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'It's been quite the year'

12 months after 'Broadview Six' indictment, failed case still reverberates in federal court

By Jason Meisner
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Operation Midway Blitz was still roiling Chicago the afternoon of Oct. 23, 2025, when a federal grand jury met for a third time to consider whether to indict six people

in a conspiracy to impede an immigration agent outside the ICE facility in Broadview.

It had been contentious from the beginning, with some grand jury members pushing back in earlier sessions on the idea of felony charges for a protest where

no one was hurt, according to transcripts of the proceedings. Earlier that month, the panel had issued a rare "no bill" refusing to indict. At a second session, one grand juror called the case "a crock of s—" and was excused from the discussions, the transcripts show. Others followed, and top officials in the U.S. attorney's office eventually had to call off the

vote.

Back for a third time, the grand jurors still seemed to be struggling, despite a surprise appearance from U.S. Attorney Andrew Boutros, who reminded them of their duty to put aside personal feelings and follow the law. How could these protesters be part of a conspiracy when

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Right: Michael Rabbitt, the 45th Ward Democratic Committeeman who was one of the "Broadview Six" defendants, stands in the Edgebrook Metra underpass near his home on Thursday in Chicago. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



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100-YARD 'STACHE

Kieran Checketts, 12, and his grandfather, Tom Borich, wear Mike Ditka-like fake mustaches while taking pictures at a display remembering the former Bears head coach and player on Thursday before the Bears host the Patriots at Soldier Field. It was the first home game since Ditka's death and a Bears homage included a stadium-wide Ditka mustache giveaway and a knit headband modeled on Ditka's iconic sweater vest. **Coverage of the Bears-Patriots game at chicagotribune.com**

Cook Co. proposes renewal with Tyler

Vendor helmed troubled overhaul of property tax tech

By A.D. Quig
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Tyler Technologies, the company that has spent more than a decade helming the troubled and often-stalled overhaul of Cook County's property tax technology that has led to repeated delays in homeowners getting their bills, is in line for a two-year extension.

If the County Board approves a renewal next month, the Texas-based company will make up to \$18 million more. That would bring Tyler's county taxpayer tab to \$56.4 million from 2015 to 2029 for being in charge of a project outgoing Commissioner Sean Morrison described Thursday as "a cluster—."

Many commissioners, while frustrated with the company, acknowledged they are essentially stuck. Tyler is among the most dominant government tech services contractors in the country, having acquired many of its competitors in recent years. Few, if any, could step in to replace them, let alone immediately.

"The problem is, for what we need, it's not like there's many other options unless we build it ourselves," Sean Morrison said Thursday.

Commissioner Kevin Morrison, the chair of the county's Technology and Innovation committee, agreed. "There are no good answers," he said. "There are no companies that are capable of dealing with a county as large as Cook. And in terms of doing right for our taxpayers, we have to stay this course."

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Iran says tankers attacked in Strait of Hormuz

Concerns of return to war increasing as key elections loom

By Melanie Lidman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — Seven oil tankers caught fire or were damaged in the Strait of Hormuz overnight after being hit by Iran or striking naval mines, Tehran said

Thursday, a markedly high number as tensions rise over concerns about a return to all-out war.

With days before a close election in Israel in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could lose power, and before next month's U.S. midterm election in which war-linked high prices have sparked voter anger, there are concerns that U.S.-Is-

raeli attacks on Iran could resume.

"Netanyahu wants to attack Iran, that's not even a question," Danny Citrinowicz, a researcher at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies and a former Iran specialist in Israel's military and intelligence services, told The Associated Press.

He accused Israel of rushing into another round with

Iran without revamping its strategy. A clear Netanyahu victory in the election Tuesday would mean an attack is almost guaranteed, he said.

Main opposition candidates are likely to focus on domestic issues first, but Citrinowicz said he believed the region is heading toward "another kinetic escalation."

Iranian state television reported the claims about the latest attacks on ships,

which the AP couldn't independently confirm. The report cited the Revolutionary Guard Corps navy, which again threatened to strike U.S. military bases in the region if the U.S. keeps helping to guide commercial ships through the strait.

The report didn't mention casualties. Iran still asserts control over

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ELECTION 2026 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lyons mayor faces challenges in rare independent campaign

Getty says he's in race to help forge compromises

By Jake Sheridan
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In a deep-blue congressional district where the Democratic nominee faces accusations of heavy-handed political maneuvering, Lyons

Mayor Chris Getty has pitched himself as a middle-ground alternative.

Not a Republican. Not a Democrat, this time. Getty says he jumped into Illinois' 4th Congressional District race to forge compromises the two major parties haven't been able to reach.

"I am giving the people a choice by running as an independent," he told viewers

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during the race's lone televised debate last month.

Despite the nice ring, Getty's campaign faces a host of challenges as it tries to tap into widespread frus-

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Left: Chris Getty, candidate for the 4th Congressional District, gives two thumbs up as supporter Krist Novoselic, former bassist for the band Nirvana, holds a campaign sign during a fundraising event in Oak Brook on Aug. 27. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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