfolk up from the

apartment complex and transported her to an address in Evanston that is "associated with" her.

Prosecutors also alleged that Woolfolk later searched online for information about the crash, a detail they cited as evidence that she was aware of the fatal collision.

Court records indicate Woolfolk's driver's license was suspended in 2020 after two or more moving violations within 24 months. She also has a 2023 conviction for driving without insurance, prosecutors said.

Judge Antara Rivera ordered Woolfolk detained on a charge of failure to report a fatal accident.

## Police warn of violent River North robberies using fake donation and Instagram ruse

Chicago police are warning residents and visitors in River North after a string of robberies in which offenders allegedly tricked victims into handing over their phones before stealing money through digital payment apps. Some of the robberies have turned violent.

All four crimes occurred this month during early morning hours on weekends in the 600 block of N. Dearborn St., according to CPD. In each case, a group of up to eight people approached victims under the pretense of asking for a donation or requesting that the victim follow them on Instagram.

Once the victim handed over a phone, the group used apps such as Zelle or Apple Pay to transfer money to themselves.

Police said force was used against victims who did not cooperate. In one incident, a robber led the victim toward a larger group of offenders, where property was taken by force.

Robberies were reported on December 13 at 3 a.m.; 3:30 a.m. Dec. 20, and again at 5 a.m.; and around 3:30 a.m. Dec. 21.

CPD described the group as between three and eight Black men between 20 and 30 years old wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 or submit an anonymous tip at CPD-TIP.com and reference crime pattern P25-3-055.

## Chicago moves to ban intoxicating Hemp product sales

BY GRAHAM ABBOTT  
Ganjanpreneur

A Chicago City Council committee on Dec. 3 voted to advance a ban on hemp-derived THC sales within city limits.

The ban would cover any products containing hemp-derived THC, and violators would face up to \$5,000 in fines per offense.

In that vote, the city's License and Consumer Protection Committee advanced the measure 10-6. The architect of the ban, Ald. Marty Quinn [13th], said before the vote that hemp product retailers are "shady operations."

But the ban bid hit a roadblock before the full City Council could vote on the proposal.

Ald. Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez [33rd] and Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez [25th] used a parliamentary maneuver to delay what had been expected to be a final vote by the full City Council. Their move means the council cannot vote on the proposal until its next meeting.

Public commentary preceded the vote, where local hemp supporters and business owners jeered the proposal. The hemp industry has also found an ally in the hospitality industry, as restaurants and bars have benefited from intoxicating hemp product offerings.

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson also opposes the ban and instead called for setting the minimum age to purchase the products to 21, creating mandatory testing and labeling standards, and creating a new hemp product tax to generate additional revenue for the city.

However, the mayor dropped his plans following the Trump Administration's decision last month to effectively kill the hemp THC industry next November.

Hemp-derived THC interacts with the same cannabinoid receptors in the brain and affects brain development in youth. It's addictive, more so in youth. And it's been linked to a range of mental illnesses, including psychosis, triggering long lasting mental health conditions.

A study in California found that cannabis use became more frequent among 11th graders after recreational cannabis retail was legalized. Eleventh graders in cities with no cannabis shops at all, neither recreational nor medical ones, tended to use cannabis less often compared to their peers in places where cannabis stores were allowed. The paper was published in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

Ivan Capifali, Cmsr. for the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, told Block Club that an outright ban would be difficult to implement. "A full ban of this magnitude is unprecedented to Chicago. The way it is presented right now is going to take a lot of manpower. We'll have to test everything to see if it's hemp or not."

Hemp-derived THC products include Delta-8 and Delta-9, which are currently legal to sell outside marijuana dispensaries due to what some call a loophole in Illinois' Industrial Hemp Act, which legalized and regulated hemp farming in 2018.

The Industrial Hemp Act anticipated the plant would be used to make industrial products – like fiber – and also used to produce CBD oils that are marketed as having therapeutic, but not intoxicating, properties.

But hemp has increasingly been used to create synthetic products with intoxicating compounds that are not regulated. Gov. JB Pritzker has vocally opposed these intoxicating hemp products, saying they undercut the state's legal marijuana industry and puts children and teens in harm's way.

# "I apologize for assuming your pronouns"

Cook County judges given new guidelines for dealing with cross-dressers, homosexuals in court

BY LGIS NEWS SERVICE

Cook County judges will face consequences if they address "ladies and gentlemen" in their courtrooms, they can no longer refer to cross-dressing defendants by their birth names, and they must apologize to them if they do so.

That's according to a "Best Practices Bench Card" distributed last week to judges, produced by "The LGBTQ+ Bar," which advocates for special court treatment of homosexuals and cross-dressers.

Sources told the media that all circuit court judges, under the management of new Chief Judge Charles S. Beach, II, were told they are now expected to adhere to these new "best practices."

The "bench card" dictates what Cook County judges are now allowed to believe and say about homosexuality and cross-dressing, and how judges must use preferred language, including specific euphemisms, to refer to certain sexual behavior.

It also demands that Cook County judges side with children who cross-dress or believe they are homosexual when their parents disagree with such behavior.

"Consider that the best interest of the minor regarding respect of their identity may differ from that of their parent/guardian," the new rules stipulate.

They say judges should seek to place juvenile dependents who say they are homosexual with pro-homosexual guardians.

"If you reasonably believe or know a minor to be LGBTQ+, or to come from an LGBTQ+ family, take reasonable steps to ensure that the minor is placed with supportive and affirming caregivers. Doing so is in the best interest of the minor," the rules say.

Among the other new rules:

- All judges must have "pronouns"– Every Cook County judge must now "introduce yourself with your name and pronouns."

- Use a "husher" when using "dead-names"– Cook County judges must seek to

avoid using the actual birth names of cross-dressing plaintiffs and defendants who desire to be called by a different name, usually of the opposite sex that they are. If they must say a so-called "deadname," they are ordered to "use a husher" and to "say it only as much as is necessary (ideally once)."

- Must apologize to cross-dressers for using their actual names– Guidelines instruct Cook County judges who make a "mistake," using a cross-dresser's actual name, on how to apologize to that cross-

neither man nor woman. Rather than "Mr. Smith" or "Ms. Smith," judges must say "Counsel Smith" or "Smith"

- Homosexuality cannot be described as a "lifestyle"– Guidelines seek to bar describing homosexual or cross-dressing acts as something a plaintiff or defendant does. Rather, judges are ordered to refer to what "Identity;" "sexual orientation;" "gender identity;" "gender expression"

- Redirect away from "salacious" homosexual details in court– Judges

**Punish lawyers who use actual cross dresser names– Judges are instructed to admonish lawyers who use cross-dressers' actual names ("Counselor, the plaintiff's pronouns are she/her. Please address her correctly moving forward."), and, if they don't correct their "mistake," to "escalate the situation" and punish them.**

dresser. "I apologize, that was a mistake. I will not refer to you by that name again," the judge must say.

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- No more "Ladies & Gentlemen"– It is "heteronormative," or suggests that men and women getting married is normal, versus men and men or women and women, to address the courtroom as "ladies & gentlemen." Instead, judges must use "Guests of the Court;" "Folks;" "Everyone;" and "All."

- No more "Mr." or "Mrs."– This could be upsetting to people who believe they are

are instructed not to allow discussion of "salacious terms" that "imply judgement of LGBTQ+ experiences" in court, because this would be "prejudicial."

- Genital mutilation surgeries are "health care." Cook County judges are barred from using the descriptive term "sex change," according to the rules. They must call these procedures "gender affirming medical care," stating that they believe a person can change their biological sex with surgery, which they cannot.

Cook County does have an actual cross-dressing judge, "Jill Rose Quinn," a man who dresses like a woman, who was first elected in 2020.

Beach was elected Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County by his fellow judges on Sept. 10, 2025, and he officially began his term—and was sworn in—as Chief Judge on Dec. 1, 2025.

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## More than 40 shots fired to kill man outside Uptown McDonald's

BY CWBCHICAGO

A gunman fired more than 40 shots, killing a man outside an Uptown McDonald's on Dec. 27, according to police and witnesses.

Police responded to multiple calls of shots fired around 4 a.m. Saturday outside a McDonald's and found a 23-year-old man lying in the street with a gunshot wound to the back of the head, authorities said. The victim was pronounced at the scene.

Shell casings littered the width of Sheridan Rd., where dozens of yellow evidence markers were placed, each positioned next to a spent casing or other pieces of evidence left behind.

The victim's body lay in the gutter next to a CTA bus stop sign, with three evidence markers clustered near his head as detectives documented the scene. A firearm was found nearby.

A witness reported that the gunman jumped into a silver sedan that fled with at least one additional occupant.

The victim is the ninth person shot in Uptown this year, a 50% decrease from the 18 shooting victims recorded in 2024. The total is also well below figures from other recent years, including 24 shot in 2023, 18 in both 2022 and 2021, and 17 in 2020.

## Burns Nicht Supper on the Scots Jan. 27

The Chicago Scots are hosting a free supper in North Center as a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, author of many Scots poems including “Auld Lang Syne,” which is generally sung as a folk song at Hogmanay and other New Year celebrations around the world.

This celebration will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Martyrs’, 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. For more information call 773-404-9494.

The suppers are normally held on or near the poet’s birthday [Jan. 25], sometimes also known as Robert Burns Day or Burns Night (Burns Nicht), although they may in principle be held at any time of the year.

Burns suppers are most common in Scotland, but they occur wherever there are Burns Clubs, Scottish Societies, expatriate Scots, or lovers of Burns’ poetry.

## Step right up for a circus adventure at Chase Park

Get ready for a high-energy, kid-friendly journey into the world of circus arts during the Circus Arts program at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave. Winter registration is now open.

Intended for youth ages 5 to 13, the classes run one hour from Jan. 5 to March 9, and invites young performers to explore, move, and

create through hands-on skill-building and imaginative circus play such as aerial arts, tumbling and floor skills and the gym wheel.

Participants take to the air learning the fundamentals of aerial silks, hoops, and trapeze-style movement. These exercises build upper-body and core strength, flexibility, and confidence while encouraging creativity and expressive motion high above the ground. The cost is \$98 per student and availability is limited.

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Plan based on the community’s vision include:

- Improve the public realm and promote cultural, generational, economic, and family composition diversity

- Seek commercial, retail, and civic uses that encourage vitality

- Capitalize on transit proximity while focusing on quality and scale of future neighborhood development

- Pursue environmentally sustainable and economically viable development while seeking affordable housing options

CTA in 2018 also published a separate Plan for parcels in the RPM Project’s Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization area in the Uptown and Edgewater commu-

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nities. CTA expects to issue RFPs for those parcels in 2026.

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### MONITORING from p. 2

him at the scene, prosecutors said, and all signed complaints.

One woman told police she was walking on Randolph St. when Miller struck her in the left eye with a closed fist “without any reason, motive or legal justification,” causing visible bruising. She was evaluated at the scene by Chicago Fire Dept. ambulance personnel. A second woman reported being punched in the left eye, leaving her bruised and breaking her \$800 eyeglasses. A third woman said Miller punched her in the nose, also causing visible bruising observed by officers.

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Prosecutors also outlined Miller’s criminal history, telling the court he is a convicted felon with 13 prior arrests and four prior convictions in Chicago and Cook County. His record includes a felony aggravated battery conviction involving a peace offi-

### WEISS from p. 5

collective class members are former current and former hourly-paid, non-exempt employees “and were subject to Defendant’s unlawful common policy of revising employees’ time clock data from the actual time they clocked in and out to reflect less time than actually worked,” according to the suit filed by Brown, LLC.

“As a result, Defendants failed

to pay hourly-paid, non-exempt employees for all hours worked, including time in excess of 40 hours in a workweek” at any time within the preceding three years preceding the commencement of this lawsuit.

Cano has been a Weiss Hospital employee from approximately April 2021 to the present working at either the Edgewater Clinic or the medical office building located at 4700 N. Marine Dr.

Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr Red Line stations. There will be several large parcels up for grabs, perhaps... that is if the city doesn’t take possession of them first to be used for their Green Social Housing [GSH] scheme.

Last May the Chicago City Council passed the Green Social Housing Ordinance scheme to expand affordable housing in Chicago while upholding the City’s green building standards. The ordinance lays the groundwork for the creation and will likely be a politically-oriented nonprofit with the authority to serve as a GSH developer. While details of the GSH makeup are sketchy, Chicago becomes the first major city in the country to implement this model for developing affordable housing.

cer in 2022, which resulted in a five-year Illinois Dept. of Corrections sentence, as well as multiple warrants for failure to appear earlier this year. In May 2025, prosecutors said, Miller was convicted of battery and served ten days in jail.

This time, Gonzalez decided to keep Miller behind bars.

“Mr. Miller was given an opportunity to be on 24/7 home confinement as well as electronic monitoring, and we found that program to be completely unreliable as he was out and about committing crimes,” the judge said from the bench.

Miller remains detained as he awaits further proceedings on the felony aggravated battery case.

Cano’s paystubs identify her as an employee of Lakefront Medical Associates, LLC... “Defendant Resilience Healthcare – Lakefront Medical Associates, LLC, [and Weiss Memorial Hospital] with its headquarters and principal place of business located at 4646 N. Marine Dr.”

Updated developments in this class action wage-theft lawsuit will be the subject of future reports.

### CHALLENGE from p. 5

For the year, Chicago Police claim crime on the CTA is down 3% compared to 2024, but in the last decade, much of the public has grown to distrust government data.

The CTA and Chicago Police Dept. have “surged” police onto CTA trains and stations in recent weeks, apparently in large response to the news-generating violence and criminal attacks that continue to occur almost daily.

The plaintiffs in the legal challenge to the state’s law say they will only feel safe to take public transit if they are legally allowed to carry a firearm to potentially defend themselves against such attacks.

They assert that the Seventh Circuit judges improperly allowed the state and Cook County to exploit language in the Bruen ruling, opening the door to laws that could ban the carry of firearms in “sensitive places.”

They said the state should not be allowed to extend the definition of “sensitive places” to include public transportation systems, used by millions of

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people every day, and on which armed criminals routinely target defenseless victims for armed robbery, assaults and even murder.

“As exemplified by the Seventh Circuit’s decision in this case, the lower courts have been using this Court’s language about sensitive places to uphold restrictions on carrying firearms in locations where the need for self-defense is, if anything, enhanced,” the plaintiffs wrote in their opening brief. “Without this Court’s intervention, the Second Amendment rights of the residents of Illinois, and the Nation, will continue to be infringed.”

They noted in their brief that federal courts are routinely allowing states led by Democrats

to ever expand the list of “sensitive places” in which guns can be banned to include virtually every place, public or private, other than gun owners’ own homes or public streets and sidewalks.

“The Seventh Circuit’s decision is not an anomaly. It is part of a broader pattern of judicial resistance to this Court’s Second Amendment precedents, in which courts continue to prioritize modern policy concerns over text, history, and tradition,” the gun owner rights’ group argued in their brief.

Initially, Illinois Attorney General Raoul and Cook County State’s Attorney O’Neill Burke told the Supreme Court they had waived their right to file a response. The Supreme Court then indicated justices would consider the gun owners’ appeal at a conference on Jan. 9.

The high court then followed that with the order requesting replies from the state and county. It is not known when the Supreme Court may ultimately rule on whether to accept the gun owners’ appeal.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Today are you the bug or windshield?**

Regarding the Dec. 10 story "Gift from the city: The Rat Fink Patrol." Since time immemorial, politicians have been playing on human emotions to raise money that they can turn around and squander. First came the driving offenses (red light and speeding), now comes the parking violations and squealing on your neighbors.

We have a city of millions who have to move from point "A" to point "B" on a daily basis, deal with the ever-increasing number of crosswalks, bike and bus lanes, bump-outs, concrete barrier islands, school zones, and other obstacles like the scooter crazies and pedestrians with their eyes

plastered on their iPhones.

The public enforcement program would turn neighbor against neighbor. You smack your lips over the momentary victory when you fink out a violator who, driving in circles unsuccessfully in search of a parking space, parks illegally.

Before you become a part of "The Rat Fink Patrol," I'd like to remind you of my decades-old and unchangeable experience: today you are the windshield - tomorrow you are the bug.

*Ava Barcelona  
Andersonville*

**Sleep in your own bed**

If you want to know why your property taxes keep rising, [Rich v Poor, Dec. 10] just look downtown.

No, I don't mean the ever-expanding public payrolls of the City of Chicago, Cook County, the State of Illinois or the failure known as the Board of Education.

And no, it is not the rising violent crime rates and the "let-em-go" attitude of Cook County judges and prosecutors. And it's not even the general incompetence of the woke bureaucrats who can't patch potholes, plow roads, collect trash or keep streetlights burning.

It is because of the follow-me-out-of-downtown office towers. Companies downsize, flee and leave high-rises vacant. And those high-rises lose value and then the county cuts their property taxes.

In the last few years 19 office towers have resold and their combined property values have dropped \$2 billion.

Boeing bought 100 N. Riverside Plaza in 2001 for \$165 million. It sold it three years ago for \$22 million. That's over an 86% loss in value. So those property taxes decline and homeowners must make up the difference. In 2018, 600 W. Chicago Ave. sold for \$510 million. In 2024 it sold for \$89 million. That is an 82% decline. And homeowners have to make up the difference. 213-227 S. State St. sold for about \$25 per square foot; a landmark 500,000 sq. ft. building at State and Madison just sold for \$8.3 million, and 625 N. Michigan Ave. is now on the brink of default.

When we elect people who enable violent criminals, welcome illegals and expand the ever-growing public payrolls, the companies paying those high property taxes that can, will leave. And they'll take their employees with them. To Texas, Florida, Tennessee and Indiana. Even the Chicago Bears are looking to leave Chicago and maybe Illinois.

Just like Citadel, Boeing, Cater-

pillar, John Deere, Tyson Foods, Frango Mints, Mars Candy and Blommer Chocolate. Even the Chicago Board of Trade and the Mercantile Exchange trade online using a server in Aurora.

How does that shelter-in-place, work from home fiasco from the COVID-19 pandemic look now? We've convinced office companies and people that they didn't have to have a downtown office in Chicago anymore.

What happened to those small Middle America towns when they lost mills and manufacturing is what big cities are now experiencing when they lose the companies and its workers who used to fill those high-rises. Workers who shopped at stores, ate at restaurants, went to shows and special events, and rode trains and buses.

Actions have consequences, even unintended ones. So do elections. We've made our bed in Chicago. Now we have to sleep in it if we dare.

*Mike Sullivan  
Avondale*

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**Tickets on sale Jan. 1  
for 39th annual Young Playwrights Fest**

**Showcase of new work  
from Chicago-area  
high school playwrights**

Pegasus Theatre Chicago has announced the cast and tickets are now on sale for the 39th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, January 1 - 24, 2026 at Chicago Dramatists, 798 N. Aberdeen. It is the oldest such festival in the United States.

For nearly four decades, the Festival has engaged and inspired high school students across Chicago by teaching them to craft one-act plays. More than 300 submissions are received annually with the winning teen playwrights' productions being work-shopped, staged by industry professionals and receive a premiere under the auspices of Pegasus Theatre Chicago's Young Playwrights Festival.

The regular performance schedule continues Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$30 are available at [PegasusTheatreChicago.org](http://PegasusTheatreChicago.org). Educators may schedule school group matinees via [YPP@PegasusTheatreChicago.org](mailto:YPP@PegasusTheatreChicago.org).

The 39th Young Playwrights Festival includes:

- **Blizzard Bound**, by Sophia Ponce (Whitney Young Magnet High School, Teacher Elizabeth Danesh), directed by Ilesa Duncan. In a hurry to close up shop, a blizzard traps the owner of a con-



Pegasus Young Playwrights Festival will include local students (Top Row, L to R): Sophia Ponce and Ashley Snyder (Bottom Row, L to R): Clark Tavas and Lola Zimmerman. Photo by Joe Gallagher

venience store with last minute customers.

- **Offices Etc.**, by Clark Tavas (Lane Tech College Prep, Teacher Dane Haiken), directed by Anna C. Bahow. An office worker is desperate to find someone (anyone!) who knows how to operate Excel spreadsheets.

- **A Question**, by Lola Zimmerman (Senn High School, Teacher Harper Case), directed by Ben Locke. A pair of strangers sit on a park bench and reflect on life as an asteroid hurtles towards earth.

- **Toil & Trouble**, by Ashley Snyder (Lane Tech College Prep, Teacher Dane Haiken), directed by Ilesa Duncan. When three sisters reunite to cast an ancient spell, long-held resentments are soon exposed. As tempers flare, the spell reveals something far

more potent than anticipated.

The cast for the 2026 Young Playwrights Festival includes Shelby Marie Edwards, Leah Huskey, Rich Lazatin, Diego Rivera-Rodriguez, Kianna Rose and Peter Stielstra. The understudies include Emmett Knee, Mia Marks, Karli Scott and Aaron Warrow.

The production team includes: Anna Bahow, Ilesa Duncan and Ben Locke (directors); Manuel Ortiz (scenic designer); Brenden Marble (lighting designer); Saawan Tiwari (costume designer); Wendy Ann (props designer); Zach Stinnett (sound designer); Melanie Thompson (production manager) and Maryah Paige (stage manager).

**Brothers Grimm  
at Dank Haus Jan. 22**

On January 22, 2026, DANK Haus in Lincoln Square will be hosting an in-person presentation by Mike Haas on the world of the Brother's Grimm, that will explore the times in which this folklore was first collected and published.

Tickets are \$25 and the show will be held at 4740 N. Western Ave. For more information, call 773-561-9181.

As the Grimms were part

and parcel of the Romanticist movement of the early 19th century, their interpretations of the tales they collected might be seen not only as a reaction to Enlightenment rationalism but also in support of an early nationalist movement seeking to promote a "German" consciousness based on the authentic voices of a common folk bound together by language and and tradition.

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**CTA bus robbery: Knife held to kickboxing student's throat in Loop**

A man returning home from a kickboxing class in the Loop was robbed with a knife pressed to his throat aboard a CTA bus, leading to the arrests of two men who were stopped by police minutes later with the victim's phone and cash, prosecutors said.

Trayshawn Wheeler, 22, and Malik Majali, 20, were detained on armed robbery charges by Judge Deidre Dyer.

The robbery occurred around 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, after the 26-year-old victim boarded a southbound CTA bus at 16 S. Michigan Ave., according to court records. The man sat in the middle section of the bus as it headed south through the Loop.

As the bus reached the 2300 block of S. King Dr., Wheeler and Majali stood up from their

seats near the back and approached the man. Wheeler repeatedly demanded the victim's phone, then pulled out a knife and pressed it against the victim's throat, according to a detention filing. The victim removed his phone from a backpack and handed it over.

Wheeler allegedly demanded the phone's PIN. Prosecutors said the victim provided the code several times and eventually entered it into the device himself.

Wheeler and Majali briefly returned to their seats before Wheeler pulled the rear emergency exit handle. As the door opened, Majali walked back toward the victim and ordered him to empty his pockets, prosecutors said. Majali allegedly took the man's \$5 bill and

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Malik Majali, left, and Trayshawn Wheeler.

fled with Wheeler.

After the suspects fled, the victim alerted the bus driver and used another passenger's phone to call 911. While responding officers were still en route, police spotted Wheeler and Majali in the area and stopped them. A search of Wheeler allegedly turned up the victim's phone, a \$5 bill, and a bladed multitool.

Court records show Wheeler is currently on mental health probation stemming from a May 2025 conviction in Oak Park for aggravated battery on public transit and aggravated battery of a peace officer.

**Feds charge five Venezuelan gang members with trafficking guns, drugs**

Five men believed to be members of the Venezuela-based Tren de Aragua street gang are facing federal charges for allegedly trafficking firearms and drugs into the Chicago area as part of a broader, multi-state investigation targeting the transnational organization.

Federal authorities announced that grand juries in Chicago have returned indictments charging the five men with unlawfully dealing firearms, with some defendants also accused of distributing controlled substances. Officials said all five are of Venezuelan origin and have ties to Tren de Aragua, which the United States designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization earlier this year.

Prosecutors said the Chicago cases are connected to a sweeping, multi-district probe that has already resulted in charges against 30 alleged Tren de Aragua leaders and members in Colorado. Those cases involve allegations rang-

ing from gun and drug trafficking to kidnapping, carjacking, and murder-for-hire.

According to newly unsealed records, Luis Salas-Ferrer, 29, of Chicago, is accused of selling three handguns in the city in May and June 2025. A separate indictment charges Jose Vargas-Ron, 29, also of Chicago, with selling a handgun in May. Both men have pleaded not guilty and have been ordered detained in federal custody while awaiting trial.

A grand jury true bill unsealed Friday alleges that on or about May 27, 2025, Salas-Ferrer authorized a price for Vargas-Ron to accept for a Taurus model PT111G2 9mm handgun. Prosecutors said Vargas-Ron completed the sale later that day. The indictment further alleges that Salas-Ferrer sold two additional handguns the following day and another firearm on June 10, all in Chicago.

In a separate case, prosecutors charged Adrian Andres Romero-Sanchez, 24, Miguel Alejandro Castillo-Ceballos, 26, and David Andres Hermoso-Mayor, 23, all of whom were living in Chicago, with trafficking firearms earlier this year.

The indictment alleges the trio sold three semiautomatic rifles, a shotgun, and a handgun in May and June. Prosecutors also allege that Castillo-Ceballos and Hermoso-Mayor sold two semiautomatic rifles and three semiautomatic handguns in May.

In addition to the gun charges, Romero-Sanchez and Hermoso-Mayor are accused of distributing ketamine and MDMA in Chicago during the same period. Hermoso-Mayor has pleaded not guilty. Romero-Sanchez and Castillo-Ceballos had not yet been arraigned as of the announcement. All three defendants are currently being held in law enforcement custody.

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**Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, -v.-

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, ROGERS PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMINA DZAMBEGOVIC, DECEASED, HADZIRA DZAMBEGOVIC, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF EMINA DZAMBEGOVIC Defendants

2022CH08405 1615 WEST GREENLEAF AVENUE UNIT F 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 November 4, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 5, 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 1615 WEST GREENLEAF AVENUE UNIT F, CHICAGO, IL, 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-213-037-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$145,823.48.

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

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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.

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

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651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-020692. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION ONE South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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

vs. LISA HAMLIN, LEOPOLD A FROELICH, 1510 NORTH DEARBORN CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

25 CH 95 CALENDAR 56 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 February 9, 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. 17-04-208-033-1003. Commonly known as 1510 N. DEARBORN PKWY. 103, CHICAGO, IL, 60610.

The real estate is: condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If this subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No liens. The property is sold AS IS subject to all rights 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 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, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580, 24-04359

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUIFIRST LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 Plaintiff,

-v.- CATHY M. DARDANO, THE RIVER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants

2025 CH 00682 405 N. WABASH AVENUE, UNIT #715 CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE

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on January 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 405 N. WABASH AVENUE, UNIT #715, CHICAGO, IL, 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-132-037-1105

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$211,306.91.

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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Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2025 CH 00682

TJSC#: 45-3037

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Case # 2025 CH 00682 13278447

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

**Real Estate For Sale**

UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE OF PRL TRUST III Plaintiff,

-v.- PAUL CROFT, CHERSI CROFT, BMO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA HARRIS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 257 E. DELAWARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants

24 CH 02852 257 EAST DELAWARE PL. #1A2A CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 25, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 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 257 EAST DELAWARE PL. #1A2A, CHICAGO, IL, 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-222-024-1001; 17-03-222-024-1002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$775,774.02.

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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.

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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. WILLIAM ST., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1695603.

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Case # 24 CH 02852 13278408

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

-v.- ALEXANDER DOROSHO, ELENA DOROSHO, THE ELENA DOROSHO LIVING TRUST, INTERNATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ELENA DOROSHO, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELENA DOROSHO LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2016, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503

2054 N MOHAWK ST CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 25, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 13, 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 2054 N MOHAWK ST, CHICAGO, IL 60614

Property Index No. 14-33-129-085-0000, 14-33-129-080-0000

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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.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and

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plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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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 File No. 14-21-01062

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Attorney Code. 21762

Case Number: 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503

TJSC#: 45-2944

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Case # 2022CH00297 consolidated with 2020D006503 13278345

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE 30 EAST ELM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.- TSUSHI HIROSE, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

25 CH 03471 30 EAST ELM STREET, UNIT 7D CHICAGO, IL 60611

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST SERIES 2020-3 Plaintiff, -v.- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF L. KARL KITTLAUS, DECEASED, 3180 LAKESHORE DR 5H 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 October 29, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 30, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3180 N LAKESHORE DR 5H, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-28-200-003-1032 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$287,198.36. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and

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a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025 CH 00679 **13279065** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff vs. MARSHALL JUNIOR RAY AKA MARSHALL RAY; PARK PLACE TOWER MASTER ASSOCIATION; PARK PLACE TOWER 1 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 1665 CALENDAR 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 3, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-21-101-054-1126. Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Road, Unit 1007, 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. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (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 will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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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. 1475-213880 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13279052** 313131 ----- 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 Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 27, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-16-301-041-1323. 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 RE-

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The camera system is integrated with other technologies like Automated Li-

cence Plate Readers, which can automatically trigger nearby cameras to focus on an incident area. Mix in facial-recognition software already in use and the quick-

thinking of Artificial Intelligence, and you have a ready made trap at Waveland and the Lakefront.

There is only one way in and out of these parking lots for cars: the road with the gates and security cameras.

Otherwise, exits can be found on foot or on a bike to the north and south along the lakefront, or with a swim to the east.

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tion in two different calibers.

Arrow keys allow mail carriers to access secure mailboxes and building mail rooms, and they have become a frequent target of organized mail theft and identity theft rings, as we've previously reported.

Investigators say crews that obtain or duplicate arrow keys can quickly enter multiple residential buildings, steal large volumes of mail, and target checks, credit cards, and personal identifying information that can later be used for fraud, account takeovers, and identity theft. Since a single stolen arrow key can be used across wide areas of the city, they are highly valuable on the criminal market. So much so, in fact, some low-level members of mail theft rings have been known to rob mail carriers at gunpoint to get control of the keys.

Court records show Allen has a criminal history tied to mail theft and burglary offenses. In 2021, he received a 7-year prison sentence for theft and possession of a stolen motor vehicle, according to the records. That case initially involved allegations of a broader mail theft and identity theft scheme, though prosecutors ultimately resolved the case with a plea agreement on narrower charges.

Earlier, in Feb. 2016, Allen was charged with five counts of burglary in connection with a series of incidents involving stolen mail and bicycles. Those burglaries were reported in the 7000 block of N. Kedzie Ave., the 7100 block of N. Kedzie Ave., the 7300 block of N. Ridge Ave., and the 1400 block of W. Howard St.

He ultimately pleaded guilty to more than a dozen felonies in that case and received a 7-year sentence, according to court files.

In a separate and unrelated case, federal authorities this week announced the arrest of a 29-year-old woman following a joint investigation into mail thefts and other crimes on the North Side.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service said Veronica Cavallari, 29, was arrested on Dec. 15 after a vehicle pursuit on the North Side. Investigators identified Cavallari as a suspect in multiple burglaries, mail thefts, armed robberies, and vehicle thefts on the North Side and in northern Cook County, according to the agency.

Cavallari has been charged in Cook County with felony counts of being a felon in possession of a weapon, possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number, and criminal damage to government property. She also faces misdemeanor charges for

leaving the scene of an accident, criminal trespass to a vehicle, possession of a title or registration without authorization, and driving with an expired license. Authorities said additional charges for burglary and automobile theft are pending.

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coached.

The Wildcats had a 15-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter which the Sequoits cut to four with about two minutes to play. However, not only can the Wildcats play defense, they can finish. Senior leader Ledarrell Goss El, himself a transfer from Perspectives, drained three free throws at the end to seal the victory of LVHS.

An impressive win for the Wildcats. Davis, credited by Coach Patterson on being the team's best defender, lead all scorers with 25 points. The one-two punch of Davis and Goss El promises to make an interesting combo for the balance of the season.

"Ledarrell Goss El has been a great addition. He is leading the Red-North now in scoring. He is averaging about 19 points a game. He has a couple 28, 29-point games, but he also had a nine-assist game," Patterson said.

"Our goal when I got here was to move from the [Chicago Public League's] White [division] to the Red. It took us four years to do it but we went undefeated last year in the White to advance to the Red," Patterson added.

Cognizant that LVHS is the oldest high school in the state of Illinois, having opened in 1874, and at that time the City of Lake View was not even part of the City of Chicago, "I wanted to come to Lake View because they did not have a history of basketball excellence. I wanted to build that," Patterson said.

The Wildcats are not just content with the move to the Red. They are right in the thick of things in CPL's Red-North division with Lincoln Park, Whitney Young, Lane Tech, Payton, Amundsen, Northside and Taft. Despite losses to Lincoln Park and Lane, the Wildcats have the Payton, Amundsen and Whitney Young games circled on the calendar and are looking to firmly establish themselves in the Red. More than that, Coach Patterson is looking to build LVHS into a basketball school.

"I am looking forward to the second half of the season. And the Regional is in our favor. We are in 3A in the DeLaSalle Sectional. For our regional, we've got Schurz, King, and Hyde Park. None of those teams scare me," Patterson said.

"It's not like the past when we've had St. Ignatius, DePaul Prep. No way in the world were we gonna get past those guys but these teams, we feel like if we play like we are supposed to, we are going to be in the race. It would be the first regional championship in Lake View history."





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