

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.

— Charles M. Schulz

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Convicted sex offender charged with assaulting 12-year-old boy

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

A registered sexual predator who was convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old in 2003 is now accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting another 12-year-old boy in Rogers Park last month, according to court records.

Leslie Pieroni, 49, who police said worked as a janitor in the boy's apartment complex, threatened to kill the boy if he told anyone about the series of assaults, according to court records.

Pieroni was arrested at his home in the 1700 block of W. Estes on Dec. 21 after the boy and the vic-



Leslie Pieroni

tim's mother identified Pieroni, police said. The sexual assaults occurred on the same block, prosecutors said.

Beginning around Nov. 15, 2018, Pieroni touched the boy's private areas on "numerous occasions," police said. When the victim backed away from one encounter, Pieroni allegedly said, "Come here! Come here. If you tell anyone I'll kill your family."

Pieroni also sent text messages to the boy and ordered him to delete the messages after receiving them, police said.

Prosecutors charged Pieroni with Class X felony predatory

criminal sexual assault of a child under age 13 and felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a child under age 13. Judge Sophia Atcherson ordered him held without bail.

State sex offender records show that Pieroni was convicted in 2003 of two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child under age 13 for crimes that involved a boy who was then 12-years-old. He was sentenced to eight years in prison on one count and seven years on the second count. Records show Pieroni was discharged from parole on Dec. 3, 2016.

Pieroni is currently on probation for failing to report a change of address to the sex offender database in 2017.



Owner of Rattleback Records, Paul Ruffino.

Photo by Bob Kitsos

Andersonville music store puts new spin on old records, Story on page 6

46th Ward aldermanic forum Jan. 15

Buena Park Neighbors will be hosting a 46th Ward aldermanic forum 6 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Uptown Library, 929 W. Buena Ave.

Participating candidates include sitting alderman James Cappelman and four contenders for the

post: Jon-Robert McDowell, Justin Kreindler, Erika Wozniak Francis and Marianne Lalonde.

No reservation is required but seating is limited. Guests are invited to continue the debate later at Bar on Buena.

Judge says Feds wrong to abruptly cut off funds for Lakeshore Hosp.

Next hearing Jan. 17

BY DAN CHURNEY
Cook County Record

A federal judge has ordered a children's psychiatric hospital in Uptown, where patients have allegedly been exposed to "rampant" abuse, should continue receiving Medicare and Medicaid funds while the facility gets the chance to argue the federal government did not give the hospital time to correct problems.

On Dec. 12, 2018, Aurora Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, 4840 N. Marine Dr., filed for a temporary injunction and restraining order against the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which is an agency within the department. U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman granted Aurora's requests Dec. 21.

The 160-bed Uptown hospital provides psychiatric care for children, treating about 5,000 patients every year. Most of the children are covered by Medicare and Medicaid, according to court papers.

Both the hospital and Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services [DCFS] are desperate to keep their Medicare and Medicaid funding. In 2018, 80% of the hospital's reimbursements came from

Medicare/Medicaid, meaning the hospital needs it to survive. DCFS also needs the facility to keep stay open as the hospital accepts foster children that other hospitals turn down. Some 41% of the 1,100 children and teens treated at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital in 2017 were in state care.

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health said it inspected the facility four times in the Summer and Fall, alleging Aurora failed to protect patients from sexual and physical abuse, didn't report and track allegations patients were sexually abused and failed to hospitalize a patient after the patient complained of such abuse.

Further, Aurora allegedly gave psychotropic medications to patients without consent, failed to make sure patients could not hang themselves from door frames and didn't ensure safety rounds were done, according to the health department.

DCFS stopped admitting children in its care to the hospital in Oct. 2018 after the scandal broke, and began transferring foster children out.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services threatened after each inspection to cut Aurora's Medicare and Medicaid funding, because of the violations. However, after the first and third inspections, CMS gave Aurora the opportunity to furnish a

plan to rectify the shortcomings, which would keep funds flowing. Aurora submitted plans, but CMS spurned the final plan, instead saying it was terminating funds Dec. 15 and telling Aurora it could submit an administrative appeal.

Dr. Peter Nierman, the hospital's chief medical officer, told the Chicago Tribune that "Many of the children we serve have no place else to go, and we offer the best hope for their stabilization and return to society. Frankly, this is a population that virtually no other facility wants to take... without Lakeshore, the already tragic story of some of these children will only be further exacerbated."

Aurora appealed, but funding was to be shut off before the appeal would be resolved. To head off this eventuality, Aurora went to court, saying CMS breached Aurora's constitutional right to due process and did not abide by the U.S. Administrative Procedures Act, when it refused to let Aurora remedy the alleged violations after the fourth inspection. To this end, Aurora asked for a court order to stop CMS from cutting funds, while Aurora's legal claims are addressed, and Judge Coleman found Aurora's arguments persuasive.

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Water main project continues to torture Clark St.

It may seem like water main work has been going on on Clark St. in Andersonville for years, but residents and retailers need to get ready for even more of it as work crews will begin installing ever more new water mains later this month. The complete project area includes Clark St. between Bryn Mawr and Foster; Farragut, Ber-

wyn, and Summerdale between Clark and Glenwood; and Bal-moral between Clark and Lake-wood.

The work will be conducted in portions of the 48th and 40th wards. For more information call 773-784-5277 or email harry@48thward.org.

Community meeting Jan. 24 on options for redefined Lake Shore Dr.

A community meeting will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson, Larry McKeon Student Services Building, to discuss proposed future changes coming to Lake Shore Dr.

The Illinois and Chicago departments of transportation (IDOT and CDOT) are studying potential changes to the Drive from Grand Ave. north to Hollywood Ave.

Current safety standards call for Lake Shore Dr. entrances and exits to be a half-mile apart, so IDOT and CDOT are considering changes to the Lawrence, Wilson and Montrose exits that would increase the distance between exit

and entrance ramps.

Ald. James Cappelman [46th] said that he remains "staunchly opposed to a previous proposal to close the Wilson ramps on Lake Shore Dr. and have communicated my opposition to IDOT and CDOT through one-on-one meetings and a previous community meeting."

The city and state want to present options to the community that both maintain Wilson Avenue's access to Lake Shore Dr. and adhere to federal guidelines about the distance required between entrances and exit ramps. No timetable for the project has yet been announced, nor has any funding been identified.



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Does anybody really know what time it is?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Time is a hard reality to comprehend when growing up. Perhaps it was all the clanging bells and peeling chimes that surrounded me and my expanding imagination. Childhood wasn't all "I Love Lucy" and "Mickey Mouse Club." It was also filled with the din of swinging metal bells heralding the passage of hours and minutes, like we lived in some medieval monastery.

No wonder I was slow to grasp time in the age of the stopwatch and Jiffy-Pop Popcorn. President Kennedy was sending men into space in those intervals swung out and measured for me and my neighbors. We lived one block from our parish church, Visitation, a massive neo-Gothic structure of soaring stone with a remarkably well proportioned steeple. From there, every hour, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, bells rang out the time on the quarter hour. In the Westminster style.

That's a lot of belling, as the English would say. A Lord Peter

Whimsey mystery waiting to happen.

And of course at noon and at 6 p.m. the "Angelus," (a special prayer said at those hours) would ring out in an expansive psalm tone like a minaret in full blast. If there was one of the parish's frequent funerals, the deep tolling bell sounded as the dead arrived at church and, then, later departed. That's a monumental level of lyrical sound filling the air along Garfield Blvd.

Bells also signaled when it was 10 minutes to each of the six Sunday morning Masses. It told you to hurry up or you'd be late. Punctuality being the optimum virtue, even for the slow-moving South Side Irish.

My Grandmother, Rebecca, loved the sound of Westminster chimes banging out the hours 'round the clock. She also liked to give the clocks as gifts. So every family of hers had their clock.

Of course time is relative, so our homes all sounded like an Englishman's club, with the timepiece ringing the passage of time slightly off. Never exactly in unison. Always a little bit tardy. So there was no end to the bell bedlam in the house and out of the house. A twilight zone of off-kilter disharmony and clashing A-tonality. No wonder I was confused and slow to grasp the deeper reality of time.

I was a big Timex guy and had a drawer of watches. But to no



Visitation Church on Garfield Blvd. A bell banger.

avail. My measurement of time was, often, too askew. Glad I lived just seven walking minutes from school. The short distance was the only thing insuring I would ever arrive on time.

The rules for the measurement of time were set long ago, but that doesn't account for the added layers of perception our emotions subtract from it. Our moods can do a lot to make the minutes and hours roll by. And our broken anticipations can likewise drag out the intervals making time seem never ending and relentless. There's a big difference between a beach party and the dentist. Between two hours for a final exam, and two hours for a spa treatment.

Even at this distant end of the telescope, today, as we grab on to 2019, I have a lot of uncertainties, confusions and bafflements. It's like all the bells are ringing at once on the boulevard, again. I've always been a champion of the relativity of time. It's good for measuring in the short term, but over the long haul I have my concerns.

Time is a generalization, a term useful in the technical measure meant for practical calculations. You know, "Give me a minute." Or, "50 minutes at 375 degrees." Or, "I'll be there at 3 o'clock. Don't be late." Or, "Do you know what time it is young man? What do you mean coming in this late?" And "The Court sentences you to 40 years to life."

We should not trivialize time, who could deal with the chaos. But we need to trim back on the bell beating. Too much of a good thing. Sometimes time needs to be addressed with quiet calm. Gentle song. Or poetic strop. Such thoughts at the start of a new year. More jam on the toast slice. More bubbles in your beer. More Mambo in your movements. Extra shimmy in your shake. Sometimes we have no other response, especially to all those slaves of time. Those who have no ability to let time play out and run its unstoppable course, unfolding its rampaging menace.

Perhaps all we can do is toss another log on the fire, making the room more cozy. Perhaps all

we are able to accomplish is add a little bit of red pepper flakes to the sauce, lift the flavor and the heat or add more sugar, dip it in chocolate, or add a layer of frosting along the edge. Whatever we do can add a layer of goodness, taste, meaning or purpose. Allowing us some leverage in holding back the hands of time.

Perhaps this is the year a spaceship will land from outer space. The novel will be finished. The bread may rise. The murders may stop. The political corruption will collapse. Term limits might happen. Without the need for fortune tellers or shamans.

We walk into 2019 with heads held high, not ducking for cover. In the new year you are not required to haul the baggage of the past everywhere you go. Maybe we can all still hear those bells of childhood banging out the measured feet of time. But you can lower their volume with a simple act of kindness or a compassionate deed.



Mary Cameron Frey

SOCIETY TOUGH GIRL A DIEU: We're saddened to learn of the death of former Chicago Sun-Times society reporter **Mary Cameron Frey** before Christmas. We'd seen her for years at every charity ball and fundraiser where she used her own society muscle to get her scoops and her stories of the social high life and caviar dreams. She could be rough, curt, and frighteningly gruff. But as we all know, that's the only way to get your work done. Especially if people are swilling good Champagne. Mary was organized, conscientious and ultimately fair. She was a good egg. We salute her high standards and style.

THEATER ON THE LAKE: Since its opening just months ago, Theater on the Lake has been the place to be this past year with scores of politicians and local national celebrities stopping in and enjoying the newly redeveloped venue and The Lakefront Restaurant. Celebs spotted this year include: **Mayor Rahm Emanuel** and **Amy Rule**, **Steven Tyler**, **Michelle Obama**, **Chance The Rapper**, **Usher**, **JB Pritzker**, **Tom Dreesen**, **Patrick Sharp**, **Anne and Ed Burke**, **Jim and Ann Houlihan**, **Chris and Sheila Kennedy**, **Brian O'Brien** (Irish Consulate General) with **Leo Varadkar** (Irish Prime Minister), **Rick Bayless**, **Bobby Hull**, **Bill Kurtis** and **Donna LaPietra**, **Doug Bruno**, **Porter Moser**, **Larry Wert**, **Laurence Msmall**. On New Year's Eve ABC 7 Windy City Live's **Ryan Chia-verini** and **Val Warner** broadcast live. It is the place to be.

REST IN PEACE: Deepest

sympathies to veteran media reporter **Robert Feder** on the death of his wonderful wife of 33 years, **Janet**, on New Year's Eve at their Highland Park home. How tragic. May love bring peace.

RIP SISTER WENDY: She was like a shooting star. Filled with wonder and enthusiasm. Woman of high internal beauty, wisdom and grace in the highest of the old English Catholic tradition. **Sister Wendy Beckett, OSB**, died before Christmas in her secluded cloister at 88 years of age. Following a stunning academic career at Oxford, she relinquished all worldly goods for faith and embraced a life of silent monasticism, living in a mobile home on the grounds of a cloistered Carmelite convent deep



Sister Wendy Beckett

in rural England. Until her love and understanding of fine art set her loose on the world. When she opened her mouth on public television, the BBC a light, went on giving viewers a fresh understanding of art and artists.

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Rogers Parker Lynn Orman Weiss's photo of The Chief in full headdress will be one of many on display Jan. 13 at Euro Echo Cafe in Skokie.



One of the many times Lakeview resident Dave Specter jammed with fellow bluesman Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater at SPACE.

Singin' the blues for The Chief

Birthday tribute honors beloved bluesman Eddy Clearwater

For the last 34 years, Lakeview resident Dave Specter has been playing blues guitar on the city's professional blues scene. Specter has also played and toured extensively through-



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

One person that Specter will never forget jamming with was a colorful southpaw bluesman who could both sing and play a mean guitar, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater. The pair met around 1985, when Specter first hit the city's stages.

"I started hearing Eddy in the clubs and I met him back then as well," said Specter, a Lane Tech High School and Francis Parker School alum. Although they never performed together "back then," about 10 years ago, through their mutual friend musician Jimmy Johnson, Specter and Eddy became friends.

After Specter and a partner co-opened the intimate concert venue SPACE, in Evanston, a decade ago, Eddy was one of the first bluesmen to grace the stage. Eddy decided he loved the room and loved cel-

ebrating his birthdays there. His shows always sold out. He was looking forward to his 84th birthday at SPACE previewing new songs for his upcoming album but sadly, Eddy died on June 1, leaving the blues world shocked and mourning.

Yet his legacy will live on through his music and a birthday tribute celebration on Jan. 12 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave. That day, Eddy's band will feature Georgia bluesman Sammy Blue, known as the "Crown Prince of the Blues" (coined by Muddy Waters), harp extraordinaire Billy Branch, 90-year-old blues legend Jimmy Johnson, and Specter (other surprise guests will make an appearance).

The all ages show and its all-star cast pays tribute to Eddy for his 84th birthday. Eddy always celebrated his big day at SPACE with two sets of blistering blues and he will be honored this Saturday with two sets that will include 16 of his original songs, and favorites from bluesmen like B.B. King, Otis Rush, Muddy Waters and more.

"He was a unique figure on the blues scene," said Specter, who has been lauded by Vintage Guitar Magazine, inducted into the Chicago Blues Hall of Fame as a guitar master and has received the Chicago Reader's Poll Critics Choice Award five times.

"He always brought that kind of playful, high energy - like Chuck Berry - to the blues scene and made it stand out," said Specter, who does a podcast called "Blues from the Inside," with artist-to-artist interviews and live jam sessions. "Eddy was one of the most charming, sweetest blues guys you'd ever meet. He was humble, and one of the more personable, warmer souls that I'd ever met on the blues scene."

This would have been Eddy's sixth year of celebrating his birthday at Specter's intimate neighborhood club. On his 79th birthday, Eddy recorded his last CD there, the live, "Soul Funky," which was released at SPACE with a huge birthday celebration on Eddy's 80th birthday.

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Throughout the years many guests joined Eddy's band (Tom Crivellone, Shoji Naito, Stephen Bass and Dave Knauf) including local legends Billy Branch and Ronnie Baker Brooks, who are featured on "Soul Funky." One person who jammed with Eddy numerous times was renowned musician Corky Siegel.

"Eddy 'The Chief' Clearwater was a master," said Siegel, who is from Rogers Park. "We played together on many occasions and shared the stage at many festivals. He influenced the song, 'Italian Shuffle/Flip Flop & Fly,' on my new CD, 'Different Voices.'"

Born Edward Harrington in Macon, Mississippi, in Jan. 1935 and raised by his part-Cherokee grandmother, Eddy began playing guitar at age 13, teaching himself

to play left-handed and upside down. He started performing with gospel groups, and when he moved to Chicago in 1950, he was still predominantly playing gospel. Eddy later developed his blues artistry after working with Magic Sam, Otis Rush, and others.

By 1953, as Guitar Eddy, he was making a name for himself working the city's South and West Side bars, meeting blues masters and picking up lessons and licks along the way. Once he heard Chuck Berry in 1957, Eddy added a little rock 'n' roll to his sound. He recorded his first single, "Hill Billy Blues," in 1958 under the name Clear Waters, supposedly a play on Muddy Waters' name. Eventually that morphed into Eddy Clearwater, who also at some point started wearing a full Indian headdress as an homage to his Cherokee blood. The rest is history.

At the tribute, Specter and Johnson will perform some of Eddy's favorite songs and Billy Branch will surely move the audience with a soulful rendition of "Amazing Grace," one of Eddy's wife's favorite tunes. Renee Greenman Harrington Clearwater is carrying on Eddy's legacy and tradition by making sure plenty of cake is served between the two sets.

Rogers Parker Lynn Orman Weiss, who has seen "a dream come true" by working for Eddy and Renee for 12 years, will show a photo/video montage of her late boss dur-

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Programs help home-hunters buy with low down payments

With the stock market on a roller-coaster ride and affordable mortgage interest rates of 4.5% still available, now is the time for first-time home buyers to learn



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

about an age-old axiom of real estate investing.

"Buy on the fringe and wait," advised Chicago real estate

mogul Arthur Rubloff back in the 1960s.

Now, thanks to Fannie Mae's "Home Ready" and Freddie Mac's "Home Possible" programs, first-time buyers can follow Rubloff's wise advice and purchase a home or small apartment building with a conventional mortgage and place a down payment of only 3% to 5% with loan-to-value ratios of 97% and 95%, respectively.

"At first glance, these programs appear to feature less red tape compared to requirements for a Federal Housing Administration-insured (FHA) mortgage, which calls for a minimum down payment of 3.5%," says Sara Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty.

"Freddie Mac's program is a responsible, affordable down-payment mortgage option for home buyers," said Jeremy Rose, vice president of mortgage lending for Chicago-based Guaranteed Rate.



There are more than a dozen attractive North Side and Northwest Side Chicago neighborhoods that investor-borrowers are permitted to own other properties in and still benefit from the competitive pricing and ease of a conventional mortgages offered by Freddie Mac. Most of these neighborhoods areas are north of North Ave. and west of Western Ave.

"The program is a good alternative to FHA financing. The interest rate is more competitive than a traditional conventional mortgage, [lowering] the loan payments."

For Millennials paying off student loan debt, Home Possible may be the holy grail of loan programs that could help them vault across the threshold of homeownership.

Under the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs, down payment money can come from a variety of sources, including family, employer-assistance programs, secondary financing and sweat equity.

Because the loan amount is greater than 80% of the purchase price, or appraised value (whichever is lower), private mortgage insurance is required until the

borrower's equity reaches 20%.

A wide range of mortgage types is available under the programs—from 15-year and 30-year fixed-rate loans to an assortment of adjustable-rate programs including 5/1, 5/5, 7/1 and 10/1 ARMs.

Under the guidelines of the Home Possible program, borrowers who target a property in a designated U.S. Census tract can purchase a home or condominium with a down payment of only 3%, or a 2-flat, 3-flat or 4-flat apartment building with a down payment as little as 5% and qualify for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with no income limits.

On Jan. 3, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed mortgages nationwide averaged 4.51%, down from 4.55% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-loans averaged 3.95%. The average rate on 5/1 Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 3.98% on Jan. 3, down from 4% a week earlier. Last year at this time the rate was 3.45%.

"Do-it-yourselfers can apply sweat equity to assist in meeting their down payment and closing costs, and co-borrowers who do not live in the home can be included for a borrower's one-unit residence," Freddie Mac said.

Investor borrowers are permitted to own other properties and benefit from the competitive pricing



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The Home Front column visited the Freddie Mac/Home Possible website and found a map highlighting more than a dozen attractive North Side and Northwest Side Chicago neighborhoods that fit the program. Most of these areas are north of North Ave. and west of Western.

These are census tracts that first-time borrowers could qualify for a conventional mortgage on a small apartment building with a minimum 5% down payment. Here is an alphabetical list of neighborhoods with street boundaries:

• **Albany Park.** Immediately west of leafy Ravenswood Manor, this bungalow and apartment neighborhood is bounded by Lawrence, Kedzie, Central Park and Eastwood.

• **Arcadia Terrace.** Sometimes called North Lincoln Square, this neighborhood is bounded by Western, Peterson, California and Bryn Mawr. It features many solid yellow and red brick 2-flats and 3-flats built in the 1920s.

• **Avondale.** Immediately south of the landmark Irving Park Villa enclave and just west of the Kennedy Expy., Avondale is bounded by Addison, Pulaski, Diversey, the west bank of the Chicago River and Francisco. It is dotted with many nice bungalows and small apartment buildings.

• **Budlong Woods.** This attractive bungalow and small apartment neighborhood, located just south of Arcadia Terrace, is bounded by Byrn Mawr, Western, California and Farragut.

• **Dunning.** This Far Northwest Side neighborhood, bounded by Irving Park, Austin, Narragansett, Gunnison and Nora, is the home of Wright Junior College.

• **Hollywood Park.** Located just west of the North Branch of the Chicago River and Legion Park, this neighborhood is bounded by Devon, Peterson, Bryn Mawr and Central Park.

• **Horner Park.** Just west of Horner Park, which is known for its competitive 16" softball leagues, the bungalow and 2-flat neighborhood is bounded by California, Kedzie, Montrose and Berceau.

• **Pulaski Park.** Bordering the Northeastern Univ. campus, this neighborhood is bounded by the Chicago River, Bryn Mawr, Pulaski, Peterson and Devon.

• **River Park.** This pocket neighborhood on the northern boundary of Albany Park is just west of River Park, south of Foster, north of Lawrence and east of Pulaski. Once plagued by bad drainage and flooded basements, the area soon will benefit by a new storm water drainage system under construction in River Park.

• **Rogers Park.** The lake-front neighborhood is bounded by Sheridan, Howard, Western, Kedzie and Pratt. It offers a huge selection of homes and apartments.

• **South Logan Square.** This hot pocket neighborhood near the

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Courthouse now closed for good, county prepares for the misguided

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Cook County authorities are gearing up to manage the closures of two courthouses in Chicago, including a branch formerly located at the intersection of Belmont and Western where many North Side criminal cases have been handled for decades.

Court cases officially wrapped up on Jan. 4, and now victims and defendants of misdemeanor crimes in the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 24th police districts will have to venture to the distant Belmont Cragin neighborhood to have their cases heard.

The closure of the Belmont Ave. courthouse and another facility on the South Side are promoted as a way for the county to save \$9.2 million in facility repairs.

But with the Belmont overpass having been removed last year, one wonders how long it will be before the suddenly visible and valuable corner may go up for sale? Directly to its north and west are the River Plaza shopping mall, DeVry Univ. and Lane Tech High School, that create the type of foot traffic commercial developers love.

Felony preliminary hearings that used to be heard at Belmont will move to the Skokie Courthouse at 5600 Old Orchard Rd.

Two handouts have been prepared for people who show up at the wrong courthouse in the coming weeks and months.

Individuals who appear at the shuttered Belmont/Western location by mistake can look forward to a 45-minute bus ride to get to the correct courthouse, according to time estimates on one flyer.

ATTENTION

THIS COURTHOUSE PERMANENTLY CLOSES JANUARY 4, 2019

STARTING JANUARY 7, 2019:

All Misdemeanor Cases heard at this courthouse in Branch Courtroom 29 have moved to the courthouse at 5555 W. Grand Ave., Chicago.	All Felony Cases heard at this courthouse in Branch Courtroom 42 have moved to the 2nd Municipal District courthouse at 5600 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie.
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If you are unsure where your case will be heard, please contact your attorney or refer to your notice to appear, summons, court order, or ticket.

1. Walk to the intersection of Belmont and Central Avenues.
2. Take the eastbound 77 Diversey/Lake Shore CTA bus to the Belmont Red/Purple/Brown line station.
3. From the Belmont Red/Purple/Brown line station, take either the Red or Purple lines north to the Howard station.

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All defendants in criminal cases can receive automated reminders of upcoming court appearances.

DIRECTIONS

If you had a misdemeanor case at this location, it will be heard at 5555 W. Grand Avenue. The following are public transit directions to the new location (this is just one of several possible routes):

1. Walk to the intersection of Belmont and Central Avenues.
2. Take the westbound 77 Harlem CTA bus to Belmont and Central Avenues.
3. From Central Avenue and Belmont Avenue go to the southwest corner of the intersection and take the southbound 95 Harlem CTA bus to Grand Avenue.
4. The courthouse at 5555 W. Grand Avenue is located across the street at the southeast corner of Grand and Central Avenues.

If a felony case at this location, it will be heard at the 2nd Municipal District Courthouse at 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie. The following are public transit directions to the new location (this is just one of several possible routes):

1. Walk to the intersection of Belmont and Central Avenues.
2. Take the eastbound 77 Diversey/Lake Shore CTA bus to the Belmont Red/Purple/Brown line station.
3. From the Belmont Red/Purple/Brown line station, take either the Red or Purple lines north to the Howard station.
4. From the Howard station take the yellow line train to Dempster/Skokie stop.
5. From the intersection of Dempster and Skokie Blvd. take the 55A Skokie Courthouse CTA bus to Old Orchard Road and Skokie Courthouse.
6. The 2nd Municipal District Courthouse at 5600 Old Orchard Rd is just to your west when you arrive.

The official instructions for getting from Belmont and Western to the Skokie courthouse tells readers that they should “walk to the intersection of Belmont and Central.” That would be a four-mile hike in the wrong direction.

The trip to Skokie? That will cost one hour and 22 minutes, per the hand-out.

Cops assigned to the desk at the attached Area North Police Headquarters have also been given a

court date,” the second hand-out suggests.

Chief Judge Timothy Evans has ordered that no “failure to appear” warrants be issued during the month of January, according to a source within the court system.

Typically, all criminal charges are dropped if victims fail to appear at an initial court hearing. There’s no word on the fliers about any leniency being shown to crime victims who appear at the wrong location.

There had been talk early in the closure process of transportation vouchers being provided to defendants who show up at the wrong court. There is no mention of vouchers on any of the prepared materials, so it looks like

defendants will have to be responsible for themselves. That’s sure to be a change of pace for many.

One small hiccup: The official instructions for getting from Belmont and Western to the Skokie courthouse tells readers that they should “walk to the intersection of Belmont and Central.” That would be a four-mile hike in the wrong direction. Lost souls should instead walk to Belmont and Campbell, which is across the street from the closing courthouse.

Typically, all criminal charges are dropped if victims fail to appear at an initial court hearing. There’s no word on the fliers about any leniency being shown to crime victims who appear at the wrong location.

generous supply of maps and a flyer that tells defendants, witnesses, and victims who notify about their failure to appear at the correct location.

“If you are defendant, please call the Public Defender’s Office... to inform them that you made an attempt to make your

New CHI 311 system has launched

The new, modernized Chicago 311 City Service launched this week making it easier for residents to access city services with an updated system that’s more accessible and user-friendly.

The new 311 service will allow residents to interact with City departments, and request services. With the new system, in addition to calling 311, residents can request city services and track progress from the beginning to resolution online via the CHI 311 web portal, by downloading the new CHI 311 mobile app, or through multiple media channels and then provide feedback on the service delivery.

The previous 311 system was decades old and focused primarily on phone communication. While this mode of communication will still be fully available, the new system provides options that fit the way that many North Side residents communicate today.

The new system is designed to improve resident experience, making it easier to find information, submit requests and track status of requests.

The system provides residents

the ability to find information or submit requests through multiple media channels, including City of Chicago’s first ever mobile app, making it easier to identify opportunities for improvement with continuous monitoring and performance measurements.

The city’s goal is to optimize service delivery to decrease time to complete a service request while enabling departments to better manage and track their work.

It also allows residents to stay up to date each step of the way and track requests as they move through the process and gives 311 operators access the information needed to assist residents.

Perhaps best of all, 311 callers can avoid waiting on hold by giving them the choice of having a 311 operator call them back in the order they called to assist with city service requests, information inquiries or address concerns. Once a resident submits a request, they can see the estimated completion date and get automatic updates when work is completed.

The new system should improve City departments’ effi-

ciency and streamline the service delivery processes-eliminating paper-based dispatch and scheduling, introducing the ability to close out requests in the field in real-time, and providing customized dashboards to measure performance.

With the new CHI 311 mobile app, residents are able to create new service requests; check the status of existing requests and the time it will take to resolve; snap a photo and submit it with a request; map requests to help pinpoint a location; create an account to track service requests and get local, relevant information; provide feedback upon completion of the service request; search and see helpful knowledge articles; and view other service requests in their neighborhood and throughout the city. Residents will benefit from enhanced communication that fits both new and old ways in which residents are able to connect with the City.

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Owner Paul Ruffino said customers have been responding very positively to the shop and are happy to have a record store in the neighborhood.



Rattleback Records, 5405 N. Clark, sells new vinyl records, turntables, record players and other merchandise.

Andersonville music store puts new spin on old records

Vinyl makes comeback on Clark St.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY BOB KITSOS

Rattleback Records... Okay, let's get the name squared-away. It's not a reimagined Slinky or a newly discovered species of snakes, but a recent addition to the Andersonville retail corridor and the culmination of a lifelong love of music and vintage treasures by owner Paul Ruffino.

Rattleback is a type of top that will rotate on its axis in a preferred direction. If spun in the opposite direction, it becomes unstable, rattles to a stop and reverses its spin to the preferred direction. Ruffino said, "I like the idea that

the rattleback plays by its own rules. You know, like Frank Sinatra said, 'I did it my way.'"

Rattleback Records, 5405 N. Clark St., opened last November and is the first dedicated record store in the neighborhood in almost two years. The store features new and used vinyl records, cassettes, CDs and DVDs/Blu-Rays as well as new record players/turntables. Vintage buyers beware, books and art prints also are available for sale. Ruffino said, "The new items are sourced mostly through local distributors. As for the used items, much of the stock comes from people bringing in items to the store, which we then assess and offer the seller a cash or store credit."

The plan

The start-your-own business plan was about a year in the gestation period. "Once that decision was made, I took the time to do research on opening and running a small business," Ruffino said. "I wrote a rudimentary plan and had the support of friends and family members who have or currently run their own business. This help from family and friends was an integral part of providing me with the confidence boost I needed in this process."

The 50-year-old Chicago native and longtime Edgewater resident chose the Andersonville neighborhood because he feels strongly connected to this part of Chicago. He said he and his husband, Mike, spend most of their time shopping, eating and socializing in Edgewater and the Andersonville neighborhood. "We feel strongly connected to this part of Chicago," Ruffino said. "Being close to home, we felt that opening a shop in Andersonville would only

strengthen the bonds we feel to this neighborhood. Honestly, no other areas were considered."

Modern vinyl records have existed for over half a century, and while they almost faded into obscurity, the vinyl record revival is picking up steam every year.

The resurgence of vinyl

Ruffino said, the younger generation is largely responsible for this resurgence in vinyl records. "Many parents have come in with their children and told me that their child is the one getting them back into records and recorded music. I'm not exactly sure how to explain this. Most of these youngsters have been raised in the digital age, so I think there is something nostalgic about owning a physical product that you can manipulate that provides entertainment and enjoyment."

Modern vinyl records have existed for over half a century, and while they almost faded into obscurity, the vinyl record revival is picking up steam every year. Clement Perry, publisher of The Stereo Times, a magazine for audiophiles, said "For some, vinyl never went away - a number of electronics makers still manufacture turntables for hardcore music lovers. The renewed interest in vinyl from consumers at large is partly due to its increasing availability." According to an industry source, 2017 marked the 12th straight year of growth in vinyl album sales.

"Many people refer to vinyl as having a warmer sound than digital music, or other types of analog music sources such as cassettes," Ruffino explained. "I do think that there is a romantic nature to vinyl that enhances the listening experience." He also said that he knows most musicians, local and otherwise look to release their music on this format. Asked about any 'ah-ha' moments since opening, Ruffino said, "I guess the biggest moments have been the wide variety of music that we're selling and the diversity of our clientele. That's been a fun surprise."

The store is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tues. to Sat. and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

PROGRAMS from p. 4

606 Trail is bounded by North, California, Bloomingdale and Kedzie.

- **South Old Irving Park.** Immediately south of high-demand Old Irving Park and just west of Avondale, this neighborhood is bounded by Pulaski, Laramie, Fullerton and Laverne. The census tract also includes the Belmont Gardens and Kilbourn Park neighborhoods.
- **West Ridge.** This neighborhood, also called West Rogers Park, is bounded by Clark, Pratt, Peterson, California and Kedzie. The vintage housing stock features many small brick apartment buildings with expansive floor plans.

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Senior LIVING

Edgewater Village offers full calendar of events in January

Now entering its third year, Edgewater Village Chicago continues to offer substantive programs and resources to older adults in Chicago. The all-volunteer organization supports adults who prefer to remain in their communities as they age.

"We're developing relevant programs to encourage older adults to become engaged in learning and to stay connected to their communities," said Susan Leinwohl, co-chair of the Program Committee. "Some of our programs are conducted by community members who generously share their knowledge. We all benefit from those programs and discussions which enable participants to continue to grow while promoting their social and psychological well-being."

Edgewater Village expanded its offerings to include more volunteer, partnership and intergenerational opportunities this year. In January, for example, the organization and the Edgewater Library are co-sponsoring free, intergenerational Latin dance classes at the library beginning Jan. 15. The four-week series will be held in two consecutive sessions (2:30-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.). The second class was added so children

and teens can participate; partners are not required.

The first program of the year was to create Valentine cards for homebound individuals in Rogers Park, Edgewater and Uptown. The cards will be distributed through another partnership with the Loyola School of Community Nursing.

For those interested in discussing books, there are several opportunities in January to do so. Beginning Jan. 10 and for the next

"We like to have fun while offering a variety of programs so that people can meet one another," Susan Leinwohl said. "Our programs are geared with this in mind."

three Thursdays, there will be discussions of A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn. The first meeting will be to discuss the first three chapters of the book; the group will meet 1:30-3 p.m. at the Edgewater Library. Registration is required by calling (773) 382-0764 or by emailing edgewaterchicago@gmail.com.

"We like to have fun while offering a va-



Betsy Kane facilitated the free Valentine card making session on Jan. 4. The cards will be distributed to homebound older adults in Edgewater and neighboring communities by the Loyola Community School of Nursing.

riety of programs so that people can meet one another," Leinwohl said. "Our programs are geared with this in mind." Other upcoming programs are The No Book Club in which participants talk about any book

they've read, and the LOL Club (Laugh Out Loud). During the LOL Club sessions, individuals tell or read jokes and funny stories. A monthly meet-up to try a local eatery and socialize will be a lunch on Jan. 16 at Indie Café, 5951 N. Broadway; registration is required.

Also beginning in January is a five-part sustainability workshop series; the first session will be about weatherizing your home. Workshops will include hands-on activities, demonstrations, classroom materials and handouts. The free sessions begin 1:30-3 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 23, at the Edgewater Senior Satellite Center, inside the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway. The workshops will meet every other week.

Looking ahead to the 2020 census, a presentation at the Edgewater Senior Satellite Center will explain the purpose of the census, its potential problems and how it impacts our lives. The presentation, "Stand Up and Be Counted," will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Jan. 30.

Call (773) 382-0764 or email edgewaterchicago@gmail.com to receive emails and monthly schedules from Edgewater Village.

Are you 55 and older and looking for a way to engage in your community? Are you looking for opportunities that allow you to be social and serve others?



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Contact Project Director Jen O'Grady at 312-579-7728 or jogrady@aarp.org or Assistant Project Director Tiffany Holmes at Wholmes@aarp.org for more information

RSVP is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering, service and civic engagement. CNCS engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation's volunteer and service efforts. RSVP is sponsored by AARP Foundation in Chicago.

This program is available to all eligible applicants, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, sex, political affiliation or, religion.



Senior *LIVING*

Women-only Alzheimer's and dementia care debuts at Continental Nursing, Rehab Center

BY LYNNE KORNECKI

Nationwide, residential dementia care is getting a makeover as experts re-examine what would best serve their residents.

One of the most recent service tweaks is the emergence of gender-specific care – an appealing choice for many families as they make important decisions for their loved ones.

All-female dementia care is offered now on the secured Memory Springs floor at Continental Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 5336 N. Western Ave.

“What’s especially fun about an all-female floor are the activities,” noted Monica Winkelman, the facility’s administrator. “For example, our residents really love music, so we make it an integral part of each day for dancing, singing or just tapping their feet. They’re also enjoying tea parties, jewelry-making and manicures. We definitely encourage

families to join in the fun with their loved one so it seems more like a celebration.”

Studies have shown that music elevates mood and improves cognition. Staff also provide cueing and hand-over-hand assistance to help residents who may need that extra support.

Winkelman explained that, as part of assessing new residents, with the help of families Continental staff members ask clients about current and past interests, former careers, and hobbies. Once armed with this specific information, the staff can relate better to each resident by providing engaging activities and person-centered care that meets cultural and cognitive needs.

The staff also makes a concerted effort to encourage friendships among the residents by pairing them up for activities according to shared interests and abilities.

“We are very diligent about engaging our residents socially because we are committed to them having a meaningful day and not be isolated in their rooms,” added

Winkelman. “Our focus as a team is their happiness and helping them to have a fulfilling experience with us.”

Because Memory Springs, which can accommodate up to 30 residents, is located within a skilled nursing center, dementia residents benefit from also having any complex medical needs met. Continental provides comprehensive wound care and physical, occupational or speech therapies in addition to an onsite dialysis unit.

The Memory Springs floor has its own memory care director, activity calendar, dining room, and secured patio where residents, accompanied by a staff member, can enjoy the outdoors together. The floor also features a “quiet room” where residents can simply relax, gaze out the window, or spend time knitting or crocheting. Each resident’s room can be personalized by the family in terms of a favorite piece of furniture, pictures and photos, or other familiar items that can make it seem more comfortable and homelike.

Additionally, onsite psychiatric and psychological services are available along with ongoing dementia and behavioral education – especially important for family members struggling with acceptance of the disease process in their loved ones.

“We’d also like to inform the community at large about our respite care program,” Winkelman said. “It provides short-term residential care on our Memory Springs floor for those families currently caring for their loved at their own homes. Now, they can bring their family member here for a short stay while they take a break.”

Respite residents undergo the same admission process as full-time residents, with an appropriate assessment. They must also provide recent physician information and a medication list.

For more details or to tour Memory Springs, call 773-271-5600.

Chicago Danztheatre Ensemble presents ‘Getting Old Sucks’

Getting Old Sucks is a danztheatre work exploring the universality of aging through individual experiences.

But don’t let the title fool you. The group says that the show chases stories from all walks of life, diving deep into moments from pain and satisfaction to despair and elation.

Getting Old Sucks opens Feb. 22 and will run Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m., through March 3, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave.

From asking when you last played hide-and-seek to whether you know how much a coffin costs, this production prods at the absurdity in the monotony

of our trek through this timeline called Life. Aging may have its challenges, but it is also filled with precious moments that last a lifetime.

Over the past 18 months, 11 ensemble members, led by Scott Dare and Michele Stine, have collected interviews with people age 7 to 87, locally, nationally, and internationally to ask questions about the way people relate to age. Through the use of dance, games, live music, and text, the ensemble travels through the ups and downs of aging to prove you are never too old to dance.

For more information call 773-486-8261, or visit www.danztheatre.org.

Apply now for affordable senior housing

Leasing for the Northtown Apartments, located above the new Northtown Library at Pratt and Western, is beginning now. Applications will be accepted by Evergreen Real Estate Group via mail or online at www.northtownapts.com beginning Thursday, Jan. 10. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Representatives from Evergreen will be in the 50th Ward office, 2949 W. Devon, on Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon to help residents with their applications.

Northtown Apartments is a 100% affordable senior building. Applicants must be age 62 or over and

have incomes below 60% of the Area Median Income. The units becoming available next week will be leased directly through Evergreen, with rents starting at \$850.

Additional units with rental assistance are available now through the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). Visit www.thecha.org and click on “Apply for Housing—Public Housing & PBV Applicants Only!” This screen will default to public housing. Choose PBV to find the correct list of properties and select Independence Apartments/Northtown Apartments.

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Clare poet Carol Feiser Laque draws inspiration from 'the silent music of the mind'



Laque's Ohio license plate.

Clare resident Carol Feiser Laque's grandmothers opened up the world to her: the world of domesticity and the world of the arts.

"At 9 years of age, my grandmother sent me '101 Famous Poems,'" she says. "From that moment, I knew I would be a poet and poetize. My other grams taught me to make delicious fruit pies (the crust, you know)."

Feiser Laque was first published in the sixth grade, which began what would become a lifetime of 20 volumes of poetry. After success in three small arts presses, she published her own work to have artistic control of materials, cover art and layout.

Mainstream publishers required book tours and self-promotion. But Feiser Laque believes poetry should be free. Like Petrarch, she never wanted to merchandise her mind. Besides, she considers herself a "homebody."

Chicago A.M. Let Morning Come

A midnight lake breaks blue.
Dawn scribbles violet, orange, scarlet,
Grey scatters my walls
Pianissimo please
Let Morning Come

Coffee twisting sheets, news, rolling over
Cabbies stretching, yawning honking scores
Sirens smear children rubbing gritty eyes
Doors open hallways - running to catch -
Busses schools commuters - keeping time.
The elderly stir as slowly
As the homeless
Let Morning Come

Lakeshore drivers lurch and stop a red tide.
Tongues waggle, mumble as pounding
Dreams and feet - stories wet
Rain and fog - Chicago has no syntax.
Windy so hang on. The Side Walks.

Naked or bundled, sing where you are.
The Downbeat then - "forever yours" - "love" -
Especially to strangers. Then the salutation -- "dear"
Not a single stray cat.
Let Morning Come. -- By Carol Feiser Laque

"Poetry is alive when it honors the individual's vision and voice," she says. "Poetry by committee is as processed as Velveeta."

To support her poetry habit, Feiser Laque taught comparative literature and the poetry workshop at the University of Cincinnati for 36 years. She said marriage and motherhood were joys that nurtured and inspired her. And community service provided a means of sharing the art of poetry with runaway and homeless children. In fact, she founded and led a workshop at Lighthouse Youth and Family Services in Cincinnati for 20 years.

In 1975, Feiser Laque founded Circumference Press, her own non-profit, independent press for new poets, which recently celebrated 40 years in 2015.

"From chapbooks and anthologies to



Carol Feiser Laque

broadside, I felt the necessity to operate outside the system," she says. "I was unwilling to compromise aesthetic standards. Every decision involves a price. I have no regrets."

Projects she founded also include The Cincinnati Writer's Project - Poetry Workshop, which was free to all. She led it for 35 years.

"Circumference Press published a chapbook of patients' poetry at the state mental hospital, Longview," she recalls. "The writer's workshop named the book Longview."

Above all else, poetry is Feiser Laque's calling, and she always aims to honor it.

"Writing poetry is musical," she says. "It celebrates the silent music of the mind and the world of nature. A poem mimes the chime."

'Artists never retire'

Feiser Laque's retirement from the University of Cincinnati did not represent a true retirement from teaching or poetry. She went on to poetize full time, mentored poets in workshops and enjoyed family life.

Early retirement also afforded her the opportunity to continue her work with Circumference Press, publishing special projects. For example, her local Kroger grocery store cashier confided to her that she had written short, poetic fables and stories. The result:

Circumference Press published The Book of Fabulories.

"My goal is to get the first poem out loud, in print, of poets who have never seen themselves in print," Feiser Laque says. "Every voice is worth hearing. Everyone, no matter who they are, is a poem in progress."

Feiser Laque brought that practice to Chicago, which she calls "The City of Open Arms," when she moved to The Clare in 2011. Here, the inspiration of having poets write about art resulted in collaboration between a fellow Clare resident and members of an early Clare poet's workshop.

"The Clare community is an ongoing artistic collaboration," Feiser Laque says. "What is better than poetic jamming with your community?"

Since 2011, Feiser Laque has volunteered and conducted poetry workshops



Self portrait by Laque.

Photos by Carol Laque Marshall

in Chicago elementary schools and held a poetry reading at The Museum of Contemporary Art and The Clare. Since her move to Chicago, she also published two poetry anthologies: Poetize and Mother of Pearl.

The second, Mother of Pearl, contains a poetic drama of Hester Prynne, the Mother of Pearl. It was nominated by two of Feiser Laque's editors in 2017 for the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

"I felt honored and humbled, and my muse danced," Feiser Laque says of the nomination.

Today, Feiser Laque continues to men-

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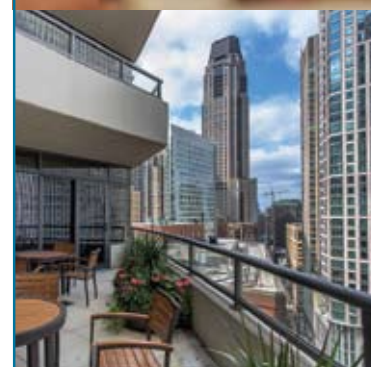
tor aspiring poets, and has never stopped writing herself.

"Each poem is a place to live until my imagination evicts me," she says. "That's why my Ohio license plates say, 'Poetize,' which is a verb, after all."



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Tale of two cities

Chicago ranks in the top 5 on Schrodgers Global Cities Index

BY JIM VAIL

While Chicago has been hit with people leaving the city because of rising property taxes, a lack of affordable housing and fears over violence and crime, there is some good news too. According to Schrodgers Global Cities Index, Chicago is a prime global location for real estate.

That is good news for investors looking to make money on a young population with more credit in their accounts.

The index ranked Chicago No. 4 on the list of the 30 top “economically vibrant cities” worldwide based on criteria that includes a young population, median household income, retail sales, gross domestic product and potential future growth. Chicago is also home to a large number



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of world class universities that helped propel it to the top of the list.

“We see universities as being critical in powering city economies,” Tom Walker, the co-head of global real estate securities at Schrodgers, told Chicago Agent magazine. “Knowledge-based hubs are growing in economic strength with a positive knock-on to real estate markets in those locations.”

Chicago ranked 7th in university rankings, followed by population at 13th, household income and retail sales both ranking us 16th and GDP ranked 21st.

The index is used by “wealthy, global real estate investors and by institutional firms looking for

the best long term value for fixed asset investments,” according to Forbes.

Chicago was also ranked by Resonance Consultancy as the second best city in the U.S. because the Windy City “offers visitors and residents the same diversity of experience as traditionally larger tourism centers like New York and Paris.”

The city ranked first in the category of museums, sports teams and airport accessibility, second to New York City in terms of positive tourist and resident social media response about the culture, entertainment, shopping, culture and nightlife and third in the culinary category, Chicago Agent reported.

Chicago’s number 2 ranking was based on a group called “mobile millennials” – about 1,500 people aged 20 – 36 who traveled throughout the country and were surveyed about which city was best.

Young people are choosing Chicago because of its job opportunities, growing economy and housing options. Some feel it’s more affordable than West Coast cities like L.A., San Francisco or Seattle.

According to one survey, approximately 81% of people age 30 to 35 live in a major city or suburb near a major city. Young people raised in urban areas move farther away from home with 31% moving 200 to 499 miles away, as opposed to only 14% of those raised in small towns or rural communities.

Chicago’s controversial plan to support its rising real estate value includes modernizing its transportation infrastructure, providing tax subsidies to developers to build luxury apartments and closing public schools where less children are attending.

While President Trump tweets what’s wrong in Chicago, investors and young people are scrambling to get to the city on the lake that is changing faster than we know.

Indeed, it’s a tale of two cities when it comes to those who can afford to live here and those who cannot.

Comedy Fest to host 120 shows in 8 days

The 2019 line-up for the 18th Annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival, taking place Jan.10-20 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., will boast 120 shows in eight days.

“Every year, SketchFest has become bigger and better,” SketchFest executive producer Jill Valentine

said. “It is always a pleasure of mine to witness how a new local group or one-man show is able to shine and find their comedic voice to make audience members laugh uncontrollably.”

Since its inception in 2002, the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival has grown to be the largest event of its kind, including more than 1,000 artists and 10,000 patrons annually from around the world.

Headliners for the 2019 festival include the two-man show Parv and Pudi, comprised of Danny Pudi and Parvesh Cheena, and The Fail Yours, featuring Derek Mize and Eric Eikey.

The Cupid Players, Rehner and Nixon, Off Off Broadway, and Patty Vazquez from WGN Radio will return to represent the Chicago sketch comedy scene.

Out-of-state ensembles include Brick Penguin and newcomer Welcome to Anhedonia, a puppet show embracing nerd culture.

Featured international participants for the 2019 SketchFest consist of HUNKS, Hot Raw Fire and Sketchersons.

The entire schedule is online. Individual tickets are \$15, and festival passes are available for

\$24 (Thursday), \$48 (Friday), \$60 (Saturday) and \$36 (Sunday).

A flex pass for up to 10 shows costs \$120, and an all-festival pass is \$225.

New this year, VIP Packages of two drink tickets and two show tickets for \$40 and four drink tickets and four show tickets for \$80 will be available.

Performances take place at the top of each hour 8-10 p.m. for Thursday shows; 8-11 p.m. for Friday shows; 6-11 p.m. for Saturday shows; 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13; and 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

For more information call 773-327-5252 or visit the Stage 773 box office at 1225 W Belmont Ave.

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ing the intermission. The event will be taped for a live broadcast in June on WDCB Radio, 90.1 FM.

Additionally, Orman Weiss has curated a tribute gallery show taking place the following day, from 3 to 6 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Euro Echo Cafe, 7919 N. Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, which is where Eddy lived. The exhibit will feature photos of Eddy and his blues celebrity brothers and sisters from Eddy’s private home collection. Orman Weiss has brought in talented photographers from across

the city that have captured Eddy’s flashy style on Chicago’s stages. Her photos of Eddy both at the place he loved most, home, and on stage will also be on display.

“He was one of the most sought after bluesmen to photograph because of his flamboyant costumes that defied colorful scale for most men, he had a passion for hot pinks, reds, turquoise and bright yellow,” said Orman Weiss. “The gallery show will exhibit just how colorful a man he was.”

The Jan. 13 event is open to the public and hosted by Eddy’s neighbors, Richard Reeder and Tony Fernandez. Everyone is

welcome to say a few words at the tribute from 3 to 4 p.m., with a blues jam following with The Eddy Clearwater Band and acoustic set by Sammy Blue. “Please feel free to bring your instrument and join the band,” Orman Weiss said.

Meanwhile, the night before at SPACE, expect a gathering of a lot of musicians, friends, and family who shared a love for Eddy and his amazing career and warm spirit, said Specter.

“I think we’ll play a lot of his music and just remember what he gave us,” said Specter. “Fans of Eddy’s shouldn’t miss it.”

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Chicago will form ticket and debt task force

More tickets issued in Chicago than in Los Angeles or New York City

BY JIM VAIL

The City of Chicago will form a task force to deal with the problem of ticketing and debt collection that has hurt low-income residents all over the city who cannot pay the city's excessive ticket fines, towing, storage and penalty charges.

The task force - called the Chicago Fines, Fees & Access Collaborative - was created by City Clerk Anna Valencia, and will be comprised of city finance, police, aldermen, community groups and others who have a stake in the city's game to squeeze more money out of its impoverished inhabitants through ticket-writing.

The task force will examine how the city punishes people who do not pay their tickets on time. How crazy-greedy has the city gotten over this issue? A mere \$60 city sticker not paid on time can turn into almost a \$500 bill based on late fee fines.

Indeed it seems that the city's most affective, and efficient employees are those who write the parking tickets. More citations are now issued here in Chicago, per adult, than in Los Angeles or New York City. Each year Chicago issues more than three million tickets for parking and traffic camera violations that, for the most part, range from \$25 to \$200.

The city's aggressive take on collecting ticket fees has especially hurt those who find it hard to pay because many here are living paycheck to paycheck, driving some of those people to file for bankruptcy protection.

State of Lincoln Park annual meeting Jan. 22

The new year promises to be an exciting one for Lincoln Park and Chicago. North Side residents can learn more about what's happening at the local level directly from the source when aldermen Brian Hopkins [2nd], Scott Waguespack [32nd] and Michele Smith [43rd] give their take during the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's annual state of the wards meeting 8 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 22.

The meeting will be held at Stratford on the Park, 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, and guests can connect with area residents and local business leaders over breakfast before and after the formal presentations.

Tickets are \$35 for chamber members and \$40 for guests. For reservations call 773-880-5200.



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In 2007, an estimated 1,000 Chapter 13 bankruptcies included debts to the city, usually for unpaid tickets, with the median amount claimed around \$1,500 per case. By 2017, the number of cases surpassed 10,000, with the typical debt to the city around \$3,900. Though the numbers of tickets issued did not rise during that time, the city increased the costs of fines, expanded its traffic camera program, and sought more license suspensions.

The task force, which was spearheaded by reporting from ProPublica about how much city ticket fines have hurt low income families and minorities, will meet monthly over the next six months to discuss late penalties, debt collectors, license suspensions effect on jobs and payment plans. There will also be public forums before recommendations will be made in May for the new mayor, Pro Public reported.

Some aldermen have proposed ordinances to deal with the excessive ticketing and the city has

proposed to change the fee structure for vehicle stickers. The City Council recently approved allowing residents to pay for required vehicle stickers in four-month installments to help avoid \$200 tickets. With late penalties, city sticker tickets can cost \$488.

Chicago is the second city in the country, after San Francisco, to launch a fines and fees task force.

Everybody has seen cars with the yellow boot that means the driver didn't pay their fines and they no longer have access to the car until it's paid. The city has also made unpaid parking and automated red-light and speed camera tickets to trigger license suspensions. That can spell death to those who need to get to work or drive their children to school but don't have the cash to pay right away.

One alderman said other cities have not been so "heavy-handed" when collecting ticket fines and this has resulted in more debt collection. Another alderman said the city ticketing policy has created a two-tier system that results in policing poverty. A grassroots organization that is also participating on the task force has advocated to end driver's license suspensions for non-moving violations such as parking tickets.

Ticket revenue in Chicago generated about \$264 million in 2016 which is about seven percent of the city's operating budget.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas [36th] proposed community service in lieu of some debt payment, while Ald. Ed Burke [14th] proposed the city consider motorists' income before starting a license suspension over ticket debt.

According to ProPublica, Chicago threw out about 23,000 duplicate vehicle sticker tickets and said it would refund an additional 12,000 duplicates dating to the 1990s. This came as a result of ProPublica's investigation that revealed that since 2007 motorists were cited about 20,000 times more than once on the same day, which violates a city code.

The city's Law Dept. will now allow drivers to erase old ticket debt by filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, although they would still have to pay off their more recent ticket debts, but all late penalties and collections fees would be waived. The change is meant to deter drivers from filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 13, which typically ends without any debt relief and little if any revenue for the city.

Tax money for Lincoln Ave. small business

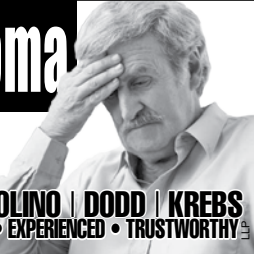
Small business owners located in the Lincoln Ave. Tax Increment Financing [TIF] District will soon be able to apply for funding to improve their businesses. Between today and Feb. 8, the City of Chicago will accept Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) applications from business owners in the Lincoln Avenue TIF, which encompasses portions of the Lincoln Square, West Ridge and North Park communities.

The SBIF program uses TIF property tax revenues to help owners repair or remodel their facilities and improve their businesses. Grants up to \$100,000 are available for eligible work.

There will be a SBIF Rollout Event to help eligible business owners learn about the program 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Bel-Ami, 5530 N. Lincoln Ave. For more information call 773-743-6022 or email info@westridgechamber.org.

The current round of funding is only available for business owners within the Lincoln Ave. TIF.

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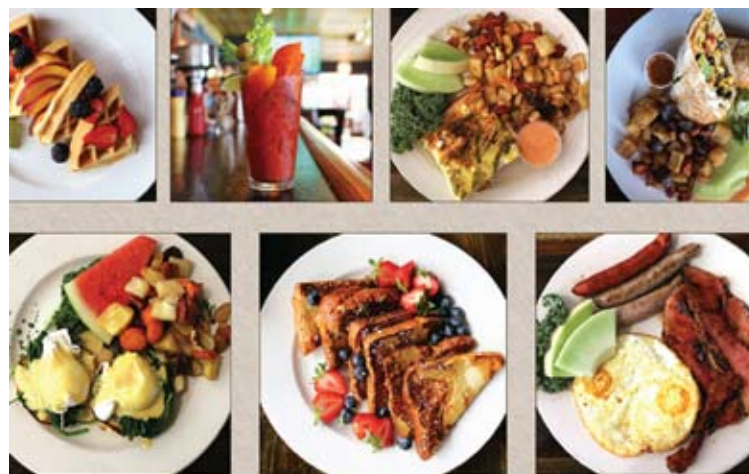


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Police Beat....

Uptown woman arrested for threats of mass shooting

Alison Yohanna, 35, an employee of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability [COPA] was arrested after she knowingly sent a false email around 9 a.m. Dec. 28 to the Inspector General's Office stating that another current COPA employee would be conducting a mass shooting at the COPA offices in the 1600 block of W. Chicago. Within an hour of the email being sent, the inspector general's office contacted police, and a SWAT team responded at 10 a.m. to the COPA offices.



Alison Yohanna

On Jan. 3, the Buena Park woman turned herself in at Area Central and was charged accordingly. She was ordered held on \$10,000 bail during a Saturday court hearing, according to the Cook County state's attorney's office. She had been working as an investigator for COPA for more than a year and has been placed on leave.

Five robberies in Lakeview, Lincoln Park over New Years

Five robberies were reported in Lakeview and Lincoln Park around New Years. There are no clear indications of connections between the cases. One victim was shot twice with a pellet gun. Here's a look at what has been reported:

On Dec. 30, a victim reported being robbed at gunpoint in the 1900 block of N. Kenmore by two men who then shot him twice with the weapon, which turned out to be a pellet gun, according to police.

The victim told police that the offenders emerged from a small silver 4-door car and approached him around 8:30 p.m. According to the victim, the robbers were black men wearing all black clothing. One wore a gray stocking cap, the other wore a black knit hat, he said. They were last seen heading southbound in the car, which had a female in the passenger seat.

Two men reported being robbed in the 500 block of W. Grant Place near Geneva Terrace around 1:30 a.m. Dec. 29. Three offenders wearing masks over their faces implied that they had a firearm as they robbed the two men, according to a police report. The robbers were described as three black men between 18- and 21-years-old. All of the offenders wore hoodies, with one also wearing a flannel vest, the victims said. They were last seen heading eastbound on Grant Place.

On Dec. 30, a man reported being robbed at gunpoint by a masked offender in the 1600 block of W. Melrose. The victim was outside his home when the man approached and took his money and phone at gunpoint. The offender was described only as having a "big head" and wearing a large coat.

Then, on Dec. 31, a man and his female friend were robbed by three offenders near the intersection of School and Sheffield. The robbers implied that they were armed with a handgun, telling the man "don't be a hero," as they took the couple's valuables. According to the victims, the robbers were three black males with the primary offender wearing a dark



CPD stands by "first gun" of 2019 claim

The Chicago Police Dept. is standing by its claim that an allegedly illegal handgun that was confiscated during an arrest at 11:28 p.m. Dec. 31 was the first gun to be confiscated on the streets of Chicago in 2019.

A police spokesman said the police report number for the case, JC100002—literally the second police case of the new year—was generated at 12:02 a.m. on New Year's Day "making it the first police report generated for a gun arrest of 2019."

However, during a quickly-called press conference one hour after the report number was generated, Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson repeatedly said the gun was recovered, and the related arrest was made, after midnight on New Year's Day.

"And two minutes after the new year comes in...there you go, our first illegal weapon," he said. "Tactical team 363 got the first illegal weapon off the streets of Chicago at 12:02 a.m., two minutes after midnight."

A reporter asked Johnson, "Are you surprised at how fast you were able to pull this first gun off the streets?"

"No...these officers are good at what they do," Johnson said, point-

hoodie and blue jeans. The three were last seen heading west on School St.

A teenage boy sought help from the staff of a Chipotle restaurant after he was reportedly robbed at knife-point in the 2800 block of N. Ashland at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 1. The boy said a masked man grabbed him, produced a knife, and made him hand over his keys, wallet, and phone. The offender then fled southbound on Ashland, the boy said.

Judge sentences AWOL home invader, sex offender to 56 years in prison... if he is ever found

A repeatedly-convicted sex offender and burglar who fled from the Leighton Criminal Courthouse as a jury prepared to convict him of home invasion and criminal sexual abuse on Nov. 8 has been sentenced in absentia to 56-years in prison.

Joseph Kopacz, 54, had been free on \$500,000 bail since shortly after he was accused of entering a Lakeview man's home, crawling into the victim's bed, and sexually abusing him in Oct. 2016.



Joseph Kopacz

But on Nov. 8, as the jury deliberated for a little over an hour, Kopacz walked out of the courthouse. He did not return for the reading of the verdict that afternoon and he has not been seen since.

With Kopacz still on the loose, Judge Thaddeus Wilson has now handed down the prison sentence, giving Kopacz 18 days of credit for time served in jail pre-trial, and fining him \$1,414. Wilson also forfeited Kopacz's \$500,000 bail.

"I still feel unsafe knowing that this man is out in the world somewhere and not in a jail cell," the victim in the

case said in a written impact statement. "I constantly fear for others that he's doing the same thing to them right now somewhere. I still have nightmares about this man. I still lay awake at night thinking about the way he violated me all the time," the man said. "I still wonder what else he may have done to me that didn't come up in his testimony or come out from the photos that were released."

Wisconsin and Illinois records show that Kopacz has been repeatedly arrested and charged with cases similar to the Lakeview home invasion since 1990. Young men—usually in their 20s—have told police in multiple jurisdictions that they awakened in their own beds to find Kopacz, a stranger, standing over them or sexually abusing them.

Time of arrest on police paperwork is supposed to be the time that an arrestee is first handcuffed and secured in CPD custody, which would be 11:28 p.m., according to the dispatcher. But the police department said that, even though the suspect, Dar-

rell Rhyme, was "in custody" at 11:28 p.m., "this was considered an investigatory stop. Officers needed time to determine what they were dealing with. In this case they needed to conduct a preliminary investigation into the background of the suspect, whether the gun was legal/illegal to possess, secure the offender's vehicle and interview other individuals and witnesses."

Police spokesmen said, Rhyme "is known to these officers as well as many officers. After review of the incident, we determined that this met the standard to be the first gun arrest of 2019. In addition, the firearm was inventoried in 2019 which makes it count as a 2019 illegal firearm recovery."

The spokesman did not explain why Johnson repeatedly claimed that the foot pursuit, arrest, and gun recovery took place after midnight. The department's chief spokesperson, Anthony Guglielmi, tweeted on New Year's Day that the "first gun" was "recovered" "2 minutes into 2019." In fact, it was recovered in 2018 and inventoried about 30 minutes later, in 2019.

• Demarlin Brewer, 44, is charged with exposing himself to a 12-year-old girl on a Red Line train near the Berwyn stop on Nov. 17. The victim's father identified Brewer, who was ordered held on \$20,000 bail. According to Chicago police, Brewer had been arrested twice, charged with public indecency twice, and released twice during Oct. 2018 alone. Both of the earlier arrests were in Lakeview.

• On Dec. 20, Marcus Jenkins, 27, was arrested at the Washington Blue Line station and charged with felony public indecency with two or more prior convictions. A 46-year-old woman told police that she saw Jenkins rubbing his genitals while standing on the platform. He then pulled his genitals out, began masturbating, climbed on top of the turnstiles, and asked the woman to come over to him, police said. It was the fourth time Jenkins had been charged with sexual behavior on CTA property since July, according to police records. He is currently held without bail.

Why so many deviants on the CTA? Authorities keep putting them back on the street

Ever wonder why there are so sexual deviants riding CTA trains? It turns out that the answer, in part, may be that Chicago's criminal justice system keeps returning those men to the streets rather than locking them up or finding treatment options.

Here are just a few of the "revolving door" beneficiaries you may have seen on CTA trains:

• Antwan Toliver, 38, was arrested near the Fullerton Red Line CTA station on Nov. 19 after a 37-year-old woman told police that she caught him masturbating on her buttocks and back while riding the train. At the time of the alleged incident, Toliver was AWOL after skipping bail on a charge that he touched a woman's buttocks and tried to kiss her at a strip mall in Des Plaines. A grand jury has now returned a true bill that charges Toliver with felony aggravated battery, felony criminal sexual abuse, and two felony counts of repeated public indecency. He's held on \$50,000 bail.

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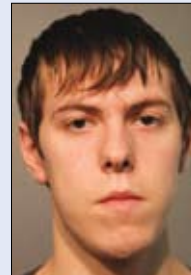
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Man on probation for burglary committed while on probation for another burglary is now charged with theft

A North Center man who is on probation for a burglary he committed while on probation for another burglary is now accused of stealing a woman's coat from a North Center bar.

Nathan Wettig, 21, was identified from surveillance video as the man who took the woman's Canada Goose coat from a tavern in the 2100 block of W. Grace Dec. 9, police said in an arrest report. Wettig "freely stated that he took the



Nathan Wettig

coat from the tavern to sell it because he needed the money," police wrote.

Prosecutors charged Wettig with felony theft, and he went free by posting a \$300 deposit bond.

In April 2018, Wettig was given two-year's "second chance" probation after he pleaded guilty to taking a bicycle from a garage in the 2400 block of W. Addison in Nov. 2017.

At the time of the bike theft, Wettig was on probation for stealing a MacBook from a North Center home because "his friend Taylor was going to wipe it clean... so he could have it for his personal use," according to court records.

Burglars strike Wiener's Circle, North Side business break-ins continue



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The Wiener's Circle, the infamous late-night Lincoln Park hot dog stand, has fallen victim to overnight burglars who've been targeting North Side businesses since autumn.

An employee of the restaurant, 2622 N. Clark St., discovered the break-in when they arrived to open for business on Sunday morning.

Molly's Cupcakes, another popular business just one block away, was similarly burglarized on Nov. 27.

Typically, the burglars are forcing their way into businesses by breaking through front glass doors or prying open rear doors, police say. Electronics and small amounts of cash that are left in registers for the opening crew are the primary targets.

Other businesses that have fallen victim include: El Palmar restaurant, 1008-1/2 W. Irving Park Road on Dec. 17; A clothing store at 4138 N. Broadway on Dec. 17; The Sprint store, 1201 N. Clark on Dec. 22 (arrest made); Goddess and the Baker, 225 N. LaSalle on Dec. 23; Citi Food Mart, 3355 N. Clark on Dec. 23; Beauty Island, 4433 N. Broadway on Dec. 28; Taqueria Ranchito, 4651 N. Clark on Jan. 1; A convenience store in the 4100 block of N. Lincoln on Jan. 4, and El Jardin restaurant at 3335 N. Clark on Jan. 5.

The suspect in the Taqueria Ranchito incident was described as male, black, 5'-10" to 6' tall, dressed in all black. He encountered staff members when he broke into the restaurant around 5:15 a.m.

Driver carjacked in River North, robberies reported in Loop

A private car driver who was carjacked at gunpoint is one of at least four robbery victims to file reports in the Loop and River North areas Dec. 29. Here are the details:

Police said a black car service driver was sitting in his vehicle near Clark and Illinois when a gunman approached and put a pistol to his head around 4:30 a.m. The offender forced the driver from the black Chevy SUV, then drove away with the car. The stolen SUV, bearing livery plate 7621 was last seen crossing the Clark St. bridge into the Loop. According to the victim, the offender was male, black, and had a scarf covering his face.

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This mural will feature faces of Edgewater neighbors and will be installed later this year on the north-facing exterior wall at Moody's Pub, 5910 N. Broadway.

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The Lakeview Citizens' Council is organizing the forum in collaboration with both the Lakeview East and Lakeview Chambers of Commerce.

The event will be moderated by Laura S. Washington, columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the four candidates running and the issues that may matter to area residents. There will be a mix of questions from the forum sponsors and the audience.

All four candidates on the ballot are confirmed.

Community members are also invited to mingle with the candidates at a pre-forum reception from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar at the reception.

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POLICE BEAT *from p. 12*

Then, shortly after 5 a.m. on Saturday, a man was battered and robbed on the Jackson Red Line platform, 230 S. State. No further information was available about the incident.

Two women reported that they were attacked and robbed of their phones outside of Grant Park on Saturday evening. The offender struck both women, knocked one of them to the ground, and robbed them around 8:45 p.m. near the intersection of Michigan Ave. and Jackson Blvd. The victims described the attacker as a black male between 18- and 21-years-old who was wearing a dark-colored jacket with fur on the hood and white Air Force One gym shoes. He was last seen northbound on Michigan.

Judge Marvin “Let ‘em go” Luckman retires

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Marvin Luckman, who has overseen the early stages of North Side felony cases for more years than most attorneys before him can remember, has retired from the bench at the age of 85. Bagpipers played in Luckman's honor Friday outside the Belmont and Western courtroom where he meted out justice.

Appointed to the bench in 1992, he long ago earned the nickname “Let ‘em go Luckman” for what some perceived to be a defendant-friendly bias. His affable nature and uncanny resemblance to Hollywood great Abe Vigoda did not go unnoticed.

The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Michael A. Strom to replace Luckman. Strom is a clerk in the office of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans. Strom is expected to start on the bench next week. Given his previous tenure in Evans' office, it is likely that Strom will also be a dispenser of



Michael A. Strom



Loop business struck four times

Back on Dec. 13, we told you that an Akira store in the 100 block of S. State St. had been burglarized of merchandise twice in the previous week. Guess what? It's been burglarized two more times.

As in the previous burglaries, a man

broke through the revolving door on New Year's Day. After he left the store, another thief saw the unsecured store and decided to take advantage of the situation by crawling in and stealing an armload of merchandise for himself. No arrests have been made.

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Burglar swipes \$1,769 worth of smokes, booze, and donuts out of Jewel on Christmas Day

Just because Jewel-Osco is closed on Christmas Day doesn't mean that you can't go shopping. In fact, a career criminal took advantage of the holiday closure to embark on a \$1,769.14 shopping spree at one of the grocer's Lincoln Park locations, according to prosecutors.



Bernard Lewis

Police responded to a burglar alarm at the Jewel, 2550 N. Clybourn, around 3:30 p.m. Dec. 25 and allegedly found Bernard Lewis, 46, walking out the back door with piles of merchandise.

Among the merchandise Lewis was allegedly hauling away: seven bottles of vodka, one bottle of whiskey, eight cartons of Newport cigarettes, nine packs of Newport, and five boxes of Entenmann's donuts. Total retail value: \$1,769.14. Cops said he entered the store by prying open its back door.

Prosecutors charged Lewis with felony burglary. Judge Michael Clancy ordered him released on a recognizance bond.

The Christmas incident marked Lewis' ninth arrest of 2018 and his 189th criminal case in Cook County since the mid-1980s. He has previously been charged under the names Marcel Coreano, Marcell Gibson, Hector Rosario, Antonio Rosario, Carlos Rivera, Ronald Cruz, Ronald Campana, and Alphonso Gibson.

Burglar arrested when he returns to the scene

A Chicago Police Dept. evidence technician arrested a cellphone store burglar when the thief returned to the shop while the crime scene was being processed, according to court records.

The evidence tech was working the scene at Sprint, 1201 N. Clark St., around 10 a.m. on Dec. 22 after a burglar broke in through the front door earlier in the day. That's when the technician saw James Phillips, 50, outside the store and recognized him from surveillance video as the man who stole about \$700 worth of merchandise during the break-in, according to police.

Phillips was detained by the evi-

dence technician, positively identified by the store clerk, and is now charged with felony burglary. Judge Sophia Atcherson released Phillips on a recognizance bond.

Commendations for cops who chased robbery suspect onto Diversey Brown Line CTA tracks

The CTA has issued letters of commendation to 19th Town Hall District officers who were involved in capturing two robbery offenders who fled onto the Red and Brown Line CTA tracks near Diversey on Dec. 22.

Deandre Wilson, 22, has been charged with two counts of armed



Deandre Wilson

robbery with a firearm, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, and reckless conduct. He's being held without bail. A second individual, believed to be a juvenile, was also arrested with Wilson.

Chicago police had no further information about the second person.

Five separate robberies had been reported within 30 minutes near the Fullerton and Diversey Brown Line CTA stations when 19th District officers tried to stop Wilson and the second individual for questioning.

“One offender fled to the electrified tracks as he tossed a backpack to the ground,” the CTA said in its letter commending Chicago police. “Officers managed to cut off all points of escape, causing both offenders to eventually be captured and all the proceeds of the robberies being recovered,” CTA said.

Wilson was convicted of multiple narcotics charges in August 2016 and was discharged from parole on Nov. 15th, according to state records.

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PLEASE NOTE: Title in the real estate shall be subject to the terms found in and recorded as document number1729118056 containing the following covenants, that the deed grantee shall complete the rehabilitation of the Property in compliance with all Chicago Building Codes within twelve (12) months from Acquisition Date (title ownership) then, within six (6) months from completed rehab, Grantee shall either (1) sell the Property to a Qualified homebuyer whose household income does not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the Chicago Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area Median Income ("AMI"), or (2) rent the Property for not less than sixty (60) months to a tenant or tenants who are Qualified Residents, whose income is less than 80% AMI. Failure to obtain a release of compliance from City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development with evidence of compliance to this covenant shall subject the deed to automatically revert back to the foreclosing lien holder.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),

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YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 18-6138.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 541-9710
E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 18-6138
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 18 CH 9511
TJSC#: 38-9625
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- JERMAINE A. SAMUELS, STONE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 18 CH 01206
6341 N. RIDGE AVE., UNIT 2-E CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6341 N. RIDGE AVE., UNIT 2-E, CHICAGO, IL 60660

Real Estate For Sale

Property Index No. 14-06-201-012-1003.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$53,088.22.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-15276-F1.
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
111 East Main Street
DECATUR, IL 62523

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(217) 422-1719
Fax #: (217) 422-1754
CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 2120-15276-F1
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 18 CH 01206
TJSC#: 38-8892
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-5 Plaintiff, -v- MARIA REMEDIOS TELLO AKA REMEDIOS VEGA AKA MARIA TELLO, SALVADOR VEGA AKA SALVADOR VEGA GUTIERREZ Defendants 18 CH 7167
2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE Chicago, IL 60625
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 28, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60625
Property Index No. 14-07-107-026-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$559,419.22.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/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

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, or a 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 and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F18040175.
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Attorney File No. F18040175
Attorney ARDC No. 3126232
Attorney Code. 58852
Case Number: 18 CH 7167
TJSC#: 38-8614
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Bobbi Panter and Matthew Arnoux



Terri Lind, Karen Lee, Robin Berman, Lili Ann Zisook and Linda Robin at the 30th Annual Palm Springs International Film Awards Gala.



Irene and Arnie Michaels.



Mark Olley and Sherry Lea Fox.

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For Sister Wendy, the hand of God moved paint across the canvas, displaying the meaning and significance of fine art. She logged thousands of miles in her movement among the great museums. She dialogued about patinas, chiaroscuro, brush strokes and composition. But what she spoke about was always the same, the graced movement of God. He spoke through her hunched backed, impaired speech with profound glory. And Sister Wendy helped the viewer see beyond their limits to a larger beauty, just as **Picasso, Monet, Manet, Cezanne** and **Pollock** did in their time with their artistic work. How lucky we were to have had this remarkably holy woman to guide us through the hearts of painters. Her soft words and impactful speech was revelatory. May she rest in God's embrace.

NEW YEAR'S HONOR LIST: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, has honored two well-known Brits for their efforts on behalf of British culture, in the 2019 Honors List, the ubiquitous 1960s fashion gal **Lesley Lawson** will now be "**Dame Twiggy**," and the hilarious intellectual of Monty Python comedy, now "**Sir Michael Palin**."

PLASTIC SURGERIES TO AVOID: Now that it's 2019, there are some ques-

tionable surgical procedures to be avoided in the coming year. Smart people will reject the invitation to have certain medical work carried out. Dangerous butt lifts, last minute lip injections, copycat imaging, cookie-cutter surgery, chemical peels and injections ordered online, cutting corners in post-op, and styling revenge bodies. All these are trends in the world of plastic surgery that are now being singled out as unhealthy and to be avoided.



Cynthia Prokopp

EXHIBIT AT BITE: Cynthia "Cindy" Prokopp is a talented Chicago artist currently having a very successful exhibition at Bite Cafe, 1039 N. Western Ave., in Ukrainian Village. Prokopp has a great sense of style and proportion, all balanced with a strategic sense of color, creating remarkable works of art. She's the real deal. Stop by and see her work, she's selling really well.

SHIVER ME TIMBERS: Did a recently divorced matron and her dirty boy toy get themselves in a mess when they recently attempted to pilfer a silver creamer from a most fancy reputable Michigan Ave. shop?

MATCHMAKER MAKE ME A MATCH: Mary Regina and Steve Rigik at the Cadillac Theater seen singing along with "Fiddler on the Roof" and having a walk down memory lane at the Berghoff.

AT THE DRAKE: "Queen of Cabaret,"

Denise Tomasello, will celebrate her birthday and Valentine's Day on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Grand Ballroom of the Drake Hotel with her 17-piece orchestra conducted by **Jeremy Kahn**. Get reservations now for what will prove a magical evening. Her voice and styling cannot be matched.

WHO'S WHERE? Bobbi Panter and Matthew Arnoux in London seeing the shows and calling Claridge's home... **Irene Michaels** and hubby, **Arnie**, inspecting the night life in Cabo...**Breandan Magee** has

gone from Christmas in Ireland to Dublin and then Madrid, Spain to Bogota, Columbia for the Nuevo Ano... **Sean Eshaghy** at Las Brisas in Acapulco... **Bruce DuMont** just landed in sunny Palm Springs... handsomely harbordashed **Mark Olley** and **Sherry Lea Fox** setting the holiday tone we love at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Kristin Doll Drutchas** and **Grantland** with the whole family in Siesta Key and managing to get her birthday well celebrated... **Ken Dooley** enjoying the white sands of Clearwater Beach with **Dana Librot Dooley, Ethan, Faye** and **Lilah**... **Tim Ryan** and **Joann Ryan** doing a New England Christmas with their gang in Hingham, MA... the three **Dal Santo** sisters, **Lois, Colleen** and **Victoria** together with all their familia for a balmy Christmas in Southern California and Vicky's birthday as well... **Terri Lind, Karen Lee, Robin Berman, Lili**

Ann Zisook and **Linda Robin** were front and center at the 30th Annual Palm Springs International Film Awards Gala.

ALL STAR: Doug Allen Nash's performance at Park West on Dec. 28 was truly a show stopper. He's a bright, textured, charismatic star who certainly brightened the holiday spirit for all. Who knew **Johnny Cash** and **Neil Diamond** were still so exciting? Nash rocked the house and gathered a fresh new Chicago fan base, proving from start to finish that he is a star. On hand, of



The Dal Santos Sisters.

course, were **Barb Bailey** and **Debbie Silverman Krolik**, talented women who know how to spot talent and help it grow. Bravo to all.

W I D O W S WATCH: While standing in line to buy a rabbit for a New Year's Eve dinner party, I ran into a woman I knew from BIN Wine Bar who

asked if I had seen the new **Liam Neeson** movie "Widows." Of course I hadn't. She told me the film centers on the widows of some Chicago Police officers. She said that toward the final scene there is a long shot of my book, "End of Watch," the story of Chicago's finest killed in the line of duty. I am now excited about seeing the movie. Let me know if you've seen it.

Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.

-- **Martin Luther King Jr.**

tog515@gmail.com

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff, -v- JAMES R HOEY A/K/A JAMES HOEY, 916-18 W. FULLERTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., TARGET NATIONAL BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 18 CH 06204 918 WEST FULLERTON AVENUE, UNIT G 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 November 19, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 20, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 918 WEST FULLERTON AVENUE, UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-29-427-061-1006. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and

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legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC, Plaintiffs Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 11626. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 11626 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 18 CH 06204 TJSC#: 38-9123 I3109360 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; Plaintiff, -v- KELLY LAKE; EUGENIE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 17 CH 1544 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 15, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-33-325-071-1013. Commonly known as 1640 North Mohawk, Apt. A, Chicago, IL 60614.

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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a 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: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611, 17-000172 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I3108812 090909 020202 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. First American Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Nancy A. Stahnke, Deceased, et al., Defendants. Case No. 17CH 11697; Sheriff's No. 180240-001F. Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 24, 2019, at 1:00 P.M. in Room LL06, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: P.I.N.: 17-04-216-064-1512. Address: 1355 N. Sandberg Terrace, Unit 2907, Chicago, IL 60610. Improvements: Single Family Residence. Sale shall be under the following terms: 10% down of certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property may be subject to general real estate taxes, assessments, 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. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: Martin D. Tasch/Bill Costello, c/o Momkus, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 500, Lisle, IL 60532. Tel. No. (630) 434-0400. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I3107932 262626

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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090909 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FORMAN REAL PROPERTY, LLC Plaintiff, -v- 2001 FARGO INC., AN ILLINOIS CORP., RAVA CO., AN ILLINOIS CORP., BUILDEX CORP., AN ILLINOIS CORP., DAMEN FARGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JOHN TOMSIA, MAREK LOZA, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS Defendants 18 L 012363 FKA 09 CH 50847 UNIT 7404-3 at 7400-12 N. DAMEN Chicago, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order for Turnover for Sale entered in the above cause on December 17, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 25, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as UNIT 7404-3 at 7400-12 N. DAMEN, Chicago, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-316-021-1009. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The balance due on the judgment was \$3,618,730.08 as of August 7, 2017. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act

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chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact WILLIAM M. SMITH, WILLIAM M. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, 1038 N. LASSALLE STREET, UNIT E, Chicago, IL 60610, (708) 923-0007 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. WILLIAM M. SMITH & ASSOCIATES 1038 N. LASSALLE STREET, UNIT E Chicago, IL 60610 (708) 923-0007 E-Mail: wsmithlaw@aol.com Attorney Code: 50013 Case Number: 18 L 012363 TJSC#: 38-9702 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 18 L 012363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; Plaintiff, -v- GEOFFREY LANTZ; 1507-11 WEST BIRCHWOOD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 18 CH 7459 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 4, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-29-306-031-1016. Commonly known as 1511 West Birchwood, Unit 3F, Chicago, IL 60626. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a 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: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611, 18-017132 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I3108361 020202 262626 Legal Ads DBA Public Notices We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call Karen @ 773-465-9700



Loyola's 49th Ward Day game nearly a sellout

For the fourth year in a row, Loyola Univ. is hosting a "49th Ward Community Day" at the game 1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 12, and is providing 49th Ward residents and their families deeply-discounted tickets to watch the Ramblers face off against the Illinois State Univ. Redbirds at this nearly sold out game.

Tickets ordinarily are \$20, but for 49th Ward Day, 49th Ward residents can attend for just \$7.

But for tickets being held for local residents, the game is sold out, so the only way you can get tickets is to buy them through this offer. Only a limited number of tickets are available, so 49th Ward residents should visit <https://tkt.xosn.com/tickets/>.

The game is being played at the Gentile Arena, which is located just steps east from Sheridan Rd. and the Loyola Red Line CTA stop.

Zoo rat researchers show you need to stash your trash

Rat populations aided by garbage-filled alleys

Rats. Can't live with them, can't live without them – or so it seems in a city like Chicago. And the last few years have been banner spawning events for the Chicago rat clans, especially those on Chicago's North and Northwest sides.

Researchers from the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Davee Center for Epidemiology and Endocrinology set out to understand why they're doing so well in Chicago and recently published their findings in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*.

Rats are a unique species in that they have a global distribution and are consistently in close proximity to humans. The truth is, they just can't live without us!

This combination makes for possible risks to public health as well as damage to property. Nearly 46,000 rat complaints were made from April 2017 – April 2018 in Chicago and researchers sought to see if complaints are accurate indicators of rat prevalence.

"At [the zoo] we are continually trying to understand human-wildlife conflict and find solutions to mitigate stress on both humans and animals alike," said Maureen Murray, Wildlife Disease Ecologist. "Rats – whether or not we like it – are a part of our ecosystem. They are a fascinating species that we actually have relatively little research available on and we aim to change this."

Murray has teamed up with Landmark

Pest Management [LPM], a research-based pest management firm, for the ongoing study.

"Every city and urban property owner is required to manage rats, so our discoveries about rats in Chicagoland may be applicable to help wildlife managers and urban planners in other cities as well," said Rebecca Fyffe, director of research at LPM.

LPM tested whether areas with more rat complaints also had more rats by trapping rats across 13 community areas in Chicago. Then, researchers from the zoo compared rates of rat trapping success (or the number of rats trapped per night) as a measure of rat abundance compared to publicly available data on rat complaints, incomes, rental properties, and land cover. Amount of garbage, harborage (clutter), and structural integrity of buildings adjacent to the trapping sites were also measured to see if these increased rat problems at a more local scale.

The results? Rat complaints are indeed indicators of rat abundance. Areas with higher complaint rates did have an increased trap rate of rats, and Chicago's North Side has the lead in complaints registered at City Hall the last few years. Also, the availability of uncontained garbage was a clear indicator of rat abundance – even

more so than other attractants such as clutter or access points. Surprisingly, another outcome rose to the surface – neighborhoods with a high rate of rental units (vs. owned) had an increase of rats whereas vacant or abandoned lots showed a decrease in rats.

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"This discovery is quite interesting," said Murray. "Additional research would need to be conducted but it seems that neighborhoods with high rental rates also had increased garbage and potential rat access points in alleyways, presumably due to the responsibility of maintenance being on the property owner rather than the tenant."

The study between the zoo and LPM is ongoing. Future research questions include stress levels in rats and disease prevalence and indicators of risks to public health.

The moral of the story, "Stash your trash," says Murray. "The easiest way to ensure rats stay at bay is to secure trash in closed bins."

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CMS argued it was premature for Aurora to have its day in court, because the hospital has not exhausted its administrative options. Aurora acknowledged this, but contended the issue of constitutional due process should not be handled in an administrative hearing, Coleman agreed.

A final decision from CMS would not "answer Aurora's challenge to the deprivation of its procedural rights," Coleman concluded.

Coleman further found Aurora would be harmed without a prompt injunction.

"It is undisputed that the vast majority of Aurora's patients are part of the Medicare or Medicaid programs, and that those patients would be lost in the event of a termination. Aurora has represented that it would subsequently be rendered insolvent and forced to close, likely destroying any continuing relationship with Aurora's remaining private patients. Aurora, moreover, has represented that even the act of

termination will cause staff to begin seeking other employment," Coleman said.

CMS argued Aurora should have diversified its revenue stream by not accepting so many Medicare and Medicaid patients. Coleman found it "distasteful" CMS suggested Aurora should have turned away such patients in order to avoid financial risk.

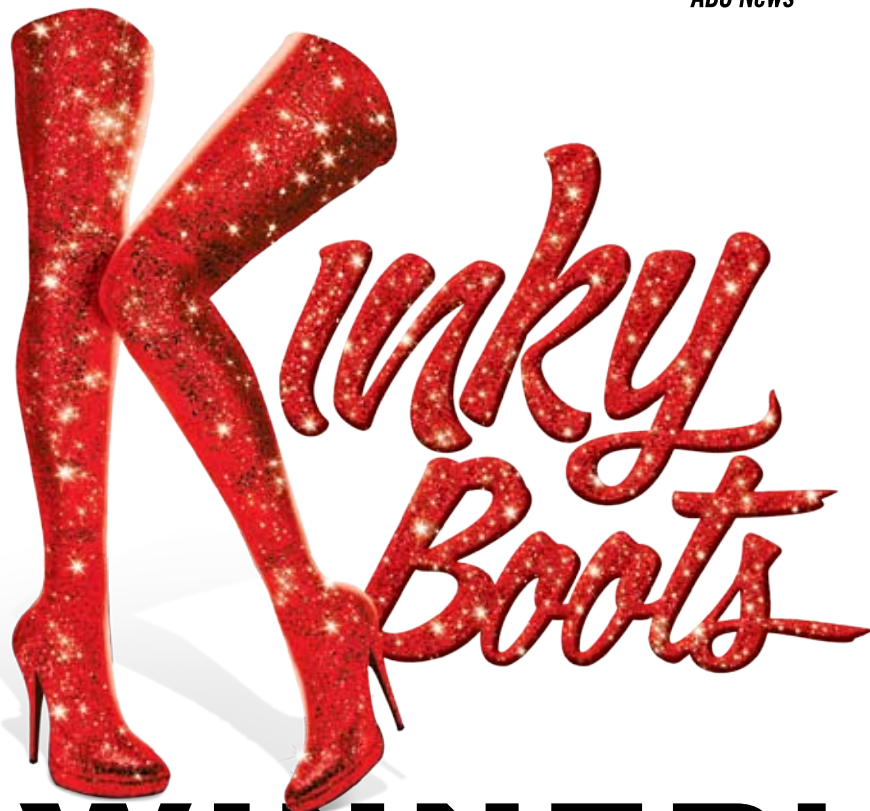
Coleman cautioned Aurora was not asking for the right to disregard its patients' well-being and her ruling did not "sanction perpetuation" of the alleged "rampant physical and sexual abuse."

"Aurora only claims that CMS was legally obligated to give it an opportunity to fix its shortcomings," Coleman noted.

At any rate, Coleman pointed out Aurora said it has put right the most serious failures.

At a court hearing Dec. 27, both sides reported the Medicare program continued to be funded during the partial governmental shutdown. The next hearing is Jan. 17.

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