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between a taxidermist and a tax collector?
The taxidermist takes only your skin.

— Mark Twain

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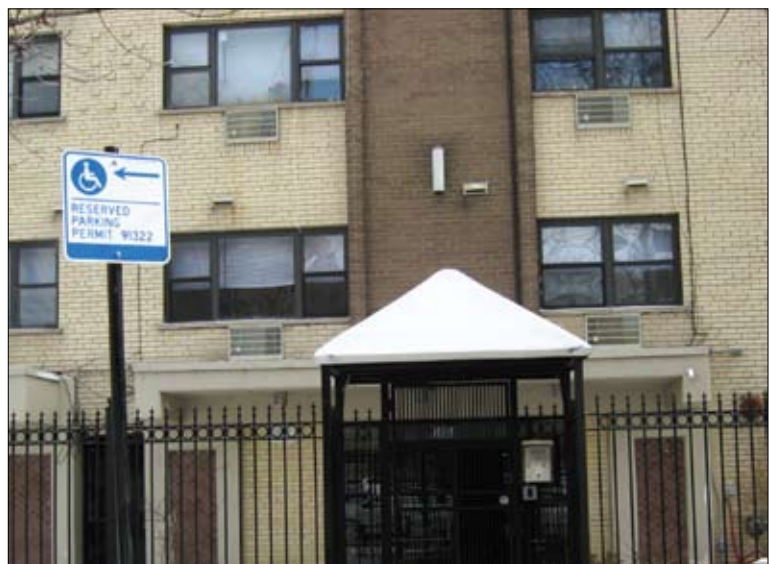
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Edgewater fire claims elderly victim

The body of a 76 year-old woman was discovered early Saturday, Feb. 3, following an apartment fire at 6163 N. Kenmore. Firefighters responded about 1:30 a.m. to the Edgewater fire and said there were no additional injuries.

A police spokesperson said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The cause of the woman's death is still undetermined pending a medical examiner's report.

Photos by Bob Kitsos

There's no good news on taxes

'No end in sight' to annual increases

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The good news about taxes? There is none, two city hall reporters and the president of the Civic Federation warned a roomful of political, community and business leaders at a Jan. 31 luncheon in River North.

Unless new revenue sources are found fast, things aren't likely to look up anytime soon, Hal Dardick of the Chicago Tribune, Fran Spielman from the Sun-Times, and Civic Federation president Laurence Msall told the City Club of Chicago.

"There's no end in sight and we all know how we got here," Spielman said.

Although the city and county governments have shrunk in recent years, taxes — especially property taxes — will continue to rise not only to catch up on long-underfunded pension obligations but to pay off a steady stream of legal settlements.

Indeed Cook County is reassessing real estate in the city this year so North Siders who may now be enjoying the rise in their property values over the last three years will soon be paying much higher taxes when this year's bills come due next year.

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But we have quickly caught up. Right now Illinois is generally considered to have the second highest property taxes in the nation after New Jersey.

"You don't pay the same property taxes you would in the suburbs," Spielman said, adding that, "Now there are all these alligators just waiting to bite us."

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She added that \$821 million is going just for debt service payments.

And when you add in all the money being syphoned off property taxes by the 182 Tax Increment Financing [TIF] districts city-wide then the future does indeed look bleak for the city's taxpayers. TIF districts syphon off money intended to go to public taxing bodies that is then used by the Mayor's office at his discretion. Meanwhile those taxing bodies -- such as the public library and Water District -- must spread their revenue needs over fewer and fewer tax-paying properties that are not located within TIF districts.

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Exit at Wilson heading to the exits?



Phase One of the plan calls for removing the northbound exit and entrance ramps on and off Lake Shore Dr. at Wilson Ave., and adding a new exit and entrance ramps that would go directly through green space in Clarendon Park west of Lake Shore Dr.

Plans show Wilson interchange out, new Clarendon LSD ramps in

Copies of Phase One of the North Lake Shore Dr. Study project were published Jan. 23 and are now being circulated, and it looks like dramatic changes may be in store for three North Side exit-entrance ramps.

Under the draft proposal it looks like the plans could change the entrance/exit ramps at the Montrose, Wilson and Lawrence access points.

The study group managers for the project includes the Illinois and Chicago departments of transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Chicago Park District and CTA. At this point in Phase One of the project the managers hope to narrow down the proposed options and select a preferred plan.

Most dramatically it looks like the plan calls for removing the northbound exit and entrance ramps on and off Lake Shore Dr. at Wilson Ave., and adding a new exit and entrance ramps that would go directly through green space in Clarendon Park west of the Drive.

The changes would also result in closing the southbound exit ramp off the Drive at Montrose and the southbound entrance ramp onto the Drive from Montrose.

By closely aligning the proposed entrance and exit ramps off all three streets the managers hope to reclaim between seven to eight acres of parkland, albeit space directly adjacent to the busy roadway.

A survey taken of those who participated in public meetings Oct. 12, 2017, show that there are mixed opinions on the removal of access to and from the Drive at Wilson Ave. and its impact with 36% agreeing that it would improve park space; 30% disagreeing, while 31% claimed to have no opinions.

Other changes being considered include the creation of additional parking lots off the drive that reduce green space in Clarendon Park and Margate Park.

Some nearby neighbors and representatives of Weiss Hospital, 4646 N. Marine Dr., were very vocal at community meetings about keeping the Wilson Ave. ramp open in order to best access their Emergency Room.

No date has yet been given for the next meeting to review these proposals.

Year of Art underway on North Side

First batch of 50 public art projects now installed in North Side neighborhoods

BY BOB KITSOS

The first of the city's public art projects was introduced by Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] at a Jan. 15 ceremony with the artist, Cheryl Pope, in the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway.

This art acquisition for Edgewater is part of the city's 50X50 Neighborhood Arts Project, managed by the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), which allows local artists to create sculptures, murals and other artwork in all 50 wards. It represents a \$1 million investment in artist-led community projects in Chicago.

The initiative was inspired by Chicago's 50 wards and the 50th anniversary of the Picasso sculpture and the Wall of Respect, which once was on the South Side of the city.

"[This project] was initiated to enhance the quality of life throughout Chicago—and to celebrate the legacy and future of Chicago's public art," said Mark Kelly,



44th Ward — Mural at Belmont and Kenmore, Green Star Movement

DCASE Commissioner. "Every neighborhood has talented painters, photographers and sculptors whose work could brighten and enhance our City this year."

New artworks will be dedicated—and Chicago's iconic artworks will be highlighted—at a citywide Public Art Festival from Oct.1-31, including a series of neighborhood programs and events.

Pope's "Hear I AM" project consists of varsity-style banners carrying the voices of Edgewater youth who participate in activities at the Broadway Armory. She listened to their conversations and

extrapolated expressive phrases from them to create strong statements about their identity such as "I am one of a kind" and "I have a big heart."

More artwork scheduled

There are several upcoming free installations, exhibits and events that will continue throughout the year. These range from installations on the Chicago Riverwalk this summer, to Flying Creatures created by Chicago Public Library YOUmedia teens installed in the Fall, to the addition of 15 new Cultural Center sculptures at each of

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Spelling matters, no guesstimates of our meaning



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are you a good speller? Do you know your way around the English language? Are there any linguistic pitfalls in your life? Are there words you have misspelled all your life; or over the years have you learned the correct spelling of tricky words?

Those curious compositions of consonants and vowels, and fiendishly complex arrangements of English rules like "I before E, except after C?" Or adding suffixes to words that end in a "Y" (hint the Y changes to an I. Cry, crier, cried). Or use of the silent "E." The E creates a completely different word. ("The dog bit me. Be careful the dog's bite.")

Good spelling was a life goal for me once I started school. Proper spelling was dramatically emphasized. Life seemed to be one long series of spelling tests from an endless line of loving, but tough (tuff), nuns.

Every night there were new words whose proper spelling we must learn. We made flash cards. Wrote new words out in longhand. Practiced with chalk on the blackboard realizing that every year the words grew longer and more complex. The English language was like baseball, filled with curve balls and sliders and unexpected pop flies.

We practiced spelling when we rode in the car, took a bath or waited for our dinner. Spelling practice was like praying. You could do it anywhere, anytime. Laying in bed, riding your bike, or helping your grandmother by raking the lawn. Rake. R-a-k-e.

The lessons were obvious. Classrooms were littered with poor souls who had no clue how to spell. Spelling failures were, quite often, brutes, we judged. Didn't they care? Belligerent young,

rough and tumble urchins. You knew who didn't practice there spelling. Comb their hair. Or brush their teeth. They didn't know an adjective from an adverb.

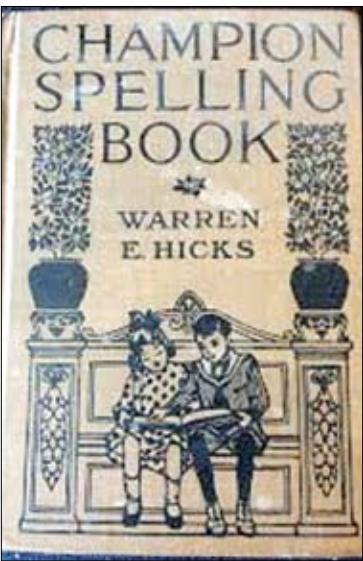
Spelling tests were quick exams to grade. A word was either correct or incorrect. And those who did poorly, we thought, faced lives of disgraceful desperation. I always thought I did pretty well. No nun despaired of me. But in spelling contests I had my great fears. My nightmare was that during a spelling bee, publicly lined up for the world to see, I would find myself trying to spell a word like museum. The double "U"s and the "E" always threw me off. As well as that "S" that sounded like a "Z." So did the use of "PH" for "F." Phone. Physician. Fake. Those words could be killers. While I had perfect, elegant penmanship, the spelling was tough. Liking to read was a big help in learning correct spelling. Recognizing the right spelling was half the battle. But remembering it was another thing.

My mother was wise. And a big believer in proper pronunciation. "Sound out the word," was one of her favorite sayings. She was right. Listening to the word spoken really could help you visualize proper spelling. (Except for museum.)

All went pretty well, until I had Latin and Greek put in front of me in high school. While I loved the new lingo, it was overkill. How could I ever learn spelling in two more languages, one of which had its own alphabet?

After two decades writing speeches for oratorical big-shots I think that swimming in the ocean of words everyday deepened my cognitive ability to retain spelling learned on a daily basis. I loved the world of words and delighted in placing words on the tongues of others.

And of course I have lived long enough to have the literary advantages of "Spell Check" and, now, "Auto Correct." Two computer tools, that while helpful tools for a writer in the age of technology, I admit, there are times when being anticipated and second guessed by your laptop's artificial intelligence



Life was an endless series of spelling tests.

can have a startling and always surprising affect.

A friend wrote me recently to say, "I am not writing in Chicago magazine every month." I thought well, why write to tell me that? So I called her. She said, "I am writing each month. I don't understand." Of course. "Autocorrect" was the culprit. It changed what she originally wrote, from "I am now writing..." to "I am not writing..." The program intervened choosing to switch her choice of words. That choice changed the meaning. Not really misspelled; misused. That's the downside of artificial intelligence. It's just not rooted in the reality of everyday human life. It guesstimates our meaning. That's a scary thing. Maybe not so serious with spelling. But frightening in other things.

Things like nuclear preparedness. And an unreasonable self-understanding in the world. The capacity for unthinkable war, the safety of our national interests, or our understanding of others' intentions. The global interests of our friends. The political interests of nations we no longer care about, or see as suspect, being contrary to our own. Our friendship with neighbors and global allies rethinking the value we might be in their lives.

Like the spelling rule for double consonants, we must really listen. It isn't always easy to hear those double letters when they are sounded out. Language, like diplomacy, needs a heavy nuance. A clear and working ear for

what the real meaning is. Double consonants can easily change the pronunciation of a word. And, of course, that can change its meaning. That's going on across countless borders across the globe for our nation right now. On every continent. In every context. As if no old rule still applies.

We have a crisis of intellect. And a crisis of truth. A shameful dis-union of meaning. The force of the brute still survives, crippling those who struggle to get their spelling right.

TRY A HIGHER SUN-BLOCK: What Gold Coast "old girl" who drinks more than a little is supposedly 'shacking up' with the husband of another "old girl" during the snow season? Bad behavior for a Sacred Heart alum. Seems that the two found each other down in Florida when the



Council on Global Affairs' Niamh King and friend, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

wife remained here last Winter. Many North Shore pals think the naughty girl needs booze rehab and the cheater husband needs new glasses.

BON VOYAGE: Maestro Riccardo Mutti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra are heading for a musical tour of China.

AUTHOR/LUNCH: Alliance Francaise de Chicago is hosting a luncheon event in English Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. with Chicago author **Laura Levy**, where she will speak about her new novel "The Stendhal Summer." It's a great read. What an afternoon it will be. Call 312-337-1070.

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES: Niamh King, VP at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, is getting some friend time with former Secretary of State **Madeleine**

Albright.

SO SAD: Lookinglass Theater Company and area theater lovers are all mourning the sad death of young American actor, aerialist, juggler, musician, genius **Raphael Cruz**, who received rave notices here for his role in Charles Dickens' "Hard Times. He died in Paris last week.

CHEERING UP FRONT: Lynda Silverman, Bobbi Panter, Karen Carlson and Vonita Rescuer seen cheering Drury Lane's "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

IRISH MUSIC: Bill and Shelly McArthur Farley, Jim and Lynn Kiley, Norn and Virginia Bobbins are co-chairing Old St. Patrick's Siamsa na Gael, their evening of Irish music and dance, at Symphony Center on March 6.

YES IT WAS: Was that **Irene Michaels** rubbing elbows with the mighty at the Grammys?

WHO'S WHERE? Irish American News Publisher **Cliff Carlson** running his miles beneath the Florida palm trees... **Aracely Anisko** at Ca Phe Da sipping a coffee vanilla egg custard and remembering Viet Nam... **Lydia de Chanov and Lucia Adams** at Gibson's sipping black martinis... musician **Stanley Paul** thrilled with a visit from writer **Sherrill Bodine** at his Palm Springs pad... **Julie Funke** moving to sunny California but coming back for lots of visits... **Barb Bailey** with **Ron Onesti, Sheri Winklemann, and Phyllis Zito Psychogios** at Friars Club meeting at Onesti's Rock N' Ravioli... **Sophia du Brul** in

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The Beatles tribute band BritBeat will rock the Chicago Auto Show's First Look for Charity on Friday night.



Tiffany Bison is one of several vibrant paintings by artist Norman Baugher on display at the Old Town Triangle Art Center.

Baby you can drive my car

**Beatles tribute band
will rock Chicago Auto Show**



**Heart
of the 'Hood**
By Felicia Dechter

Friday's concert is going to be "a lot of fun," promises band founder Chris Getsla, aka Paul McCartney. It will be a classic Beatles concert and BritBeat will perform all the Beatles No. 1 hits, as well as change into some Beatle-esque costumes, including its psychedelically-colored, handmade Sgt. Pepper ones.

"Stop by and plant yourself for a little bit," said Getsla, a North Side resident. "It's going to be a high energy Beatles show. We're looking forward to it and happy to be part of First Look for Charity," he said. "It's a great fundraiser."

A self-described "Beatles fanatic," Getsla founded BritBeat as a student at Glenbrook South High School. He had started playing guitar in eighth grade and spent every penny collecting guitars, with his love for the Beatles being the catalyst. Junior year, Getsla's high school held a variety show encouraging student acts and he and some fellow classmates decided to try out.

"I thought, wouldn't it be great to dress up as the Beatles and try out for the variety

show as a Beatles tribute band?" recalled Getsla. For the audition, he and his musically-inclined buddies even mimicked the Fab Four's outfits by donning black turtle-necks, black pants and whatever black Beatles boots they could find.

"The faculty flipped out," said Getsla. "We became a big hit."

During the talent show, the band played one song, "She Loves You."

"They asked us back senior year and we did 'Sgt. Pepper,'" said Getsla. "That's where (the band) was born."

Although the personnel have changed throughout the years, BritBeat -- originally called "The Beetles," -- is still rockin' 'n' rollin'. They've toured the country, including playing in Alaska four times and are now gearing up to hit the road to be the house band for an upcoming Flower Power Cruise to the Caribbean, which also stars oldie but goodie performers such as Micky Dolenz, The Buckingham, Three Dog Night and The Turtles, among many others.

Besides the sweet-faced Getsla as McCartney, the band consists of Geoff Allen, a Lakeview resident who totally blew away last weekend's crowd as George Harrison; Eli Echevarria, whose sense of humor shines through as John Lennon; and Greg Austin, whose voice actually really sounds a lot like Ringo Starr.

"I realize this is because of what those four guys did in the '60s," Getsla said of the band. "This is really spreading their music."

And spread it they have. A couple of their more noteworthy accomplishments, among their many, include a 2005 performance at Comiskey Park for the 40th Anniversary of the Beatles with a special guest, former Beatles drummer Pete Best, who was replaced by Ringo in 1962. And in 2014, BritBeat was chosen by the State of Indiana to recreate the 1964 Beatles concert at the Indianapolis State Fair Coliseum. On the same stage, with the same microphones used by the Beatles, BritBeat performed a

50th Anniversary Concert for thousands of fans, many of whom had attended the 1964 concert.

"I get giddy," Getsla said of performing. "Sometimes I wish I could sit in the front row and enjoy the music."

Their show must have been popular enough to catch someone in Beatleland's eyes, because a couple of years ago, Getsla was contacted by an attorney from Apple regarding his use of the drop-down T in BritBeat. The lawyer was concerned that it looked too much like Beatles. An agreement was reached whereas whenever the name BritBeat appears, it has to say Beatles tribute band.

Beginning to end, last weekend's concert was an immersive journey of the Beatles' career, and each era was recreated with the music we love and numerous costume changes, ending with a walk down "Abbey Road." I loved the background visuals, which were film clips and video from days

gone by, complete with some faux clips, as well as real commercials from products like Anacin, Pillsbury, and an old Winston ad starring Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble. I particularly enjoyed when the crowd was brought into the Beatles Shea Stadium concert in a 3D effect. It was as if we were there, inside the stadium with thousands of screaming young girls.

It was an evening of pure nostalgia, and at times the memories were bittersweet while going through the soundtrack of my life and being given a glimpse of the frenzy that would become Beatlemania. But it's nice to know it'll be done again Friday night. Anyone going should wear or bring along their dancing shoes and be ready to "Twist and Shout," with BritBeat.

"It's something that I have always had fun with," said Getsla. "It's always been a real privilege to do this."

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Local entrepreneur expands compost pickup business to corporate clients, restaurant chains

BY REBECCA FANNING
Medill Reports

The United States has a food waste problem. Americans throw more than 130 billion pounds of food into landfills each year according to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. And as it rots, that food releases methane into the atmosphere.

In Chicago, entrepreneur Jonathan Scheffel is working toward a solution. He’s encouraging individuals and businesses to throw their food in a different bin, and to let him take it away.

“I would say just to try it and see how easy it is. And try to get past thinking that it’s difficult, or it’s smelly or that it’s going to cause your house to collapse with rodents,” said Scheffel, whose small business, Healthy Soil Compost serves over 400 private residences, offices, restaurants and coffee shops in the Loop, Near North and North sides... much of that gathering is done by bike, too.

In the past year, Healthy Soil Compost has announced a partnership with local chain Hannah’s Bretzel, picked up thousands of pounds of food waste from the Chicago marathon and introduced compost to a 300-person law firm.

The pickup service costs between \$20 and \$40 per month for residential spaces depending on

the frequency of pickup, and varies for corporate clients, restaurants and events.

Inspired by the ease of a compost pickup service, project manager Meagan Sherman decided to bring composting to her company.

“I realized that there wasn’t an outlet for young urban millennials to actually practice sustainable practices at work. It’s such an easy step. If everyone who was downtown in the Loop thought about it, I think it would make such an impact on our local community,” she said.

Each month, Healthy Soil Compost picks up 33,000 pounds of food waste from homes, restaurants and offices around Chicago. Scheffel and his team bring the buckets to Nature’s Little Recyclers, a company that uses traditional composting and worm-powered methods to break down the variety of materials into rich soil [at 1111 W. 48th Street in the Back of the Yards neighborhood]. That 33,000 pounds of food waste produces 330 pounds of “caviar compost,” rich soil that they sell for \$29.99 for 10 pounds. for more information visit www.healthysoilcompost.com/.

“It’s cool that awareness is building and that big companies actually see the worm farm as a viable option to recycle food waste,” said Scheffel.

Million-Dollar-plus homes and condo sales jump 18% in 2017



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

A booming stock market and strong national economy in 2017 paid dividends to buyers and sellers of \$1-million-plus homes and condominiums in Chicago, real estate experts say.

“Luxury home sales in the city of Chicago were up sharply in 2017, gaining 18% to 1,332 units,” said Jeff LaGrange, vice president of the RE/MAX Northern Illinois Region.

A growing inventory of \$1-million-plus home listings caused median sales prices to slip 1.7% to just under \$1.35 million. Average market time was 136 days, three days longer than 2016.

The year-end edition of the RE/MAX Luxury Report on Metro Chicago Real Estate reported that \$1-million-plus condominium, co-op apartment and townhome sales in the city were particularly brisk. Sales in this category skyrocketed 32.9% to 647 units, while average market time fell to 117 days from 125 days.

However, the median sales price for condos, co-ops and townhomes slipped 2.4% to \$1.318 million, reflecting at least in part the 26.4% growth in listing inventory for luxury units.

Where are \$1M-plus condos?

One important development in 2017 was that two neighborhoods

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which had seen relatively small numbers of luxury, \$1-million-plus condo and townhome units sold in prior years registered substantial increases, RE/MAX reported.

The Near West Side generated 45 luxury condo and townhome sales in 2017, up from just 17 units in 2016 and 16 units in 2015. In Lake View, there were 39 luxury condo and townhome sales last year, up from 22 units in 2016.

“Another major factor in the attached luxury market was the impact of new construction, which accounted for 132 sales in 2017, or 20.4% of the total,” said LaGrange. That compares with 71 new-construction condo and townhome sales in 2016 representing a 14.6% share.

The RE/MAX breakdown for luxury condo and townhome sales in other leading upscale neighborhoods follows:

- **Lincoln Park.** Sales of luxury condos and townhomes exploded in Lincoln Park and Old Town in 2017. A total of 128 luxury units were sold, a whopping 75.3% increase over the 73 units that changed ownership in 2016.

- **Near South Side.** The booming Near South Side condo and townhome market posted 40 luxury sales, a strong gain of 25% over 2016.

- **Near North Side.** The Near North Side remained the leader in the sale of luxury condos and townhomes with the marketing of 320 units, a 16.8% increase over 2016.

- **Loop.** Fifty-nine luxury condos and townhomes were sold in the Loop, a gain of 1.7% over 2016.

Detached luxury homes hot

RE/MAX reported that 685 luxury detached single-family homes were sold in 2017 in Chicago, 6.7% more than in 2016. The median price was \$1.36 million, a 1.9% decline. Year-end inventory was down 22.6% to 326 units.

The sales of luxury \$1-million-plus single-family homes were concentrated in eight city neighborhoods areas, primarily on the North and Northwest sides.

Lincoln Park led with 177 luxury home sales. North Center, with 152 luxury home sales, recorded a gain of 26.7% over 2016. Lake View posted 110 luxury home sales. West Town had 94, a gain of 22.1% over 2016. Logan Square recorded 45 sales, Lincoln Square posted 28, The Near North Side had 23, and Uptown 14.

Over all, the market for \$1-million-plus homes in Chicago and the seven-county metropolitan area showed solid improvement in 2017. RE/MAX reported that sales rose 9.7% to 2,658 units, while inventory levels fell 15.3%.

Who also benefits?

The boom in \$1-million home sales in the city is not only good for real estate brokers who work on commission but also the tax collector. In a typical real estate transaction, a Transfer Tax is charged by the state, county and the city. If your real estate transaction is worth 1,000,000,000, then the tax payment the seller pays is:

- \$3,000 to Chicago
- \$500 to Cook County
- \$1,000 to Illinois

The buyer pays: \$7,500 to the City of Chicago.

This is a total of \$12,000 in Transfer Taxes.

Suburban luxury homes

The 2017 median luxury home sales price in the seven-county area slipped 1.9% to \$1.3 million, and the average time on the market was 169 days, four days longer than in 2016. The number of luxury home sales in the \$1 million-to-\$2 million range increased by 21%, but homes that sold for at least \$3 million decreased by 6.3% in 2017.

Luxury home sales in the suburbs in 2017 totaled 1,326 units, up 2.5% from the prior year. The median sales price was \$1.28 million, down 0.4% from 2016. Average market time was 203 days, a 10-day increase.

Winnetka led the suburbs in \$1-million-plus luxury-home with 148 units, followed by Hinsdale with 143. Wilmette had 109 sales, Lake Forest 101, Glenview 76, Glencoe 62, Evanston 57, and Highland Park 46.

Mortgage-rate creep

Continuing their upward trend, benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates rose to 4.22% on Feb. 1 from 4.15% a week earlier, reported Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago at this time, the 30-year fixed loan average was 4.19%.

“Thirty-year fixed mortgage rates have increased for four consecutive weeks and are now slightly above where they were last year at this time,” noted Len Kiefer, Deputy Chief Economist at Freddie Mac.

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Alderman demands Cook County stop returning repeat criminals to North Side streets

BY ALD. BRIAN HOPKINS

I am not just an alderman, but also your neighbor. I live in this community with my family, and like many of you, I am deeply disturbed and unsettled by what is happening on our streets and sidewalks.

These days, crime in Chicago is often reported in the national media, but the feeling of vulnerability and unease has never felt more local and so close to home.

We hear calls for more police from all directions of the city. While crime statistics show modest year-to-year decreases in shootings, overall progress seems limited at best. My conversations with constituents certainly tell a different story.

My office has worked diligently with the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] and local community organizations to implement creative, effective solutions to enhance the safety and security in our neighborhoods.

On Sunday, I stood with the Mayor, Police Supt. Johnson and community leaders to welcome a newly trained class of police officers assigned to street patrol, and to announced that a new, multi-agency carjacking task force has been formed with the ATF, FBI, Illinois State Police, and federal and state prosecutors.

The new task force comes as nearly 1,000 carjacking crimes have been tallied in 2017, the highest total in at least a decade.

I have advocated for more collaboration across the law enforcement community. As these agencies work to quell the frequency of violent crimes, it's also incumbent on our county prosecutors to keep these repeat criminals from returning to the streets.

Around 7 p.m. last Friday, three offenders were charged with an attempted carjacking in Streeterville when the victim left his car running outside a hotel as he unloaded luggage. At 14, 15 and 17 years of age, the offenders have numerous arrests already in their case files. Unbeknownst to the carjackers, the victim was a retired police officer.

Realizing he was in the midst of a carjacking, the retired officer reacted and succeeded in pinning down one of the suspects. All three suspects involved in this case were subsequently apprehended.

You would think that because they all face felony charges, including attempted aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and vehicular hijacking, that they would have been held in detention while their cases were reviewed and appropriate monitoring established.

This did not happen.

All three suspects were released, and not 48 hours later one of them was observed in yet another carjacked vehicle. A brief pursuit ensued and the suspect crashed the vehicle. He was armed with a loaded gun.

We must make felony charges tougher when illegal firearms are involved; use these charges more often; and, stop releasing juveniles who commit repeated violent offenses.

While I consider more police

and new tactics essential and necessary, returning a sense of safety to our streets requires more than press conferences, task forces, and favorable statistics.

Restoring the innocence and calm in our neighborhoods requires a collaborative approach, community awareness, and efficient communication.

In this spirit, I introduced an ordinance to reopen operations at the shuttered 13th District police station. Not a month later, after yet

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another appalling violent crime in Ukrainian Village, I circulated a petition and collected over 4,000 signatures supporting the reopening of this vital police facility.

As a result, and with no plans to relent, my office is now in productive discussions with the administration, where I'm confident that our unified voice will bring crucial enforcement resources back to the area.

Last year, I worked closely with the 18th District commander to

develop targeted undercover and surveillance operations in the Gold Coast, resulting in over 40 arrests and numerous drug market busts in just under two months.

These strategic operations cleared known intersections of drugs, violence, and vagrancy, and also included the closure of four bars known to have adversely impacted the quality of life for the surrounding community.

Today, I'm forging ahead to bring similar campaigns into Old Town, which has seen an increase in troubling crimes including carjackings and armed robberies.

In Streeterville, I'm anxious to complete collaborations with Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], Northwestern Univ., CPD and the city's Law Dept., whereby Northwestern Campus Security will have the ability to make arrests, transfer detainees and share radio frequencies with CPD. A similar partnership exists between Northwestern and the Evanston Police Dept., where there have been significant reductions in crime since its implementation.

Nobody doubts that additional cops on the beat will help reduce crime, and I will continue to advocate for more officers to be assigned to the police districts in the 2nd Ward -- more is better than less. But based on where things

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Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson, Ald. Brian Hopkins and Mayor Rahm Emanuel announce a new carjacking taskforce on Sunday.

Photo courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

Carjacking Task Force

Three carjacking incidents downtown as Mayor/CPD form task force

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

It was a funny scene for those who were there.

Hours before Mayor Rahm Emanuel showed up for a major media event at the 14th (Shakespeare) Police District in Logan Square on Sunday, no fewer than six truckloads of workers from the city's Dept. of General Services were on-scene fixing broken facilities and scrubbing the place to a high-polish.

Mayor Emanuel arrived later to announce an anti-carjacking task force that will combine the efforts of federal agencies, Chicago and suburban police departments, and prosecutors. There was a meeting Monday at City Hall to iron out the details.

Nobody seemed ready to point out that it has taken Emanuel five months to make a move against carjackings since this newspaper first

identified the surge in September.

Meanwhile, at least three carjackings or attempts were reported in downtown this last weekend. One resulted in an arrest after a witness pounced on the teenager who tried to take a car from a Streeterville hotel guest.

On Saturday evening, an armed carjacker pistol-whipped a River North man and took his car at Dearborn and Delaware.

The offender hit the man in the front of his head with a black pistol as the victim's girlfriend looked on. The offender and a companion then climbed into the man's Volkswagen Golf GTI and sped off. It happened just before 8 p.m. in an area that usually bustles with weekend traffic.

Police said the primary offender is a slender black man who stands about 5'-9" tall and has long

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It's trivia night at Auditorium Theater Feb. 23

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The Auditorium Theatre Auxiliary Board is hosting a night of friendly competition at the fifth annual “Shhh...It’s Trivia Night!” fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 23, in Roosevelt University’s historic Murray-Green Library in the Auditorium Building, 430 S Michigan Ave, 10th Floor.

The event benefits the Auditorium Theatre’s Hearts to Art summer camp, a unique program for children ages 7-14 who have ex-

perienced the death of a parent.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$210 for a team of six people. The three highest-scoring teams receive prizes. Admission includes light appetizers and drinks.

“It’s always a fun evening, and there’s no better way to support such a great cause than by playing trivia and enjoying food and drinks with friends,” said Dillon Goodson, Auxiliary Board Chair.

For tickets or more information contact Kelly Saroff Allen at 312-341-2364 or ksaroff@auditoriumtheatre.org.

CORRECTION: Sorry Crane

In last week’s newspaper we published a story on the coming opening of the new Hotel Zachary on Clark St. in which we got the name of the Cubs President of Business Operations incorrect.

As just about everyone knows, that person is Crane Kenney; not Chris Kenney as we mistakenly stated.

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Lincoln Parker named St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen

Lincoln Park resident Mary Kate Manion, crowned Queen of the 2018 St. Patrick’s Day Parade in January, visited City Hall accompanied by members of her Court and the Shannon Rovers Pipe Band to present Ald. Edward M. Burke [19th] with a formal invitation to attend the downtown parade which kicks off at noon on Saturday, March 17 from the corner of Columbus and Balbo.

Manion was chosen from 60 contestants to lead the parade, which is one of the largest in the country.

Manion (center) and Court members (left-to-right) Madeline Mitchell, Nicole Coghlan, Catherine Coghlan and Maura Carr will represent Chicago’s Irish community at Irish events throughout the year.



Carol Blaney Eshaghy and Sarah Eshaghy Bruno lunch at the Peninsula.



California bound Julie Funke and Beibhinn Doherty.



Maestro Stanley Paul gets a Palm Springs visit from Chicago writer Sherrill Bodine.

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Spain but in transit from Madrid to Rome, tutti dolce... **Carol Blaney Eshaghy** and **Sarah Eshaghy Bruno** doing a mom and daughter lunch at the Peninsula.

BACK OFF, BUSTER: Is there hanky-panky on the menu at a popular Gold Coast bar/restaurant where apparently it’s common knowledge that the boss is “Weinstein-ing” the staff? The girls and the boys. Seems like the cool, but beleaguered, workers have been encouraged by “Me Too” to get bold. Is an explosion in the offing?

HALF PRICE LYRIC TICKETS: You can save 50% on tickets to “I Puritani” and “Cosi Fan Tutti” for Valentine’s Day. Check out the special deal at the Lyric Opera’s Valentine18.

BEAR TIE BALL: “The Bear Tie Ball” is on Feb. 24 this year. Hope to see you there! PS: I’m not bringing home another dog this year! www.BearNecessities.org.

BE MINE: The Drake Hotel is offering a special Valentine Sweet Heart Brunch in the most renowned ballroom in Chicago, the Gold Coast Room, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Connect to sara.wisnoski@hilton.com for details.

ART OPENING: Chicago artist **Norman Baugher** with new exhibition “Bison and Other Species” at the Old Town Triangle Art Center, the Leslie Wolfe Gallery, 1763 N. North Park Ave., through March 1. Opening reception

Feb. 9, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Not to be missed.

ENCORE, ENCORE: **Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones** getting much applause in the Drake Hotel’s Palm Court where their music stirred things up, wrapping everyone in harmony.



Lynda Silverman, Bobbi Panter, Karen Carlson and Vonita Reescer at Drury Lane.



Barb Bailey with Ron Onesti, Sheri Winklemann, and Phyllis Zito Psychogios at the Chicago Friars Club.

ART INSTITUTE: Experience an ongoing series by Lebanese-born artist **Mounira Al Solh**, who has spent the last eight years speaking with Syrian refugees and others displaced by the crises in the Middle East and documenting their stories in drawing and em-

broidery. Opening today Feb. 8.

GOLDEN ARCHES: You’re not seeing things. Yes, they tore down the Rock and Roll McDonald’s on 600 N. Clark St. So watch for a new futuristic building to open this spring looking like **Renzo Piano’s** addition to the AIC.

Some 70 trees are supposed to be included in the sleek new enterprise.

BOYS CLUB: Was there a secret gathering of Democrats, some even elected to office, who came together at a downtown club in a private suite, to eat, drink and watch the president give his State of the Union? Great effort being made to make sure no one knew what they were up to. A wealthy Republican friend is said to have picked up the tab for the evening, originally billed as a “reaction” event. Does POTUS have more juice among them than they let on? The president’s election opponent is said to have been the butt of many anecdotes. And by the way, it was men only.

GOOD NEWS IN-DEED: “Time Out” has just named Chicago the **2018 Most Exciting City in the World** ahead of Porto and New York City. As if we didn’t already know

that.

“Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.”

-- P. J. O’Rourke

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Senior *LIVING*



Pen pal program sparks intergenerational friendship

BY BILL LOWE

Irma has always loved getting in touch with her artistic side, so when she moved into a senior care community, she hoped she'd be able to continue engaging with the arts and meet others she could share her passions with.

Through "Creative Community Connections," a pen pal program at Chicago Methodist Senior Services that pairs volunteer artists with residents, Irma found an opportunity to discuss art with someone who was just as passionate about it as she is.

"[Exchanging letters has] helped me tap into my artistic side," Irma said. "I felt part of the world again."

Creative Community Connections pairs residents with artistic pen pals across the globe using online resources like Mail Me Some Art, VolunteerMatch and Chicago Artists Resource. Once paired, the artists correspond via handwritten letters and often share artwork with one another. The pen pals often discuss pieces of art that interest them as well as sharing their own work.

For some pen pals, the program has initiated long-term friendships. Irma and her pen pal WaZeil, a 25-year-old artist from Indiana, immediately bonded over



Irma and her pen pal WaZeil.

their artistic preferences and shared sense of humor. Months after their initial letters were sent, they continue to keep in touch. WaZeil has made the trip to Chicago to visit Irma several times. The pair even visited StoryCorps together to record a conversation about Irma's experiences.

Through engaging art programs and social connections like these, older adults like Irma are able to develop important social relationships and use their creativity in new ways. Engaging with art can even help prevent cognitive decline and give people with memory loss a new way to communicate. Developing a new appreciation for art or revisiting a creative hobby in older

Creative Community Connections pairs residents with artistic pen pals across the globe

age can offer a new sense of accomplishment. This self-esteem boost is important, as the American Psychological Association reports that confidence often begins to decline around age 60.

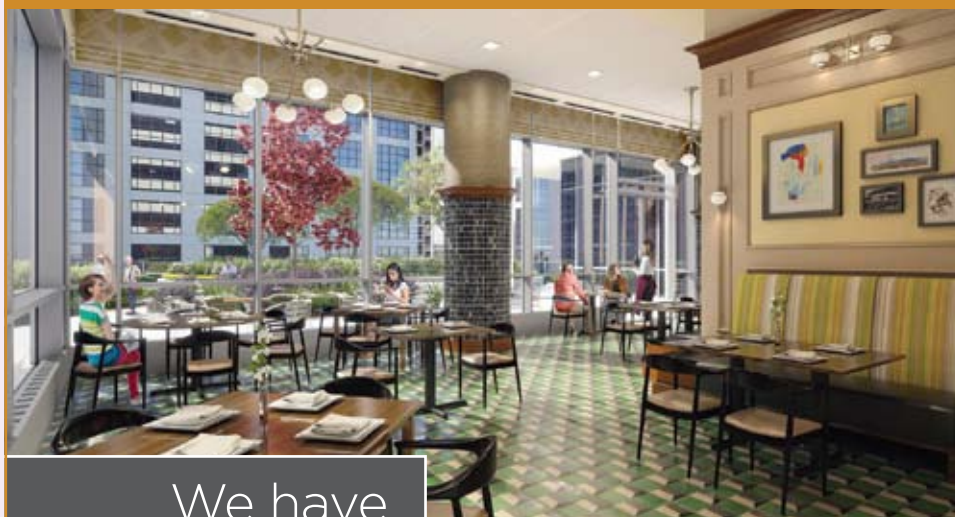
These benefits can be magnified for people who have someone to share their creativity with. Regular social interactions are key to healthy aging. When older adults participate in the arts with others through a program like Creative Community Connections, they can develop new, valuable relationships. And, they can take in new perspectives from people and generations they

may not often get to interact with.

"[Creative Community Connections] has gotten me in touch with our younger generation – which is our future," Irma said. "It's fun having a pen pal. And it was so much fun meeting her."

Bill Lowe is the president and CEO of Chicago Methodist Senior Services, a non-profit provider of memory care; skilled nursing; supportive and assisted living; cardiac, orthopedic, neurologic and general medical rehabilitation; and other aging services.

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Baby boomers finding companionship online

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Lonely Linda

Dear Linda,
Whether you're interested in dating again or just looking for a friend to spend time with, on-line dating sites have become a very popular and effective way for baby boomers to meet new single people.
Making new friends can be challenging as we get older, which is why online dating sites are an excellent option for baby boomers. They provide an easy and convenient way to meet dozens of new people, without ever having to leave home. And, to make things even easier, many sites today use matchmaking algorithms that factor in your

interests and preferences to steer you to matches that are best suited for you.
Here are some other tips to help you get started:
Choose a site or two: There are literally hundreds of different matchmaking websites and apps available, so choosing can be a bit confusing. Costs typically range between \$15 and \$20 per month, however some dating sites are completely free to use. Depending on your preferences here are some popular options to look into:
If you don't want to spend any money, free sites like OKCupid.com and PlentyofFish.com are good places to start, but these sites have a lot of advertising. There are also free apps like Tinder (GoTinder.com) and Bumble.com, but these tend to be geared toward younger adults looking for casual romance.
If you're interested in lots of choices consider Match.com, which has a huge membership in all demographics. Or checkout eHarmony.com, which is also very large but more targeted for people who want to take things slow.
Or, if you are looking to find a specific type of person, there are hundreds of niche sites like: OurTime.com, SeniorPeopleMeet.com and 50more.com for those 50 and older; EliteSingles.com for professionals; DateMyPet.com for animal lovers; VeggieDate.org for vegetarians; JDate.com for Jewish singles; BlackPeopleMeet.com for

African Americans; and ChristianMingle.com for Christians.
Create a profile: When you join a matchmaking site you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are, including recent photos, hobbies, interests, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, sites like ProfileHelper.com can write one for you for a fee.
Use caution: When you register with a site you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your personal contact information until you decide to give it out, so be prudent about whom you give it to. Before meeting, you should chat on the phone or video chat a few times, and when you do meet in person for the first time, meet in a public place or bring a friend along. And if someone asks for money, don't send it. Online dating/sweetheart scams are out there, so be aware. If you want to be extra cautious, you can even do a quick background check on your date at MyMatchChecker.com.
Don't be naive: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat-out lie in their profiles, or post pictures that are 10 years old or 20 pounds lighter. So don't believe everything you see or read.
Make an effort: A lot of times, people – especially women – sit

back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.
Don't get discouraged: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it bother you. Just move on. There are many others

that will be interested in you, and it only takes one person to make online dating worthwhile.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Two senior enrichment seminars at Edgewater Village this month

February may be the shortest month of the year, but Edgewater Village is loaded with interesting activities.
During some of the free events, people will learn how to prevent falls and find out about climate change and the Paris Agreement, financial scams and end-of-life documents. Theatre-goers may want to take advantage of a special rate ticket to "Franklinland" Feb. 18 at the Jackalope Theatre.
in the lineup are two senior enrichment seminars. Both take place noon to 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 2005 at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the seminar is titled "Navigating Foreclosure: What Happens When You Get Served With Foreclosure Papers." Speakers include judge Freddrenna M. Lyle of the Circuit Court of Cook County and attorney Joel Stopka of the Chicago Legal Clinic.
On Thursday, Feb. 22, the seminar is titled "Long Term Care: Who Will Pay?" The speaker is Medicare training specialist Dave Lecik with the Illinois Department on Aging, Senior Health Insurance Program.
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• Your parent wears the same clothes over and over again or ne-

glects personal hygiene. This can indicate that doing laundry and bathing is physically challenging.
• The house and yard isn't as clean and tidy as it used to be.
• Your parent forgets things, including doctor's appointments and when to take medication. This may be due to memory loss.
• Your parent seems depressed. Depression is common in seniors who are isolated and alone.
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Theatre expert, playwright continues work in the arts

Scariest opening nights are when you hear your own words spoken

At a young age, Clare resident John Clum fell hard for theatre.

"Like most things, it's kind of an irrational love," John says. "My parents took me to the theatre as long as I can remember."



John Clum

There's one instance in particular that stands out to John as a pivotal moment. He was 11 or 12 years old, and his mother bought him a matinee ticket to see a play called *Inherit the Wind* while she went shopping.

"I was just mesmerized by it," he says. "I thought, 'In some way or another I want something to do with [theatre]. And I came to a point in the early 1970s where I realized I can't live without it.'"

Luckily, John found himself in a position where theatre opportunities were abundant. After going to graduate school at Princeton University to study dramatic literature, John was offered a job at Duke University in the English department. There, he launched a summer theatre program and helped to establish a drama discipline for undergraduates, which he headed for 10 years. He directed several plays and operas, and wrote in his spare time.

Of all these experiences, John says the most nerve-racking times came when his own plays were produced.

"I've been an actor, I've been a director, and I've been a playwright," he says. "And the scariest opening nights are when you hear your own words spoken."

On writing plays

Over the years, John has written nine books on modern contemporary American and British drama, on people like Tennessee Williams and on gay drama and musical theatre. He also wrote a number of plays, many of which have been produced both locally and nationally.

"Sometimes they were based on things that I saw happening in an area, and sometimes they were just ideas that came to me," John says.

Early on, his method of writing plays was slightly unconventional, but for John, it worked.

While driving the 10-hour round trip between Durham, North Carolina, and Baltimore to visit his partner, now husband, Walter Melion, John improvised dialogue and recorded it.

"I must have looked crazy to the people on the road next to me, this guy talking to nobody in the car," he says. "But it was very helpful, concentrating and having that time. I couldn't do anything else, so I made up plays."

One of John's most memorable plays, titled *Randy's House*, left its mark in the LGBTQ community.

Around 1993, when Walter had gotten a job at Emory University in Atlanta, John learned of outrage over a supposedly pro-gay play ("which was odd, because there were no gay people in it," John notes). A county neighboring Atlanta then made an official resolution as a result, stating gay people were not welcome.

"I kept thinking about that and how bizarre it was," John says.

And so came the inspiration for *Randy's House*, in which a family has a child who is gay while living in such a scenario. It took a few years to write and get workshopped, but the response to the play was tremendous.

Often, *Randy's House* was produced in conjunction with chapters of PFLAG, the first and largest organization in the United States to provide peer support, education and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and their families. In one instance, *Randy's House* was the centerpiece of a conference bringing together LGBTQ students from several Arkansas universities, a first for the state. Through it all, John had the opportunity to hear inspirational stories from parents and observe the impact of his play.

"The interesting thing about the life of that play was experiences like that – going to a place where the play was doing political work for the community," John says.

On life after Duke

After 42 years of teaching, John decided to it was time to move on. He looks back on his time at Duke fondly, especially witnessing his former students go on to significant careers.

"I think the most inspiring thing has been watching some of my students go on and grow and do great things," he says. "It's fun when you see somebody in an embryonic stage of their life and career, and then see them having blossomed into something more than that."

Once such instance occurred recently for John, when he and Walter saw a play at the Chicago Shakespeare Festival. One of John's former students was a lead in the play.

Otherwise, a pair of students from his first group at Duke stand out: Jack Coleman, who went on to star in the TV shows "Dynasty" and "Heroes," and Charles Randolph-Wright, who directed *Motown: The Musical*.

John's retirement didn't signal an end to his passion for and commitment to theatre, though.

"When I retired from teaching, I didn't feel I was retiring from writing," John says. "If anything, I'd have more time for it."

And John has certainly kept himself busy since retiring from Duke in 2011. He's

taken on writing librettos for a small opera company in New York dedicated to new work, for example, with an adult version of *Rumpelstiltskin* opening in May. This libretto proved challenging, because they asked for 90 minutes, when *Rumpelstiltskin* is only seven pages long. John therefore had to channel his creativity to make up a backstory and to present what happens after the fairytale as we know it.

His craziest libretto to date, John says, was for an opera called *Heartbreak Express* that opened in the fall of 2015 in New York.

"The composer came to me and asked if I would be willing to write an opera about Dolly Parton fans," John recalls. "They gave me a couple of documentaries to watch to get some ideas, and I found people in them who could be characters in the opera."

It was fun to write, he says, but it was definitely difficult. Dolly Parton couldn't

be named or appear in the opera, so it was an interesting puzzle to piece together.

"I don't know what wacky thing they may come to me with next," he says.

Aside from writing, John also recently joined the board for the Raven Theatre in Chicago. And since moving to The Clare, he gives lectures for the community about different works that residents are taking trips to see.

His work may not be curing cancer, John says, but he believes it's important to promote the arts as much as possible and to use theatre as a means of social change and education.

"Much of my work has been about the political aspect of theatre and the way in which theatre and playwrights have hoped to change things for the better in certain aspects of society," he says. "I like to push that idea."



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Police Beat....

Lincoln Park man charged in Loop mugging

Nearly a year after a woman lost her necklace and phone to a robber in the Loop, a Lincoln Park man has been arrested and charged in the case.



Bobby Wayne McDaniel

Police said a 32-year-old woman was robbed outside of a fast food restaurant in the 1100 block of S. Wabash late on Feb. 17, 2017. A man yanked a necklace

from her neck and wrestled away her phone.

Now, Bobby Wayne McDaniel, 33, of the 600 block of W. Diversey is charged with the crime.

Cops arrested McDaniel at his home last Tuesday after the victim picked him out of a photo line-up, prosecutors said. He’s charged with one felony count of robbery.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered McDaniel held on a \$20,000 deposit bond and stipulated that electronic monitoring will be required if he makes bail.

Woman robbed, nearly sexually assaulted in Wrigleyville alley

A woman was grabbed from behind and pushed into a Wrigleyville alley by a man who robbed and tried to rape her early Saturday morning, police said. The sexual assault attempt ended when neighbors appeared, according to a news release issued late Saturday.

The report came hours after a woman reported being pushed into a gangway by a man in Lincoln Park, but police have not said that the incidents are connected.

In the Wrigleyville alert, police say a 26-year-old woman was walking eastbound on Cornelia from Sheffield around 1:10 a.m. on Saturday when the offender pushed her into the north alley between Wilton on Fremont.

The man then asked the victim if she had any money on her and the woman gave the offender about \$20, the updated alert says.

Graphic detail about the man’s attempt to sexually assault the woman is included in the alert, but we’ve toned it down for publication. The alert said that the man then began removing the woman’s clothing and attempted a sex act. Within a few moments, the people who live in the garden apartment returned home, and the offender fled, according to police.”

The woman reported the crime to police on Saturday afternoon, according to police records. Office of Emergency Management and Communications records show that no 911 calls had been received about the attack.

Police said the offender is a black male between 23- and 29-years-old who stands about 5’-10” tall. He’s thin and may have a thin mustache. The victim said he was wearing a red jacket with a white stripe or star with baggy jeans.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Area North investigators at 312-744-8200.

Lincoln Park incident

Police have not yet connected the Wrigleyville incident with an attack on a woman that was reported in Lincoln Park on Friday morning.

Around 9:10 a.m., a woman was

walking in the 1500 block of W. Fullerton when a man grabbed her by the scarf and jacket and tried to drag her into a gangway. The man reportedly ordered her to “come here!”

The woman was able to break away and the offender fled into a nearby alley. His motive is not known. Police classified the case as a simple battery.

According to the woman, her attacker was a black man between 18- and 25-years-old with an average build, a black knit cap, dark pants, and a gold jacket.

Catalytic converter thieves return to North Side

Lakeview residents are reporting that catalytic converter thieves have returned to the area, needing less than a minute to remove the valuable auto part from one SUV in a video posted online last week.

Separately, a reader of this newspaper has revealed how some of these teams cover up the noise generated by sawing metal parts off of cars.

The thieves often conceal their activities by having the sawman do his work while hidden between the target vehicle and the get-away car. Some committed city residents will only park in spaces where the driver’s side is next to the curb. It’s not fool-proof, but it does make it a lot harder to access a catalytic converter.

So, how do they cover up the sound of sawing through metal pipe?

According to a North Side reader who witnessed a catalytic converter theft in 2016, the answer is incredibly simple: The offenders blast their car audio system.

“The vehicle had an aftermarket sound system with the volume turned up very loud. Then I heard them sawing the metal on the exhaust. This was at 5:43 a.m. and I immediately called 911,” he said. “The driver stood as lookout while the passenger did the sawing,” he said.

Our reader said he saw the crew hit three cars in six minutes before police arrived.

“Each time they drove up to the vehicle, put their hazards on, turned up the music, and the driver got out and stood in the street while the passenger slid under the vehicle to remove the catalytic converter.”

So, that loud thumping music you hear briefly at night may be much more than a party arriving home from a night on the town.

Thieves love stealing catalytic converters because the parts contain expensive metals including platinum and palladium that can demand payments of \$100 to \$200 at scrap yards.

SUVs are often targeted because their high ground clearance makes it easier to access the undercarriage with a saw.

Victims almost never know that their catalytic converter has been stolen until they start their car. That’s when they’ll be startled by a loud, roaring sound of their freshly-unmuffled engine.

Some suggestions to make it more difficult to steal your catalytic converter include:

- Welding the converter’s bolts in place or having the bolt heads cut off to make removal nearly impossible
- Having your license plate number engraved on the part to make resale more difficult
- Always park your car in a garage, if available. If not, consider parking with the driver’s side next to the curb.
- Install a catalytic converter theft prevention kit that essentially places a cage around the part, making theft impossible

DePaul offers good reminder about “Flyer Boys”

A new campus safety alert from DePaul University’s Office of Public Safety provides a good look at how “flyer boy” teams operate to steal phones and other valuables in public places. The school’s notice provides valuable street knowledge for Chicagoans.

Safety officers reported that a num-

Alert issued in Lincoln Square after nude man found

Chicago police issued a community alert after two parents reported stumbling upon a bizarre scene in Lincoln Square on Friday evening.

The grown-ups were walking their children home from school around 4 p.m. when they saw a shirtless man sitting alone in a car outside of the old “Sure Thing” auto dealership at 4430 N. Western, according to the alert and a separate report.

When the parents looked closer, they found the man to be completely nude and possibly in the process of ingesting narcotics. Cocaine specifically, according to their initial call to 911.

The man eventually drove away southbound on Western. He is described as white, heavyset, 40- to 55-years-old, with gray hair. He was driving a maroon older model Pontiac

ber of cell phone thefts had occurred on and near DePaul’s Loop Campus in recent weeks. Many of the thieves used the same technique:

Persons sitting at tables with their cell phones on the table near them were approached by an individual with a flyer. The content of the flyer varies, but is often about a sports program. The person holding the flyer solicits a contribution for the purported organization, while placing the paper over the cell phone before taking the phone and walking away.

Some of the thefts have involved groups of two or three individuals working together. One will distract the victim while others take their phone.

It’s not mentioned in the DePaul alert, but some bucket boys and other fundraising troupes use flyers to distract people and snatch phones on streets and sidewalks downtown.

Cops say armed robber is meeting victims via Grindr hook-up app

Detectives have just issued a community alert warning North Siders of a man who has twice robbed victims after meeting them on the gay social app Grindr.

In both cases, the offender has contacted victims via Grindr and then agreed to meet them at their apartments. Once inside, the suspect pulls out a knife and takes property from the victim, police said.

Police urged residents to be cautious when meeting strangers via social media.

One incident occurred in the 4500 block of N. Damen around 4 a.m. on Jan. 22 and the other in the 4000 block of N. Kenmore at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

The alert described the man as white between 30- and 35-years-old with short brown hair. He stands about 5’-10” tall and weighs 160 lbs, police said.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Area North Detectives at 312-744-8263.

The Damen Case

Two male roommates were robbed at knifepoint in their Lincoln Square apartment on Jan. 22 after inviting a man over via Grindr. Police said the robber told the victims that he was homeless, although it is not clear if that information was revealed before or after he arrived at the home.

Once he was inside the apartment, the robber went to the bathroom and emerged brandishing a large kitchen knife, a police report said. He demanded that the man who invited him over and his roommate surrender their wallets. But both of the victims—one age 36, the other 44—claimed to not have any money. A scuffle erupted and the offender took a gray coat as he headed for the door, police said. No one was injured in the robbery.

The victims described the offender as a white man 25- to 30-years-old with a receding hairline, a dark skull cap, a dark coat, a dark backpack and blue jeans. He wore a white t-shirt with red and gray lettering on the front and spoke with a Southern accent, the



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Police don’t know what to make of the situation, but they are asking people to not pursue suspects and to call 911 with any details of any suspicious activity.

If you have any information, contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8261.

victims said.

The Uptown Case

Just after 9 o’clock on Jan. 31, motorists reported seeing a naked, bloody man running in traffic near the intersection of Kenmore and Irving Park Rd. on the border of Uptown and Lakeview, police said. The man, said to be distraught and difficult to understand, ran into the Thorek Hospital emergency room where medical personnel began treatment.

According to the 32-year-old victim, he met a man by the name of “Teej” on a hook-up app and invited him to his apartment in the 4000 block of N. Kenmore where methamphetamine was reportedly ingested. At some point, the offender brandished a large knife and chopped off one of the victim’s fingers, police said.

The severed digit was saved and has been re-attached, according to police.

“Teej” is described as a white man between 30- and 35-years-old, 6’ tall, and 165 lbs. with a brown backpack. He reportedly resembles Jesus Christ with a scruffy beard and brown hair.

Officers who saw surveillance footage of the offender described him as white, 30- to 35-years-old with a short beard, a dark baseball cap worn backward, brown leather coat, blue jeans, white and black gym shoes, carrying a blue backpack and a brown bag that may be a second backpack.

Streeterville robberies: woman jumped from behind; motorist attacked in traffic

Two violent robberies were reported in the Streeterville neighborhood last Monday evening. No one is in custody.

Around 9:30 p.m., a 33-year-old woman was attacked from behind by two men who pushed her to the ground in the 400 block of E. Erie, police said. The men took her purse and laptop bag, then jumped into a small four-door silver car that headed south on Inner Lake Shore Dr.

The victim suffered scrapes and cuts to her knees, but she declined medical treatment, according to information released by police overnight.

Police said the robbers were two black men in their 20’s who wore all black clothing. Their car had an out-of-state temp tag.

Then, around 11:45 p.m., a passerby found a disoriented man on the ground who said he had been in an auto accident near Columbus and Grand. An investigation by police revealed that the man had actually been attacked in his car as he waited for a nearby red light.

Police said the robber opened the passenger side door of the 47-year-old man’s car, demanded his property and punched him repeatedly in the face. After getting cash from the victim, the offender fled westbound on Grand Ave. He is described as black, young, and wearing a red hoodie.

The second victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

“Displeased” Uber driver tells men to stop kissing in Boystown—and then driver assaulted

An Uber driver’s “displeasure” with two men kissing in his back seat led to a violent outburst that ended with a passenger going to jail last month in Boystown.

Visiting New York City student John Collier, 25, was with an unidentified man in an Uber as the car approached Halsted St. around 9 p.m. on Jan. 28. When Collier and the man began kissing, their driver



John Collier

“expressed his displeasure” and a verbal altercation broke out, police said. The driver pulled over in the 700 block of Addison, just east of Halsted, and kicked the two men out.

Collier proceeded to yank off the passenger-side windshield wiper and subsequently punched the driver in the mouth, according to prosecutors. He’s charged with criminal damage to property and battery. Police said the 56-year-old driver showed no signs of injury.

An Uber spokesman said the driver has completed over 7,500 trips without any complaints about anti-gay behavior. Even so, “we don’t tolerate discrimination of any kind and are looking further into this,” the company said.

Ride-Share Nightmares

Allegations of intolerant rideshare drivers are not unique to Uber.

In September, 25-year-old Lyft driver Jaleesa Rance was accused of pulling out a handgun and threatening two men on a Boystown side street after they told her that she made a wrong turn.

“Get out of my f*cking car,” Rance allegedly screamed while brandishing a handgun in the 400 block of W. Melrose. “I’ll blast you faggots!”

Rance was charged with two misdemeanor counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one misdemeanor count of unlawful use of a weapon on a public street. A handgun was recovered from her vehicle, according to police. Her next court appearance is March 14.

In December, Rance’s two passengers filed a lawsuit seeking in excess of \$50,000.

Chicago rapper gets 15+ years in Federal prison

Aspiring Chicago rapper Ricardo “Nation” Burgos was sentenced to more than 15 years in federal prison last week for illegally possessing a handgun while filming a music video, setting an example to Cook



Ricardo “Nation” Burgos

County’s judges and prosecutors who refuse to show that kind of commitment to reducing gun violence.

Prosecutors said Burgos, 31, was seen in a music video holding two firearms while rapping in a hotel room. Burgos had previous felony convictions and was not legally allowed to possess a firearm, according to a press release.

Burgos pleaded guilty to a single federal count of illegal possession of a firearm and one count of distribution of a controlled substance in exchange for the 188-month sentence.

One of the firearms Burgos was seen holding had been reported stolen and had been used in a shooting in Chicago two days before the

End of 'Barmaids Ordinance' being celebrated Thursday at fundraiser

You might miss it if you weren't looking, but outside of She-nannigans Bar, 16 W. Division St., there's a plaque mounted to the brick wall with the following words:

"During the 1960's, Chicago's 'Barmaids Ordinance' prohibited women, unrelated to the owner, from tending bar in Chicago. In 1970, the owners of this establishment hired airline stewardesses to tend bar in defiance of City Ordinance. She-nannigans is dedicated to the women and men arrested for violating the 'Barmaid's Ordinance.'

In 1974, the U.S. District Court ruled that laws regulating the conduct of women in bars are 'discriminatory on their face, overboard and vague' (Daugherty et al v. Daley et al).

Until that case only men tended bar, dress codes were required and the sexual revolution was just getting under way.

The first Playboy Club opened in Chicago in 1960. But the women who made the place a draw couldn't make the drinks. A woman couldn't even draw a beer. In 1961 when the law began being fully enforced under Mayor Richard J. Daley, 400 women lost their jobs. At the time, some of the women were able to return to previous positions as cocktail waitresses—but waitressing unions didn't fight for bartending rights, as they were too busy working to maintain women's rights to simply waitress in bars. Many of the affected women were unionized but their unions, dominated by men, at first supported the ordinance.

In the 1960s, the power of

unions waned, and more bars with attached restaurants began to hire women, as it was more socially acceptable for women to tend bar in a place that primarily served food. Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, along with the 1964 Equal Pay Act, ushered in bigger

office in historic numbers.

The event will benefit Cause the Effect Chicago, an organization founded by Lincoln Park resident and Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer [10th], to encourage women to 'take their ideas to action' through activism and civic engagement. The organization has grown in size and recently launched a political action committee (PAC) to support local women candidates.

Gainer, who herself worked as a cocktail waitress on Division St. to help pay for college, says she found a common connection with She-nannigans owner Lyn McKeaney and thought the historic bar would be the perfect place to rally around a message of women's empowerment.

"The day I turned 21, I got a job as a waitress at Butch McGuire's, next to She-nannigans. Like thousands of women before and after me, those tips helped pay for college and make ends meet after graduation. We owe a lot to the women like Lyn, who helped pave the way. And now we can toast to breaking some more glass ceilings -- this time in politics."

McKeaney is the owner of Lodge Management Group, which was founded by her late husband, F. Owen McKeaney in 1970. She is proud of the rich history her numerous taverns possess, and the opportunities they have provided to so many throughout the years, especially She-nannigans. "[This is] the perfect place for an event such as this. The history of She-nannigans complements and inspires what Cause the Effect stands for," said McKeaney.



changes, as they gave women the legal precedent to challenge discriminatory laws.

Once states knocked down discriminatory laws and local ordinances, women began bartending in greater numbers. In 1970, only 21.2% of all bartenders nationwide were female. By 1980, the numbers had more than doubled to 44%, and by 1990, women made up 52%. Today it's 60% and climbing.

Channeling the glass ceiling breakers that defied the 'Barmaids Ordinance,' women from across Chicagoland will gather at She-nannigans bar 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday to have a drink in solidarity and raise money to elect more local women to political office. Fresh off the Women's March to the Polls, women are diving head-first into politics, including running for

Gangland Chicago comes to Sulzer Feb. 15

Is gang violence and street crime endemic in contemporary Chicago?

One of Chicago's best known traits is its reputation for gangland violence and specifically the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Those two topics and other criminality will be part of a free author talk 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave., when author Richard Lindberg will take guests on a journey through decades of Chicago's troubled past, and delve into the evolution of street gangs and organized violence.

Small ethnic gangs organized in slum districts expanded into the well-known organized crime syndicates of Chicago's history. Lindberg's recent book "Gangland Chicago" is full of stories of unchecked violence, lawlessness, and mayhem.

Sponsored by Sulzer Library and the Ravenswood Lake View Historical Assoc., Lindberg's talk will probe the obscure and forgotten dark corners of city crime history and details how both "organized" and "dis-organized" street gangs have paralyzed city neighborhoods. He will explain how street thuggery and common ruffians were protected and nurtured by local politicians into a pro-

tested class by providing muscle and manpower for the Democrat machine.

Lindberg will explore the changing patterns of criminal behavior, politics, gangs, youth crime and the failures of reform in its historic totality. He will recount the era of parlor gambling, commercialized vice districts continuing through the bloody Prohibition bootlegging wars; failed reform move-

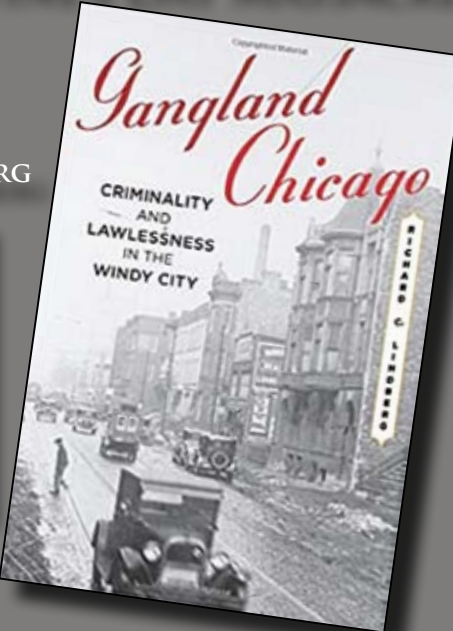
ments; the rise of post-World War II juvenile criminal gangs and the saga of the Blackstone Rangers in a chaotic, racially divided city.

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 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, 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 2120-12789.
 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 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.
 HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
 111 East Main Street
 DECATUR, IL 62523
 (217) 422-1719
 Fax #: (217) 422-1754
 CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
 Attorney File No. 2120-12789
 Attorney Code. 40387
 Case Number: 17 CH 04276
 TJSCh#: 37-11240
 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. Specialized Loan Servicing Servicing LLC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Donald J. Dudovick aka Donald Dudovick; Sonya Baysinger aka Sonya Bassinger; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
 Defendants,
 Case #17CH2144
 Sheriff's # 180031
 F170200008 SLS
 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 March 7th, 2018, at 1pm in room LL06 of the 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: Common Address: 2741 W. Jerome Street, Chicago, Illinois 60645
 P.I.N: 10-25-403-009-0000
 Improvements: This property consist of a Single Family Home.
 Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.
 Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.
 Premise will NOT be open for inspection.
 Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney
 ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC
 1771 W. DIEHL., Ste 120
 Naperville, IL 60563
 Sales Department
 foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com
 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620
 For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com
 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.

17 CH 2144

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TR U S T E E SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LA-SALLE BANK NA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2 0 0 6 - S D 1 ;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 IQBAL AKHTER; HEIDNER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY INC.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; DENNIS L. KARNA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS LAKE POINT TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JAMES R. STOPKA;
 Defendants,
 17 CH 10093
 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 Tuesday, March 13, 2018 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. 17-10-214-016-1778.
 Commonly known as 505 North Lake Shore Drive, Unit 910, Chicago, IL 60611. 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. 17-022393 F2
 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13075517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 EMELOA SELORIO, PRESCILLA LAURILLA; RAFAEL LAURILLA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMELOA SELORIO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAFAEL LAURILLA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PRESCILLA LAURILLA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 12 CH 20685
 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 Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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. 13-35-207-024.
 Commonly known as 2340 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 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 the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W13-3359.
 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13075529

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 STUART KALAMPEROVIC; JULIA BOYLE; 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM
 Defendants,
 14 CH 20341
 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, March 9, 2018 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. 14-21-011-034-1357.
 Commonly known as 3950 North Lake Shore Drive, Unit 817, aka 3950 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60613. 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.
 14-034404 F2
 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13075070

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-45T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-45T1
 Plaintiff,
 ~v~
 LARISSA RALKO A/K/A LARISA RALKO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 16 CH 004200
 1025 N. MARSHFIELD AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60622
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 20, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 28, 2018, 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 1025 N. MARSHFIELD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 6 0 6 2 2
 Property Index No. 17-06-420-008-0000.
 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876
 Please refer to file number 14-16-03202. 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.
 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
 (630) 794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-16-03202
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 16 CH 004200
 TJSCh#: 38-757
 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 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SALOMON NUNEZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants,
 15 CH 2053
 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 Thursday, March 8, 2018 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. 13-35-413-027-0000.
 Commonly known as 1734 North Saint Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession. 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. For Bidding instructions visit www.alolawgroup.com 24 hours prior to sale. F15010111
 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13074849

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT
 Plaintiff,
 ~v~
 MICHAEL A. KOZENKO, LINDA M. OLSEN, ILINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 17 CH 06392
 2054 N. WHIPPLE STREET Chicago, IL 6 0 6 4 7
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 12, 2018, 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 2054 N. WHIPPLE STREET, Chicago, IL 60647
 Property Index No. 13-36-115-018-0000.
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$488,309.85.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-

ished 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 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 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: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number 105799. 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. POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 CHICAGO, IL 60606
 (312) 263-0003
 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com
 Attorney File No. 105799
 Attorney Code. 43932
 Case Number: 17 CH 06392
 TJSCh#: 37-11090
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE (CWALT 2007-8CB)
 Plaintiff,
 ~v~
 EVERARDO RIVAS A/K/A EVERARDO DE JESUS RIVAS, EVELIA RIVAS
 Defendants
 16 CH 04988
 4730 WEST GRACE STREET Chicago, IL 60641
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 14, 2018, 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 4730 WEST GRACE STREET, Chicago, IL 60641
 Property Index No. 13-22-107-031-0000.
 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 253867.
 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 Pierce, LLC
 One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300
 CHICAGO, IL 60602
 (312) 476-5500
 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
 Attorney File No. 253867
 Attorney Code. 60489
 Case Number: 16 CH 04988
 TJSCh#: 37-8031

16 CH 04988
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC.
 Plaintiff,
 ~v~
 BERTHA P. CAMACHO AKA BERTHA CAMACHO AKA BERTHA COMACHO, RICARDO RIVERA, UNITED SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
 Defendants
 16 CH 13456
 1731 N. NEWCASTLE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60707
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 13, 2018, 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 1731 N. NEWCASTLE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60707
 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 13, 2018, 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 1731 N. NEWCASTLE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60707
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 NOTICE OF SALE

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 NOTICE OF SALE

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 NOTICE OF SALE

der, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1731 N. NEWCASTLE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60707
 Property Index No. 13-31-320-010-0000.
 The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.
 The judgment amount was \$174,034.10.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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 For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876
 Please refer to file number 14-16-16466. 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.
 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
 (630) 794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-16-16466
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 17 CH 004346
 TJSCh#: 37-10236

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.
 13073455

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 ~v~
 GEORGE KACZYNSKI, FOUNTAIN PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 17 CH 10452
 5941 North Odell Avenue, Unit 2W Chicago, IL 60631
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2018, 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 5941 North Odell Avenue, Unit 2W, Chicago, IL 60631
 Property Index No. 12-01-401-041-1005.
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$88,927.30.
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video was made, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

The narcotics charge stemmed from allegations that Burgos sold heroin and crack to undercover cops in 2015.

Federal inmates are required to serve a minimum of 85% of their sentences. In Illinois, inmates who don't act up in prison are paroled after serving 50% of their time.

Accused gun offenders walk free while purse thief is smacked with \$10K bail and electronic monitoring

Time for another look at how accused gun offenders are being treated by Cook County judges:

• Tony McCoy Jr, 25, was arrested in the 2300 block of N. Lakewood at 10 p.m. on Jan. 30. Officers investigating a call of a man sleeping in a car woke McCoy up and asked him if he had anything in the car. His answer, according to police: "I have a small gun for protection." Officers found a loaded 32-caliber handgun stuffed between McCoy's driver's seat and the center console, prosecutors said. Judge Stephanie Miller ordered McCoy freed on a recognizance bond without electronic monitoring.

• Also last Tuesday, according to police records: Cops pulled over a car with malfunctioning headlights in the 8500 block of S. Martin Luther King Dr., Aziz Muhammad, 28, was in the passenger seat. In the back seat, cops say, was a blue gym bag containing Muhammad's Social Security card, a probation drug test receipt in Muhammad's name, and a 14" sawed-off 20-gauge shotgun. Muhammad said the weapon was "an old ass gun at my grandma's house and I was just getting it out of there." Judge Miller ordered him released on a recognizance bond. In 2013, Muhammad received two-year's court supervision for possessing a firearm and ammunition without a Firearms Owner ID (FOID) card.

• On Jan. 10, cops in Rogers Park arrested convicted felon Julian Macedo, 22, for allegedly carrying a loaded handgun. Prosecutors charged Macedo with being a felon in possession of a firearm; possessing a firearm without a valid FOID. Miller released him on a recognizance bond with electronic monitoring and told him to stay in the house from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

• Last Wednesday, police arrested Noe Gutierrez De La Cruz, 40, in the 7400 block of N. Western after a 911 caller reported that a man had pulled out a gun on the sidewalk. Officers found a .385 handgun with a defaced

serial number, on De La Cruz, prosecutors said. Gutierrez allegedly told cops that he "found" the gun two days earlier. He's charged with felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possessing a firearm with a defaced serial number, and possession of a weapon without a FOID. Judge Sylvia Atcherson set bail at \$10,000, which means Gutierrez will be released if he posts a 10% deposit of \$1,000.

Home invader kills accomplice on victims' front porch; gunman at large, victims safe

A would-be home invader is dead, accidentally shot by his accomplice on the front porch of the home they were targeting in Lincoln Square on Jan. 30, according to police and sources. No residents were injured. The gunman remains at large.

At 9:50 p.m., two masked men were confronted at the front door of a home in the 2400 block of W. Eastwood by several family members who live at the address, police said. At some point, one of the offenders pulled out a gun and shot at the residents, but he missed and fatally shot his accomplice in the head.

The home's occupants retreated to a bedroom closet and called police saying four shots had been fired.

The dead man was identified by a police source as Luis Morales, 43, a documented gang member.

As the accomplice lay dying on the family's front porch, the gunman fled westbound on the north side of Eastwood. He was described as a white or Hispanic man, 5'-8" tall, 180-200 lbs., wearing a black beanie hat, a black hoodie and jeans. Before midnight, a police dog was seen searching the area, but the shooter remained at large.

A source reported that the family has lived in the neighborhood for years and even owned a nearby restaurant at one point. It was unclear if they continued to operate the business.

Live by the gun, die by the gun

Morales had a long, violent criminal history, according to court and police records. His criminal record includes multiple prison stints for firearms violations and burglary.

Morales was a long-time and active member of the Latin Kings street gang, according to police and court records. Since 1994, he managed to rack

up 69 different cases in Cook County criminal courts. His most recent prison stint—one year for aggravated DUI—wrapped up when his parole ended on Dec. 15, 2017.

In the past 23 years, he had been sentenced to 31 years of prison time, although he was always released early for good behavior behind bars. His first trip to prison was in 1995. After failing to fulfill the terms of his probation for defacing a firearm, a judge ordered him to be sent away for two years. Among his other sentences, according to court records:

- Three years for unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 1995
- Three years for receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 1995
- Three years for illegal carrying of a firearm in 1995
- Three years for illegal carrying of a firearm in 1995
- Two years for narcotics in 1995
- Three years for being a felon in possession of a weapon in 1998
- Five years for narcotics in 2000
- Five years for possessing burglary tools in 2005
- Six years for receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 2007
- One year for aggravated DUI in 2016

Morales also had the great fortune of being found not guilty of major felonies in two separate Cook County bench trials.

In 2002, now-retired Judge James Epstein found Morales not guilty of receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle.

In 2013, Judge Diane Cannon found Morales not guilty of being an armed habitual criminal, being a felon in possession of a weapon, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in a vehicle.

Before his DUI conviction, Morales' most recent arrest was for trespassing at a Humboldt Park housing project with two other Latin Kings in 2015. All charges were dismissed.

Man accused of stealing wallet from unconscious fall victim at Loyola CTA Red Line station

When long-time North Side bartender Eric "Julian" Hall was found lying unconscious at the bottom of the Loyol Red Line stairs early on Jan. 13, his wallet was missing. Hall had suffered head trauma and would later die from his injuries. Online chatter at Reddit and Everyblock was that Hall had been gravely wounded in a robbery at the station, 1200 W. Loyola Ave.

But police, armed with surveillance footage, determined that the facts were different—but no less troubling. Hall, 48, was alone at the station a little after 5 a.m. when he fell down



Eric "Julian" Hall

pockets, took his wallet, and walked away. Only later would anyone call 911 for an ambulance.

Hall's death was ruled an accident.

The new question online: Who would steal the wallet from a man who's lying unconscious on the ground?

Calvin Greyer would, police say. And, according to newly-filed criminal charges, he did.

Earlier this month, officers in the Town Hall police district near Wrigley Field were shown CTA surveillance footage of what happened. Several officers immediately recognized Greyer as the thief based on previous encounters with him at the Jewel-Osco

store at 3531 N. Broadway, according to arrest records and sources.

Around 10:30 on Friday night, two officers patrolling Boystown saw Greyer walking near the Sherwin Williams paint store at 3311 N. Halsted. They stopped him, verified his ID, and took him into custody.

Greyer, 50, is charged with felony theft from a person and felony possession of a controlled substance. The latter charge stems from officers' discovery of 28 Tramadol pills in his backpack, prosecutors said.

Court records show he has faced a long list of criminal charges in Cook County since 1985.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered Greyer held in lieu of a \$10,000 deposit bond and said he must go onto electronic monitoring if he makes bail.

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Calvin Greyer

Based on where things stand today, I'm angry and completely unsatisfied — as I'm sure most of you are — at the noticeable increase in crime throughout North Side neighborhoods.

ALDERMAN from p. 5

stand today, I'm angry and completely unsatisfied — as I'm sure most of you are — at the noticeable increase in crime throughout North Side neighborhoods.

While I welcome the increase in police ranks, what will change when more police arrest the same repeat, violent offenders who are almost immediately released to re-offend?

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070707 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. Plaintiff, -v.- PILAR M. NADRES A/K/A MARIA P. NADRES, ABELARDO F. NADRES, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendants 16 CH 013711 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 14, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 16, 2018, 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 1633 W. HOLLYWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 6 0 6 6 0 Property Index No. 14-06-410-018-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/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 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) . IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-12443. 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. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-16-12443 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 16 CH 013711 TJSJC#: 37-11230 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. 13075358 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR	TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS, ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-HE1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HE1 Plaintiff, -v.- RON ODO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 15 CH 06314 3755 W. DEVON AVENUE Chicago, IL 6 0 6 5 9 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 6, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2018, 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 3755 W. DEVON AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60659 Property Index No. 13-02-103-055-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$531,991.36. 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 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 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: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 15-1745. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: ileadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 15-1745 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 15 CH 06314 TJSJC#: 38-533 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. 13074817 313131 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NORTSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA	CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. MARY MASON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BERWYN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA 2755 WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 17 CH 8828 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 26, 2018 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. 13-12-227-053-1004. Commonly known as 2755 Berwyn Avenue, 2W, Chicago, IL 60625. 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 Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-030551 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13073944 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF REGISTERED HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SE-	RIES 2007 - A R 5 Plaintiff, vs. LYUDMILA BERYOZKIN, WINSTON TOWERS NO. 1 ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 17 CH 5457 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 16, 2017 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 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. 10-36-119-003-1151. Commonly known as 6933 N. Kedzie Avenue, Unit #1007, Chicago, IL 60645. 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 Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13073950 242424 Legal Ads DBA Public Notices We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$130.00. Call Karen @ 773-465-9700



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Argyle Lunar New Year parade

The annual Argyle Lunar New Year Parade is a decades-old local tradition featuring music, colorful lion dances and a processional of local groups and floats starting at the Argyle CTA Red Line L stop – all to celebrate the start of the new Lunar Year, the year of the dog. The New Year celebra-

tion will be held 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. The parade route will kick-off underneath the CTA station at 1 p.m. and will head east along Argyle St., south along Sheridan Rd., west along Ainslie St., and north along Broadway to Argyle St.

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The "Hear I AM" project banners are displayed in the gym at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway. The second half of the project will consist of banners with phrases from older adults that installation will occur in March.

Photo by Bob Kitsos



42nd Ward – Sculpture at State and Lake streets, artist John Aducci.

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the Chicago Park District Cultural Centers this winter. CTA will partner with DCASE to install illuminated light boxes later this year at select rail stations. This will expand on CTA's current collection of public art, which has nearly doubled and now includes more than 60 mosaics, art glass and sculptures on all eight rail lines.

The second half of Pope's work will be statements from older adults who participate in activities at the Broadway Armory and Edgewater Senior Satellite Center. That artwork will be installed at the Armory in March.

Pope is a visual artist who is focused in sculpture, installation and performance. She describes herself interchangeably as a poet, artist and designer. The act of listening is the foundation of Pope's practice. She has collaborated with young artists from Chicago neighborhoods, responding to the impact of violence and injustice on the city's youth.

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But there is a faint ray of good news, Dardick said, noting that the city's taxpayers are now paying \$800 million a year into the city's pension fund.

But the bad news is that the city is borrowing that money at a higher rate and in three years, the pension payments are going to be \$864 million that will probably have to come out of another property tax hike.

And that \$864 million does not include the \$1 billion payments that Chicago Public Schools must now come up with annually.

On the other hand, at the county level, the pension plans are expected to be fully funded in 30 years, but "it's hard to find any good news at the state level," Dardick said. "Obviously, this can't go on forever," Msall said. The first rule of business is that there is no such thing as a 'free lunch.' If something is unsustainable it will eventually crash. If their numbers are to be believed, the state is today sitting on over \$130 billion in unfunded government pension liabilities. Only, according to calculations offered by the Illinois Policy Institute in March 2017, the unfunded debt related to pensions and retiree health care costs for local and state government workers across Illinois was \$203 billion, the equivalent of more than \$43,000 per household. And new government data show that Illinois' un-



46th Ward – Monumental Sculpture at Triangle Intersection, artist Lucy Silivinski.

As part of the 50x50 Project, the 48th Ward will receive another piece of art, a bench-like sculpture from reclaimed ash wood by artist Erik Peterson. The sculpture, titled "Ashland," will be dedicated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the entrance to Thorndale Beach.

The city's public art collection now includes more than 500 works of art exhibited in over 150 municipal facilities around the city. The City's Percent-for-Art Ordinance established in 1978 stipulates that 1.33% of the cost of constructing or renovating public buildings will be used for public art.

Grant support for the Year of Public Art is provided by Allstate Insurance Co. and Terra Foundation for American Art.

funded government worker retirement debt has reached a record \$267 billion, up from \$203 billion in 2010.

Illinois' growing retirement debt is largely due to a jump in the state's unfunded pension liabilities. The state's pension debt grew by almost \$50 billion – or more than 56% – between 2010 and 2016. That growth occurred despite the massive cash infusions of more than \$40 billion that state taxpayers made into the

pension funds over that period. Today nearly 25% of the state's general funds go to pay government retirees, many of whom have left the state due to its high cost of living and rough winters.

"The public is at a point where they're losing patience with having to pay more for fewer services. We've run out of easy answers – like borrowing," Msall added.

"We have to recognize the limitations on how big local government can be. Right now, we have more units of government than any other state. We can't afford that anymore," Msall said.

So why not consolidate many of these units?

"Fiefdoms. Everybody wants their own turf." Speilman said.

"We've raised taxes, made cutbacks, but we haven't seen local governments willing to modernize," Msall explained.

Something's got to give, the three agreed.

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